



# 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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The Aedicule shrine in the center of the main rotunda of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. credit: searagen / iStock



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## Fulfillment, Not Replacement, Tells the True Story of Israel and the Church

By Dinah Dye / ChristianPost.com

## Younger Americans & Social Media Devotees More Anti-Semitic

By Luke Tress / TimesOfIsrael.com

At a time when debates about Israel, the Church, and Biblical prophecy are shaping Evangelical conversations — amidst rising anti-Semitism and global unrest — we would do well to ask: How does the New Testament actually relate to the story of Israel?

Since the early days of Christian history, the relationship between Israel and the Church has often been framed as old versus new, with the Church viewed as Israel's replacement. This mindset assumes that

According to a recent survey, younger Americans, non-white voters, and those who get their news from social media are more likely than others in the U.S. to hold anti-Semitic beliefs.

The Yale Youth poll surveyed 3,429 registered voters in March, oversampling respondents below

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# Younger Americans & Social Media Devotees More Anti-Semitic

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A pro-Israel counter-protester at an anti-Israel demonstration in Times Square, New York City, January 1, 2025.

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the age of 35. The poll presented three anti-Semitic statements:

- Jews in the U.S. are more loyal to Israel than to America
- Jews in the U.S. have too much power
- It's appropriate to boycott Jewish-American-owned businesses to protest the war in Gaza

While 10% of respondents aged 18–34 agreed with all three statements, only 2% of respondents over the age of 65 agreed.

The results were in line with other recent surveys that have found more hostility to Jews and Israel among younger Americans.

Non-white respondents were more likely to agree with at least one of the statements — 46% of black respondents, 39% of Asians, 37% of Hispanic voters, and 29% of white respondents.

Two-thirds of the respondents did not agree with any of the three anti-Semitic statements.

Respondents who get their news from social media were more likely to agree with at least one of the statements, led by TikTok (41%), Instagram and Reddit (39% each), and X (38%).

Sixteen percent of those surveyed said that Israel's actions in Gaza made them think more negatively of Jewish people.

The survey also asked respondents whether they agreed with a series of statements from both Israel's supporters and its opponents on both ends of the political spectrum. For Democrats, 49% agreed with a paraphrased statement from the white

supremacist Nick Fuentes — that “America should end the slavish surrender to Israel, its wars, and its demands for foreign aid.” For Republicans, 22% agreed with the statement. The divide stood out because Fuentes is associated with the far right, but his statement had far more support on the left.

A majority of Democrats, 52%, agreed with U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib's statement that “Israel is an apartheid state, engaged in racist oppression against Palestinians,” compared to 17% of Republicans.

Both statements also had majority support among younger voters. For those aged 18–22, 55% agreed with the Fuentes statement, compared to 29% of those over 65.

Fifty-five percent of the youngest cohort agreed with Tlaib's apartheid charge, compared to 30% of the older group.

A far smaller proportion agreed with a statement from U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres, a pro-Israel stalwart, saying that “Israel is a sanctuary for historically oppressed people, minority rights, and democracy.” For 18–22-year-olds, 27% agreed with the statement, compared to 43% of those over 65.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict was a relatively low priority, with 28% ranking the conflict above another issue selected at random. Younger voters were more likely to prioritize the conflict, with 38% putting it above another issue.

The margin of error was 1.4 percentage points overall, and 2 percentage points for the youth sample. ☆





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Never be LUKEWARM again — neither when it comes to STANDING WITH ISRAEL nor when sipping your favorite beverage! Sized to hold 12 oz. cans, our ministry's full-color koozie features two distinctive themes:

**Front:** STAND WITH ISRAEL

**Back:** DON'T BE LUKEWARM and the Bible reference Rev. 3:15–16



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# Fulfillment, Not Replacement, Tells the True Story of Israel and the Church *continued from cover*

God's covenantal purposes depended on Israel's faithfulness and that the generational covenant promised to Abraham could be reassigned to another people. Over time, that assumption has detached the New Testament from its foundations in the Hebrew Scriptures.

**The New Testament, however, doesn't present Israel as discarded but as fulfilled.** Israel's calling is embodied in one faithful representative. Yeshua (Jesus), the Jewish Messiah, doesn't stand outside Israel to replace it; He stands within its story as the climax. In Him, Israel's mission reaches the goal of God's promise to Abraham, extending outward to bless the nations.

The early disciples didn't consider themselves as founders of a new religion but as participants in Israel's long-awaited renewal. The Jerusalem community was the Sinai assembly raised into a New Creation reality. Israel's vocation — to be a kingdom of priests and light to the nations — wasn't revoked but expanded.

Writers of the New Testament assumed the Hebrew Scriptures, festivals, Temple structure, and covenant narrative as their interpretive framework. Matthew organized his Gospel around five major discourses, echoing the five books of Moses. John presented Jesus as the embodiment of divine presence (John 1:14) — the glory that once rested in the Tabernacle. Luke situated Pentecost at *Shavuot*, the festival of covenant renewal. Revelation is saturated with Temple imagery, Exodus patterns, and prophetic vision. These are not gentile innovations; they are Jewish proclamations about Israel's Messiah, firmly rooted in the Old Testament.

**The New Testament traces an unbroken line of promise.** From the beginning, humanity was created as God's image bearer, commissioned to steward sacred space in the Garden and commanded to extend God's ordered presence throughout the world. Much later, that vocation narrowed through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to a covenant nation, to the Davidic kings, and ultimately to the Servant who fulfills Israel's calling. The trajectory has always pointed toward the renewal of the original Garden mandate: faithful stewardship and the extension of God's reign over the whole Earth.

In Yeshua the Messiah, that calling does not end; it expands — first to the Jew and also to the gentile. What began in one man extends to a renewed community as gentiles join Israel's story rather than replacing it. Together, Jew and gentile are sent to the four corners of the Earth to extend the Kingdom of Heaven. The movement is restorative, not substitutive.

This pattern of representation is deeply embedded in Scripture. Ezekiel symbolically bore the iniquity of Israel and Judah. Isaiah spoke of a Servant who both embodies Israel and becomes a light to the nations. Even Caiaphas the High Priest articulated the principle: one man dying for the people rather than the nation perishing (John 11:50). John interpreted this as gathering the scattered children of God into one. One stands for the many. This is representation, not replacement.

Throughout Scripture, God works through chosen representatives — not because they are superior, but because they are entrusted with covenant vocation. Israel wasn't chosen for





righteousness but because God's promises to Abraham are irrevocable. With election comes accountability, which includes serious consequences for violating the covenant.

Paul clarified this in Romans 11. **Gen-til**es are grafted into the tree of Israel; they do not become a new tree. The root remains the patriarchal promise. Paul's warning is unambiguous: Gentiles must not boast over the branches as though they have supplanted what came before. The metaphor assumes continuity within one unfolding covenant story.

The Gospel writers framed Jesus' life as a deliberate retracing of Israel's path. Israel passed through the sea; Jesus passed through the Jordan. Israel wandered for 40 years; Jesus fasted for 40 days. Israel is called God's son; at His baptism, Jesus is declared the beloved Son. Israel receives Torah on a mountain; Jesus ascends a mountain and teaches with authority. He does not position Himself against Israel but within Israel's story as its faithful embodiment. **Fulfillment doesn't mean replacement.**

As a Jewish Believer in Jesus, I read the New Testament not as a gentile takeover but as Israel's story reaching its climactic moment. Jesus embodies Abraham's promise, Moses' mediation, David's kingship, and the Servant's obedience. His death is framed in Passover language. His resurrection unfolds in Garden imagery.

In Matthew 16:18, when Jesus says, *"I will build My Church,"* He is not inventing something new. Rather, He is speaking of rebuilding the covenant assembly. The earliest Believers understood this. They worshiped in the Temple, observed the feasts, and saw themselves as participants in Israel's restoration.

On the mountain in Matthew 28, the risen Messiah issues a "go" into all the world that echoes the first "go" spoken to Abraham in Genesis 12. Abraham was sent so that all nations would be blessed through him. Now the promised Seed sends His followers to disciple the nations. What began with one man called outward to bless the Earth culminates in the risen King commissioning a renewed community to extend that blessing globally.

If Israel can be replaced, then covenant promises are ultimately conditional and transferable. But if the New Testament presents fulfillment rather than replacement, then the integrity of God's Word stands firm. The God who called Abraham, formed Israel at Sinai, and spoke through the prophets is the same God who raised the Messiah from the dead. His promises are brought to completion.

This is not replacement. It is Israel's calling brought to its fullness — and extended to the world through Israel's Jewish Messiah. ✨

Please see the study booklet *Broken Branches: Has The Church Replaced Israel?* on [p. 24](#).





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as a result of the Church's poor "life choices." Recent headlines seem almost like dystopian fantasy. For example, Finland's Supreme Court convicted Päivi Räsänen, 66 — a long serving Member of Parliament — of "hate speech." Her "crime" was creating a pamphlet in 2004 (at the urging of her bishop) that explains the Bible's stance on marriage and sexuality. (See the related article on p. 28.)

