



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

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A NEW PHASE IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS IS COMING

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By Greg Laurie / HarbingersDaily.com

Early in the morning of June 13, 2025, Israel launched Operation Rising Lion, striking dozens of Iranian nuclear and missile facilities — including the Natanz enrichment site — using around 200 jets, explosive-laden drones, and Mossad sabotage teams.

Their goal was to halt Iran's uranium weaponization program. Several key facilities were destroyed,

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Adapting for a New Generation

By Greg
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As some of you may recall, Zola Levitt told you when he needed your help — and advised when you should support other ministries as God led you because ZLM was doing OK. Following Zola's custom, we're alerting you that now is one of those times when we need your financial assistance, and here's why. We are engaged

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in several new endeavors that are both worthwhile and expensive.

Our donations have gradually declined since Zola went to be with the Lord in 2006, which is understandable. While we have always adjusted to the decreased funds, **our current financial needs stem from two primary factors:**

- Our traditional television viewers and faithful, reliable donors are getting older or their numbers are declining.
- We are angling to connect with younger viewers even as our TV program and overall ministry have remained relatively traditional. Because younger generations expect faster-paced media, this has inspired the approach of our Bearded Bible Brothers®.

Because we are at a crossroads, **ZLM has adapted as follows:**

- To increase efficiency, we acquired the key equipment of our TV production company, Berg Productions.
- The advent of the Bearded Bible Brothers is boosting our appeal to a younger audience by injecting a fresh perspective and approach to our witness.

Our reporting on Hamas's attack on October 7, 2023, which happened while the BBB were in Israel, gave us huge exposure at the time since we were featured far and wide on YouTube. Almost two years later, the good news is that we have gained a new, younger audience. The bad news is that they are less affluent than we boomers are, even though they appreciate and desperately need this ministry's Bible teaching and commentary.

Although our ministry sees impressive viewership numbers online, the younger audience isn't accustomed to paying for online content, so contributions have yet to follow. Therefore, here's what we are



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doing to remedy that abyss between our expenses and reduced revenue:

- We've hired a social media company to maximize our impact and stewardship, and we've begun a social media campaign, which is generating encouraging results.
- We're developing a new website — **BeardedBibleBros.com** — to allow spontaneous video posting and less traditional content, away from our more traditional ministry website, **levitt.com**.
- The new BBB website also will offer premium content for a subscription fee, which will create an additional revenue stream.

In summary, **I'm asking for you to prayerfully sponsor these projects:**

- Developing/improving our renewed Social Media surge
- Creating our new BBB website
- Buying new TV production equipment
- Finishing our upgrade of **levitt.com** with new TV show pages and a new online store.

Despite these changes, ZLM remains true to our original core beliefs and goals. We still teach the Bible with an emphasis on Israel, prophecy, and the Jewish roots of Christianity. Likewise, evangelizing unbelievers and exhorting Believers* still takes precedence over all our other activities.

Your financial gifts always go a long way at Zola Levitt Ministries. This is an especially important time for you to donate and pray for the success of our ongoing transition. ☆

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* "Believers" is short for "believers in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah."



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Matzoh postcards (12-pack)



Imagine receiving greetings on this unique postcard made of *matzoh* (Jewish unleavened bread). Unfortunately, matzoh is difficult to write on and doesn't mail very well, so we've created a 6" x 6" postcard.

One side is functional — with areas for postage, an address, and a message. The other side quotes Isaiah 53:5 — *“He was pierced for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.”*

A New Phase in Middle East Conflict; What Scripture Says is Coming

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and commanders of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and nuclear scientists were killed.

Iran, a longtime sponsor of terror through proxies like Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, has repeatedly targeted both Israelis and Americans. The October 7, 2023, massacre was the most horrific: over 1,200 innocent men, women, and children were brutally murdered, and many others taken hostage. In April 2024, Iran made an unprecedented attack on Israel, firing over 300 drones and missiles toward Israel. Fortunately, at that time, Israel, aided by other nations including the U.S., shot down over 99% of those projectiles.

In response to Israel's strikes in June, Iran retaliated with hundreds of ballistic missiles and hundreds of drones aimed at Israeli territory.

Is Bible Prophecy Unfolding Before Our Eyes?

How does this new phase in the conflict align with Israel and Iran in Bible prophecy? Is this moment the fulfillment of specific End Times prophecy?

Yes and no. The Bible clearly foretold that Israel would be scattered and regathered — fulfilled on May 14, 1948. And you might say that it was then that the prophetic time clock began to tick. That was not just a sign — that was a super-sign.

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Scripture also predicts that in the last days, a great coalition from the north — including Persia (modern-day Iran) — will rise up against Israel (see Ezek. 38–39). While what we are seeing today is not the full fulfillment of that prophecy, it is certainly a foreshadowing.

But the Bible has more to say. Not only will the Jews be regathered together in their homeland — they will be increasingly isolated. That's happening. Scripture predicts the rise of anti-Semitism in the End Times. That is happening. The

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Bible also predicts that a large nation to the north of Israel, identified in Ezekiel as Magog, will attack her. That has not yet happened. Many scholars believe that Magog is a reference to modern-day Russia. I concur with that view, but no one can say with absolute certainty.

But this we can say with certainty: We see both Israel and Iran in Bible prophecy. One of the allies of Russia will be Persia. Persia was the name of Iran. They only changed their name in 1935.

What Happens Next?

Am I suggesting that what just took place is going to directly lead to the scenario of Ezekiel 38? I don't think that's necessarily the case, but it certainly is a cause for us to sit up and pay attention.

Let me give you just a quick flyover of End Times events chronologically. Number one, I think the next event on the prophetic calendar is the Rapture of the Church. Then, the antiChrist emerges on the scene and the Tribulation period begins. The Tribulation ends with the Second Coming of Christ, and then the Lord establishes the Millennium (the 1,000-year reign of Christ).

Therefore, Jesus said, *"So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near"* (Luke 21:28).

He did not say, "When you see these things begin to happen, freak out because we're all dead." He said, "look up." Bible prophecy isn't meant to scare us; it's meant to prepare us.

Meanwhile, it is in the best interest of the United States of America to stand with our loyal ally, the State of Israel. God made a promise to Abraham years ago; He said, *"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you"* (Gen. 12:3). One of the reasons God has blessed the U.S. is because we have stood by our friend, Israel. And I hope we continue to do so.

Are You Ready?

I don't know what will happen next, but here are two things you can do today.

First, ask yourself, "Am I ready for the Lord's return?"

Christ is coming again. This is a wake-up call to get right with God, walk closely with Him, and stay spiritually awake.

Here's something else Jesus said, *"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself ..."* (John 14:2-3). But then He says, *"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27).

Second, let's obey Scripture and *"pray for the peace of Jerusalem"* (Ps. 122:6).

God is in control. But let's pray for our friends in Israel. Let's pray for the Jewish people. If you're reading this right now and you're Jewish, I want you to know that your Evangelical friends stand with you now in your hour of need.

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Today, we pray that God would protect them, that God would lead them, and let's all make sure we're ready to meet the Lord — because, well, He could come back at any time. ☆

Editor's Note: The "12-Day War" between Israel and Iran ended with a ceasefire agreement on June 23, 2025, following U.S. strikes on three primary Iranian nuclear facilities. Even so, many people question whether this fight is finished, especially since crowds of Iranians continue to call for "Death to Israel" and "Death to America."

To read recent news about this conflict and other issues related to Israel, please see levitt.com/news where you can also sign up to receive an email whenever our ministry posts a new article. Or visit BeardedBibleBros.com and click on the "Get Connected" tab, where you can "Watch & Subscribe" or "Join the Email Tribe" and receive timely updates and analysis of issues that relate to Israel, prophecy, and much more.



★ ★ ★ CRUSTACEANS FOR CHRIST!

Grab your Old Bay Seasoning — the time has finally come for nature's cockroaches of the sea to invade your television set! The Bearded Bible Brothers would like to introduce *The Lobstermen*. Imagine our joy in seeing a long-gestated plan, delivered by God Himself, finally being fulfilled after about 18 months of planning, scripting, scheduling, filming, and editing the final product.

Being people of the Book, Jews have a lot of reasons (found among the 613 *mitzvot* — commandments) to eschew lobsters, those conniving crustaceans. But in Acts chapter 10, Yeshua showed Peter a vision of a blanket full of tasty, un-kosher critters that the Lord declared were “clean.” Through this vision, Peter realized that God's salvation also includes the gentiles! Thus for us, the lowly lobster represents the gentiles in contrast to the Jewish fish.

Because it “takes a village,” we assembled an all-star cast of Yeshua's hands and feet to be part of this series. These included Messianic recording artist Joshua Aaron, evangelist Israel Hanna (a longtime friend of the ministry), pastor Mike Ferland, and missionary Ryan Economy. With unique

spiritual gifts, backgrounds, and ages, we set sail on the high seas to learn the ways of the lobstermen and discover what it means to be a “man.” And through some unusual “wilderness” circumstances, we reveal the dynamics of the first-century Church and consider how those early Believers carried out Yeshua's command to make disciples of all nations.

