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Dear Reader,

A couple of rash-like spots on my abdomen and back recently led me (at my wife's insistence!) to an urgent care clinic. The doctor confirmed that I have "early" shingles and gave me a couple of prescriptions. Thankfully, I've had minimal complications from the virus.

It's one thing to suffer after ignoring a latent virus in our bodies. It's much worse, however, to experience the problems that come when we forget something beneficial, like the foundations on which our country was established. As we prepare to celebrate our country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, it's obvious that many Americans have either forgotten or rejected those fundamentals. Therefore, the cover article in this *Levitt Letter* reminds us not only of those Founding principles but also of the undesirable results of neglecting our foundation that is based on Biblical teaching.

Beyond our country, this issue also highlights "Miracles at Entebbe" (28), which recalls miraculous events in Uganda 50 years ago during a very dark moment for Israel. And don't miss the Bearded Bible Brothers' recap of their mission in Turkey (6), the story of a UK pastor who was arrested for speaking Biblical truth (13), or how AI is helping Iran to win a propaganda war against Israel and the U.S. (30). In addition, this issue includes our regular features of Israeli innovation (26), archaeological discoveries in Israel (32), and much more.

July is a good time to pray for our country and its leaders. Also, please continue to *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* — *pray for the peace of Jerusalem* (Ps. 122:6),



Greg Miller, Editor  
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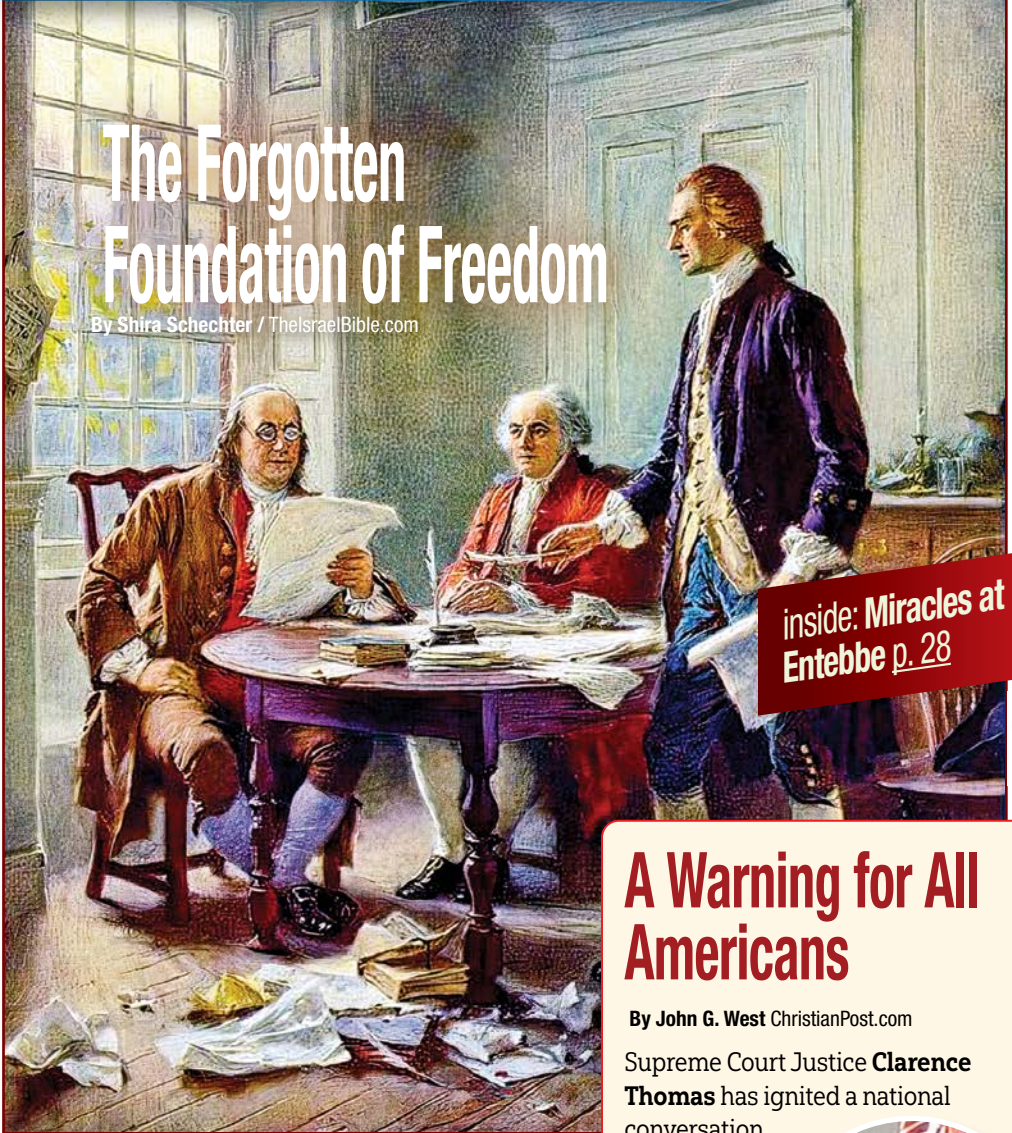
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Writing the Declaration of Independence, 1776, painting by Jean Leon Jerome Ferris (1863–1930), Virginia Historical Society

## The Forgotten Foundation of Freedom

By Shira Schechter / TheIsraelBible.com



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## A Warning for All Americans

By John G. West ChristianPost.com

Supreme Court Justice **Clarence Thomas** has ignited a national conversation about America's founding principles, many of which reflect a Biblical worldview.

Our response to those principles — and Thomas' words — may determine America's future.

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More than three thousand years ago, Moses stood before the Israelites and made a prediction that would reshape the world. Speaking to a nomadic nation about to enter the Promised Land, he declared that foreign nations would one day look upon their laws and exclaim with wonder at their wisdom. That prediction found its ultimate fulfillment in the founding of America. Yet today, as America grapples with political division and moral confusion, **the very foundation that made this nation exceptional lies buried beneath layers of secular rhetoric and forgotten history.**

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# A Warning for All Americans

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While speaking recently at the University of Texas at Austin, Thomas affirmed that the Constitution is important, but the Declaration of Independence provides its foundation. While asserting that “the Constitution is the means of government,” the Declaration proclaims the ends or purpose of government — “to protect our God-given unalienable rights, rights that all individuals equally possess.”

The great English writer G.K. Chesterton recognized this after visiting the U.S. in 1921: “America is the only nation in the world that is founded on a creed. That creed is set forth with dogmatic and even theological lucidity in the Declaration of Independence; perhaps the only piece of practical politics that is also theoretical politics and also great literature.”

Throughout history, nations have defined themselves primarily by ethnicity, geography, or religion. While Americans share some of those ties, this country has defined itself since July 4, 1776 largely by a commitment to the common ideas expressed in these 55 words of the Declaration:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Drawing on Scripture, these ideas were framed as universal principles applicable to all people everywhere. But according to a recent survey, **many Americans have abandoned the Founders’ key beliefs:**

- The Founders asserted that we were all “made by the same God” — only 63% of Americans now agree.
- The Founders thought that all humans possessed equal rights — only 55% of Americans believe this.

- The Founders believed that all humans are fallible and corruptible — only 48% of Americans affirm this idea.
- Most Founders believed that human identity survives death — only 38% of Americans currently accept this.

America’s Founders also believed that our fundamental rights come from our Creator, not government. Last year, however, U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, D-VA, rejected this principle, noting that it’s something only “the Iranian government believes.” Many Americans apparently agree with Kaine, since less than 40% believe that our rights come from God. Even among Christians, only 42% of Catholics and 52% of Protestants accept this.

These issues have profound practical significance.

Societies that don’t believe human beings are fundamentally equal create caste systems or worse. In the American South, the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation of equality was repudiated to uphold slavery and Jim Crow laws.

Societies that don’t think their rights come from God have no limits on government power or its intrusions into the Church, family, or economy.

Societies that don’t believe that all humans are sinful grant absolute power to tyrants who promise Heaven on Earth. They produced the French Revolution, the Russian Revolution, and Mao’s China — not the American Revolution.

Justice Thomas is right to call us back to our Founding principles, which are congruent with Biblical teachings. But as he noted, **it’s not enough merely to celebrate the Declaration. We must uphold it** “by standing up for it, by defending it, and by recommitting [our]selves to living up to its ideas.”

Serious words to ponder as we celebrate our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. ☆



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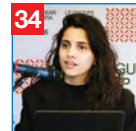
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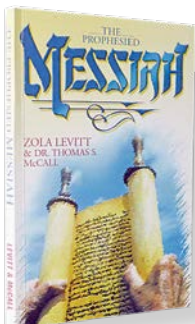


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**The Propesied Messiah** book contains the major prophecies of the Messiah, along with color photos and Holy Land maps from our television series of the same name. It's extremely important that Believers are able to prove Yeshua as Messiah from Old Testament Scripture, thus showing objective evidence that our Lord is indeed the propesied Messiah. Comes with a free **Propesied Messiah** bookmark.



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# The Forgotten Foundation of Freedom

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Rabbi Jonathan Sacks recognized that Moses' prediction came true in ways the great lawgiver could never have imagined. But what happens when the nation that became the greatest embodiment of Biblical liberty begins to forget the source of its own greatness?

Moses knew what modern political theorists miss. In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses made a stunning prediction about how Biblical law would one day captivate the world:

*"See, I have imparted to you laws and rules, as Hashem my God has commanded me, for you to abide by in the land that you are about to enter and occupy" (Deut. 4:5).*

*"Observe them faithfully, for that will be proof of your wisdom and discernment to other peoples, who on hearing of all these laws will say, 'Surely, that great nation is a wise and discerning people'" (Deut. 4:6).*

This wasn't wishful thinking; it was a prediction that would reshape human history, finding its most dramatic fulfillment in America.

Rabbi Sacks traced this transformation to the invention of the printing press and the translation of the Hebrew Bible into common languages. Ordinary people could finally read the Bible for themselves. The Geneva Bible of 1560 carried explosive marginal notes that changed everything. For example, when the Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh's order to kill Jewish babies, the Geneva Bible declared "their disobedience in this was lawful." Suddenly, the Bible wasn't just about personal salvation — it was a manual for resisting tyrants.