In Sweden, a Christian couple lost custody of their two children after their 11-year-old daughter made a false abuse report because her parents

"You hurt my feelings! Go to jail. Do not pass go, do not collect...." This appears to be Satan's current strategy as he influences the lost to persecute those who stand for truth and righteousness. Though he's already guaranteed that the souls of sinners will attend Hell's "after party," there's always the possibility that a Christian could someday foil his plans. That's future tense, however, because right now the Church doesn't appear to be a threat to Satan's kingdom of darkness.

Even worse, while Christians slept, the enemy seized the opportunity to gain ground. Whether we like it or not, Believers\* are slowly being backed into a corner where our apathy and fearful neutrality no longer pacify those whose hearts are full of sin.

**Tolerance vs. Compulsion**

Post-Christian Europe acts as a barometer, foretelling America's final destination

wouldn't let her have a smartphone or wear makeup. Even after the truth emerged, Swedish authorities and the European Court of Human Rights refused to return the children, labeling the parents as "religious extremists" for their frequent church attendance.

In England, a 64-year-old Catholic woman was arrested and imprisoned under the Public Order Act for silently praying within an abortion center's 150-meter "buffer zone."

In Canada, the House of Commons recently passed the C-9 Hate Bill that repeals defense for religious speech. We know many ministries in Canada that are walking a precarious tightrope as legal persecution against Christians has skyrocketed in the past decade.

A more personal example of prejudice against Christians (and Jews) is the recent notice that we received from Meta, the parent company of Facebook,



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



Instagram, and other platforms. Due to Europe's extreme restrictions against "religious" or "spiritual" content, Meta notified us that our website and social sites would have data and sharing restrictions. **In other words, Europe soon will see a censored version of Bearded Bible Brothers!**

If truth is relative (as many secular people claim), then why does our (Christian) truth warrant restriction or prosecution, while someone else's truth is acceptable? Ultimately, many sinners are not satisfied with being left alone; they want to be acknowledged, accepted, and praised. Likewise, they seek to force their lifestyle on others. Like an addict who isn't happy going down the rabbit hole alone, they want others to join in and thus validate their choices.

Yeshua warned that many would claim "offense" as an excuse to persecute His followers in the Last Days:

*And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold (Matt. 24:10–12).*

### Awake you sleepers!

The Narrow Gate is narrow for a reason. Following Yeshua doesn't mean that we can live our holiness in private, forever dwelling in the safety of a prayer closet. We are called to go into all the world and fulfill

His Great Commission (Mark 16:15–18). For too long, Believers have been on the defensive; in contrast, the offensive is speaking the truth in love **before** the authorities take you to court.

**Chillin' in the gray zone of lukewarm Christianity is no longer possible.**

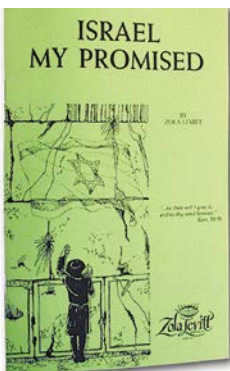
We must choose to be either hot or cold. God is allowing the Church to be pushed into a corner; therefore, inaction is not an option. Just as Joshua challenged God's Chosen People after they settled in the Promised Land (Josh. 24:15), we must decide whether or not we will serve the Lord. How will we be able to stand strong and live for Yeshua during future persecution if we can't live for Him now during the reprieve?

Choose you this day whom you will serve. If you choose the Lord, then press on as you pursue the life to which Yeshua has called us (Heb. 12:1–3). ✨

Love, Joshua and Caleb

Please see the *Whose Land Is It?* DVD and transcript booklet on [p. 20](#).

Before summer heats up, order a pair of our **Stand with Israel** drink koozies ([see p. 3](#)).



## Israel My Promised study booklet

See Israel through the eyes of Zola Levitt, a faithful son who made the land of his Father his life's work. A love letter from a sincere writer to his homeland. An intensely personal and heartfelt look at God's country, one of the most misunderstood lands in all history.





# Prophecy Marches On

by Zola Levitt  
from 1988:  
38 years ago

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We have predicted right along that an alliance would be formed between Iran and Russia preceding the invasion of Israel predicted by the Prophet Ezekiel (Ezek. 38–39). The prophecy tells of a major assault on the Holy Land from the north and gives the Biblical equivalent names of Russia and a number of allies as the invaders. In the past decade or so, we have watched the shifting alliances of the Middle Eastern nations in view of Ezekiel’s predictions. Libya and Ethiopia have certainly come into line as allies of Russia and arch-enemies of Israel (Ezek. 38:5). The missing piece of the puzzle is Persia, comprising modern Iran.

At the time of this writing, the Persian Gulf is practically going up in smoke. Recently, shooting developed between the U.S. and Iran, and an escalation of the conflict seems quite likely.

Iran has no friend anywhere. The Ayatollah’s fanatical regime has pitted his nation seemingly against the whole world. Currently, Iran is lashing out at ships of many nations and exchanging real blows with Iraq and the U.S. It’s difficult to think that Iran has an ally anywhere in the world; even the other Muslim countries regard that nation with revulsion and embarrassment.

But Iran is very important in today’s world. Some two-thirds of the world’s oil supplies are in the Persian Gulf region. And Iran is, of course, a major producer. Even the superpowers have to cultivate a strategic area like the Gulf. And Iran really needs a friend among the superpowers. It’s difficult to see how the Ayatollah’s forces can go on and on, alone against a multitude.

The U.S. might well have made a powerful ally of Iran since historically that has

been the case. Only 10 years ago, the U.S. was on friendly terms under the Shah. At that time, even Israel and Iran got along and traded fairly and peaceably. But now Iran has rebuffed her former friends and stands alone. The mining of the Gulf and the firing on U.S. ships have made any relationship in the near future impossible.

And so, this may be the time that Iran turns to Russia. It doesn't seem likely, but given the tremendous geopolitical forces in the world today, those two may find that they need each other. Russia has been disappointed lately in Afghanistan and is pulling out, having failed

is closer to the oil supplies and closer to Israel.

Although they don't see eye to eye on very many subjects, the Russians and the Iranians have in common a fierce animosity toward Israel and its faithful ally, the U.S. And, of course, the Soviet Union and Iran share a border. **It's difficult to see an alliance happening at this point between Russia and Iran, but "birds of a feather flock together"** and mutual political interests have historically made strange bedfellows.

I always recommend that Believers have a working knowledge of prophecy. There are many recent books on the subject of

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to consolidate that nation and occupy it. And yet, Communism needs constant expansion, and particularly expansion into the Middle East, with its oil supplies, warm-water ports, and strategic location.

A map of the contested area shows that Russian purposes in the Middle East would be even better served by a relationship with Iran than by the occupation of Afghanistan. Iran

End-Times events but none that I can recommend more at this point than our own *The Coming Russian Invasion of Israel*. It was updated recently to include the dramatic events leading to this cataclysmic upcoming war.

That book, your newspaper, and the Book of Ezekiel should bring you up to date on the fastest breaking prophecy fulfillment in the world today. ✨

### **Related to Zola's article, PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:**

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# Working Like There's No Tomorrow - Part 2

Dear Reader,

In February, Joshua, Caleb, and several BBB crew members attended the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) convention in Nashville. Caleb's account of those four days requires a two-part Note. Below is the second part. —Mark

Shalom, Mark (and everyone),

Here are some of the interviews we filmed at NRB as well as the podcasts and TV programs on which we appeared.

► **M. Arockiaraj**, founder of Hosanna TV in India. Brother Arockiaraj has a great heart for Israel and beams with God's love. We interviewed him about the spread of Christianity in India. He is offering us some amazing opportunities to translate our BBB programs into Hindi and broadcast them on his Indian stations that reach more than 190 million people!

► **Barry Segal** — Vision for Israel. This amazing non-profit provides bomb shelters, emergency aid, food, clothing, diapers, and supplies for the needy throughout Israel. We discovered the connections that he and his wife, Batya, had with Zola and learned about the incredible initiatives they carry out today.

► **Dr. Ian Day**, chief medical officer of Medi-Share. Ian explained the Biblical vision behind Medi-Share that is rooted in the structure of the first Church in the Book of Acts. He described the assistance that Medi-Share provides to its Christian members and the organization's ability to cover 100% of member's medical bills.

► **Jeff Futers** — First Century Foundations. Jeff — a longtime friend and collaborator — also has a TV program that focuses on archaeology in Israel. His organization supports many non-profits in Israel. Jeff offered several worthy fundraising ideas for supporting our television program. We also appeared

on his podcast as we have many times previously.

► **Dr. Marla Ministries**. Dr. Marla has a theological education, which she partly attained in Jerusalem. While hosting us on her podcast, she allowed us to promote our BBB television program and discuss Zola Levitt Ministries.

► **Rabbi Monte Judah** — Lion and Lamb Ministries. Monte gave us a 30-minute focus on his program, *The Lion's Share*. We discussed our ministry, current events related to Israel, and Bible prophecy. This was the second time we've appeared on his program.