Being “one new man” was not easy, nor was accepting all the strange, non-Jewish nationalities and cultures into the melting pot of the Kingdom of Heaven. While this may have been uncomfortable for many first-century Believers, they moved beyond their discomfort for the sake of the Gospel. Therefore, we believe it's time for all 21st-century Believers to step out of their comfort zones, drop past prejudices, and witness to the people whom others would consider a lost cause.

Sail the Seven Seas!

Maybe you've experienced that moment when the doorbell rings and you spy a pair of nicely-dressed Mormons camped patiently on your doorstep, hoping



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to convert you to Joseph Smith's "paradise" of full-bodied underwear and non-caFFEIN-ated beverages. Rather than answering the door, you sprint to your "prayer closet" to intercede on behalf of those lost souls. But even Priscilla Shirer from *War Room* would question your intentions at this point.

Why do we flee to our panic rooms when it comes to one-on-one witnessing to those bound for hellfire, yet we confidently keystroke them to oblivion from the comment section on the Internet? Is COVID reclusiveness to blame? Or is it fear of rejection or persecution? Perhaps prejudice or simply laziness is the greatest obstacle to the Great Commission.

Gone are the zeal and fire manifest through the Apostles in the Book of Acts. Instead, we contemporary Believers make excuses for misunderstanding the differences between our beliefs and not engaging with Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, or others.

Remember that God loves all those lobsters! And Yeshua Himself commanded us to share His Good News — His salvation — with those we deem undesirable.

Go Out and Lobster!

Whether you are a Jew who is called to be a light unto the gentiles or just a fellow crustacean, all of us Believers in Yeshua are called to reach everyone — including atheists, agnostics, Muslims, Orthodox Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, environmentalists, addicts, prostitutes, LGBTQ+, elected officials, and all others — for Jesus.

They all need Yeshua's grace and love.

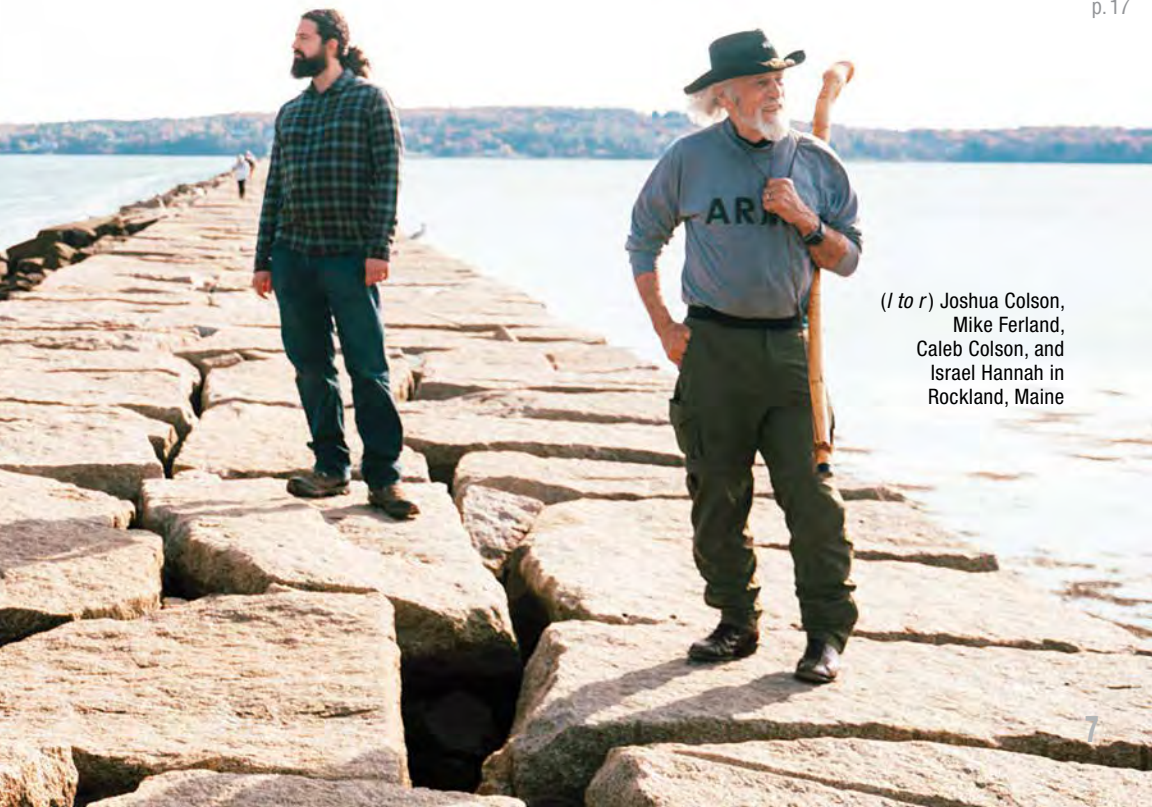
Please watch our "handbook to salvation and discipleship" (aka *The Lobstermen*) on your favorite Christian television broadcast or at **levittv**. Visit **BeardedBibleBros.com** to learn more about our outreaches. Our Lord *"desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim. 2:4). Thank you for your giving, and your prayers. ✨



Caleb & Joshua

Love, Caleb and Joshua

Please see *The Witnessing Series DVD* on [p. 17](#).



(l to r) Joshua Colson,
Mike Ferland,
Caleb Colson, and
Israel Hannah in
Rockland, Maine



Classic **Zola**

An Open Letter

by **Zola Levitt**
from 1994
31 years ago



Dear Pastor,

I always enjoy coming to your church. I once taught a series there and found an enthusiastic crowd, and I like the programs you offer, the reliable Bible teaching, and the general spirit of the place.

But I do have one point to make regarding the message that I heard last night. I attended your church to witness the baptism of a treasured Jewish friend who recently came to the Lord. If I attended church to witness only Jewish baptisms, unfortunately I wouldn't come very often, since most of our churches have no outreach to the Jewish people. We have not heeded the Lord's admonition through the Apostle Paul to take the Gospel *"to the Jew first"* (Rom. 1:16). Truthfully, most Jewish people living in plain sight of any number of Christian churches never hear the Gospel at all.

And it seems as if no church undertakes the mission of Jesus Christ Himself — testifying to Jewish people in Israel.

Your message last night was devoted to the mission field. You featured testimonies from various church members who

had returned from places like Romania, Africa, and other distant lands in need of the Gospel of our Lord. You had even sent missionaries to Chicago; evidently outreach to Dallas, at least to the gentiles of Dallas, is now complete. (It reminds me of the time a large Dallas church sent a contingent of its intercessory prayer people to San Francisco to pray for the sins of that city. Evidently there were not adequate sins in Dallas to pray for.)

During your powerful challenge to the congregation to devote themselves to mission work, you ran a long series of pictures of various nations of the world on the large screen above the stage. I did not see any representation of Israel among those dozens of countries that need the Gospel. It is almost as if the family of the Lord — the writers of the Bible, the people of the disciples and the Apostles, and the home of the Kingdom — were not to hear of Jesus Christ or His salvation. Well for my part, I say, "Let my people go" ... to Heaven, the Kingdom, and eternity with God!

Jesus Christ is Jewish. Instructing His disciples, He said, *"I am sent only unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel"*

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(Matt. 15:24). He will be returning to occupy the throne of David in Jerusalem when Israel is the head of the nations. At that time, He will judge the “sheep and goats” of the Tribulation Period on the matter of how they treated “the least of these My brethren” — the 144,000 of Israel (Matt. 25:40; Rev. 7:4).

In view of the fact that your church sits in the middle of a large Jewish community, surely there could be some effective outreach to “the apple of God’s eye.” If far-off nations and far-off American cities can receive your services, what about the folks at the synagogue a few blocks down the same street from you?

Your sermon was based on Joshua 3, which pictured the Children of Israel crossing into the Promised Land behind the Ark of the Covenant. You said, “Lean not on thine own understanding” in the context of encouraging people to blindly follow the Lord (the Ark) wherever He goes. Well, the context you chose was about crossing the Jordan into Israel, and I wonder if you couldn’t use this challenge literally instead of just symbolically.

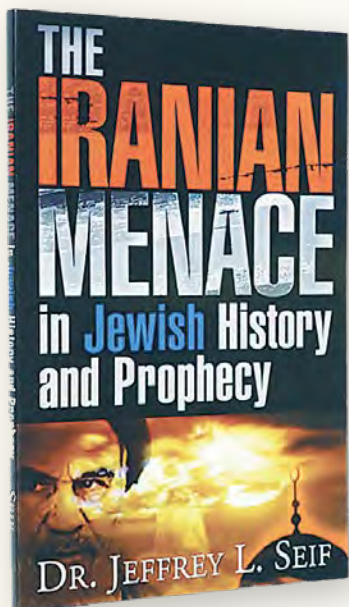
What would happen if there were at last a church-supported missionary effort to the Jews of Israel, or at least to the Jews of the U.S., or your own community? I have the feeling then that “God’s sales meeting,” as you called it, would be especially enthusiastic. You could really say, “Ready, set, go!” when your people set off for the very land that we shall one day all occupy in the presence of the King.