Christian scholars studying Hebrew Scripture, the Talmud, and Maimonides' legal writings discovered **three**

**revolutionary ideas:** 1) Republics work better than kings, 2) Governments should help the poor, and 3) Religious freedom protects everyone. These **became the building blocks of the American experiment.**

The Founding Fathers who led the American Revolution lived and breathed the Book of Deuteronomy. They built a government based on covenant: the idea that rulers answer to God and the people, not the other way around. American presidents throughout history have consistently invoked "one people under God" and America's sacred mission. No other democracy uses such language because no other democracy was built on the Hebrew Bible.

John Adams, America's second president, recognized this debt with remarkable clarity: "I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations."

Adams wasn't being sentimental — he was stating a fact. The Hebrew Bible gave America its blueprint for freedom. As Rabbi Sacks demonstrated, history provides proof in what amounts to a perfect experiment. **Four great revolutions shaped the modern world.** Two (the English Revolution of the 1640s and the American Revolution of 1776) were led by people steeped in the Hebrew Bible. Two others (the French and Russian Revolutions) were driven by secular philosophies — Rousseau and Marx respectively.

The results speak for themselves. The Biblical revolutions produced constitutional government and lasting freedom. The secular revolutions pro-



duced the Reign of Terror and Stalin's death camps. When nations build on the Bible, they get liberty. When they build on human philosophy alone, they get tyranny.

But America is forgetting where its greatness originated. Modern politicians talk about rights without responsibilities, freedom without obligations, and justice without moral foundation. They've turned the Bible into a photo-op prop instead of the blueprint it was meant to be.

**This perversion matters profoundly.** More than just ceremonial language for politicians, the Hebrew Bible provides the foundation that makes freedom work. Remove the idea that humans are made in God's image, and rights become whatever the majority

American presidents instinctively reach for Biblical language when articulating the nation's highest ideals, speaking of covenant obligations, divine image, and moral purpose. This is the natural vocabulary of a nation built on Hebrew foundations. But when these concepts become empty rhetoric divorced from their Biblical roots, they lose their power to sustain liberty.

The Hebrew Bible created the moral and intellectual framework that enabled American freedom. The nation's founders didn't just borrow Biblical language — they embedded Biblical principles into government's structures. Representative democracy, separation of powers, individual dignity, and limited government all trace back to Hebrew political thought.

## The Hebrew Bible gave America its blueprint for freedom.

decides. Abandon the prophetic tradition of speaking truth to power, and democracy becomes mob rule. Forget that leaders must answer to higher law, and government becomes organized force.

The Sages understood that ideas have consequences across generations. When the Biblical worldview that shaped America's founding is replaced by secular alternatives, the nation loses more than its religious heritage — it loses the philosophical foundation that made freedom possible.

**The Biblical principles that built America** — human dignity, moral law, prophetic accountability, and covenant community — require constant renewal. They **cannot survive on historical momentum alone.**

America stands at a crossroads. It can continue drifting toward secular political models that produced tyranny elsewhere, or it can rediscover the Biblical vision that made it the world's beacon of liberty. The choice will determine not just America's future, but whether Moses' ancient prediction continues to inspire nations seeking the wisdom of God's Law.

Rabbi Sacks saw clearly what many miss: **The Hebrew Bible didn't just predict America — it created America.** Forgetting that foundation means losing the nation itself. Moses knew that when nations abandon God's wisdom, they abandon the source of their own greatness. America must remember this truth before it's too late. ✨

Please see the following resources: *The Bulletproof George Washington* book on [p. 9](#), *Faith of our Fathers* DVDs on [p. 17](#), and *America's Godly Heritage* book on [p. 24](#).



# Turkey: Mission Possible!



In a hot air balloon over Pamukkale

The Holy Spirit is always the best travel planner and partner. For some time, we've felt God's calling to return to Turkey to complete filming on our upcoming series *Return of the Nephilim*, *Paul vs the gods*, and *Let There Be* (a series on Biblical creation). In addition, we sensed His prompting to create a new series on the *Seven Churches of Revelation*.

As with our previous film shoots, God always has greater plans for our interaction with and witness to locals wherever we go. While our trip to Turkey was originally scheduled for fall 2025, the Comforter redirected us to Israel at that time to film *The Third Temple of Doom*, so we moved Turkey to Spring 2026. **In hindsight, this divine timing was perfect.** Had we followed our original plan, the Iran-Israel conflict would have canceled all Holy Land filming opportunities. Still, recording in Turkey wasn't easy. Satan's relentless opposition tested us at every turn, but we knew that *"the battle is the LORD's"* (1 Sam.

17:47). We only had to show up prepared.

Prior to our departure in May, obstacles multiplied. Flying our film crew out of Israel was challenging; many flights were canceled because of Iran's incessant missile and drone attacks. Our own flights from the U.S. were canceled or changed repeatedly. Two guest teachers and a camera operator had to cancel at the last moment. The Turkish government rejected our filming permit submissions multiple times. Then, a week before our arrival in Istanbul, Turkey's President Erdoğan threatened war against Israel. **Yet each obstacle only confirmed that God was directing us toward a very special purpose.**

In Istanbul, we visited notable locations that recalled Constantine's prominence. As the capital of both the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires, this city bridged East and West for over 1,600 years. We filmed at many ancient mosques, cisterns, and archaeological sites linked to historic antiChrist activity. We taught on Satan's perversion of Christianity through pagan syncretism, along with the future prophetic ploys of the final Beast's empire.

The sites of the Seven Churches in Asia Minor were both striking and perplexing. Ancient ruins nestled in majestic snow-capped mountain valleys created epic backdrops. Even so, the Islamization of places that marked the westward expansion of Yeshua's Church was disturbing. Thankfully, the wisdom of our two guest pastors — Chaplain Dave Pavey of Northern Ireland and Messianic minister Hirsch Schaffner — added theological depth as we considered 21<sup>st</sup> century parallels to Yeshua's timeless warnings.





Fighting through weather extremes — rainstorms, windstorms, blazing heat, and bitter cold — our team traversed Turkey. We climbed frozen peaks, descended underground, and flew over rolling hills in a hot air balloon. Beyond the Seven Church ruins, we visited notable Biblical and ancient sites including Nicaea, Hierapolis, Colossae, Carchemish, Tarsus, Edessa, Harran, and the Euphrates River.

Our most memorable expedition involved driving three 4x4s up Mount Ararat to teach about the worldwide flood. Heavy snow,



On Mount Ararat at 10,000 feet

rocky and muddy roads, and unpredictable weather made for a unique experience. One of our vehicles got a flat tire at 9,000 feet, and we soon learned the bipolar nature of Ararat's fluctuating weather that cycled through temperature drops, rain, sleet, snow, fog, and windstorms within a span of 15 minutes. But the trip was worth it when the clouds cleared, which revealed the grandeur of God's creation and reminded us of His Covenant promise that continues to our world today.

While we filmed nearly three dozen episodes over two weeks, we encountered spiritual and physical opposition at many ancient churches that were converted into

mosques by the Ottomans. Yet God's supernatural intervention, open doors, and divine appointments enabled us to complete our Mission Possible.



At Laodicea

Yeshua utilized the gifts and talents of each person on our international team — Israelis, Arabs, Jews, Turks, Americans, a Britain, a Fijian, and a Brazilian. We embodied the One New Man connected under Yeshua's headship. Never have we seen the Body of Messiah more united or the results more apparent.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support during this journey. As we posted daily video updates on social media, you — our partners — sent words of encouragement and petitions for victory. When you unite with us in spirit, as one Body we join together in fulfilling Messiah's Great Commission and receiving the rewards of our labor. ✨

*Joshua & Caleb*

Love, Joshua and Caleb



# I'm Getting Tired

I am tired of all the unbiblical errors out there. I'm tired of the almost total darkness about what Scripture states about our modern state of affairs, prophecy, doctrine, and even Christian living. I'm tired of reading the religion section of my hometown newspaper and seeing only stories about cults, discussions of homosexuality by liberals, sacramental nonsense, and praises of Islamic activities.

And I'm totally tired of the media and its bias against Israel. **The press scoffs at anything spiritual, and Israel and the Chosen People are defamed, slandered, libeled, and cursed as they haven't been since the Nazi years.**

Telling the media to stop lying about Israel is like telling Hollywood to quit making dirty, violent movies. The response from both would be, **"It's what the public wants. That's how we make money."** Since the unbeliever's love of money can't be satisfied otherwise, the abuse will continue. William Randolph Hearst stated, "You furnish the pictures and I'll furnish the war."

Violent or sexy movies deal with people's hearts and visceral responses to almost any psychological stimuli. In Israel's case, however, they're giving a false picture and dealing with people's brains. It's much easier to tell the truth about Israel, which can be made just as dramatic with all that's happening there.

I'm especially sick of the Palestinian protestations. They are not victims, truthful, owners of the Land of Israel, or even a nation or an indigenous people. Likewise, I am tired of our government bowing before Middle Eastern tyrants as though those feudal Arab dictatorships were real nations or have anything to offer us but oil.

**Actually, the Arabs and the media share a common trait:** They both characteristically tell lies, which they know are lies

when they tell them. While many Arabs aren't educated in history or politics, the leadership knows that there was never a Palestinian culture, and the media know that there is no war in Israel. But everyone has to believe in something, so the media believe in profits and the Arabs believe in grabbing land. Both have a history of compromising ethics to reach those goals.

The celebration of lies reminds me of a program that highlighted top television commercials. They showed two men — "Bartles and Jaymes" — who claimed that they had a vineyard and a soft drink company and had united to make a wine cooler. While the commercial was praised, it was a lie. There was no Bartles and Jaymes; they didn't own a vineyard

What the Arabs need most — besides faith in the Messiah — is democracy.

or a company. Gallo Brothers of California, a big winery, made the product but didn't sign it. The myth needed to be continued because people "believed." After all, the truth about a product (or a country) emerges by itself; you must pay to create a lie.

The unbeliever lies regularly and virtually worships his own lies. But our Lord said, *"Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice"* (John 18:37). He taught His disciples how privileged they were to know the truth (Matt. 13:11-13). He is, after all, *"the Way, the Truth, and the Life"* (John 14:6).

The key to any solution to Israel's problems is understanding the psychology and motivations of the Arab people in the land. **This is where western ideas fail.** It is not about giving them



by Zola Levitt  
from 2001  
25 years ago

compensations, land, or control of holy sites to stop their rioting. Truthfully, they will be unhappy as long as they remain in backward dictatorships and are uneducated and barely a part of the 21<sup>st</sup>-century world.

What the Arabs need most — besides faith in the Messiah — is democracy. All their indignation, violence, cursing, and such would cease if they were free people. Nothing is intrinsically wrong with them; I know many Arabs who are intelligent, normal people on every subject except their religion and their “government.” Changes need to be made.