► **Alex McFarland** — *Exploring the Word* on American Family Radio. On this live radio interview, Alex and his co-host gave us most of the hour to discuss ZLM's outreach and talk about anti-Semitism, Replacement Theology, and God's heart for the Jewish people.

► **Frank Amedia**, Chairman of the TCT Network, had us on TCT's flagship television program, and heartily upheld the BBB.

Here are some of the other network executives with whom we met.

► **Micah Wynn**, COO of Greater Love Network. His father founded the network in 2023. Joshua and I spoke with Micah at the NRB convention in 2024, when they had just expanded their network into three states. One of our long-term followers, Micah wants the BBB on his national network, which is also spreading into South America and Europe.

► **Virginia Bossa**, Senior Vice President of WLMB-TV. We meet with her each year. This network is fairly small, so they can't really track our ratings other than by people who call in. However, everyone they hear from loves our content.

► **Judy Church**, Vice President of TCT Network. Judy loves our Bible teaching.



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Our ratings have increased on TCT since we rebranded from *Our Jewish Roots* to *The Bearded Bible Brothers*. Currently, we are ranked about 50 out of their nearly 300 programs. Judy believes that we can do better with stronger exposure.

She added that **Frank Amedia**, TCT's chairman, commented that our program has the best style of content for reaching the next generation. Thus, TCT will be creating new programming that matches our modern approach. Their marketing team will coordinate with us to develop unique content specifically for the network's social media sites.

Here are just a few others whom we met with at the NRB: **Mati Shoshani** and **Yair Pinto**, who head TBN Israel; **Erick Stakelbeck** (TBN); **Yinon Ben Hod**; **Joel Rosenberg**, Founder and President of the Joshua Fund and a best-selling author; **Gal Lavie**, Director of Operations for the Joshua Fund. We also reconnected with **Jeff Kinley**; our friends from the Israel Antiquities Authority; **Rabbi Yehuda Glick**; **Dr. Hormoz Shariat** and his Iran Alive Ministries team; **Alon Wald** of Ammunition Hill; **Denise Mounenay**; **Joshua Aaron**; **Benjamin Myers**; and **Dr. Christian Widener**. We also met many new friends and viewers.

We will use some of the interviews for our podcast and online content; others are worthy of broadcast episodes. All in all, this NRB convention was one of our most productive ever. But none of this trip would have been possible without the work of our tireless crew. Thanks for your support in sending us on this yearly mission! —Caleb

Dear Reader,

To express my sheer admiration of Joshua and Caleb's spectacular efforts at NRB, I replied to Caleb's email by suggesting that they and their team each deserve the Presidential Medal of Freedom, just like Connor Hellebuyck, the goalie for the gold-medal-winning U.S. men's Olympic hockey team.

As Joshua and Caleb are unmistakably humble about their devotion to God's work, Caleb replied, "We don't feel as epic as Connor Hellebuyck, but wouldn't mind having his endorsement deals!" To that I responded, "I don't imagine that even Connor could stop you guys!" After all, they're working for the Lord like there's no tomorrow ... which we shouldn't take for granted (James 4:13-14)! —Mark ☆



## #BeardedBibleBrothers T-Shirt

Show your support for the Bearded Bible Brothers' teaching on our television program. This T-shirt is a conversation starter that will even lead folks to excellent Bible teaching without you saying a word. Unisex Gildan SoftStyle short-sleeve tee in charcoal heather with orange and white graphics.



# What are the Eight Kinds of Psalms?

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The Book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poetic prayers dedicated to worshipping the God of Israel. King David authored 75 psalms, while others were written by Solomon, Moses, Asaph, the sons of Korah, Heman, and Ethan the Ezrahite. Fifty psalms do not list an author.

**Bible scholars disagree on psalm categories, proposing five, seven, ten, or more types.** This article identifies eight distinct categories of psalms.

**Praise psalms** glorify God's nature and actions on behalf of Israel, the righteous, King David, the redeemed, and the nations. These theocentric psalms ascribe praise and worship to God for all that He has done and will do. Examples: Psalms 19, 145, and 148.

**Wisdom psalms** give counsel for living Godly lives in an ungodly world. These psalms often contrast the actions of the righteous with those of the wicked. Examples: Psalms 1, 73, and 127.

**Lament psalms** express cries to God for deliverance from danger, affliction, or suffering. Other laments seek God's mercy and forgiveness after sin. Examples: Psalms 6, 10, 38, 51, and 130.

**Imprecatory psalms** invoke God's judgment on His enemies or wicked people who persecute the righteous. To "imprecate" means to call down calamity and destruction on someone. Examples: Psalms 5, 10, 17, 59, 69, 79, and 137.

**Thanksgiving psalms** express gratitude to God for His gracious benefits to His people, the righteous, and Israel. These psalms can be individual or national praises. Examples: Psalms 30, 32, 34, and 67.

**Royal or enthronement psalms** focus on the monarchy — coronation, royal weddings, and the king's triumph. Some of these psalms are Messianic,

pointing to the Messiah King. Examples: Psalms 2, 20, 45, 72, 93, and 100.

**Pilgrimage psalms** reflect the words of pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem. Psalms 120–134 (the Songs of Ascent) were sung as Jews ascended to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feasts. Psalm 137 commemorates the Jews returning to the Land of Promise following their Babylonian exile.

**Messianic psalms** prophetically speak about the Messiah's life, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and future reign. **Approximately 25 Messianic psalms point to Jesus Christ and His two comings.**

- First Coming prophecies that Jesus fulfilled include Psalm 16 (Resurrection), Psalm 22 (death on the Cross), Psalm 34 (no bones broken), Psalm 41 (betrayal), Psalm 68 (Ascension), and Psalm 69 (given gall to drink on the Cross).
- Second Coming psalms describe the Messiah's return at Armageddon (Ps. 2), His majestic throne and eternal rule (Ps. 45), and His reign from Jerusalem that will bring worldwide revival and prosperity (Ps. 72). While speaking to His disciples after His Resurrection, Jesus alluded to these Messianic psalms being fulfilled in Him (Luke 24:44).

Believers who study the variety of psalms learn about God, the Messiah, themselves, and the importance of praising the Lord for who He is and what He has done. As Psalm 148:13–14 declares, *"Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the Earth and Heaven. And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints — Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!"* ☆





## Ministry in Eilat

**Dr. Todd Baker**  
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During ZLM's December 2025 Gospel Outreach to Israel, August Rosado and I traveled to Eilat in southern Israel. We went to the Ice Mall, where the Lord has given us effective ministry opportunities before. We met **Mor**, a young Jewish man working at a Garmin watch store. He was surprised to learn that Yeshua was a Torah-observant Jew. **Mor thought Jesus came to start a new religion divorced from Judaism.** We corrected his wrong assumption by noting Yeshua's own words: He didn't come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them (Matt.5:17).

We explained that this fulfillment related to everything that the Hebrew Scriptures foretold about the Messiah of Israel. In other words, Yeshua came to fulfill and complete Biblical Judaism by bringing the *B'rit Hadashah* (New Covenant) to Israel as prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31-34. We told Mor that God offers this New Covenant to every Jew. Mor listened to our Gospel message and accepted a complete Hebrew Bible and Messianic Gospel tracts. Hallelujah!



### Photos Top to Bottom:

August, Mor, Todd  
Amir and August  
Yehudit and August  
Navot and Todd

The same day, we met **Amir**, a friendly Druze who was also open to the Good News about what Yeshua accomplished through His atoning death and Resurrection. Amir gladly accepted a Bible and Gospel tracts from us. He excitedly explained that he had read the *Mishlei* (Proverbs) and now, thanks to God and us, he has the complete Word of God concerning the Messiah and Savior of the world.

Finally, at the hotel in Eilat, both **Yehudit** and **Navot** were genuinely interested in the Jewish Yeshua. We explained how the Hebrew Bible points to Yeshua alone as the Messiah. Both Israelis accepted Hebrew Bibles and Messianic

Gospel tracts, which they had been closely following as we shared Scripture with them. Before August and I left, we also prayed for Yehudit, who would begin her military service in early 2026.

**Adonai, open the eyes of these precious people to understand and believe in Messiah Yeshua for salvation.** Enlighten them by the *Ruach HaKodesh* (Holy Spirit) as they search the Scriptures in Your power and grace (1 Cor. 2:12-13). ✨



# Devout Jew Tries Disproving Christianity, Gives Life to Jesus Instead

By Tré Goins-Phillips  
CBN.com



Ed Grifenhagen

**Ed Grifenhagen** — born into a Jewish family — had been married about 13 years when he told his wife about an ambitious plan: He was going to disprove Christianity by reading through the Old and New Testaments. Grifenhagen arrogantly added that **debunking the Bible “shouldn’t be too hard” to accomplish.**

“I thought, if I’m not gonna believe it, I need to read what I profess to not believe,” he reasoned. So, from January to September of 2000, Grifenhagen pored over the pages of the Old Testament. “[I] was obsessed with reading it,” he noted.