And finally, you would be returning quite a favor. If I am reading my Bible right, it was a group of Jewish Apostles who undertook to cross the dangerous seas, spend nights in jail, and endure the ridicule and the floggings to share the word of their precious Jewish Lord with the gentiles of Europe whose descendants came here and eventually founded your church.

Sincerely,
Zola Levitt ☆

*Don’t miss Todd Baker’s *Shaliach Report* (p.13) about sharing the Gospel in Northern Israel. —Editor

Please see Zola’s book *Jesus the Jew’s Jew* on p. 17.



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 “A New Phase in Middle East Conflict; What Scripture Says is Coming” [on the cover](#).



Yellow Alert #4



In the *Star Trek* franchise, a “yellow alert” signified a heightened state of readiness — often when entering an unknown area or encountering an unidentified vessel or when there was a potential but not immediate threat. Shields might be powered up, but weapons were usually on standby, indicating caution without aggression.

This ministry has announced only three yellow alerts over the last 26 of its 46 years — each on a *Levitt Letter* Bulletin Board:

November 1999: YELLOW ALERT

You won’t be able to recall a time when Zola cried, “Wolf!” or “Crisis!” Fortunately, this ministry has had neither, though we have had some brushes with Satan and have paid a few bills late occasionally. We recently committed to broadcasting Zola’s primetime prophecy special on New Year’s Eve on the Family Channel at midnight on both coasts, 11:00 p.m. CT and 1:00 a.m. MT. To put it bluntly, this will cost us an arm and a leg but will reach more people at once than we ever have in our twenty-year history. Please tell your friends about this special program, titled *Is This the End ... or Just the Beginning?** And please know that this is one of those very special times when we truly need your gifts. Thanks.

March 2009: Zola’s Bible Exchange YELLOW ALERT

We are running short on used Bibles in good condition to ship for free to inmates, soldiers, retired senior citizens, the disabled, etc. Rather than purchasing a Bible or two to send us, perhaps you could ask if your church has an extra case or two. On the other hand, if you need a Bible and can’t afford one, please send us your address.

August 2016: NOT REALLY A RED ALERT

From January–June, our ministry has run \$180,000 in the red. Thanks to your past generosity, this announcement is merely a **yellow alert**. It is also a commendation regarding your designated gifts, of which we allocate 100% to Bridges for Peace, The Jewish National Fund, The Holocaust Survivor Fund, John Parsons’s amazing website www.Hebrew4Christians.com, etc. For 2015 and YTD 2016 those contributions have totaled \$194,000. You not only sustain





our divinely inspired efforts but also our favorite fellow ministries. **Many larger outreaches routinely have more than a year's worth of cash reserves.** We never have. Consequently, your contributions to us are much likelier to have an immediate impact for the Kingdom.

Please pause and reflect on two observations:

1. ZLM has never issued a **red** alert
2. One of the three above yellow alerts related to our need for Bibles to relay to inmates, soldiers, etc. — not finances

Would you agree that several yellow alerts ought to precede a red alert?

You may already know that our ministry is ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) approved and has Charity Navigator's top rating of 4 stars and MinistryWatch.com's Transparency Grade of A with a 100 Give with Confidence Score. Our ambitious endeavors of late, as mentioned in our webmaster Greg's article on the cover, have caused us to run deeply into the red and erode our seed money enough to jeopardize those ratings.

The undeniable reality is that we are in a do-or-die race against time to retool for a new generation of viewers and readers in an era where:

1. Cable cutters are proliferating in favor of watching online content
2. Progressively fewer viewers have attention spans for old-school Bible teaching content
3. The average ZLMer is notably less affluent than in recent decades
4. Bible teaching via social media presents a whole new realm of opportunities for vast harvests

For more than a year, I've written that two major bequests have enabled ZLM to stay on track with our ministerial goals while staying on budget. However, I've been surprised and dismayed

to learn that the executor of one of those estates is intent on indefinitely dragging his feet — to the extent that neither he nor the estate's law firm responds to my inquiries about pending distributions. This development has caught us entirely off guard since they were reasonably communicative until recently.

Thus, we are hiring an estate dispute litigator in New Hampshire who requires a substantial retainer and a handsome hourly rate. Fortunately, the will is extremely clear that ZLM is entitled to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Unfortunately, the legal battle we're having to wage will likely cost tens of thousands of dollars and take months, if not years, to resolve.

The good news is that the remainder of the estate is covered by a trust bond, which would theoretically protect us if, say, the executor were to embezzle all or a portion of our bequest. The bad news is that Liberty Mutual (Safeco) has issued that bond, and I will tell you from personal experience that their history of paying claims is abysmal — reminiscent of the 1997 movie *The Rainmaker*!

What I'm requesting now, with this well-justified yellow alert, are some generous, recurring contributions that will help ZLM bridge the gap between our pursuing the goals mentioned in Greg's article on the cover and the large estate distributions that should soon come our way. Our key objective (read: use of these intermediate funds) will be to make strides in achieving critical mass with our social media endeavors. In so doing, we can fortify our newest mission fields while becoming progressively less dependent on traditional broadcasting. **Will you kindly help us avoid future yellow alerts?** ☆

* levitt.tv/media/watch/545

Please see [“Adapting for a New Generation on the cover.”](#)



What Place Does Tradition Have in the Christian Faith? Part 2

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Traditions — long-standing customs or practices — exist within the Christian faith. Even so, Believers must not allow tradition to displace or replace the Word of God as the final authority in Christian faith and practice.

From GotQuestions.org, here is a warning that we Believers should observe:

Scripture has layers of meaning. The more we delve into God's Word, the more we learn about God, and it often upsets our own ideas. Just when we think we have things figured out and we are certain that we are theologically, morally, and socially right about it all, we uncover another layer that shatters those confidences. When we cling to tradition — whether denominational, theological, or structural — as if it were God's Word, we keep the door closed on God's revelation of truth to us.

He wants to keep surprising us with Who He is as we continue to pursue Him (Jer. 29:13). But religious tradition is often in the way. "That's not how we've always done it," is the battle cry of the traditionalists. Breaking tradition can be uncomfortable for many, just as it was for the Pharisees (Matt. 5:33–34; Luke 6:26–27). But when we can clearly see the dividing line between our own traditions and God's truth, we stay humble and pliable as God continues to transform us into the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29).

Several times in the New Testament, tradition is mentioned positively. For example, Paul exhorted Believers in 2 Thessalonians 2:15 to *"hold the traditions which ye have been taught."* These "traditions" (see also 1 Cor. 11:2 and 2 Thess. 3:6) refer to apostolic teaching that was delivered orally or in a letter. The Apostles were not infallible and divinely inspired all the time. Still, all apostolic tradition or instruction that God inspired and intended to preserve as Scripture eventually became part of the New Testament Canon. Thus, God's Word alone contains everything we need to know for salvation, discipleship, and Christian living and practice.

Scripture warns us not to be corrupted by unbiblical tradition, by which people are led away from the faith. *"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ"* (Col. 2:8). Salvation does not come through human traditions, but by faith in Jesus Christ alone: *"... you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ..."* (1 Pet. 1:18–19).

While historical creeds, writings of church fathers, and theological commentaries may offer helpful insight for our faith and practice, these are not infallible. Only Scripture gives us all that is necessary and sufficient for salvation and Godly living. ☆



All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17



Amir, Todd, and Ronin



Todd, August, and Avi

After two long years, we were able to return to the snowcapped Mount Hermon in March 2025 to minister and share the Gospel with Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers stationed there. This 9,200-foot mountain, in Israel's far north, is mentioned several times in the Bible (Ps. 42:6; 89:12). It had been closed due to Israel's war with Hezbollah.

Arriving at the sacred mountain, **August Rosado** and I humbly approached two young Israeli soldiers — **Amir** and **Ronin**. As we do whenever we visit IDF soldiers, we took them water and snacks, along with complete Hebrew Study Bibles and Messianic Gospel tracts. August and I also shared with them the miraculous event that happened on this mountain almost 2,000 years ago.

At that time, Yeshua the Messiah revealed the *Shekinah* glory of God to three of His disciples — Peter, James, and John. Moshe (Moses) and Eliyahu (Elijah) — representing the *Torah* (Law) and *Nevi'im* (the Prophets) — were also there pointing to Yeshua the Messiah as the central Person of Biblical revelation. Afterward, the audible voice of God the Father spoke from Heaven: *"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"* (Matt. 17:5).

We encouraged the men to read the Scriptures to learn more about the Son of God whom God the Father sent to speak His Word and bring salvation to the Jewish people. Both soldiers were open to our witness and grateful for the physical and spiritual food that we brought them. Please pray for Amir and Ronin — that they will eat of the Bread from Heaven (John 6:50–51) and receive eternal life from the Word of God.