I’m also tired of being criticized for insisting that seminaries rightly teach the Word of God. I don’t believe arcane or unusual doctrines. To declare that Israel is important is to speak truth. So is saying that the Jewish people are to be loved. To assert that seminaries ought to teach what the Bible says is to speak the obvious. Why do I have to emphasize it again and again?

Is there anyone who will confess, “Well, you’re right. But what you say isn’t convenient”? Will any seminary leader, reporter, Palestinian Arab, Roman Catholic, or liberal Protestant actually confess, “Zola, you have a point!” Will that happen in my lifetime?

Mostly, I’m almost growing weary of waiting for the Lord. Why doesn’t He come now that things are really prepared? I’m getting old. I’ve waited for Him for almost half of my life. Perhaps many of us would agree, like the Believers\* in Thessalonica who told Paul that some other Believers there had died while waiting.

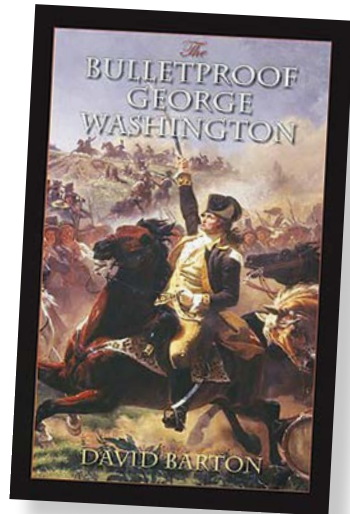
Can the Lord be far off? I doubt it. The way things look to real Bible readers today, the Lord’s prophecies are working out precisely for the Tribulation Period in our near future. That one salient fact about everything going on around us today picks me up again. I’m not tired of that, however! I pray with John, “Come [quickly], Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20). ☆

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

## [The Bulletproof George Washington book](#)

by David Barton

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



## A Tale of Two Brothers



Jerry Hodges (l) alongside Elia, ZLM's Israel producer, on location in the early 2000s

Jerry Hodges, now mostly retired, was the TV airtime syndicator, director, and a cameraman for *Zola Levitt Presents (ZLP)* from 2002–2007. Jerry recently emailed me the story below and followed up with these personal observations:

- Regarding the Bearded Bible Brothers, I think they are a fine addition to the program. I've always liked the two of them and think that their love for their Jewish heritage comes through.
- If I can help the Colson brothers in their quest, I want to do so.
- I believe you are on the right track. The changes I've observed to date are encouraging. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

What follows is the bulk of Jerry's original email to me. —Mark

I had the blessing of working for Zola Levitt Ministries (ZLM) in the early 2000s, just as High Definition (HD) television was getting started. Few remember that ZLM was not only one of the first TV ministries on the air but also the first to broadcast in HD — on both the TCT broadcast network and the ABC Family Channel.

Just before Zola's passing in 2006, the production crew transitioned to a new team of editors with superior animation and special effects capabilities to enhance ZLM's transition to HD.

Shortly after Zola's passing, Dr. Jeffrey Seif stepped in as the main teacher, bringing a more formal, scholarly style to the ministry's Messianic Bible teaching. Meanwhile, a young addition to the production team was destined to become the catalyst for an unforeseen transition decades later.





As general manager for Berg Productions, ZLM's production company, I sought new editing talent. My son mentioned that a **bodybuilder friend of his had a brother who was a film editor seeking work**. This young man was not only well qualified but also a Messianic Jew who fit right in and became our lead animation editor. Soon we realized that his bodybuilder brother — at 6'8" and 280+ pounds of solid muscle — was an actor who resembled a powerful Biblical figure. It wasn't long before we wrote him into *ZLP* scripts and took him to Israel for film shoots.

At the time, we were producing a program about the search for the Ark of the Covenant. We also were scheduled to film a Judean desert tunnel excavation where we hoped they'd find the Ark. This digging could only occur a few days annually around Passover, because the military regularly used the area for drills.

After arriving at the Tel Aviv airport, we discovered that **the airline lost our budding film star's luggage** — a critical concern. His clothes were far larger than standard sizes, and his luggage contained protein supplements essential for maintaining his strength. With Passover starting and stores closing, we couldn't find replacement clothes. The weather was also unseasonably cold, so he had only what he wore on his flight — and no coat.

During Passover in Israel, *everything* shuts down, and hotel menus are limited. His body was weakened from a lack of protein, and he stayed cold without proper clothing. On our first desert shooting day, temperatures stayed in the 40s. While assisting in shooting the tunnel dig, his body temperature dropped and he became severely dehydrated because we hadn't brought enough water. **He was going into shock from inadequate clothing, protein, and hydration.**

No one realized how badly he was suffering until the end of the day on our return to Jerusalem — because he never complained.

I noticed, though, that he was extremely quiet, and also sensed that he was struggling. When we arrived in Jerusalem, our driver took him to the nearest hospital, where they immediately admitted him and administered IV treatments. He stayed there for 24 hours and was discharged about the time that the airline found his luggage.

**Readers of this story may already have guessed that the bodybuilder/actor/cameraman is currently one of your hosts — Joshua Colson. The new editor described earlier is his younger brother Caleb.**



Sterling Horning (I) and Joshua Colson in *Joshua: More Than a Conqueror* (2020)

Joshua and Caleb's preparation for becoming this ministry's mainstay Bible teachers began decades before their work began as our cameramen and production assistants. They grew up in a Messianic Jewish household, immersed in Zola's Bible teaching. Coincidentally, they were infants when this ministry was in its infancy. At age 18, Joshua was traveling the world as a missionary. Now their Bible teaching circles the globe.

Both brothers have radio, television, and film degrees, and Joshua is an ordained minister. As actors, both have portrayed Yeshua and/or His disciples. They joined ZLM's production company just a month before Zola's graduation to Heaven. Several years ago, they stepped from behind our television cameras to where you see them teaching now. —Mark ☆

## What is Prayer?

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Prayer is living communication between humans and God. E.M. Bounds described it as “the helpless and needy child crying to the compassion of the Father’s heart and the bounty and power of a Father’s hand.” GotQuestions.org adds that prayer “is not meditation or passive reflection; it is direct address to God ... the primary way for the Believer in Jesus Christ to communicate his emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God.” Essentially, prayer is worship that glorifies along with petition that admits our need and expresses our dependence upon Him as the only source of our existence, salvation, and life.

**Biblical prayer incorporates six elements:** 1) Adoration to God (Ps. 63:1–8; Luke 10:21); 2) Confession of sin or belief in the Lord (Ps. 51; Rom. 10:9–10); 3) Intercession for others (1 Sam. 12:23; John 17:9–26); 4) Petition (Ps. 26:2; Matt. 6:9); 5) Submission to God (Luke 22:42; 2 Cor. 12:7–9); and 6) Thanksgiving (Ps. 95:1–9; John 11:41).

Our prayers must conform to God’s will and His Word (John 17:17; 1 John 5:14–15). Likewise, we should ask in faith without doubting (James 1:5–6). Then, we can confidently present our requests to the Lord while His supernatural peace guards our hearts (Phil. 4:6).

Scripture affirms that God hears and answers the prayers of His people. Psalm 91:15 expresses God’s assurance to the person who loves Him: *“He shall call*

*upon Me and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.”* Jesus also promised that our Heavenly Father responds to our prayers: *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door shall be opened to you”* (Matt. 7:7).

**We only pray to God** — never to humans, angels, or false gods. **Even so, Jesus instructed His followers to pray in His Name:** *“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son”* (John 14:13). Since we pray to God alone and Jesus exhorts us to pray in His Name, He must be God! Praying in Jesus’ Name means praying in His divine authority, based on His atoning death and resurrection. Now, He is at God’s right hand interceding for us (Rom. 8:34). Because Believers have direct access to God through Jesus Christ, no other intermediaries (priests, angels, deceased saints, Mary, etc.) are necessary (1 Tim. 2:5).

Prayer can be spoken audibly (2 Chron. 6:12–42) or silently (1 Sam. 1:10–13). **We can pray in various positions** including bowing, kneeling, sitting, standing, prostrating ourselves, or with outstretched hands. **More important than form or posture, Believers should maintain constant prayerfulness,** as Paul commanded: *“Pray without ceasing”* (1 Thess. 5:17). By maintaining a prayerful attitude toward God and ongoing communication with Him, we can know His will, obey His Word, and glorify Him. ✨



***“... in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”***

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6**

# Arrested UK Pastor: “They’ll Never Stop Me”

By Gary Lane  
CBN.com



credit: Steve and Karina Maile

Maile was arrested in Watford, England on April 18, 2026.

A crackdown on free speech and religious liberty in England has sparked outrage after authorities arrested a 66-year-old street preacher for publicly sharing the Gospel and speaking out about Islam.

**A viral video shows Pastor Steve Maile of Watford, England, in handcuffs.** He shouts, “I am a preacher of the Gospel. There is no offense being committed here. Listen. You repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you’ll be saved.”

Maile faces hate speech charges for criticizing aspects of Islam and encouraging people to follow Jesus. Though some labeled him an “Islamophobe,” the street preacher insists that his message is one of love.

“The Bible says you must be born again. God affords this grace through Jesus Christ for all humanity. This is what I preach,” Maile asserted. “This is not hate. This is love. This is compassion — because it’s having compassion on the Muslims.”

**Maile accused police of mistreatment** because officers put him in double handcuffs so tight that he later required medical attention. After he called out to Jesus for help with the pain, Maile stated that an officer responded in a mocking tone: “In the name of Jesus, get in the car!”

**Maile insisted that the British police would never do that to a Muslim mullah.** “They would never say in the name of Mohammed, shut your mouth, and jump in the car. Why? The name of Jesus is on trial here.”

Muslims now comprise about 7% of England’s population. According to Maile, police and government leaders give them special treatment. “Something’s going on here in the United Kingdom. That is insidious. It is dangerous. It favors a particular community,” Maile warned. This [preferential treatment] is coming to America. Americans, you need to pray and get ready.”

After spending 12 hours in jail, Maile was released on bail, pending a July court date. If convicted, he could face prison. But Maile asserts that it would be an honor to suffer for his faith in Christ. “If I do go to jail, they’ll be happy to get me out because I’m going to preach nonstop the message of Jesus Christ — His love, mercy, and reconciling power. How about that?”