Afterward, his curiosity got the better of him. Fearful of his father’s upbraiding, Grifenhagen made a clandestine trip to a faith-based bookstore, where he bought a copy of the New Testament.

Grifenhagen resorted to his own devices to get a copy of the full Bible because — despite growing up in Columbus, Georgia, the buckle of the Bible Belt — not a single Christian there shared the Gospel with him in his first 35 years of life.

From September to November, he read the New Testament, along with some books by Christian apologist Josh McDowell and atheist-turned-Believer Lee Strobel.

A year after the start of his journey to disprove the God of the Bible, on Jan-

uary 17, 2001, Grifenhagen arrived at a conclusion: “I realized that I believed every single word in that Book. I was just blown away,” he reflected. “The Book that I professed to not believe in, **I ended up believing every word** was true and infallible.... I just cried out to the Lord to save me.”

“I was wrecked, and He rescued me,” Grifenhagen added.

As his faith evolved and his understanding of Scripture deepened, Grifenhagen began understanding the Hebrew origins of the Christian faith. Eventually, he came to realize that “From the first verse of Genesis, **it all points to Jesus.**”

Afterward, Grifenhagen began studying the language and context of the Bible. His faith grew as he examined the original Hebrew words of Scripture and discovered the depth of meaning behind passages in the Old and New Testaments.

Grifenhagen is now a preacher and evangelist. He has compiled a devotional book, *365 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know*, which he hopes will better equip Christians “to share the Gospel with their friends [who] don’t know the Lord.” ✨

Visit [EdGrifenhagen.com](http://EdGrifenhagen.com) to discover more about Ed Grifenhagen. —Editor



# ZLM Bulletin Board



## Global Jewish Population = 15.8 Million

According to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, 85% of Jews live in Israel and the U.S., even as numbers decline in Russia and France. About 7.2 million Jews — roughly 45% of the global Jewish population — live in Israel, with around 6.3 million in the U.S. By comparison, in 1939, the global Jewish population was estimated at 16.6 million, with only about 3% living in what would later become the State of Israel. Israel is presently home to 111,000 Shoah (Holocaust) survivors, nearly a third aged 90 or older.



Jews praying at the Western Wall before Rosh Hashanah in 2024.

credit: Chaim Goldberg / Flash90



## Do Israeli Lives Matter?



credit: Yehuda family

Sgt. First Class (res.) Eviatar Ben Yehuda

**Sgt. First Class Eviatar Ben Yehuda**, a 31-year-old Israeli reservist, was killed by a roadside bomb in the “West Bank” on January 20, 2025. From the southern town of Nitzan, Yehuda was with the Ephraim Regional Brigade’s 8211<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion. He was driving a light armored vehicle carrying four other soldiers, who were wounded. They were patrolling the town of Tamun when a large explosive device was detonated.



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## Churches Failing to Instill Beliefs



Prominent evangelical researcher George Barna warns about a “definitive failing” among American churches and leaders to instill Biblical beliefs in their followers. New data show that most Americans (including new Christians) don’t hold beliefs that align with a Biblical worldview. Barna’s Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University based its research on responses from 2,000 adults. Of those surveyed, 68% had little to no Biblical alignment related to their “faith practices,” which include “prayer, Bible engagement, and sharing faith with others.” Hence, the need for solid Bible teaching from ministries like ZLM.



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## Hope for the Hurting

by John Parsons  
Hebrew for Christians  
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קָרוֹב יְהוָה לְנֹשְׁבֵי־לֵב וְאֶת־דַּכְּאֵי־רוּחַ יוֹשִׁיעַ

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18)

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yo-shi-a ru-ach dak-kel vet'et lev le-nish'be-rei Adonai ka-rov

He saves the crushed of spirit and to the broken of heart The LORD near (is)

Read Hebrew right to left! ←

Of the Savior it is written, *“A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench”* (Isa. 42:3). People conscious of their frailty and who have been crushed because of it are likened to “bruised reeds” to whom the Messiah shall attend. As it is written, *“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit”* (Ps. 34:18). Indeed, He binds up the broken of heart and gives liberty to those in bondage (Isa. 61.1). *“A smoking flax shall He not quench”* likewise means that our Lord will not snuff out an unsteady flame ready to expire but will tend to it with special oil to cause it to burn more brightly.

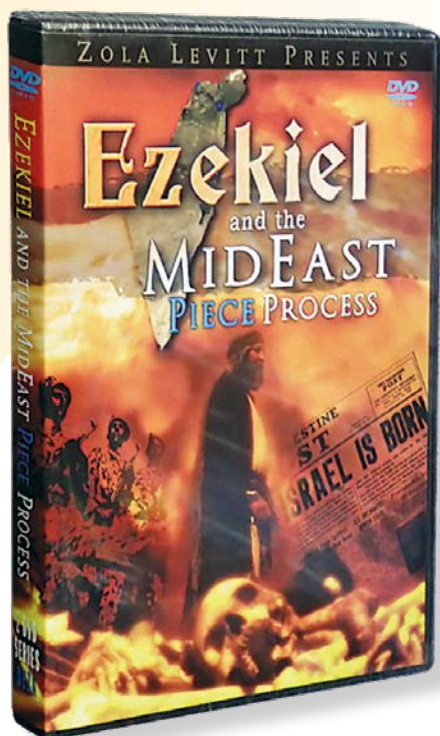
The Spirit of the Lord is always saying, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness”* (2 Cor. 12:9). **God doesn't need our religious acts of service, our worship, our prayers, or our approval; on the contrary, we desperately need Him.** Prayer is a mirror of the heart, and we either come to God in our emptiness, brokenness, and in real humility, or we are just playing religious games. Those who truly call upon the Lord understand their radical need for deliverance, and those who stand before Him will exclaim, *“Woe is me, for I am ruined...”* (Isa. 6:5). *“Everyone who exalts*

*himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted”* (Luke 18:14).

We are all wounded and bruised people. Therefore, we should extend kindness and compassion to one another, despite our failures and defects of character. We should take the risk and reach out. The Savior seeks the “trampled and bruised,” the poor in spirit, and those crushed by the blows of this fallen world and offers them healing. *“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”* (Luke 19:10). Therefore, He is found in the midst of the leper colonies of the hurting, the forgotten, and the rejected. As a “man of sorrows,” He understands the language of our pain (Isa. 53:3).

There is an old story of two men sitting and enjoying a drink together. One of them then says to the other, “You know, you're my best friend. I really love you, brother!” The other responds, “Oh yeah? If you love me, tell me where I hurt ...” If someone loves us, they will know “where we hurt.” Thus, **we find comfort that our Savior, who “sticks closer than a brother,” understands the bruises and heartaches of our lives.** *“The LORD heals the broken in heart and binds up their wounds”* (Ps. 147:3). ☆





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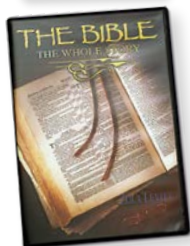
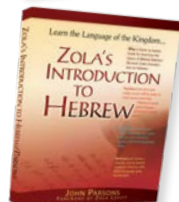
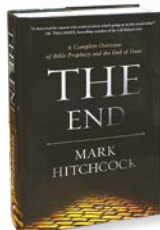
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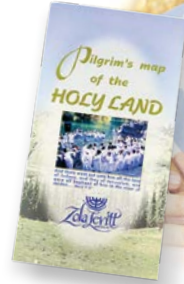
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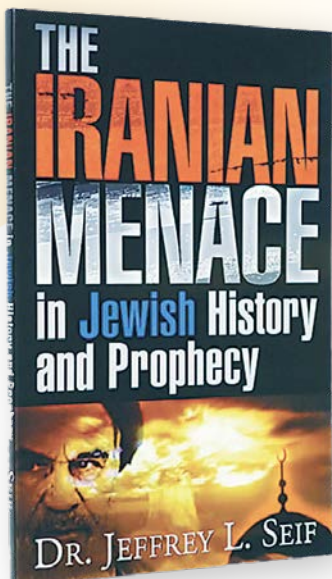
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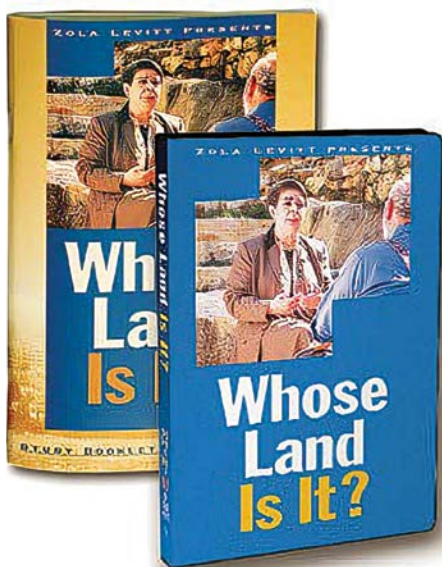