Later, we visited the northern town of Kiryat Shmona, whose residents left the region for almost two years because of Hezbollah's constant attacks. Thankfully, that city is thriving again. August and I met **Avi**, who owns a new Pizza Hut restaurant. At 60 years old, Avi still serves in the army reserves. He told us about the resurgence of northern Israel after the IDF's resounding military defeat of Hezbollah. We reminded Avi that the God of Israel watches over them to save the nation physically (Ps. 121:4). In addition, we explained that God sent Yeshua the Messiah to save the people of Israel spiritually — saving whoever shall believe in Him from their sins (Matt. 1:21). Avi gladly accepted a complete Hebrew Bible from us; now he can read and discover for himself all that God has done through His Son to redeem His people!

Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts that help us continue taking the Good News to God's people in Israel. ✨


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Murdered Staffer had Ties to Messianic Community in Israel

By Jill Nelson
ChristianityToday.com



Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim were leaving a reception in May for young Jewish diplomats at the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, DC, when a man fired into their group. The young couple, both Israeli Embassy employees, were killed.

Lischinsky, a 30-year-old Israeli citizen, had deep ties to Israel's Messianic Jewish community. "He was a Godly young man, and he really just wanted to serve God and Israel with all his heart," said Sandy Shoshani. Her husband pastors a Hebrew-speaking congregation in Jerusalem, where Lischinsky's family has been involved for more than 20 years. "The family are precious friends and Believers, strong in the Lord, and lovers of Israel."

Lischinsky finished his master's degree three years ago and began working for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, according to Shoshani. She described him as an intelligent, warm, and funny guy who loved everyone he met.

Milgrim, 26, grew up in Kansas, where she was involved in Jewish student organizations. As a teen, she witnessed an anti-Semitic hate crime that made her think about the threats that Jews in America faced. "I worry about going to my synagogue," she told a local TV station in 2017. "That shouldn't be a thing."

The couple attended the new members class at Church of the Ascension and Saint Agnes, an Episcopal church in Washington, noted Ryan Danker, a scholar at the John Wesley Institute.

Federal authorities are investigating the Jewish museum shooting as both a



Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky

hate crime and act of terrorism. They have charged 31-year-old Elias Rodriguez with first-degree murder. Rodriguez reportedly told the arresting officers, "I did it for Palestine; I did it for Gaza."

Jews for Jesus CEO Aaron Abramson commented that Jewish people always fear the violence underneath criticisms of the State of Israel. "This is part of the landscape of the hatred that we [live in]. And it's scary for Jewish people," he noted. "It feels like it's percolating just beneath the surface, and we know historically that anti-Semitic hatred doesn't take long for it to turn into things like what happened in DC."

The Messianic Jewish community in Israel is close-knit, and Abramson said many of his team members attended youth camps with Lischinsky growing up. According to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, there are approximately 188,000 Christians in Israel; about 75% of them are Arab Christians.

The deaths of Lischinsky and Milgrim drew widespread condemnation from world leaders, including President Donald Trump, who posted on social media, "These horrible D.C. killings, based obviously on anti-Semitism, must end, NOW!" ✡

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Amb. Danon speaks during a UN Security Council emergency meeting on June 20, 2025.

"You Fund Terror ...

Then Ask for Sympathy?"

Danny Danon, Israeli Ambassador to the UN, unleashed a devastating response to Iran's hypocrisy and the world's indifference in a 14-minute speech before the UN Security Council. Speaking only

days after Iran launched ballistic missiles at Soroka Hospital in Israel, **Danon laid out the facts**: Iran is actively targeting civilians, building nuclear weapons, and exporting terror across five continents. Visit <https://youtu.be/V2hrMPyJzIE> to watch him expose Iran's lies.

Jewish Population Below Pre-Holocaust Numbers

It will take another 10 to 20 years for world Jewry to fully regain their pre-WWII population level. According to the Pew Research Center, between 2010 and 2020, the global Jewish population grew by fewer than one million — a 6% increase — significantly slower than the 12% growth rate of the world's overall population. The Jewish growth rate mirrors that of Christians, which rose from 2.1 billion to 2.3 billion over the same period. In contrast, the Muslim population expanded by 21%, growing from 1.65 billion to 2.0 billion, making it the world's fastest-growing religious group.

credit: Screenshot / Social Media



Video by Iran claiming to have shot down an Israeli jet

Iran's Video Game Propaganda

"We shot down an Israeli jet," claimed Iran in mid-June, adding that they also captured a pilot. The Islamic regime even posted a video on social media showing their success. The clip, however, is an excerpt from the video game *Arma 3*. While the game has realistic images, the plane in the clip is *Russian* — not Israeli! Pro Tip: If you're going to make a false claim, at least use an advanced AI generator to do it.

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תּוֹרַת יְהוָה תְּמִימָה מְשִׁיבַת נֶפֶשׁ

"The law of the LORD is perfect, returning the soul."
– Psalm 19:7

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		returning the soul			perfect		the law of the LORD is		

Read Hebrew right to left!



"The Scriptures call us to be *"transformed"* (μεταμορφόω) by renewing our minds (Rom. 12:2), though *how* we are to do this remains an open question. Our perspectives and attitudes are shaped by our assumptions about life, many of which are "preconscious" or hidden from our awareness. Habitual thoughts, biases, prejudices, fears, and other things all affect (and distort) the way we see and understand reality. In light of this human frailty, we may wonder how we can change. How do we develop right-thinking power? **How can we apply our minds to perceive the good, instead of responding in unreflective and negative ways to our circumstances?** How do we discipline our wills so that *"if there is anything worthy of praise,"* we are to think about these things (Phil. 4:8)?

Surely, we cannot transform ourselves, for we are the source of our own impairment; we are the patient who needs the cure. Healing, therefore, must come from a power greater than ourselves — that is, by receiving God's truth, becoming "single-minded," with our eyes focused on what is real. *"If your eye is 'single' (ἀπλοῦς — sincere or focused),"* Yeshua

said, *"your whole body will be filled with light"* (Matt. 6:22). We thereby "renew" (ἀνακαινόω) our minds — turning away from the darkness, despair, and unsound reasoning of this world — by *focusing* on the glory and goodness of the Lord our God.

Likewise, the Scriptures command, *"You shall be made whole (tamin, תָּמִים) with the LORD your God"* (Deut. 18:13; see also Matt. 5:48). We are made "whole" or "perfect" (i.e., complete) when we resolutely turn to God for healing of our inner dividedness, as the Scripture states: *"The law of the LORD is perfect (תָּמִים), returning the soul"* (Ps. 19:7). And where it is written, *"Let us hear the end of the matter: Fear God and love His commandments"* (Eccl. 12:13), the text adds: *ki zeh kol-ha'adam (כִּי זֶה כּוֹל הָאָדָם), "for this is the whole man,"* suggesting that those who return will be healed of their double-mindedness.

Ultimately, we are made whole when we are united to God in Messiah, for then we are *"with the LORD [our] God"* (Deut. 18:13) and the Spirit of the Lord writes Torah within the heart of faith (Jer. 31:33). ☆