Pastor Maile’s arrest has sparked global conversations about free speech, religious freedom, and what it can really cost to share your faith in many Western nations. ✨



# Reconnecting with Hebrew Scripture — an Antidote to Christian Anti-Semitism?

By Jo Elizabeth  
AllIsraelNews.com



According to the American Jewish Committee, 91% of American Jews say they feel less safe in the wake of violent anti-Semitic attacks. But beyond the alarming rise of anti-Semitism in American society, **Ryan Dobson** notes that anti-Semitic sentiments are more evident in Evangelical conversations. Dobson, vice president of broadcast at Family Talk, is the son of the late Dr. James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family.



credit: Ryan Dobson / Facebook

Dobson was surprised to discover that this hostility is even being expressed by Believers. “I was raised in a family that believed Christians should honor the people through whom the Scriptures came.” But after posting a picture of himself beside an Israeli flag, a ministry leader messaged him publicly: “You’re an idiot.” Someone also commented: “If the Jews haven’t found Christ in 2,000 years, then we are the new chosen people.”

Thus, Dobson teamed up with several others to create *The Covenant*, a television series similar to *The Chosen*. It is designed to help Christians rediscover the Old Testament stories that shaped the faith of early Believers.

According to Dobson, **many churches are detached from the Old Testament**. They focus on the Gospels and Epistles but neglect the Torah and the Prophets. Dobson stated that we have “a generation of Believers who love Jesus but have almost no understanding of the covenant story that He stepped into and fulfilled.”

This mirrors a second-century heresy in which Marcion rejected Hebrew Scripture and wanted to retain only some of the Gospels and Paul’s letters in the canon. Because Marcion believed that Jesus was different from the God of Israel, he tried to purge Jewish influence from the Bible.

Jesus, however, embodied Israel’s Scriptures rather than rejecting them. When Satan tempted Him in the wilderness, Jesus quoted from the Torah. On the Cross, Jesus cried out “*My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?*” — the opening words of Psalm 22. “Jesus’s vocabulary was saturated with the Hebrew Scriptures,” Dobson noted.

Ryan Dobson “If your theology produces disdain for the people through whom God gave the Law, the Prophets, and ultimately the Messiah, something is broken,” Dobson added. “When contempt for the Jewish people shows up among Christians, it exposes a theological problem. ... Replacement theology — sometimes unnamed, sometimes unexamined — creeps in.”

**The antidote to such anti-Semitism, Dobson contends, is Biblical literacy.** Thus, Believers and churches should be teaching children the Sermon on the Mount and the covenant with Abraham, the Cross along with the Exodus, and the Resurrection and the promises that preceded it.

Dobson stated: “The Apostle Paul warned gentile Believers in Romans 11 not to become arrogant toward the Jewish people. He used the image of an olive tree. Gentile Believers, he emphasized, are grafted in. We don’t replace the root; we share in its nourishment. When Christians immerse themselves in the Torah and the Prophets, they recover the covenant framework that shaped Jesus, the Apostles, and the early Church. If we forget the roots, we shouldn’t be surprised when the fruit turns bitter. The Church does not replace Israel. It is grafted in by grace.” ☆



# ZLM Bulletin Board



## Canine Friends to Hug

A new project by Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) matches bereaved families with trained therapy dogs. In September 2025, IDF Sgt. **Oran Hershko**, 20, was killed in a terrorist attack at the Allenby Crossing. A week earlier, while traveling in Greece with his father,



The Hershko family with Mocha and Goldie

credit: Yehoshua Yosef



credit: IDF

Oran created an AI image of a Golden Retriever puppy sitting in his room. He sent the graphic to his family and questioned, "Is it too much to ask for a Golden?" A few months after his death, a dog named Goldie, of the exact breed and color Oran loved, arrived at the family home in Tel Mond in central Israel. The family also has a Shih Tzu named Mocha.



## Anti-Semite of the Month Award

Does Norwegian University of Science and Technology



credit: Screenshot / X

professor **Bassam Hussein** deem ignorance a virtue? During an April 21 speech that was organized by the Socialist Forum, he opined that the October 7 Hamas attacks are the "most beautiful thing to happen in our century." Then he insisted that Israel has become a huge dragon, spitting fire in all directions that got a needle in its backside. To top it off, he asserted that the Jewish state aspires to "take over the Western empire."

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## Spoof of the Month

### IDF Pooch Pilots?

Animal exploitation could be worse than you think. You may recall *Levitt Letter* "Flipper Alert" reports of Israel training dolphins (Flipper's grandsons?)

for military porpoises. One X user suggests that the IDF has trained dogs to pilot aircraft! See the post at [x.com/JerusalemOfIron/status/2055065444172566649](https://x.com/JerusalemOfIron/status/2055065444172566649).

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# The "Super Sign" of Israel

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הַיּוֹחַל אֶרֶץ בַּיּוֹם אֶחָד אִם-יִוָּלֵד גּוֹי פְּעַם אֶחָת

"Shall a land be born in a day?  
Shall a nation be brought forth in a moment?"  
(Isaiah 66:8)

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Read Hebrew right to left!

Are we living in the End Times? Are we part of the "terminal generation" before the return of the Lord? The Torah predicted that the "end of days" would commence only *after* the return of the Jewish people from worldwide dispersion to the Land of Israel (Deut. 30:1-5), and indeed the theme of exile and return is repeated in the Prophets (Jer. 23:3; 32:37-38; Ezek. 37:21, etc.). Therefore, it is surely *extraordinary* that Israel was reborn as a nation in their ancient homeland on May 14, 1948 (5 Iyar 5708), after nearly 2,000 years of exile among the nations.

The existence of the modern State of Israel is entirely consonant with the various New Testament prophecies regarding the advent of the Messiah, since Jesus taught that the Jewish people would reside in the Promised Land at the time of His Second Coming, and that the city of Jerusalem would be surrounded by enemies of the Jewish state (see Matt. 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21).

If we understand a "generation" to mean 70-80 years in duration (as stated in Ps. 90:10), then when Jesus said, "this generation (ἡ γενεὰ αὐτῆ) shall not pass until all these things take place" (Matt. 24:34), He was referring to the generation that would originate with the restoration of the modern State of Israel, which further implies that Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week

(i.e., the Great Tribulation) could begin very soon indeed, perhaps within as few as 5-15 years (add another 19 years if the generation begins with the annexing of Jerusalem in 1967).

And while it is certainly true that the Rapture could occur at any time, and that "no one knows the day or hour" (Matt. 24:36) of *Yom Adonai HaGadol* (וּסְיֵהוּהָ הַגָּדוֹל) — the "great day of the LORD" (Zeph. 1:14) — Jesus faulted the Pharisees for failing to discern "the signs of the times" (Matt. 16:3) and for missing the "time of your visitation" (Luke 19:44).

"Shall a land be born in a day? Shall a nation be brought forth in a moment?" (Isa. 66:8). Like other prophecies in the Scriptures, this one is "dual aspect," since it was *both* partially fulfilled when the Jewish people reestablished the State of Israel in 1948. It will be entirely fulfilled at the outset of the Millennial Kingdom after the return of Messiah (see Isa. 66:7-16; Rom. 11:26). Meanwhile we behold the miraculous restoration of the "Fig Tree" and understand that the great harvest draws near, friends. May God help each one of us be awake, ready, with hearts full of steadfast faith (1 John 3:2-3; Titus 2:11-14; Matt. 24:32). *Am Yisrael Chai!* The people of Israel live! Soon and very soon we are going to see our King! ☆

Please see *The Second Coming* study booklet on p. 36.



## *Faith of Our Fathers*

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The Old Testament provides many examples of people whose faithful lives contributed to building up national Israel. Their actions inspired a later generation to carve out a modern, yet Godly nation in the New World. In this series, Dr. Jeffrey Seif focuses on these visionaries of faith. In addition, Christian historian David Barton presents original source documents, chronicling many of America's Founding Fathers' Christian beliefs and their monumental efforts to anchor this nation to belief in the God of Israel.

**What is Faith?** The Lord called many people in the Bible (like Abraham, Noah, and David) to take risks. Trusting in the Word of God became the cornerstone for the creation of the Hebrew people and was valued by many of those who created a nation in the New World.