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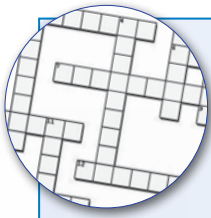
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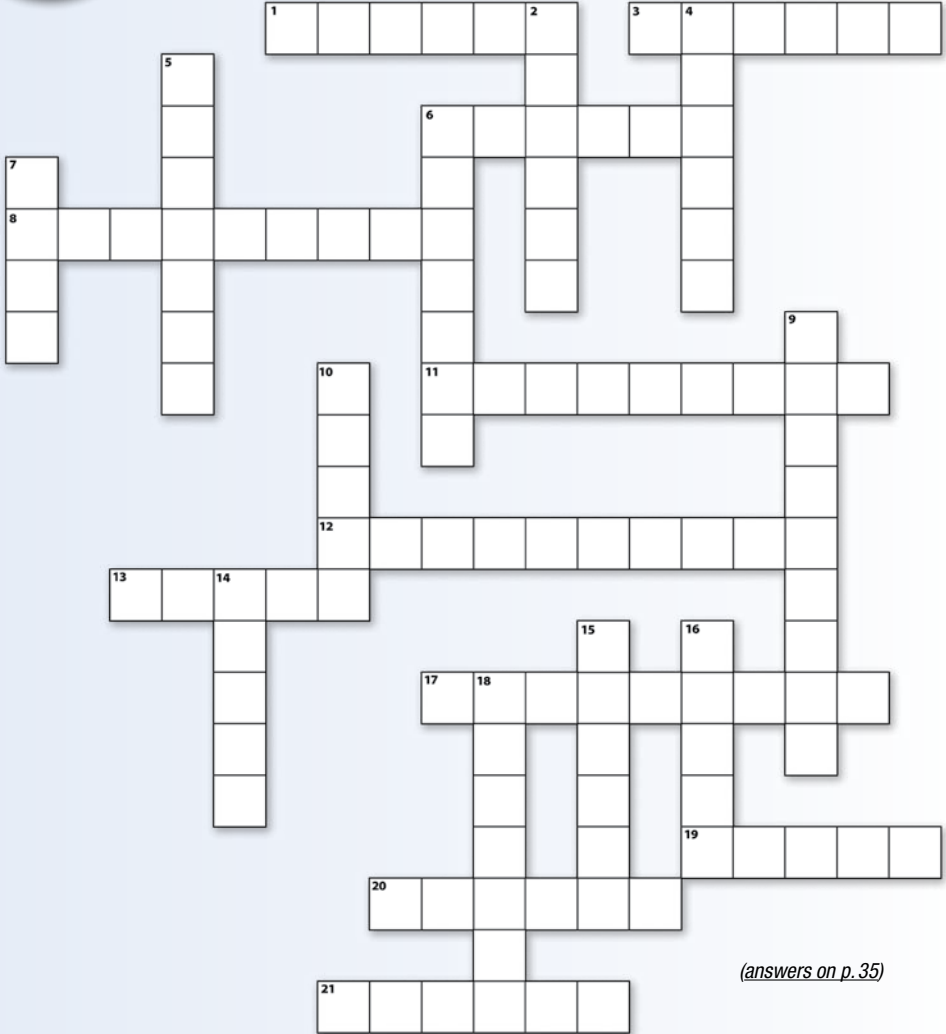
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Crossword June 2026

by Andrea Davis

# Trust in the Lord



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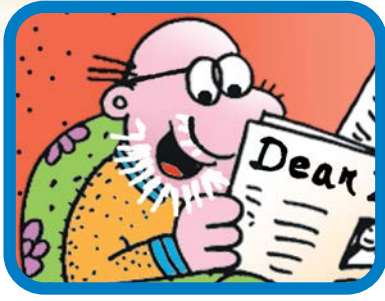
**Across:**

1. ...Children, how hard it is for those who trust in \_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God! (Mark 10:24)
3. ...because we trust in the living God, who is the \_\_\_ of all men, especially of those who believe. (1 Tim. 4:10)
6. ...He heeded their \_\_\_, because they put their trust in Him. (1 Chron. 5:20)
8. ...that we should not trust in \_\_\_ but in God who raises the dead, (2 Cor. 1:9)
11. Because they did not believe in God, and did not trust His \_\_\_. (Ps. 78:22)
12. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put \_\_\_ in man. (Ps. 118:8)
13. ...And whoever trusts in the Lord, \_\_\_ is he. (Prov. 16:20)
17. ...But he who trusts in the Lord will be \_\_\_. (Prov. 28:25)
19. in Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of \_\_\_ ... (Eph. 1:13)
20. ...He is a \_\_\_ to all who trust in Him. (2 Sam. 22:31)
21. Do not trust in a \_\_\_; do not put your confidence in a companion... (Mic. 7:5)

**Down:**

2. ...For my soul trusts in You; and in the \_\_\_ of Your wings I will make my refuge... (Ps. 57:1)
4. Whenever I am \_\_\_, I will trust in You. (Ps. 56:3)
5. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; \_\_\_ is the man who trusts in Him! (Ps. 34:8)
6. ...But he who puts his trust in Me shall \_\_\_ the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain. (Isa. 57:13)
7. He who trusts in his own heart is a \_\_\_ (Prov. 28:26)
9. ...And none of those who trust in Him shall be \_\_\_. (Ps. 34:22)
10. But I have trusted in Your \_\_\_; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. (Ps. 13:5)
14. You will keep him in perfect \_\_\_, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. (Isa. 26:3)
15. O \_\_\_, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield. (Ps. 115:9)
16. Trust in the Lord with all your \_\_\_\_ (Prov. 3:5)
18. But let all those \_\_\_ who put their trust in You... (Ps. 5:11)





# Letters to ZLM

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

## Jews Instigated Black Slave Trade?

**From J.J.:** Dear Joshua and Caleb, your letter stated that Jewish people instigated the Black slave trade. That is not true. Years ago, Pat Robertson said that Muslim people were the instigators. They made slaves of Black people and sold them to men of the British navy who took them to the U.S. and sold them to plantation owners. What do you think?

Shalom, J.J.,

Please re-read our article in February 2026 *Personal Letter*. We clearly stated that Candace Owens had accused the Jewish people of starting the Black slave trade. As Jews, we have heard such anti-Semitic rhetoric throughout our lives. A demonic spirit moves in the hearts of individuals not only to declare but also to believe such lies.

As the Bearded Bible Brothers, we take our duty seriously to speak the truth in love and to declare God's eternal and unchangeable Covenant with the Children of Israel. Thank you for passionately standing up for God's Chosen People. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb



## [Daniel Maritz of Ruach Entertainment explains Gaming for Jesus! on YouTube](#)

**From G.H.:** What a beautiful way to introduce the Bible through gaming. I think this would really change the way people view the Bible in a fun way, especially young kids and adults. It's very inspiring!

Dear G.H.,

We agree! Christians should embrace technology as a means to spread the Gospel of Yeshua. Although Believers have waited too many decades to act, it's better late than never. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

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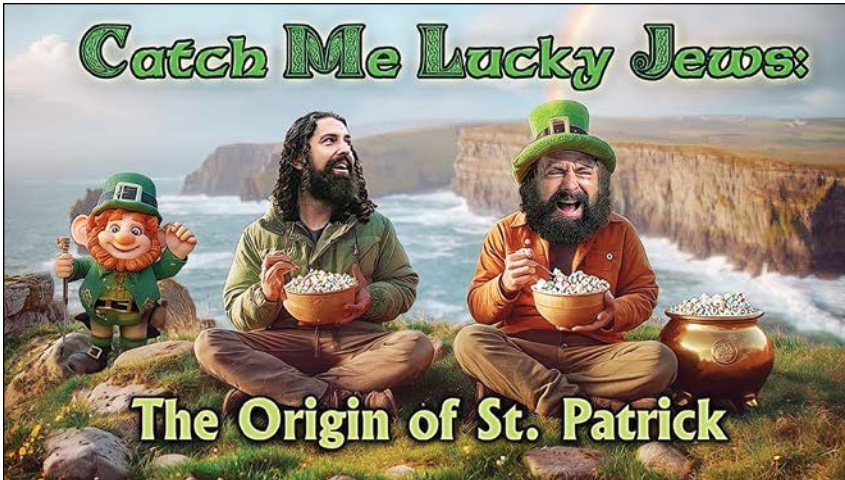


## [When They Tried to Poison St. Patrick on YouTube](#)

**From B.P.:** Is it true that many from the tribe of Levi ended up in Ireland?

Dear B.P.,

Although the Jews were scattered among the nations and St. Patrick himself was possibly Jewish, the Druid priests as a whole were not Levites. They were Celts who migrated from as far as Anatolia. The Galatian people in the Bible had the same genetic heritage. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb



## [Catch Me Lucky Jews: The Origin of St. Patrick, Part 1 on YouTube](#)

**From T.S.:** What an amazing video! It so ministered to me. I love seeing you both do what God made you to do, in addition to seeing your friends. I am praying alongside you that your ministry and your videos will be seen by millions of people, and that the message of salvation would come to the lost wherever you go!