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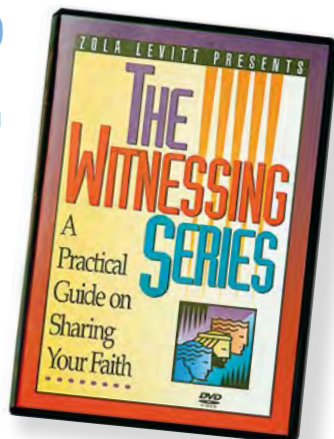
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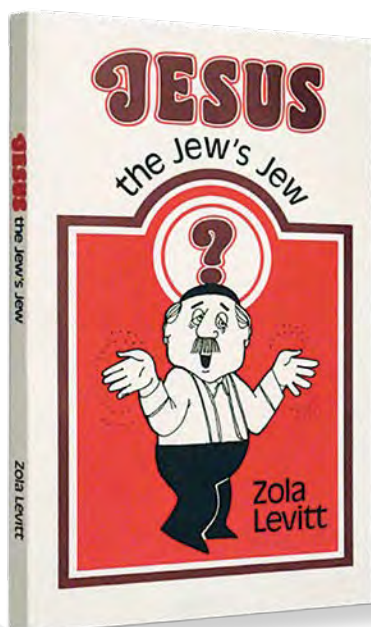
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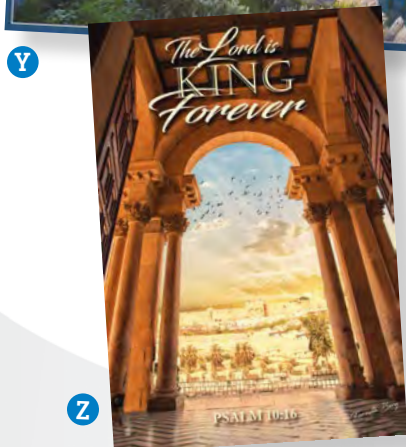
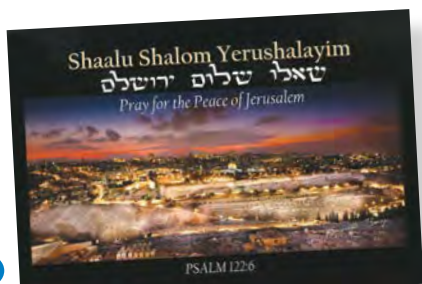
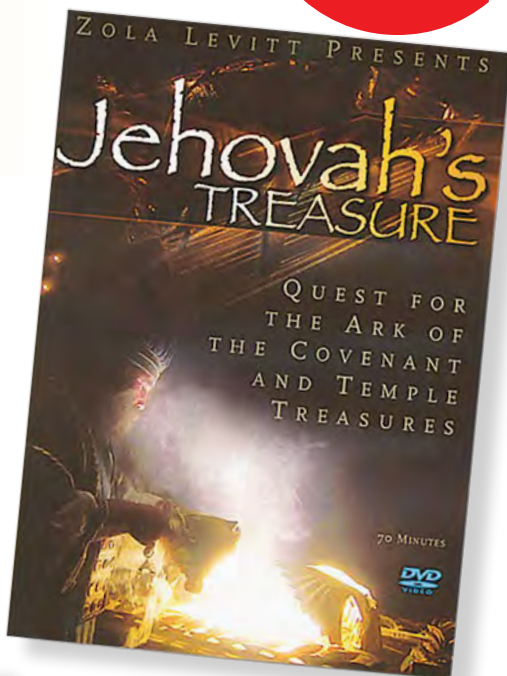
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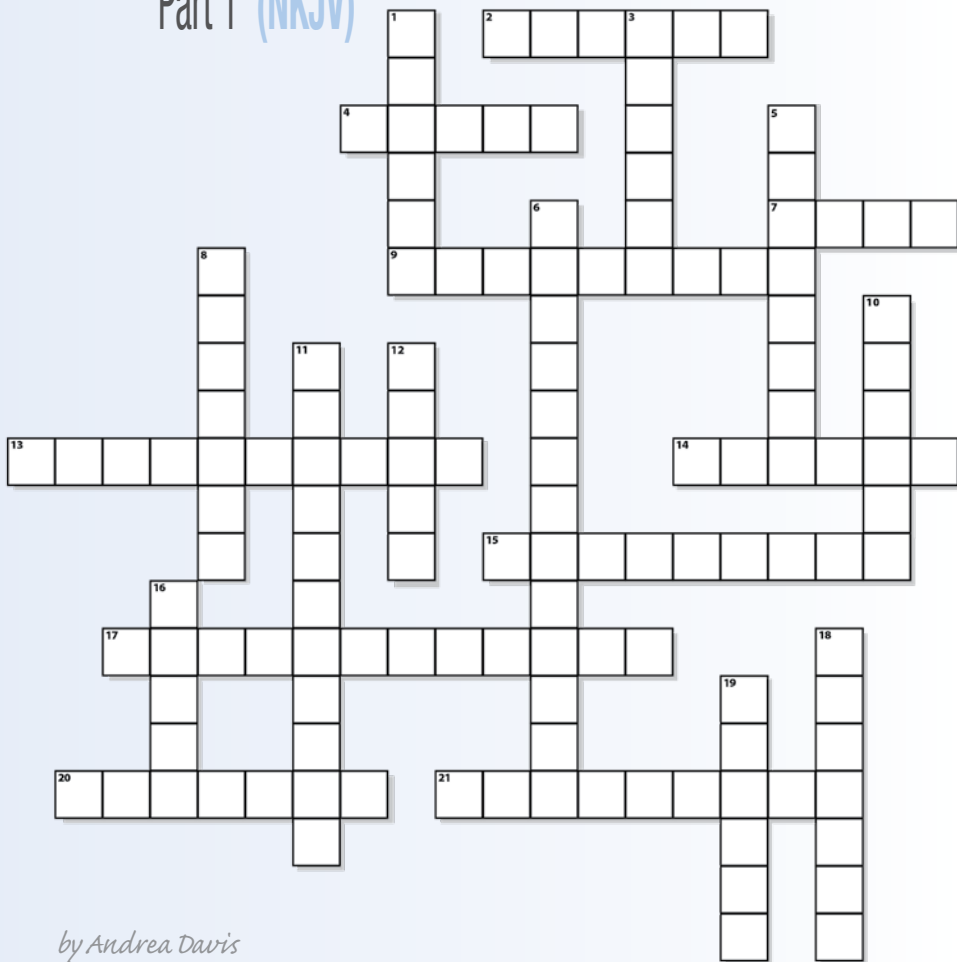




Crossword August 2025:

Yeshua Fulfilled the Law and the Prophets

Part 1 (NKJV)



by Andrea Davis

Across:

2. For the Law, having a ___ of the good things to come... (Heb. 10:1)
4. But before ___ came, we were kept under guard by the Law... (Gal. 3:23)
7. ...It shall not return to Me ____ (Isa. 55:11)
9. For these things were done that the ___ should be fulfilled... (John 19:36)
13. ...He has perfected forever those who are being ___. (Heb. 10:14)
14. ...one jot or one ___ will by no means pass from the Law... (Matt. 5:18)
15. So all this was done that it might be ____ (Matt. 1:22)
17. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these ____ (Matt. 5:19)
20. Do not think that I came to ___ the Law or the Prophets... (Matt. 5:17)
21. ...the Law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be ___ by faith. (Gal. 3:24)

Down:

1. ...I will put My Law in their minds, and write it on their ____ (Jer. 31:33)
3. ...Nor was ___ found in His mouth... (1 Pet. 2:22)
5. ...I will make a new ___ with the house of Israel... (Jer. 31:31)
6. For Christ is the end of the Law for ____ (Rom. 10:4)
8. ...that all things must be fulfilled which were ____ (Luke 24:44)
10. ...And He has taken it out of the way, having ___ it to the cross. (Col. 2:14)
11. ...and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of ____ (Heb. 9:10)
12. Teacher, which is the ___ commandment in the Law? (Matt. 22:36)
16. ...a man is not justified by the ___ of the Law... (Gal. 2:16)
18. Bear one another's ___ and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:2)
19. I will give you a new heart and put a new ___ within you... (Ezek. 36:26)

(answers on p. 35)





Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space. For ministry products and TV programs, visit levitt.com. Access the web store and free video archives by clicking on the headings "Store" and "Watch."

Obnoxious, Racist Jews?

From K.B.: Folks find it very obnoxious for Jews to claim that they are God's Chosen People. It is actually very racist.

Dear K.B.,

Ouch! Scripture specifies that the Jews are God's Chosen People (Gen. 12:2-3, Deut. 7:6-9). **Does that mean God is racist?** Of course not. What some people might claim as obnoxious, maybe even prideful, we declare as confidence. Just as the Father wants you to know who you are in Messiah Yeshua, He wants the Apple of His Eye (Zech. 2:8) to know that they are precious to Him. —Love, the not-racist, and overtly Jewish, Bearded Bible Brothers

Selah in Psalms

From S.B.: The Book of Psalms has *Selah* after some sentences. What does this mean?

Shalom, S.B.,

Selah is a term we have long studied. It's important to Caleb's heart, as God directed him to name one of his daughters *Selah*. But this word is also a mystery, with multiple interpretations and understandings throughout time. Obviously, many believe that it is a musical term since it appears in many Psalms. A directive for the singer to "pause" and for the hearer to "reflect" on the words just sung. Others believe that it is a musical directive to crescendo. Yet others declare it to be a form of "amen." Clearly, it comes from the Hebrew word *salal*, which means "to lift up, exalt." Perhaps *Selah* is everything above! With the word, God is clearly trying to get our attention. Thus, every time we read it, **it's a reminder of who the song is about:** our Heavenly Father. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb



Leah, The Unloved Sister

From T.D.: Sarah Liberman's articles always have a special meaning. You are so blessed to have her! In the June 2025 Personal Letter, the first paragraph under "Dealing with Disappointment" about Leah really touched my spirit. My first wife, who passed away with cancer, went through the ritual of a faith healer, and we were both convinced that she was healed. Consequently, the expression "... a healing that never occurred" really hit home; I let it take root! It took a long time for me to let God "guide me toward healing and hope." Sarah, thank you so much for such an inspiring article.

From E.R.: I was blessed and encouraged by Sarah's article on Leah's life. I firmly believe in Romans 8:28. **I have been a Baptist minister** — preaching, teaching, and pastoring — **for more than 50 years.** Recently, my doctor advised that **I have cancer.**

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For several months, hardly a day has passed that I have responded to the treatments I am taking.

Sometimes I want to ask, "Why me Lord?" Still, I have committed to be like Job. While I don't understand what God has in store for my life, I say, *"Though He slay me, I will still serve Him"* (Job 13:15). I pray that

I will also be a Leah. Thank you again for the blessing and encouraging words from Leah's life. I am praying for the Lord to bless you as you continue to share His Word and the events that are happening in Israel.