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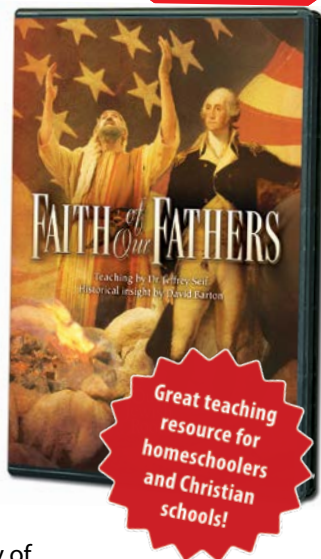
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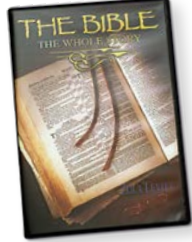
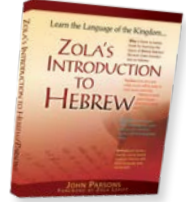
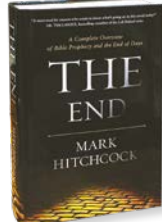
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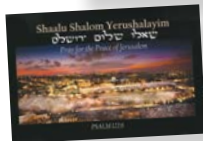
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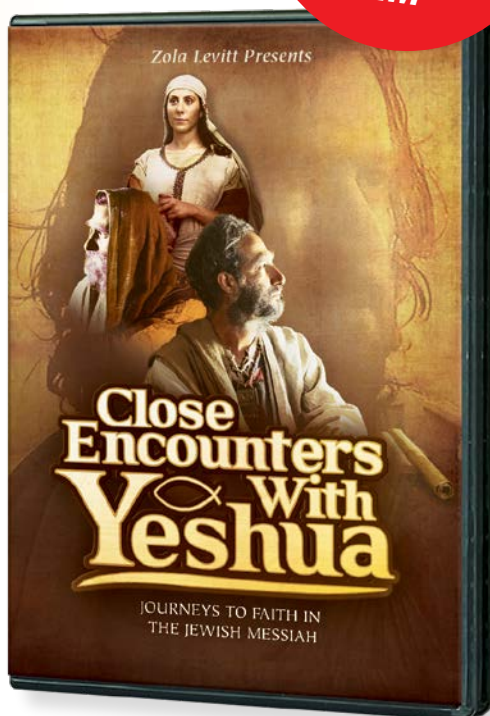
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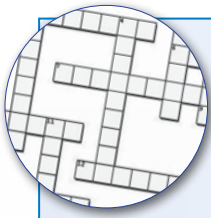
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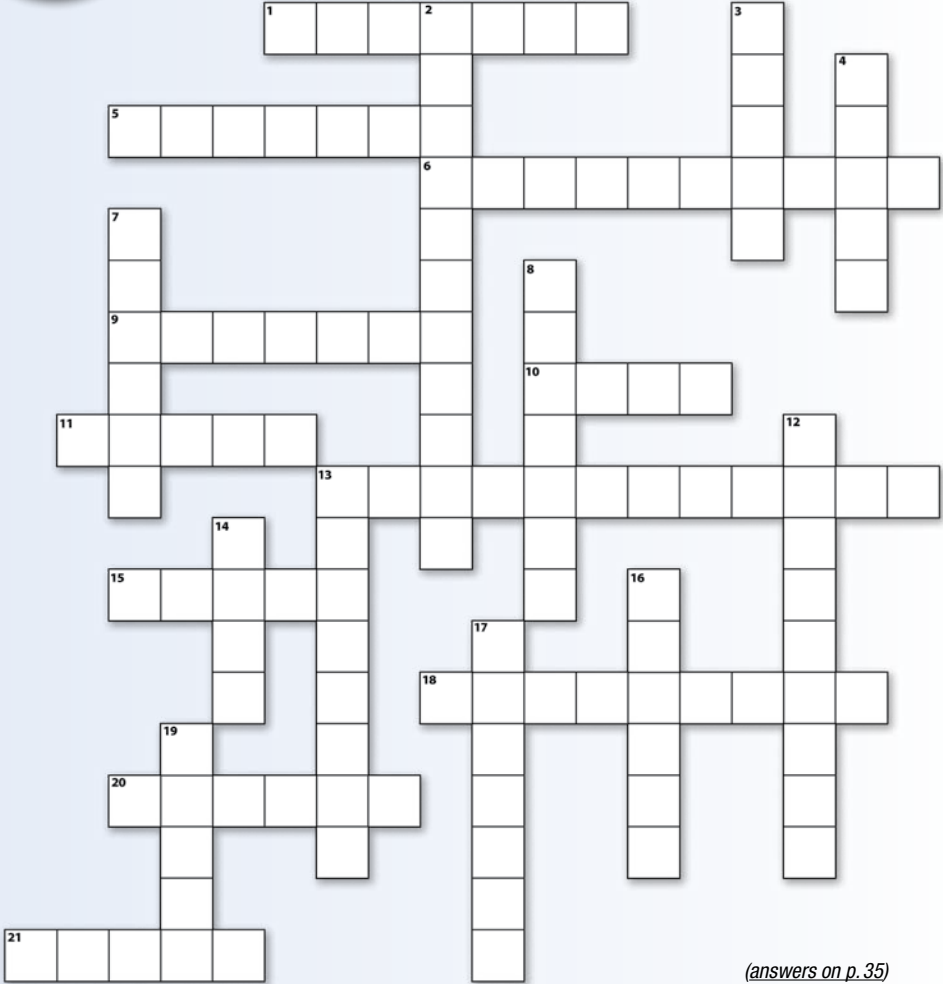




Crossword JULY 2026

by Andrea Davis

# Freedom Through Him (NKJV)



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**Across:**

1. ... He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim \_\_\_ to the captives... (Luke 4:18)
5. ...and do not be entangled again with a yoke of \_\_\_ . (Gal. 5:1)
6. being justified freely by His grace through the \_\_\_ that is Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:24)
9. If we \_\_\_ our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins... (1 John 1:9)
10. Now the \_\_\_ is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the \_\_\_ is, there is liberty. (2 Cor. 3:17)
11. For the wages of sin is \_\_\_, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 6:23)
13. There is therefore now no \_\_\_ to those who are in Christ Jesus... (Rom. 8:1)
15. ...do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love \_\_\_ one another. (Gal. 5:13)
18. I have been \_\_\_ with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me... (Gal. 2:20)
20. ...and the opening of the \_\_\_ to those who are bound; (Isa. 61:1)
21. For by grace you have been \_\_\_ through faith... (Eph. 2:8)

**Down:**

2. ... whoever believes in Him should not perish but have \_\_\_ life. (John 3:16)
3. And you shall know the \_\_\_, and the \_\_\_ shall make you free. (John 8:32)
4. in whom we have redemption through His \_\_\_, the forgiveness of sins. (Col. 1:14)
7. ...He delivers them out of the hand of the \_\_\_. (Ps. 97:10)
8. ...the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who \_\_\_. (Gal. 3:22)
12. ...through one Man's \_\_\_ act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. (Rom. 5:18)
13. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new \_\_\_ (2 Cor. 5:17)
14. Therefore if the Son makes you \_\_\_, you shall be \_\_\_ indeed. (John 8:36)
16. Now we have received, not the \_\_\_ of the world, but the \_\_\_ who is from God... (1 Cor. 2:12)
17. ...Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives \_\_\_ to the prisoners. (Ps. 146:7)
19. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under \_\_\_. (Rom. 6:14)



# Letters to ZLM

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## The BBB are a Blessing

**From J.M.:** I read something in the April *Levitt Letter* that compelled me to write. A well-meaning gentleman declared that Joshua Colson is not funny. First, I would tell that man not to be critical of a Bible teacher who loves the Lord and has a heart to bring Him to everyone. Second, I would remind him and others that perhaps Joshua and Caleb are trying to appeal to a wider audience in order to bring more to Christ. The Bearded Bible Brothers are wonderful; it's a blessing to support them.

Dear J.M.,

Legend has it that signs in front of certain U.S. Marine Corps boot camp barracks state: "This grass isn't green because we're Marines, not gardeners!" Well, if Joshua were any funnier, more handsome, or even more muscular, he might accidentally upstage the Bible teaching!

Dean Martin was Jerry Lewis's straight man, just as Ed McMahon was Johnny Carson's. Joshua is no comedian just as Sherlock Holmes's worthy sidekick Dr. Watson was no detective. Joshua's brief, dad-joke interludes, however, give today's generations of distracted viewers the spoonful of sugar that helps the medicine (read: Bible teaching) go down. (Thanks, Joshua, for serving as the sherbet between courses that cleanses the palate!) —Mark

## Difficulty and Blessing

**From D.Z.:** Thank you for your literature, which I so look forward to reading. Your articles are excellent and are correct as stated in God's Word. My wife and I are elderly and are going through a hard time. But please keep us on your mailing list. I am enclosing a small gift for your ministry. Shalom.

Dear D.Z.,

Thank you for your kind words and donation. Yeshua has a habit of multiplying the loaves and fishes that we give from our heart. We're praying for the supernatural return of blessing in your life for your sacrifice! Rest assured that you will remain on our mailing list. —Love, Joshua and Caleb

## Prophecies of Jesus Christ

**From H.A.:** I am a Christian from Chile, and I have followed your teachings for many years. I am deeply encouraged to see how the people of Israel are coming to the feet of their Messiah.

Years ago, I saw a wonderful study on *Zola Levitt Presents* (now *Bearded Bible Brothers*) that revealed the similarities between the patriarch Joseph and the Messiah Jesus Christ. From that time, the Old Testament came even more alive for me. I truly understood that ALL the Scriptures testify of Him and that not only was Joseph a type of Christ, but most of the patriarchs of Israel were as well.

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As I read the *Tanakh*, I found more and more evidence that Jesus Christ is One of Whom all the Prophets spoke. So, I wrote down each verse with its corresponding fulfillment in the Messiah, and each of the 39 books — from Genesis to Malachi — prophesy of Him.

Some time ago, the Lord prompted me to send you this study, so I translated it into English. I am sure you receive many emails, books, and reading recommendations. However, I urge you to skim through these, and perhaps you will discover some treasures that you may not have noticed before.

May the God of all glory keep you and grant you wisdom in your mission to bring the truth of Jesus Christ to the people of Israel. Without a doubt, the best way to bless Israel is with Yeshua!

Dear H.A.,

Thank you for sending us your study of prophecies fulfilled in Jesus. In case you or other readers aren't aware, our ministry's **Prophesied Messiah** bookmark lists a dozen Old Testament prophecies and New Testament fulfillments of those prophecies that detail Who the Messiah of Israel is, and what He was going to experience and accomplish.

—Mark

Please see *The Prophesied Messiah* book and bookmark [on p. 3](#).



## [Will Jesus Return in 2027? Are there two 70 weeks of Daniel?](#) on YouTube

**From D.C.:** Your Jewish wedding teaching is the most eye-opening that I have ever seen from Zola Levitt Ministries. The concepts of the Bridegroom and the Bride, which is the Church — this was like a light bulb going off and everything suddenly made sense. I just loved Zola's booklet, *A Christian Love Story*. I purchased many of these booklets and gave them away.

So, I am waiting for my Bridegroom to come and get His Bride, the Church, at any moment. Thank you for this program; it was so exciting.

Dear D.C.,

Zola was our original rabbi, using the pulpit of the television set to proclaim this truth. We are honored to walk in his footsteps, but even more honored to take up our Chief Rabbi's call to take His Gospel to the ends of the Earth! —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

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Please see *A Christian Love Story* study booklet and teaching CD [on p. 27](#).

## Don't Fall into Paul's Trap

**From J.B.:** I have been greatly enjoying your updates from Turkey and am looking forward to all your upcoming television series. Thank you for all you do. You are both intelligent and seem to use both common sense and wisdom. Likewise, you are obviously hearing the Holy Spirit and seem to actually follow His direction.

Having said that, I want to remind you not to fall into the same trap as the Apostle Paul. He was bent on going to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, and not even the Holy Spirit could dissuade him. Paul tried to justify his decision by getting others to agree with it. God Himself spoke to Paul while he was in the Temple and told the Apostle to get out. Since Paul did not get out, it finally registered how misguided he had been when he was languishing and despairing in a Roman prison. God had to reassure him that He would work things out for good despite Paul's disobedience.

In summary, there are easy ways to do things, and there are hard ways. Your turning into martyrs — no matter how noble the reason — is not necessarily the best option. **God has given you brains. He expects you to use them,** exercise wisdom, and actually listen to what He tells you to do. He doesn't want you running off on your own agenda regardless of how noble it may seem.

Paul made a mess of things and made life needlessly difficult for himself. God had to clean it up. In this instance, don't be a Paul. Keep up the good work.