Dear T.S.,

Thank you and amen! You can do your part by sharing these Bible teaching messages on social media. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

## [The Importance of Rebuilding the Third Temple on YouTube](#)

**From 3.P.:** Your Third Temple nonsense is literally anti-Christian. An emphasis on a physical Third Temple is unnecessary and contrary to the New Testament, which describes the Temple as being superseded by Jesus or represented by the body of Believers (Rev. 21:22). You missed the whole message for this heresy.

Dear 3.P.,

You missed Revelation 11:1–2, Daniel 9:27, 2 Thessalonians 2:4, and Matthew 24:15. The Third Temple is going to be built, whether we like it or not. It has nothing to do with our bodies housing the *Ruach HaKodesh* (Holy Spirit). It's the necessity of prophecy being fulfilled so that the whole House of Israel can be saved at the end of the Tribulation. We think that you are missing the point. God is trying to reach His Jewish People. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

*(continued on next page)*

## [The Value of Life Is Being Lost](#) on YouTube

**From D.T.:** This subject breaks my heart. I cannot imagine God's Chosen being aborted without consequences.

Dear D.T.,

[God is gracious. He will forgive any woman who has an abortion and repents. Our Father values all life equally, whether Jew or gentile.](#) —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

## Crazy Times, Ignorant Christians

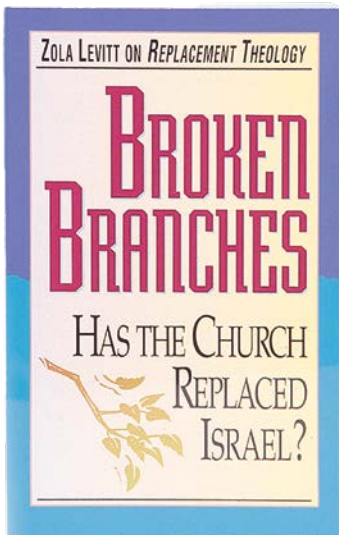
**From G.G.:** I have learned so much from Zola Levitt Ministries. Though I donated for many years, I wasn't able to continue. Still, ZLM has been faithful, and I've been continually blessed by the *Levitt Letter* and the *Personal Letter*. So, as I am able, I will again send a monthly contribution. I am enclosing one now.

With prophecy being fulfilled almost daily, ministries such as ZLM are much needed in these crazy times. I want to tell those Christians who say that the Church has replaced Israel to think about what they believe. Sadly, many of them don't know the Bible. They need to read the truth in Scripture. Also, they need to understand that since we gentiles are grafted into the tree, if the tree goes, so will all the branches! God doesn't break His Word!

Dear G.G.,

We are certainly living in crazy times, and you are correct that many Christians need to discover (and follow) the truth that is in God's Word.

Thank you for your financial support for ZLM, which enables us to continue sharing God's truth from His Word and from articles like the one on this issue's cover: "Fulfillment, Not Replacement, Tells the True Story of Israel and the Church." —Editor



(This and most titles also available as eBooks.)

## [Broken Branches — Has the Church Replaced Israel?](#) booklet

[Zola Levitt on Replacement Theology](#)

What can replace Israel and the Jews in God's plan? Certainly not America and not the Church. Nonetheless, some denominations seem to be wearing blinders to their Jewish heritage, the very roots of their Christianity. Let us restore the foundation to our Christianity and quit using grace as an excuse to cast away the Jews and the Promised Land. A must-read resource for Believers, seminaries, churches, and anyone else willing to celebrate the Promised Land and the Chosen People.

Please see "Fulfillment, Not Replacement, Tells the True Story of Israel and the Church" [on the cover](#).





By Steve Linde  
JNS.org



## Despite War, Israel Ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in World Happiness Report

Israel ranks among the world's happiest countries, placing eighth in the 2026 World Happiness Report, despite dealing with war, instability, and national trauma.

The data, published in March, highlight a striking paradox: While Israelis face ongoing emotional strain, trauma, and uncertainty, overall life satisfaction remains among the highest globally.

One notable finding is the strong showing among Israelis under 25. They are the happiest age group within Israel and place third worldwide. **This is far ahead of their peers in Western nations like the U.S., where young people rank 60<sup>th</sup>.**

According to Anat Fanti, a happiness policy researcher and doctoral student at Bar-Ilan University, the findings reflect the enduring strength of Israel's social fabric despite the strain of war. "These figures suggest that ... deeper sources of resilience — family ties, community, faith, and a strong sense of belonging — are helping large parts of Israeli society remain well above the global average."

However, Fanti cautioned that the report "does not erase the psychological and social cost of the war. It highlights the gap between the resilience of Israeli society and the difficult emotional reality of daily life."

The data reveal this tension clearly. **Israel has risen from 119<sup>th</sup> place before the war to 39<sup>th</sup> globally on measures of worry, sadness, and anger.** Public trust in state institutions continues to erode, with Israel falling to 107<sup>th</sup> place in the perception of corruption indicator.

The World Happiness Report measures overall life evaluation based on long-term factors such as economic stability, healthcare, social support, and charitable giving. Because it relies on a three-year average, the immediate psychological impact of war may be only partially reflected.

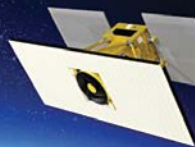
In that sense, Israel's high ranking doesn't contradict the widespread sense of anxiety and exhaustion. Rather, according to Fanti, it points to deeper, more durable layers of resilience that persist despite ongoing turmoil. Yet, she emphasized that "the rise in worry, sadness, and anger — together with the erosion of public trust — makes clear that resilience is not immunity."

Looking ahead, Fanti stressed that Israel "cannot rely solely on natural civic resilience" to maintain its position. "What is needed is active policy aimed at rebuilding public trust, strengthening social and mental health services and reinforcing the sources of cohesion that enable Israeli society to endure." ✨





## Israeli Tech Powers More Than 100 Satellites



Rafael's LiteSat satellite

Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems has become one of the most significant players in space infrastructure. The company's technology — considered an “insurance policy” for some of the most expensive and complex missions in history — powers more than 100 satellites.

The greatest challenge is that satellites can't be repaired in space. Once launched, any malfunction in a satellite's propulsion system can turn an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars into useless space debris. This is where Israeli expertise steps up.

**Rafael holds a rare record of 100% success in satellite propulsion**, making it a preferred supplier for agencies including the European and French space agencies. Its systems are used in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observation satellites as well as massive communications satellites positioned 22,000 miles above the Earth in geostationary orbit.

The major breakthrough has come in ion engines. **Rafael's advanced electric propulsion system offers five to 10 times greater efficiency than conventional engines**. Therefore, satellites can be lighter, remain operational for more than 15 years, and carry more advanced equipment. For most people, this means improved Internet connectivity and navigation services at more accessible prices.

The Venus satellite exemplifies this innovation. This joint Israeli-French project is designed for environmental and agricultural research. Venus is equipped with Rafael's electric propulsion system, which allows precise maneuvers and an optimal imaging orbit.

France's decision to use an Israeli engine underscores Israel's emergence as a critical supplier of global civilian infrastructure. Rafael's propulsion systems now form the backbone of technologies affecting millions of people — from weather forecasting to global data communications security.

The company is strategically expanding, moving from component production to building complete satellites with integrated propulsion, navigation, and control systems. Efforts are also underway to develop propulsion systems that would increase the lift capacity of Israel's existing launch vehicles.

Ultimately, Rafael's space activity reflects a broader transition from defense to civilian applications. Technologies originally developed to protect Israel's skies now enable the global information revolution. Each time we use a navigation app or satellite-based communications, the movement orchestrated in the cold vacuum above may be powered by Israeli technology developed in Haifa. ✨

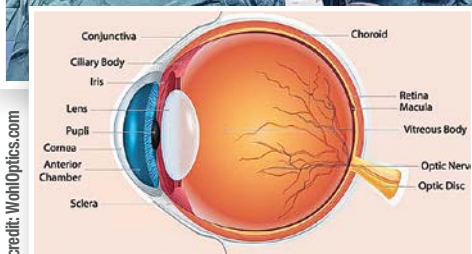


## Israeli Doctors Pioneer Donor-Free Artificial Cornea

By Adam Eliyahu  
Berkowitz  
Israel365News.com



credit: Kaplan Medical Center



credit: WorldOptics.com

Illustration of the eye

Surgery at Kaplan Medical Center

In a medical first for Israel, surgeons at Kaplan Medical Center recently implanted a donor-free artificial cornea, restoring sight to a patient who had suffered through three failed transplants. The EndoArt device, invented by Israeli cornea surgeon Dr. Ofer Daphna and developed by Israel's EyeYon Medical, marks a turning point for the more than 13 million people worldwide waiting for corneal transplants that may never come.