Dante's Vision of Leah and Rachel, painting (1887) by Marie Spartali Stillman (1844–1927)

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View of Mount Hermon in northern Israel



[Why did Yeshua transfigure at the top of Mount Hermon? on YouTube](#)

From C5: The real Mount of Transfiguration was Mount Sinai in Saudi Arabia, not the mountain in Israel. *If it were, that would make God a liar, which He is not.* This can be proven using Scripture. However, the purpose remains the same!

Dear C5,

Actually, that does not fit the Biblical narrative. In Matthew 16:13, Yeshua and His disciples came to Caesarea Philippi at the foot of Mount Hermon. They stayed in that region for six days (Matt. 17:1), then they ascended a high mountain. After the transfiguration, Yeshua came down and engaged the people in the Galilee, teaching and healing.

As some people suggest, Mount Arbel does not work for the transfiguration, because of the time it would take to reach the southern Galilee. But Saudi Arabia is waaaaay off. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

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Nimrod and the Nephilim

From P.S.: Recently I watched an episode of *Roadmap to Armageddon* in which I believe you stated that Nimrod was a Nephilim. In reading 1 Chronicles 1:10, I found that

Nimrod was begot by Cush, who was a son of Ham. This is also noted in Genesis 10:8. Would you please explain the connection between Nimrod and the Nephilim? Please help me get this straight. I consider the Bearded Bible Brothers to be modern-day prophets, prophesying the truth of the Bible!

Shalom,P.S.,

Thank you for your kind words. You heard us correctly in our belief that Nimrod was most likely Nephilim. In fact, this is long believed and chronicled by rabbinical writers from long ago. Things get quite interesting when you decipher the original Hebrew of Genesis 10:8–9. Moses described Nimrod as being a *gibbor*, a “mighty one.” A term Moses used to describe the Nephilim of old in Genesis 6:4 is *gibborim*. The Septuagint’s translation of *gibborim* is “gigantes,” which means “giants.”

Elsewhere in Scripture, this term is used to describe individuals who carry out superhuman-like feats of strength and power. Historians like the Jewish philosopher Philo and Augustine of Hippo declared that Nimrod was a giant; others identified him as the 17-foot-tall Gilgamesh, or even Orion the hunter. While the Hebrew notes that Cush “became” Nimrod’s father, it does not identify his mother, who might have been Nephilim. One thing is clear, Jewish writers declare that Nimrod was not “a hunter before the Lord.” Better translated, Nimrod “hunted in opposition to the Lord” or “hunted in defiance to the Lord.” —Love, Joshua and Caleb



Roadmap to Armageddon - #6 The Third Temple on YouTube

From B.P.: How could Joshua and Caleb not see Daniel’s interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar? Have they read Daniel chapters 2-3 in full? It is plain to see that Nebuchadnezzar is the antiChrist.

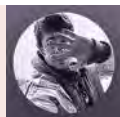


Shalom, B.P.,

Without a doubt, Nebuchadnezzar was AN antiChrist. First John 2:18 declares: “*Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.*” You can find [antiChrist](#)s throughout history — including Sennacherib, Haman, and Hitler. Anyone who was set on destroying God’s people, halting the Messianic line, or stopping God’s prophetic promises can carry that spirit of antiChrist. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb ☆

Kindergarten takes Christian Kids to Mosque to Praise Allah

By Steve Watson
Modernity.news



credit: Gazzettino / X

Nursery school children praying at the mosque

Children at a private Catholic preschool in Italy were taken on a day trip to a mosque where they were taught how to kneel, praise Allah, and pray to Mecca. The incident occurred in Ponte della Priula, a small municipality north of Venice.

On its Facebook page, the nursery school posted photos showing the Christian children, ages 3-5, kneeling with their foreheads to the ground and listening to an imam who is leading them in an Islamic prayer. The post stated: "This morning, we were welcomed by the imam in the Susegana mosque. ... It was a truly emotional experience. We took off our shoes, the teachers put on a veil, and we entered a large room where there was a huge, red carpet on the floor with some white stripes where you stand to pray. The imam explained to us that the Muslim religion is based on five pillars and told us that they pray 5 times a day (we even tried)."

Alberto Villanova, leader of the Lega political party in the Veneto Region, stated: "Those images make your blood run cold. We are all for peace in the world, but I would be really curious to know if the imam explained to the children, the true unaware victims of this story, what happens in many Muslim countries where

women are not even free to study."

Paolo Borchia, head of the Northern

League delegation to the European Parliament remarked, "First Ramadan in churches, now kindergarten children taken to mosques to pray facing Mecca. In silence, European identity is being dismantled. ... Defending our culture means saying a clear "no" — "no" to the erasure of our roots; "no" to education that confuses integration with surrender. Wake up, Europe!"

In support of the field trip, Simonetta Rubinato, the president of the Italian Federation of Catholic Nursery Schools commented: "We believe that the spiritual and religious dimension is an integral part of the educational project of Christian-inspired nursery schools."

After Italian media reported on the incident, many respondents online asked why children from the mosque have not visited a Catholic church in the area and been taught to pray to Jesus Christ. ✨



Front page of the Italian newspaper Libero

Screenshot by Francesca Tobio / X



Hydrogen-Fueled Drones are a Military Game-Changer

By Sharon Wrobel
TimesOfIsrael.com



credit: Heven



Top: Heven's H2D55 drone has a payload of up to 10 pounds and a maximum flight time of about 120 minutes.

Bottom: Heven's Raider drone can carry up to 50 pounds and fly for up to 12 hours.

The most pressing issues for military or security forces are the drone's payload and how long it can stay aloft. In 2019, the company developed

a drone that could carry 70 pounds of payload. But because most drones run on batteries, they are limited to less than an hour in flight. Thus, the company began building **hydrogen-powered drones**, which **increases flight time fivefold over traditional batteries**.

Heven has developed a series of three hydrogen-powered drones with GPS-independent navigation. These are capable of flying from 120 minutes to more than 12 hours with payload capacities of between 10 and 50 pounds. Their Israeli facility can produce up to 100 drones a month.

"We are currently the only sole-source supplier for hydrogen-powered drones to the IDF," Levinson explained. He noted, however, that their customers "urgently need thousands, and eventually tens of thousands, of drones to be deployed in-theater." Both the IDF and the U.S. Department of Defense use Heven's technology.

Western armies are seeking to reduce their dependence on drones and parts that are manufactured in China. Thus, Heven recently partnered with Mach Industries, a California-based defense tech developer. Mach Industries will boost full-scale production of Heven's hydrogen-powered drones and build a U.S.-based defense supply chain. Initially, they hope to build 1,000 drones a month. Also, the joint venture will develop critical drone components — including avionics, radios, fuel sources, and propulsion systems. ☆

Bentzion Levinson came home with a sense of urgency after serving in Israel's military campaigns against terrorist neighbors. "On October 7, 2023, Hamas used cheap Chinese drones to disable our cameras and monitoring systems," noted Levinson, a reserve combat commander in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). "Serving on the northern border for more than two months, I experienced how Hezbollah was taking down soldiers with drones."

Thus, Levinson returned to the company that he founded with a desire to provide the best drone technology for complex missions. "Drones are becoming a strategic asset," Levinson added. "Most countries understand that drones are the X-factor reshaping today's modern warfare and are trying to get the best technology, but also to build their own capabilities of being able to produce them."

Born in New York, Levinson moved to Israel with his family at age 10. Later, he established a startup to develop affordable and compact drones, in contrast to the military's large UAVs, which cost millions to build and maintain.

Heven Drones, headquartered in Miami with an R&D center in Israel, builds drones that are used by the military, homeland security, firefighters, aid organizations, and others.

credit: Heven



Using Radar to Monitor Patients' Vitals

By Abigail Klein Leichman
Israel21c.org



In 2020, Weizmann Institute of Science Prof. Yonina Eldar invited some Israeli physicians to identify pressing needs of an overloaded healthcare system. One issue that they recognized was the risk of spreading the coronavirus infection by physical contact while monitoring hospital patients.

With so many hands-free processes these days, Eldar wondered why doctors still typically use a physical stethoscope for patient examinations as they did a century ago. Her question led to the development of a new technology for remotely checking health: radar.

Radar systems have long been used for military purposes such as identifying aircraft or ships. But they also have civilian applications. For instance, radar is used in some vehicles to detect and track objects to help avoid accidents.

Previously, Eldar had worked with radar in connection with autonomous cars and defense applications. "Radar devices are small, inexpensive, and convenient, and they emit waves that are safe for humans. They've been used, for example, to count the number of people in a room or make sure no baby is left behind in a car. So, I thought, Why not apply radar to monitor patients remotely?"