Shalom, J.B.,

Thank you for your Biblical-based wisdom and concern. In our hearts, there are many places we would love to go preach the Gospel: Russia, Iran, and China. But the Lord has not "activated" us to move on such ventures. Though Turkey was not a desire for either of us to visit or film (save Mount Ararat for Caleb), God burdened our spirits to accomplish His purpose there. When He requests a mission of us, the fire burns in our bones until we walk in obedience.

**Throughout our lives, we have sacrificed our personal desires to serve Him and go where He tells us.** As a missionary, Joshua followed God's leadership to some of the most dangerous places. He went to gang-controlled and earthquake-stricken Haiti, AIDS orphanages in Africa, leper colonies in India, and helped rescue girls from sex trafficking in Burma. Joshua did not want to go, but God called him to go. Therefore, **if we walk in obedience to God, we are safer in those "dangerous" locations than if we walk in disobedience by staying at home in America.**

The fear of the Lord is lost on many Believers in the modern, American Church. We, however, fear staying home and not going forth in obedience to God!

Please continue to pray for us that we stay strong to obey the voice of God and hear His direction with clarity, and not confusion. Thank you for your love and support.  
—Joshua and Caleb ☆

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## [America's Godly Heritage](#) book

by David Barton

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

Please see "The Forgotten Foundation of Freedom" and "A Warning for All Americans" [on the cover](#).

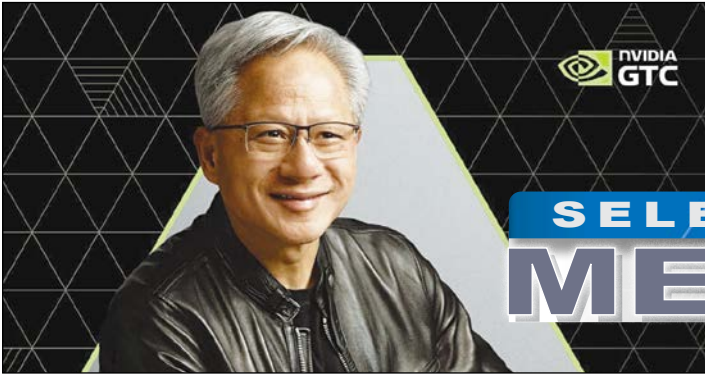


  
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Jensen Huang

## NVIDIA CEO: "100% Committed to Israel"

AllIsraelNews.com

Anti-Israel sentiments are rising worldwide. Even so, Jensen Huang, CEO of NVIDIA, the most valuable company in the world, publicly supports Israel. The tech giant is one of the largest employers in the Israeli tech sector.

"We have 6,000 families in Israel, and I'm worried about them. Our company continues to operate very well, and people are working very hard, but ... we're concerned about them. I am 100% committed to Israel, and we are going to be there for a very long time. One hundred percent of our employees there have 100% of our love and support," Huang stated at the company's GTC 2026 conference.

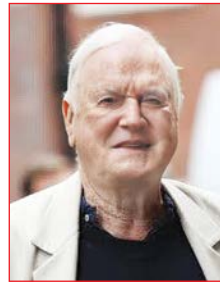
He stressed that the conflict with Iran hasn't changed NVIDIA's long-term relationship with Israel and the tech industry. "I believe there is a reason we went to war, and I believe that at the end of the war, the Middle East will be more stable than ever."

Recently, NVIDIA partnered with the Israeli company Creation Space to launch the \$32 million "Space City" in Mitzpe Ramon. The remote Israeli town in the Negev Desert, with surroundings that resemble the moon or Mars, will be a place to develop "dual-value" tech solutions for both space and Earth.

In December 2025, NVIDIA announced plans to invest \$1.5 billion in a large server farm in northern Israel. Construction of the facility is scheduled to begin in 2027, with completion expected in 2031. Once finished, it will become NVIDIA's largest tech facility outside the U.S.

## John Cleese Warns Against Islamic Takeover

By Tré Goins-Phillips / CBN.com



John Cleese in 2024

credit: John Manart / Wikipedia

English actor **John Cleese** recently defended Britain's Christian heritage. The famous *Monty Python* member posted to X that Great Britain has been impacted by "Christian values"

at the "deepest level" and warned against Muslim influence in the U.K.

"Despite the many mistakes made by churches, for centuries British people have been influenced by Christ's teaching. If these values are replaced by Islamic ones, this will not be Britain anymore," Cleese wrote.

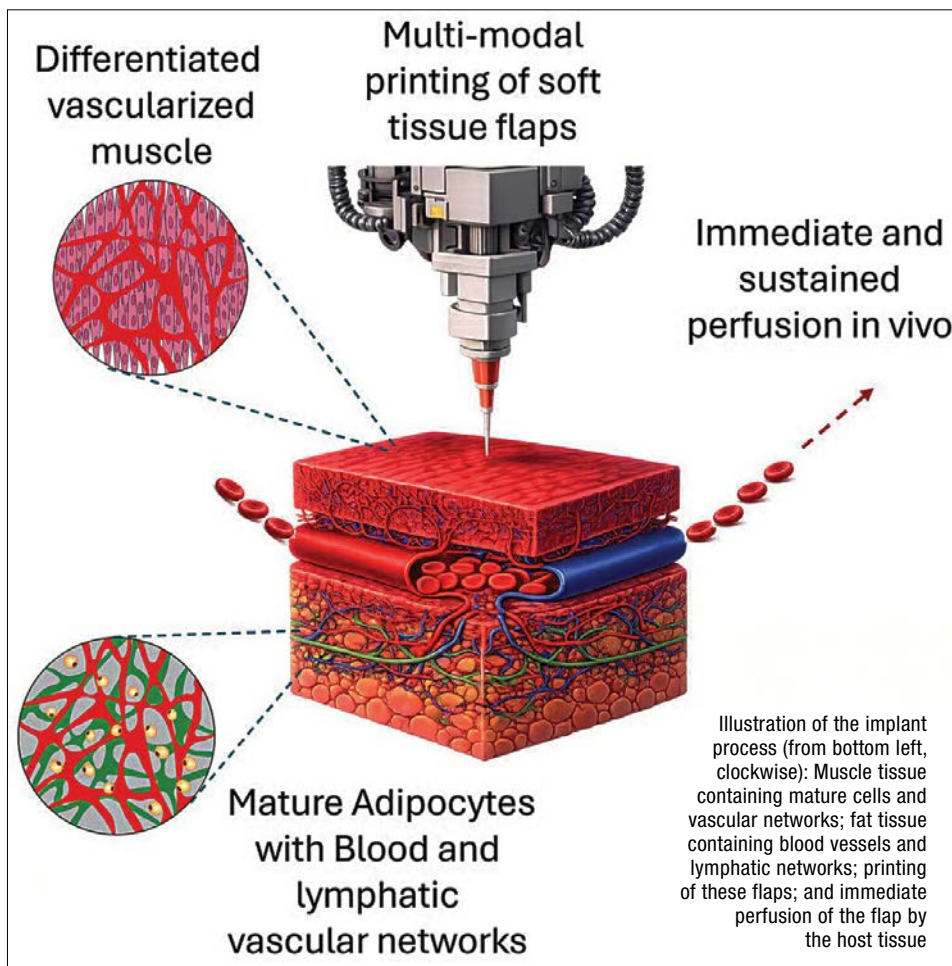
He commented in response to a video from Susan Hall, a leader in the Conservative group in the London Assembly. She asserted that Britain's status as a Christian country needs to be preserved. Hall also warned against the Green Party, which, if it assumes power, reportedly plans to "disestablish" the Church of England as Britain's state denomination.

This comes as the British government announced a new definition for "Islamophobia," which it now calls "anti-Muslim hostility." Evangelist David Robertson warned: "I can see a day coming in the not-too-distant future when ... writers like me will be prosecuted under the Islamophobia blasphemy law for spreading hate against Muslims. But preaching Christ and His word is not hatred, nor is it any kind of phobia. It is Christian love." ☆



## Israeli Team Develops Implant that Mimics Lost Human Tissue

credit: Technion



Researchers at the Technion–Israel Institute of Technology have developed a first-of-its-kind 3D-printed implant that combines muscle and fat tissue with both blood vessels and a lymphatic network. This could eventually help treat patients with major tissue loss from injuries, burns, or cancer surgery.

The current standard treatment for significant tissue loss is an autologous flap, in which tissue is taken from another part of a patient’s body and transplanted to the injured area. A flap is a tissue implant that includes a vascular system, which helps it connect to the damaged site after implantation. Without that system, the implant does not immediately receive enough oxygen and nutrients, and waste is not efficiently cleared away.

Prof. Shulamit Levenberg, who headed the Technion research group, holds the Stanley and Sylvia Shirvan Chair in Cancer and Life Sciences and serves as the director of the Technion Center for 3D Bioprinting and the Rina & Avner Schneur Center for Diabetes Research. She commented that the new implant may offer a different path. “Our development represents a significant step toward the production of complex implantable tissues for cases involving loss of muscle and fat tissue due to injuries, burns, tumor resection, and more.”

According to the researchers, **the new flap is the first to incorporate not only a hierarchical blood vessel network but also a lymphatic network.** This is essential for draining fluids from the spaces

between cells. The flap also includes muscle and fat tissues in a single structure, along with an arteriovenous loop designed to connect directly to the blood supply at the implantation site.

The overall construct closely mimics natural tissue, including the extracellular matrix (ECM) —the support structure surrounding cells. The team added that this required optimizing the printing process, both in the design of the printed structure and in the calibration of the syringes used to place cells within the flap.

In lab experiments in rats, researchers discovered that connecting the flap to the target site led to rapid integration. They reported continuous delivery of oxygen and nutrients, stable blood flow, normal muscle development and stability of the fat cells. Thus, the flap became an integral part of the implantation site and surrounding tissue, both aesthetically and functionally.

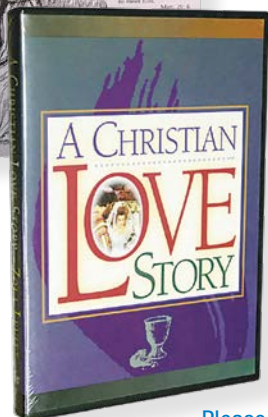
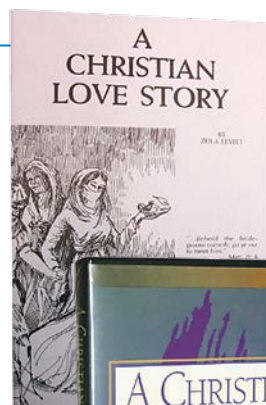
The study was led by Levenberg, Dr. Eliana Fischer, a physician and graduate of

the Technion's Ruth and Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine who is now a PhD student in the lab, and doctoral student Anna Tsukerman, a biology graduate who entered the program after six years in the biomedical industry.