The patient had exhausted every conventional option. Severe corneal edema — swelling caused by a damaged endothelium that could no longer pump fluid out of the cornea — had left him with failing vision and mounting pain. Each previous transplant had been rejected. Another attempt with donor tissue carried risks too high to justify. **The ultra-thin synthetic implant became his last chance to see again.**

"This is a genuine breakthrough offering hope to patients awaiting corneal transplants, especially those who have

exhausted all other options," said Professor Arie Marcovich, Head of the Ophthalmology Department at Kaplan Medical Center. "The new implant ... offers him and many others the opportunity to see again without the need for a human donor cornea."

The procedure itself takes 30 to 40 minutes under sedation. The device attaches to the back of the corneal surface, creating a physical barrier that stops fluid from entering the cornea's main body and causing the swelling that destroys transparency. **Unlike donor tissue, the biocompatible acrylic material carries no risk of rejection or disease transmission.** The artificial cornea has been successfully implanted in hundreds of patients across Europe.

Nahum Ferera, CEO of EyeYon Medical, noted the transplant's significance. "The technology that was born at Kaplan Hospital by Dr. Daphna has now returned there after hundreds of successful surgeries worldwide, as a safe and effective product," Ferera stated. "This is an emotional moment for our team to see Israeli technology truly transforming lives." ☆



# Finland Considers Christian Free Speech as “War Crime”

credit: Studio Krypta / ELMDF



Bishop Pohjola and Dr. Räsänen during a 2022 interview

The old hymn, “Be Still, My Soul,” reminds me that a loving, sovereign God understands our troubles and will set everything right in His time. The words are set to the tune “Finlandia” by Jean Sibelius.

Ironically, I recently hummed this hymn to quiet my rage about a troubling development in Finland. Their Supreme Court convicted Päivi Räsänen, a member of Parliament, and Bishop Juhana Pohjola of the Lutheran Church. The two were prosecuted under the “war crimes and crimes against humanity” section of Finland’s criminal code. **Their alleged offense was publishing a church pamphlet in 2004 when Finland was considering redefining marriage.**

The legal battle began in 2019, after Räsänen tweeted Romans 1:24–27 to question her church’s support for the Helsinki Pride Parade. What followed was a broader investigation into her past statements. She was subjected to lengthy interrogations and ultimately charged not only for the tweet but also for the decades-old church pamphlet and a 2019 radio discussion. Pohjola, who published the pamphlet for their church, was also charged. **Notably, the pamphlet predated the law used to prosecute them.**

Both the trial and appellate courts unanimously acquitted the defendants. The Finnish Supreme Court upheld the

acquittals related to the tweet but, by a 3–2 vote, convicted both individuals for publishing the pamphlet. The acquittal for the radio show remained because it was not appealed.

Finland’s relentless fervor in pursuing this case reveals the extent to which Western democracies will go to punish views that differ from the elite orthodoxy. The conviction confirms what my colleagues at Alliance Defending Freedom have long warned: Vaguely defined “hate speech” laws are being used to criminalize peaceful religious expression. Though the court acknowledged that Räsänen’s statements didn’t incite violence or hatred, they still convicted her.

**This ruling has dire implications for free speech around the world.** The court actually ordered the destruction of the pamphlet and its removal from the Internet. (Good luck with that!) Somewhere, George Orwell is wondering if his writings have been forgotten or, worse, read as instruction manuals instead of satirical cautionary tales.

Finnish citizens must now ask themselves, “What have I written over the last 20 years?” Under Finland’s standard, then ordinary forms of expression — a blog post, social media comment, or material for a church, school, or civic organization — could become grounds for investiga-





tion and prosecution. Such an injustice shows that all peaceful expression can fall prey to judicial erasure and penalty. (Hitting too close to home, Joshua and Caleb's article "The Gospel: Now Available in 'Offensive' and 'Extra Crispy'" on p. 6 has the following comment beneath the subheading "Tolerance vs. Compulsion": Europe soon will see a censored version of Bearded Bible Brothers!)

This case underscores why it is so important to roll back vaguely-worded or ill-defined "hate speech" laws, which chill public debate and threaten free and democratic societies. Free speech throughout Europe will be a relic of the past if "hate speech" laws are not repealed. Every European deserves a robust free speech framework protecting this fundamental human right.

The threat of "hate speech" laws isn't theoretical. This conviction reveals how these laws are being used to prosecute individuals for expressing their beliefs in the public square. Regardless of whether one agrees with the views expressed, we must question whether the state should have the authority to punish peaceful expression.

Europe risks replacing its democracies with authoritarian conformity, where only approved views can be freely expressed. Those whose silence gives consent to the criminalization of speech with which they disagree will have no defense when their beliefs fall out of fashion with the "thought police."

The future remains uncertain for Räsänen and Pohjola. More broadly, the future of free speech in Europe is buffeted by waves of doubt.

In moments of uncertainty, these words from "Be Still, My Soul" offer reassurance:

"... Be still, my soul! Your God does undertake to guide the future as He has the past. Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below." ☆



## Ten Things You Need to Know about Israel booklet

This 12-page pocket guide is essential to understanding Israel's history, legitimacy, and modern challenges. A "cheat sheet" for navigating Mideast geopolitics, **this booklet breaks down the most critical pillars** — from the indigenous roots of the Jewish people to the modern quest for a two-state solution — into ten digestible, evidence-backed points. Ordering and sharing extra copies would make you an ambassador for the Apple of God's eye (Zech. 2:8).





## SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

A camel that wasn't in a beauty contest

### Botoxed Camels Booted from Beauty Contest

ScottishLegal.com

A camel beauty contest in Oman has become the latest to be rocked by a plastic surgery scandal. Organizers of the 2026 Camel Beauty Show Festival in Al Musannah say they disqualified a total of 20 camels who received cosmetic enhancements including lip fillers and Botox injections.

Camel beauty contests are common in Arab countries and February's contest drew participants from every governorate in Oman. However, **illegal enhancements — including artificial hump inflation — are increasingly common**, in part due to prize pools growing to tens of millions of dollars.

Saudi Arabia's rival King Abdulaziz Camel Festival disqualified more than 40 camels in 2021, drawing greater attention to the illegal practices, which animal welfare experts say are cruel. The Camel Club and the Oman Camel Racing Federation have promised "strict penalties" for those involved in "acts of tampering and deception in the beautification of camels," *Forbes* reported. ☆

### Palestinian Doc Caught Smuggling Ancient Coins

By Rossella Tercatin / TimesOfIsrael.com

A Palestinian doctor who works in an Israeli hospital attempted to smuggle dozens of ancient coins into Israel. Authorities found the coins in his car



Rare, ancient coins seized in February

during an inspection as he entered Israel from the "West Bank" at a checkpoint north of Jerusalem in February.

According to the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), some of the coins dated to the Hasmonean dynasty (141–37 B.C.). Other coins were from Jewish rebels during the Great Jewish Revolt (A.D. 66–73) or the Bar Kokhba Revolt (A.D. 132–136). The collection also includes many Roman coins.

Amir Ganor, the director of the IAA's theft prevention unit, noted that looters use sophisticated metal detectors at antiquities sites, which is illegal. **"Once a coin is looted and removed ... the ability to reconstruct the past through it is irreversibly lost."**

"Some of the coins were cleaned by unskilled hands, causing irreversible damage," added Ilan Hadad, IAA inspector in charge of antiquities commerce.



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Among the most notable coins seized are pure silver shekels from years two and three of the Great Revolt, bearing the ancient Hebrew inscriptions “Shekel of Israel” and “Jerusalem the Holy.” Bronze coins from year four bearing an image of the four species used during *Sukkot* were also found in the box.

Other bronze coins feature the name of the later revolt’s leader, Simon (Bar Kokhba). On the reverse, they carry the inscription “Year Two of the Freedom of Israel.”

Ganor noted that Israel should restrict the sale of metal detectors, which “are used as destructive tools through which entire chapters of history are erased.”

## British PM Calls Muslims the “Face of Modern Britain”

HungarianConservative.com

During a Ramadan ceremony, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer praised Muslims as “the face of modern Britain.” He added that they are “a success story when it comes to diversity.”

Addressing hundreds of Muslim MPs, community leaders, activists, and guests, Starmer also commented on the US–Israeli joint military operation against Iran. Despite the fact that one of the first targets of Iran’s retaliatory strikes was a British military base in Cyprus, the British prime minister clarified that London wasn’t involved in the initial strikes and wouldn’t participate in offensive action in the future.

He thanked Muslim communities for their “immense contribution” to the country, highlighting what he described as a “very difficult time” for UK Muslims due to the “pain of the conflict in Gaza” and the “suffering of Palestinians.” Starmer added that he was “horrified by the wave of hatred” directed toward British Muslims, attributing it to “far-right rhetoric and misinformation.”

Starmer’s remarks sparked significant backlash. Some social media users called the prime minister an “utter disgrace.” One X account — Basil the Great, who has around 300,000 followers — accused Starmer of being “afraid” of Muslims and of continuously “pandering” to them. Nile Gardiner, former aide to Margaret Thatcher, also described Starmer as a “disgrace.”