After five years, Eldar's lab unveiled BRAHMS — the **Bio-Radar Health Monitoring System**. BRAHMS continuously monitors vital signs from a distance by tracking subtle chest movements and interpreting them using a sophisticated algorithm. The system can measure heart rate (pulse) and breathing rate as well as lung function. In the future, it may also be equipped to measure blood pressure

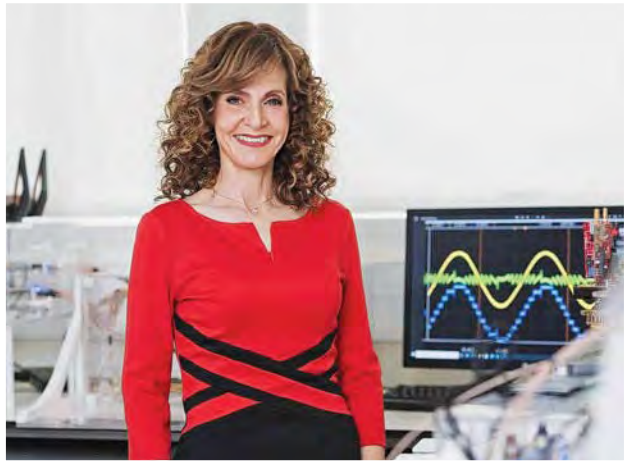
and breathing patterns, which could help detect sleep apnea.

BRAHMS can reliably monitor several people simultaneously, even in noisy, crowded environments. **With a maximum range of 29.5 feet**, it identifies all the people in the room, measures their vital signs without contact, and sends the measurements to a monitor. The medical staff is automatically alerted if a worrying change is detected.

The millimeter wave (mmWave) frequency spectrum that BRAHMS uses is very sensitive; it can track the tiny chest movements of a sleeping infant even through clothing or bedding.

Eldar explained that once BRAHMS is developed for commercial use, a compact

credit: Ben Keiner



Prof. Yonina Eldar, who heads the Manya Igel Center for Biomedical Engineering and Signal Processing at the Weizmann Institute

model could be installed in emergency rooms or intensive care units, postoperative care units, or nursing homes. The system would also be good for pediatric patients. **While reducing the risk of spreading infections**, noncontact radar sensing would eliminate patient discomfort and the hassle of wires getting tangled or pulled off. Some 40% of ICU patients are estimated to experience skin irritation, dislodged wires, or other complications related to bedside monitoring devices. ☆



Before the Hatred: When Iran and Israel Were Allies

With the recent 12-Day-War, it may seem as if the story of Iran and Israel is one of eternal enmity. But as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu emphasized in his war announcement, addressing the Iranian people: “Our fight is not with you. Our fight is with the brutal dictatorship that has oppressed you for 46 years. I believe that the day of your liberation is near. When that happens, the great friendship between our two ancient peoples will flourish once again.”

Once, Iran and Israel stood side by side as allies. Long before modern states, the friendship between Persians and Jews stretched back millennia. King Cyrus the Great is honored in Jewish tradition for liberating the Jews from Babylonian exile and allowing them to rebuild the Second Temple. Centuries later, the Sasanian Empire became a center of Jewish life, producing luminaries like Rav Ashi, a key editor of the Babylonian Talmud.

Even after the Islamic conquest, Persian-Jewish relations remained stable. Medieval travelers marveled at thriving Jewish communities in Isfahan, Shiraz, and beyond. This was genuine coexistence between two ancient civilizations.

A Strategic Friendship

Under Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi (r. 1941–1979), that ancient respect blossomed into a modern alliance. From the early 1950s until the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Iran and Israel maintained a quiet, pragmatic partnership grounded in shared strategic interests.

Iran supplied up to 60% of Israel’s oil through a discreet pipeline. El Al flights connected Tel Aviv and Tehran. Israeli experts aided Iranian agriculture, while Iranian students studied in Israeli universities.

Behind the scenes, cooperation ran deeper. Mossad helped train the Shah’s secret police. Israeli leaders like Rabin and Peres visited Tehran to coordinate

policy. Both nations saw themselves as non-Arab powers in a hostile region, fostering alignment based on mutual security concerns.

For Iran’s Jewish community — then around 80,000 — this was a golden age. They served in government and thrived in business. Synagogues operated freely, kosher food was available, and Jewish schools flourished.

Rewriting History

In February 1979, everything changed. Ayatollah Khomeini swept into power, toppling the Shah and ushering in a regime driven by militant Shi’ite ideology.

Within days, Iran cut ties with Israel. When the former Israeli embassy in Tehran was handed to the PLO, Yasser Arafat raised the Palestinian flag. In one stroke, open hostility replaced decades of discreet cooperation.

Khomeini’s words were chilling: “We must all rise to destroy Israel.” Israel was now the “Little Satan,” alongside the American “Great Satan.” The new regime didn’t just adopt the Palestinian cause — it made it sacred.

Khomeini also inaugurated Quds Day, turning the last Friday of Ramadan into an annual rally for Israel’s destruction. Tehran’s streets filled with chants of “Death to Israel,” flag burnings, and speeches denouncing Zionism as a corrosive threat.

Beyond political, this was ideological and anti-Semitic. Khomeini’s successor as Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, repeatedly describes Israel in pathological terms, calling for its eradication and denying the legitimacy of Jewish self-determination. His rhetoric blurs the line between opposing a state and denying a people’s right to exist.

Yet even within this atmosphere, a remnant of Iran’s ancient Jewish community — some 10,000 strong — endures. Their continued presence speaks to a deeper





Top: Iranian Minister Plenipotentiary Reza Safinia, who represented Tehran in Israel, with then-Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion at a party in Jerusalem, June 1, 1950.

Middle: Top Iranian military officials Hasan Toofanian and Bahram Ariana meet with Israeli officers in the headquarters of the Israel Defense Forces, 1975.

Bottom: Iranian minister Reza Safinia arriving at the house of Israeli President Chaim Weizmann in Rehovot on Yom Ha'atzmaut, 1950.



credit: Teddy Brauner / GPO



credit: Wikimedia Commons

truth: The ties between Jews and Persians, forged over millennia, aren't easily erased.

This transformation was not just geopolitical; it was an assault on memory. The regime has worked tirelessly to erase the history of Persian-Jewish friendship, replacing millennia of coexistence with manufactured hatred.

But memory is stubborn.

Iranian exiles still speak warmly of their Jewish neighbors. Israeli-Iranians preserve Persian culture, cuisine, and language. And even inside Iran, cracks in the narrative persist. It's widely believed that **some of Israel's most daring intelligence operations — including strikes on nuclear sites — were made possible with help from brave Iranians themselves.** These quiet acts of defiance suggest that a different story is still unfolding — one rooted in shared interests and mutual respect.

This isn't just political hope. History shows that Iran and Israel were not destined for conflict. Once, they built



credit: Israel Press Office

together. Perhaps one day, they will again — not as enemies, but as partners with shared memory and mutual respect.

May we live to see those days return. ☆



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credit: Screenshot / COGAT

COGAT footage, blurred to obscure the victim, of Hamas executing a Gaza resident

Hamas Publicly Executed Gaza Resident

By Hanan Greenwood / IsraelHayom.com

A disturbing video from the Gaza Strip showed the public execution of a local resident by Hamas terrorists in Gaza City. Maj. Gen. Ghassan Alian, Israel's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), released the footage in June via the Arabic-language Facebook page of his unit, known as Al-Munassiq.

The video showed a Gaza resident being executed by Hamas operatives in a brutal public display that happened in Gaza City's main square in early June.

In a message accompanying the video, Alian addressed Gaza residents: "People of Gaza, Hamas terrorists and criminals are killing you and care nothing for your lives. There is no difference between a dictator who kills quietly and a terrorist who slaughters openly — both are your enemies and enemies of life."

Alian added, "This horrifying footage before you is yet another desperate and failed attempt to instill fear among the public in order to preserve Hamas's control, power, and governance. It reflects Hamas's cynical exploitation and trampling of Gaza's residents for the sake of sustaining the terrorist regime."

Pledge of Non-Involvement in War Crimes

I hereby pledge the following:

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3. I have never planned, ordered, aided, abetted, or incited war crimes, nor have I participated in such acts.
4. I pledge to continue complying with international law and humanitarian law and to never engage in war crimes in any form.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

The "War Crimes" Declaration form

credit: The Israeli Embassy in Tokyo

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Japanese Hotel Forced Israeli Tourist to Sign "War Crimes" Declaration

By Itamar Eichner / YNetNews.com

An Israeli tourist traveling in Japan was stunned when a hotel required him to sign a declaration stating he had not committed war crimes during his military service. After the man presented his Israeli passport during check-in at the Wind Villa Hotel in Kyoto, the clerk gave him a form and said that he wouldn't be allowed to check in without signing it.