Although the initial experiments were conducted in rats, the engineered tissues were made from human cells in order to test the technology's feasibility for eventual use in people. The group has now begun testing the technology in large animals, which is the next step toward possible clinical trials.

The study also included researchers from the Department of Plastic Surgery at the School of Medical Sciences at Tokushima University in Japan. It was supported by the European Union through an ERC grant and by the Japanese company Nichia under a joint grant program involving Nichia, the Technion, and Tokushima University.

The findings were published in the journal *Cell Biomaterials*. ☆



## [A Christian Love Story](#) [study booklet](#) and [teaching CD](#)

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Please see the letter "Will Jesus Return in 2027?..." on [p. 23](#).



# MIRACLES AT ENTEBBE



As the U.S. celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Israel and those who support her will recall the heroic counterterrorism operation to rescue Jewish hostages in Uganda. The celebrated operation was comprised of tremendous bravery and numerous miracles.

On June 27, 1976, an Air France plane with 248 passengers was hijacked by Arab and German terrorists and flown to Entebbe, Uganda's main airport. **Uganda's government provided cover for the hijackers who were welcomed personally by Muslim dictator Idi Amin.** In the ensuing week, as the U.S. was preparing to celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence, Israel was gearing up for an imaginative and outrageously bold operation to rescue hostages held by the terrorists.

While Israel had been fighting Arab terrorists for decades, the involvement of German terrorists brought back haunting memories of Jews being rounded up and murdered throughout Europe just 35 years earlier.

Initially, the terrorists separated the Israelis and Jews from the larger group of hostages and forced them into another room. The first day, 47 non-Israeli hostages were released. The next day, 101 more non-Israeli hostages were allowed to leave. **But 94 Israeli and Jewish hostages**



Israeli commandos with the Mercedes they used in 1976 to deceive the Ugandans

**remained, along with the 12 Air France crew members.** The hijackers threatened to kill them if their demands for the release of terrorists imprisoned in Israel and four other countries were not met.

During the time between the hijacking and the rescue, Israel's Mossad built an accurate picture of the hostages' location, the number of hijackers, and the involvement of Ugandan troops from the released hostages. Additionally, because Israelis were involved in many building projects in Africa during the 1960s and 1970s, a large Israeli construction company had built the terminal where the hostages were held. This allowed Israel to construct a replica of the building with the assistance of those who had helped build the original, while planning the military operation.

While the Israeli government and military considered many options, they chose what seemed like the most improbable mission. In a modern David versus Goliath event, some 100 Israeli elite commandos were briefed and prepared. One element of the plan involved securing a Mercedes, painting it to look like Idi Amin's car and, after touchdown, driving that car loaded with Israeli troops to the terminal building.

**Operation Thunderbolt, composed entirely of elite commandos, was led by Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu.** His unit was given the primary task of attacking the airport terminal and rescuing the hostages.

credit: IDF Spokesman



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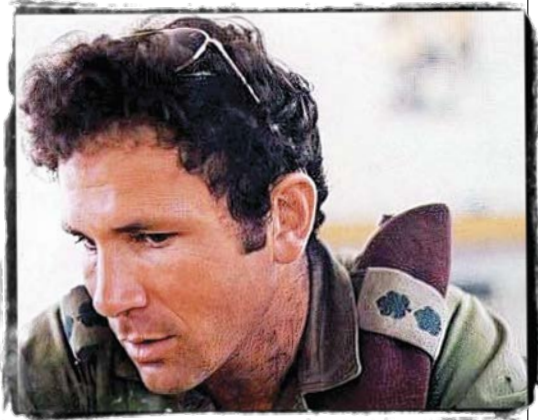
A paratroopers' force was tasked with securing the civilian airfield, clearing and securing the runways, and protecting and fueling the Israeli planes. A group from Israel's famed Golani unit secured the C-130 Hercules aircraft for the hostages' evacuation, getting as close as possible to the terminal to board the hostages. Another elite commando unit was tasked with destroying a squadron of MiG fighter planes on the ground to prevent any possible interceptions by the Ugandan Air Force and holding off potential hostile ground forces.

The operation occurred at night with a nearly new moon. Though planned in about a week, the operation was carried out in less time than the length of the movies made to tell the story.\* **The team rescued 102 hostages**; five Israeli commandos were wounded, and one was killed. Three hostages, all the hijackers, and 45 Ugandan soldiers were killed. Most of Uganda's Soviet-built MiGs were destroyed. [Dora Bloch, a 74-year-old Israeli, had previously been taken to a hospital after falling ill on the airplane. Following the raid, on the orders of Idi Amin, she was murdered by Ugandan Army officers, as were some of her doctors and nurses, apparently for trying to intervene.]

It would have been impossible for Israel to transport a convoy of planes and equipment 2,500 miles alone, undetected, without God's protection and the involvement of numerous people He set in place to assist the mission. Because Israel and Kenya enjoyed good relations, **members of the Jewish and Israeli community in Nairobi secured the help of Kenya's President Jomo Kenyatta, a Christian who obviously understood God's imperative to bless Israel.** Kenyatta gave permission for the IDF task force to cross Kenyan airspace and refuel at Nairobi's International Airport. This was another way that God showed His Hand and merciful protection.

In the aftermath of the operation, Idi Amin retaliated and slaughtered several hundred Kenyans in Uganda.

God's protection of Israel was evident at every turn in the rescue. Lt. Col. Netanyahu, the older brother of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, was the only Israeli military casualty. Thus, Operation Thunderbolt was renamed Operation Yonatan in his memory.



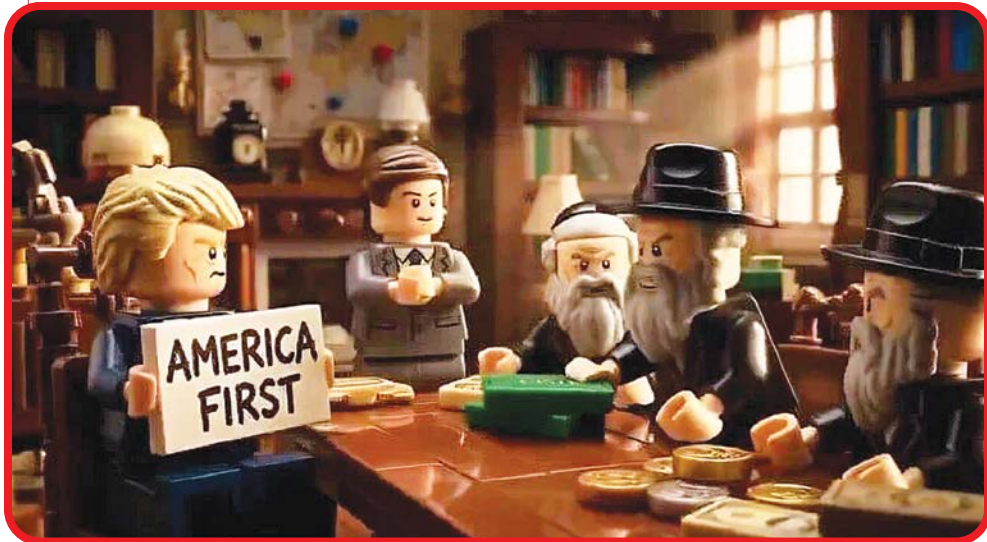
Last known photo of Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu

Israeli heroism and success were celebrated globally. The rescue combined human bravery, imagination, and the will to fight and overcome terrorists, coupled with God's protection.

We can learn many lessons from that event 50 years ago that can aid our fight against a new generation of Islamists threatening Jews, Christians, and western civilization. In a world where Islamic terrorism continues to flourish, Operation Yonatan remains a model of the resolve and action needed to defeat it.

\* **The most popular and critically recognized films about the 1976 Entebbe hostage rescue are *Raid on Entebbe* (1977), *Operation Thunderbolt* (1977), and the modern retelling *7 Days in Entebbe* (2018).** Please see "Entebbe: 'Israel Was Right — And Fortunately the Mission Succeeded'" on the cover of the August 2016 *Levitt Letter*. —Editor ☆

# Iran's AI Propaganda is Winning on the Digital Battlefield



credit: Screenshot / Explosive Media

One of many viral LEGO-themed videos that are anti-Trump and anti-Israel

Israel successfully fended off most of the hundreds of ballistic missiles and drones launched at it by the Islamic Republic of Iran. But shielding itself from Tehran's digital arsenal has proved much more difficult.

By employing Western trends and cultural references, Iran has used AI-generated photos and videos to demean Israeli and U.S. leaders, glorify Iranian military capabilities, and assert the Islamic Republic's resilience. These digital media have garnered over a billion views online from impressionable Americans and others.

Compounded by a parallel wave of AI deepfakes showing misleading content about the war, the meme-heavy content — much of which makes use of anti-Israel sentiment and anti-Semitic tropes — constitutes a growing challenge for Israel as it seeks international legitimacy and support for its military actions against Iran.

"Audiences unfamiliar with the conflict — younger audiences especially — are much more vulnerable and exposed to this kind of content," explained Daniel Haberfeld, co-head of the cyber terrorism desk at Reichman University's International Institute for Counter-Terrorism.

Iran's mastery of this "slopaganda" could potentially redefine the information war in a world where truth is increasingly difficult to discern, experts say.

Some of Iran's most viral content has been LEGO-themed animations created by AI, which focus on Israel's purported control over America and the consequences of attacking Iran. The videos are generally short rap-style songs, with lyrics and imagery recalling real wartime news stories as well as conspiracy theories and anti-Semitic tropes.

One of the most viral, shared by Iranian state media, features clips of President Trump trading the "America First" slogan to ultra-Orthodox rabbis in exchange for money and bowing alongside Netanyahu to the Canaanite god Baal.

"The LEGO videos are clearly aimed at an American audience that is anti-Trump and anti-war," commented Holly Dagues, senior fellow at The Washington Institute.

This LEGO trend largely originated with Iran's Explosive Media, founded during Israel's 12-Day War against Iran in June 2025. The videos, produced by a small team of Iranian students aged 18–25, have garnered billions of views across TikTok, Instagram, and X. They highlight





By Nava Freiberg  
TimesOfIsrael.com



Iranian cultural sophistication and seek to weaken Western support for the war, according to an Explosive Media spokesperson.