Many Britons interpreted Starmer’s words as seeking to court Muslim voters. Tommy Robinson, a right-wing political commentator, delivered a particularly harsh criticism: “Keir Starmer has demonstrated large amounts of cuckery in his time, but this takes the biscuit. He’s hosting Iftar for Muslims at Westminster tonight, and reiterates to them that Britain didn’t help their allies against Iran...” ☆



## Israelite Grandparents Played Crucial Role in Family Life



Composite aerial photograph of the structure at Tel 'Eton

In the late eighth century B.C., the Assyrian army set fire to Tel 'Eton, a prominent Judean town southeast of Ashkelon. The blaze destroyed a large Israelite home at the top of the mound, but it also preserved it almost intact. Nearly 2,700 years later, Bar-Ilan University Prof. Avraham Faust's study of Building 101 is providing an unprecedented look into family life in the Kingdom of Judah, particularly the role of the elderly.

Prof. Faust's research suggests that Room B, located on the ground floor of the two-story structure, belonged to the household's patriarch and matriarch. The room's size and location — opposite the entrance and overlooking the courtyard

credit: Vered Yacobi / Bar-Ilan University

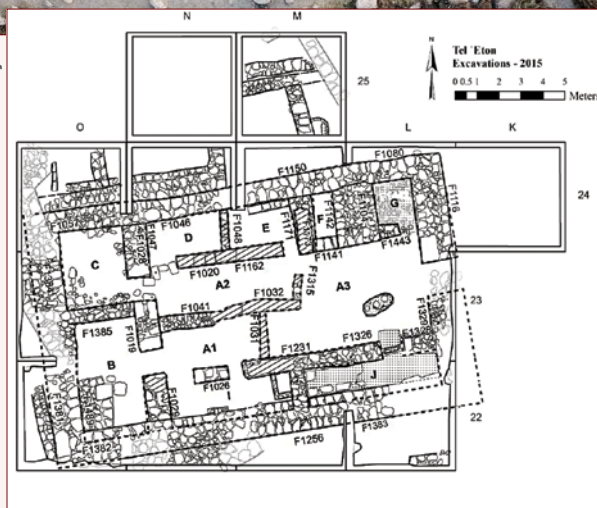


Illustration of Building 101 in Tel 'Eton

— gave its occupants both privacy and control.

High-status artifacts such as a footbath, an iron knife, and burnt cedar furniture suggest that the elders received important guests. Proximity to the kitchen and weaving looms indicates the matriarch's continued role in managing household labor and childcare. A concentration of *astragali* — small animal bones used as

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toys or for divination — in a nearby yard suggests that the grandmothers supervised children's play.

"The patriarch could have watched comings and goings and entertained visitors,

families shared the home. Storage rooms in the northern wing contained jars of olives, grain, and liquids, while the southern wing included kitchens, ritual spaces, and rooms associated with menstruation or childbirth.

credit: Avraham Faust / Tel 'Eton Archaeological Expedition



An archaeologist excavating Room C in the 101 Building at Tel 'Eton

while the matriarch supervised daily household activities," Faust commented. "By analyzing household artifacts rather than skeletal remains, we have a more effective way to identify elders and uncover their roles and influence within the family, a perspective that archaeology has long overlooked."

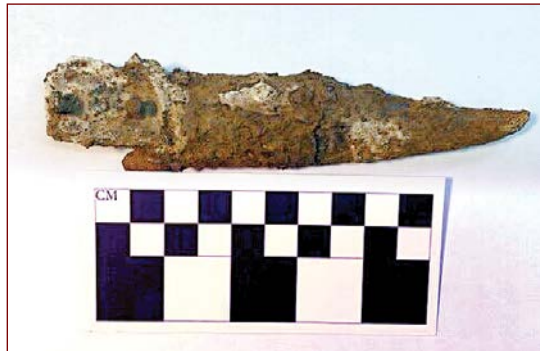
The findings align closely with Biblical teachings on the respect and authority of the elderly. "You shall rise before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD" (Lev. 19:32).

The elders at Tel 'Eton exercised oversight, maintained household order, and guided younger generations, reflecting the Biblical ideal of senior family members as both moral and practical anchors. Proverbs also emphasizes this authority: "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life" (Prov. 16:31). The archaeological evidence confirms that Judahite society actively honored the elderly, not only through words but through the design of domestic spaces.

Building 101 was unusually large for the period, measuring approximately 4,300 square feet on two floors. Multiple loom weights suggest that several nuclear

The house's destruction — likely during Assyrian King Sennacherib's campaigns — preserved hundreds of pottery vessels, cooking implements, and other artifacts. These finds allow scholars to map household activity in unprecedented detail. The site highlights how elders actively supervised work, managed resources, and ensured family continuity.

Tel 'Eton may correspond to the Biblical city of Eglon, an important Judean settlement from the tenth to eighth centuries B.C. The large home and the presence of high-status artifacts suggest that the household was both socially and economically significant.



An iron knife found at the house

Prof. Faust's research offers the clearest picture yet of the elderly's role in Israelite society. Israelite elders were active participants in the household — guiding, protecting, and transmitting knowledge across generations. The archaeological record at Tel 'Eton confirms that the gray-haired were not relegated to the background; they were the backbone of both family and society. ✨



credit: Avraham Faust / Bar-Ilan University

## Pakistani Official: “Israel is Evil and a Curse for Humanity”

JPost.com



Khawaja Muhammad Asif during an interview in Pakistan on October 20, 2025.

In April, Pakistan’s Defense Minister Khawaja Asif wrote that “Israel is evil and a curse for humanity.” In a since-deleted post on X, Asif added that “I hope and pray [that] people who created this cancerous state on Palestinian land to get rid of European Jews burn in hell.”

Asif claimed that while peace talks were occurring in Islamabad, Israel was committing “genocide.” He stated that innocent civilians were being “killed by Israel, first [in] Gaza, then [in] Iran and now [in] Lebanon,” and that the “bloodletting continues unabated.”

This wasn’t the first time that Asif used such extreme rhetoric against Israel. In January, he declared that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was “the biggest criminal of humanity” and urged that he be “kidnapped” and brought to court. Asif suggested that Turkey could abduct him.

In March, Asif wrote that “Zionism is a threat to humanity,” escalating his criticism from Israeli policy to Zionism itself.

Likewise, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry used similar harsh language in noting that Israel’s actions in Lebanon constituted “a blatant violation of international law and fundamental humanitarian principles.” In March, the

ministry condemned Israel’s “continued military aggression” in Lebanon and asserted that Pakistan stood in “complete solidarity” with the Lebanese people.

Islamabad has sought to cast itself as a mediator and regional stabilizer in the Iran war. Nevertheless, such incendiary words from a senior leader draw scrutiny to Pakistan’s role as a neutral arbiter for peace in one of the region’s most volatile moments.

Both Yechiel Leiter, Israel’s Ambassador to the U.S., and Mike Huckabee, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, condemned Asif for his inflammatory statements.

“The Ayatollahs chanted ‘Death to Israel’ — and now a so-called ‘mediator’ is echoing the same language,” Leiter wrote in an X post. He added that Asif is the problem rather than being a mediator.

“Even if it is to your dismay, Israel is here to stay,” Leiter asserted. “That’s not for negotiation.”

Huckabee commented that he sees firsthand how Israel works to avoid harming civilians. He added that he also sees the reason behind Israel’s fight — noting the October 7 massacre, the threat Hezbollah poses in Lebanon, and the Iranian ballistic and nuclear threat.

“Want peace?” Huckabee asked, “Stop Iran and its puppet proxies.” ✨



Army soldiers near the President’s house in Islamabad, as Pakistan prepared to host the U.S. and Iran for peace talks, April 9, 2026.





# Jewish Humor, etc.

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

## Old Testament Dad Jokes

What did Jonah's family say when he told them what happened before he went to Nineveh? *"That sounds fishy."*

Why didn't any of the Hebrews want to fight Goliath? *It seemed like a giant ordeal.*

Why did Adam and Eve do math every day? *They were told to be fruitful and multiply.*

What did Daniel tell his real estate agent? *"I'd like a house with no den."*

Who in the Bible knew the most people? *Abraham knew a Lot.*

Do you need someone to build an ark? *I Noah guy.*

What kind of man was Boaz before he married? *He was Ruth-less*

### Answer Key for June 2026 Crossword (p.21)

#### Across:

1. Riches
3. Savior
6. Prayer
8. Ourselves
11. Salvation
12. Confidence
13. Happy
17. Prospered
19. Truth
20. Shield
21. Friend

#### Down:

2. Shadow
4. Afraid
5. Blessed
6. Possess
7. Fool
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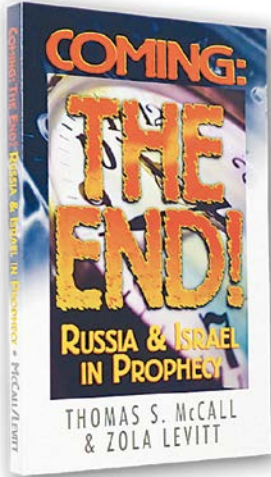
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