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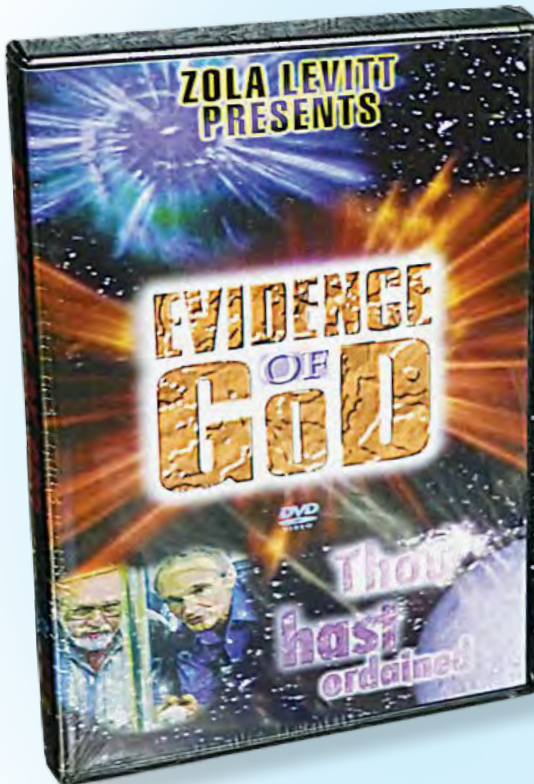
The form required the man to declare that he had not committed war crimes — including sexual violence, murder of individuals who had surrendered, or attacks on civilians. **"It's ridiculous and absurd," stated the man who was a combat medic in the Navy reserves.**

"In the end, I decided to sign it because I have nothing to hide," he added. "I did not commit any war crimes, and Israeli soldiers do not commit war crimes. I signed because I didn't want to create problems, and because this form means nothing."

Israeli Ambassador to Japan Gilad Cohen sent a sharply worded letter to the Kyoto

governor. "This discriminatory act, based solely on nationality, caused the guest significant emotional distress and discomfort," Cohen wrote. "We view this incident as extremely serious and unacceptable."

The hotel manager stated, "Since Israel launched a military operation in Gaza in October 2023, we do not know who may have been involved, as young Israelis are required to serve in the army. In any case, we believe we have the right to ensure who we are hosting in our hotel. This was my personal decision to require the form in order to ensure our security." ☆



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Archaeology

Ancient Garden Found Under Church of the Holy Sepulchre

By AllIsrael.com



credit: Archivio Università di Roma Sapienza



credit: Archivio Università di Roma Sapienza

Excavations at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Archaeologists excavating beneath the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem's Old City have uncovered evidence of an ancient garden. The findings revealed the presence of olive trees and grapevines from around 2,000 years ago. This aligns with the Gospel of John's description of the site where Jesus was crucified and buried: *"Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid"* (John 19:41).

Traces of the olive trees and grapevines were identified via archaeobotanical and pollen analysis.

The excavation, led by Prof. Francesca Romana Stasolla of Sapienza University of Rome, began in 2022 as part of a restoration project. It marks the first major renovations in the church since the 19th century and had to be agreed upon by the church's three main custodians: the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, the Custody of the Holy Land (Roman Catholic), and the Armenian Patriarchate.

During the excavations, the team dug beneath the basilica's floor, uncovering layers dating back to the Iron Age, in which archaeologists discovered pottery, oil lamps, and burial sites. The

A partially excavated floor in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in June 2023 reveals the different types of construction and masonry used throughout the centuries.

pre-Christian-era garden evidence, found in soil samples, suggests the area transitioned from a quarry to cultivated land before becoming a burial site.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre marks the traditional site of both Golgotha (Calvary) and Jesus' tomb. The first church on the site was established by Emperor Constantine in the fourth century after his mother, Helena, identified the location.

The excavation by Stasolla's team also revealed a circular marble base beneath the Aedicule — the shrine encasing the tomb. Researchers believe this is part of Constantine's original structure, since depictions from the fifth and sixth centuries describe it as circular. Further tests are underway to determine the marble's origin and provide additional historical insights.

The site has seen a dramatic change over time. Originally a quarry outside the walls of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus, the site later became a cemetery with rock-cut tombs — a common burial practice in ancient Israel.

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The site was located outside the city walls during the first century A.D. In the second century, it was incorporated into the city as part of Aelia Capitolina; the Emperor Hadrian built a temple there to the Roman goddess Venus.

Constantine's church completely replaced this temple and was built to enclose both the crucifixion and burial sites. The Persians burned that church in A.D. 614, and, after being restored, it was attacked and severely damaged under Muslim Caliph Al-Hakim, in A.D. 1009. During the Crusader period, the church was renovated and given its current layout and style.

context ties them to the period before Christianity's rise, offering a glimpse into the landscape Jesus might have known.

The archaeological team could not excavate the entire area under the flooring at one time. Instead, the researchers divided the area into zones, uncovering and excavating each one separately, before covering it over. "While we have not been able to see the entire church excavated in one glance, new technologies are allowing us to reconstruct the bigger picture in our labs," Stasolla explained. "If we were talking about a puzzle, we could say we are only excavating one



The Church of the Holy Sepulchre during renovation work in March 2025

The excavation uncovered low stone walls and filled-in soil, suggesting efforts to turn the former quarry into a cultivated area, which aligns with the Gospel's mention of a garden. "The archaeobotanical findings have been especially interesting for us, in light of what is mentioned in the Gospel of John, whose information is considered written or collected by someone familiar with Jerusalem at the time," noted Stasolla. **"The Gospel mentions a green area between the Calvary and the tomb, and we identified these cultivated fields."**

While radiocarbon dating of the garden traces is pending, the archaeological

piece at a time, but eventually, we will have a complete multimedia reconstruction of the full picture."

The documentation and publication of the findings will likely take many years.

Stasolla declined to answer the question of whether Jesus was actually buried at the site. "It is the faith of those who have believed in the holiness of this site for millennia that has allowed it to exist and transform. Whether someone believes or not in the historicity of the Holy Sepulchre, the fact that generations of people did is objective," she noted, saying that the history of the Holy Sepulchre is "the history of Jerusalem." ☆

Newsom Awards Anti-Terrorism Grant to Pro-Hamas Mosque

By Chuck Ross
FreeBeacon.com



California Governor Gavin Newsom awarded taxpayer funds under a state anti-terrorism program to a San Diego mosque that has been linked to 9/11 hijackers and whose imam defended Hamas's 2023 attack on Israel.

Newsom, considered a top 2028 Democrat presidential contender, awarded nearly \$200,000 to the Islamic Center of San Diego in March as part of a program to help religious institutions and non-profits beef up security to protect against potential terrorist attacks, according to state records. **His administration previously gave another \$500,000 to the San Diego mosque and has awarded grants to other mosques that preach anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hate.**

The Islamic Center of San Diego, led by Imam Taha Hassane, has condoned anti-Israel violence over the years. Hassane defended Hamas's slaughter of Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023, saying in a sermon weeks later that "resistance [against Israel] is justified."

"We cannot accuse somebody who is fighting for his life to be a terrorist. The terrorist is the one who started the occupation, not the one who is defending himself," claimed Hassane, whose remarks prompted his removal from San Diego's Human Relations Commission.

Hassane's wife, Lallia Allali, resigned from her job with the San Diego Unified School District after she posted a cartoon following the October 7 attacks that showed a Star of David beheading five children — with the caption "The devil is killing." She currently teaches courses on "Islamophobia" at the Islamic Center of San Diego.

The Islamic Center of San Diego gained notoriety in the wake of 9/11 after revelations that two of the



California Governor Gavin Newsom

al Qaeda operatives who flew the plane that hit the Pentagon prayed regularly at the mosque. An official at the mosque also allegedly helped the terrorists receive a \$5,000 wire transfer from the nephew of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of 9/11. Other mosque leaders hosted a welcoming party for the hijackers when they arrived in San Diego in 2000, according to the 9/11 Commission report.

Newsom awarded the grant as California faces a steep budget shortfall. ✡



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Jewish Humor, etc.

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

Brotherly Love

Sadie was making some pancakes as a treat for her two young sons, Simon and Nicky. But the boys began to argue as to who should get the first pancake she made.

"Shame on you boys," said Sadie. "If the wise King Solomon were here today, he would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake.'"

Nicky looked at Simon and commented, "OK, Simon, you be King Solomon today."



Answer Key for AUGUST 2025 Crossword (p.21)

ACROSS:

2. Shadow
4. Faith
7. Void
9. Scripture
13. Sanctified
14. Tittle
15. Fulfilled
17. Commandments
20. Destroy
21. Justified

DOWN:

1. Hearts
3. Deceit
5. Covenant
6. Righteousness
8. Written
10. Nailed
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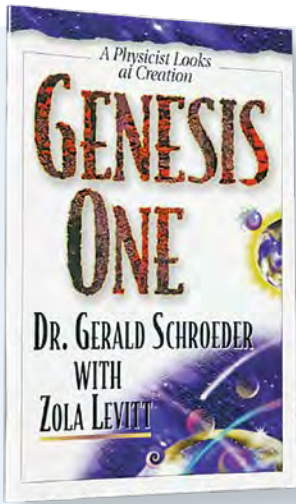
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By Dr. Gerald Schroeder with Zola Levitt

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