Explosive Media presents itself as independent, but the spokesperson acknowledged in interviews that the Iranian regime is a “customer” and admitted “connections” to it, including selling some video distribution rights to state media. They called it “honorable to work for the homeland,” denying “allegations” that the regime had killed thousands of civilian protesters earlier this year.

In an interview, the Explosive Media spokesperson asserted, “Our videos are not anti-Semitic; our videos are anti-Zionist. When we show Netanyahu drinking blood, we want to highlight atrocities committed by [the Israeli] regime.”

While Iran used AI to shape its narrative in the 2025 war, it now uses AI both to improve the content and the frequency of its output. “With AI, you can constantly feed the algorithm. It allows you to generate different kinds of content with different messages for different target audiences, much, much faster,” explained Haberfeld.

Beyond amplifying overtly pro-Iran messaging, Iranian outlets use AI to create fake videos presenting news consumers with realistic but fictional footage meant to exaggerate U.S. and Israeli losses.

In a recent CBS News interview, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu admitted that Israel was falling behind in the perception war. He alleged that several countries, which he did not identify, have

“basically manipulated” social media in a way that “hurt us badly.”

While pro-Iran memes and deepfakes were racing around the world, Israel was also waging a social media battle. One example from Israel’s Foreign Ministry was a meme that mocked Hezbollah’s ceasefire violations. The Foreign Ministry said its digital efforts and those of its missions abroad generated over 1.3 billion impressions across seven online platforms. Its advocacy also included hundreds of interviews with international media outlets to expose the Iranian regime’s deliberate targeting of Israel’s civilian population.

“We have to fight back against these lies, this propaganda, with the only weapon we have — the truth,” Netanyahu explained. “I’m trying to do that now and will try to do that in a much greater effort

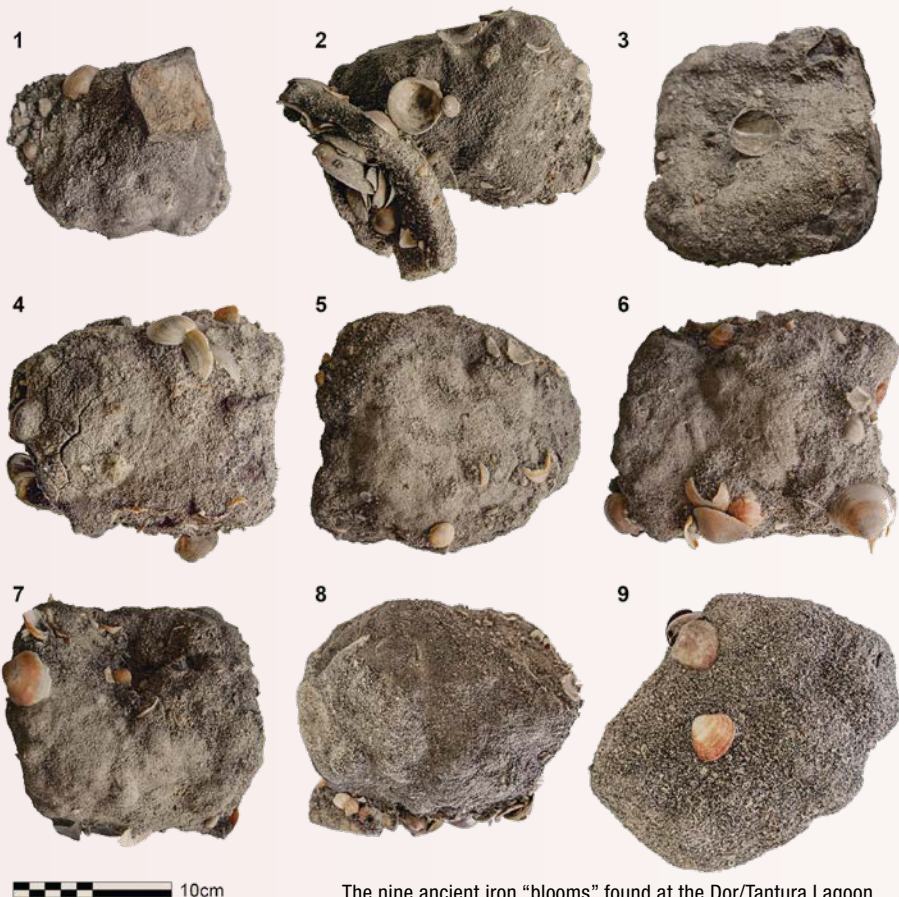


because we’ve left the battlefield to our enemies.”

Haberfeld asserted that the cyber and digital war is never-ending. “The threat posed by influence campaigns and cognitive warfare is becoming increasingly prominent in modern warfare. Countries around the world now understand this and are trying to build specialized systems to identify, monitor, and counter this influence.” ✨



## Iron Age Shipwreck Offers Rare Look at Ancient Trade



credit: Marko Runjajic / Tantara Underwater Excavation



The nine ancient iron “blooms” found at the Dor/Tantura Lagoon

Nine lumps of raw iron recovered from the seabed off Israel’s Carmel Coast are shedding new light on how metal was traded across the ancient Mediterranean, according to a study led by researchers at the University of Haifa.

The roughly 2,600-year-old iron “blooms” were discovered during an underwater excavation in the Dor Lagoon and have now been analyzed in research published in the peer-reviewed journal *npj Heritage Science*. Unlike most ancient iron finds, the pieces appear to have remained exactly as they emerged from the smelting furnace, with no signs of forging or further processing.

“This is the earliest archaeological evidence known today of the maritime transport of iron blocks in the state in which they emerged from the smelting process — in the raw state in which they were

created in the furnace before undergoing a process of forging and processing by blacksmiths,” said **Prof. Tzilla Eshel**, who led the study.



credit: Tzilla Eshel

The Dor Lagoon is a shallow coastal inlet near the modern town of Dor. Located near the ancient city of Dor — a major Canaanite and later Phoenician port between Haifa and Caesarea — the lagoon served as a natural harbor and hub for maritime trade. Excavations have revealed remains from the Bronze Age, Iron Age, and Hellenistic periods, showing that it was used for docking ships as well as industrial activities such as metallurgy and fishing.

While metals such as copper and bronze could be melted and cast, iron production



in antiquity involved heating ore with charcoal to create a solid, spongy mass of metal and slag. This was known as iron bloom or iron efflorescence. Blacksmiths would normally reheat and hammer the mass to remove impurities and shape it into usable material.

Laboratory analysis of the Dor Lagoon blooms suggests that the refining step didn't happen before shipping. Microscopic examination of one bloom revealed a porous internal structure filled with slag residues, with no evidence of hammering

According to the researchers, the metal's internal structure indicates that the iron remained in the condition in which it left the smelting furnace. The slag layer acted as a natural protective shell, allowing the metal to survive in excellent condition while being underwater for more than two millennia.

The findings suggest that Iron Age production and processing were not always centralized. Iron may have been produced at distant smelting sites and transported by sea in its raw form to ports or urban



Maritime archaeologists working at the Dor/Tantura Lagoon off the Carmel Coast in northern Israel in an undated photo.

or compaction. Chemical tests confirmed the composition of the metal and its surrounding slag layer.

A charred fragment of wood trapped in one of the iron blooms was radiocarbon-dated to between the late seventh and early sixth centuries B.C.

centers, where local blacksmiths completed refining and manufacturing.

"This finding provides important evidence of how metallic raw materials moved between production sites and processing workshops in the late Iron Age — a period of conquering and destructive empires in our region," the researchers added. ☆

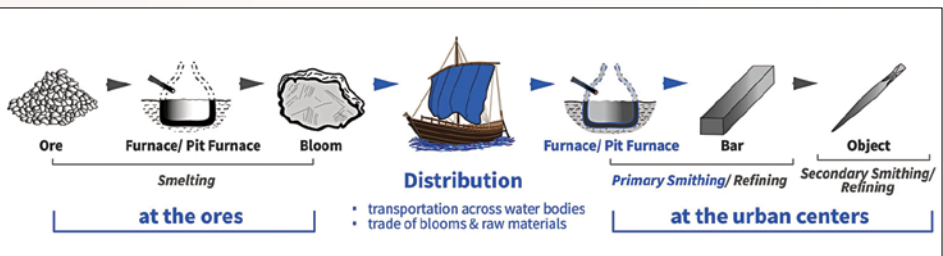


Illustration of how iron was produced and distributed during the Iron Age (1,200-586 B.C.)

## Anti-Israel Coalition Admits Secret Coordination with U.S.-Sanctioned Groups

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Varsha Gandikota-Nellutla, executive secretary of the Hague Group, thought that she was speaking confidentially during an April webinar. In her remarks, she revealed that the group and its co-chairs are advised by Al Haq and other Palestinian organizations, some of which are “operating in secret without the names being published elsewhere.”

Last September, Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced American sanctions against Al Haq and two other organizations for being “directly engaged in efforts by the International Criminal Court to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute Israeli nationals, without Israel’s consent.”

The Hague Group, formed in 2025, claims to be devoted to “coordinated legal and diplomatic measures” to defend “international law and solidarity with the people of Palestine.” Its members include South Africa, Colombia, Malaysia, Cuba, Namibia, and Senegal. Honduras and Bolivia left the group in March after both countries’ new leaders established warmer ties with Israel.

In the webinar, Gandikota-Nellutla stated: “There has been a very careful and actually kind of talked-out dynamic between the [Hague Group] states and the civil society groups where they have been present at every single ministerial meeting.” However, she added that those organizations “have not been formally in the group, because that’s precisely what would scare away the Europeans — to see this as a radical campaign group.”

She noted that Al Shabaka — a U.S.-based nonprofit that’s billed as a Palestinian think tank but which has a long history of boycotting Israel and justifying terror — is also advising the Hague Group.

The webinar was hosted by United Staff for Gaza (formerly UN Staff for Gaza), which consists of current and former UN staff members. Following Gandikota-Nellutla’s initial comments, Andrew Gilmour, chair of

United Staff for Gaza and a former senior UN official, interrupted. “Varsha, before you say anything else confidential, there are 108 people on this call, so just assume it’s not confidential. Please don’t tell us anything that you would rather was not made public.”

Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch, commented that “the mask has slipped.” He asserted that the “Hague Group is not a neutral coalition ... defending international law but a coordinated political campaign guided behind closed doors by PLO-linked organizations.”

He was alarmed at the participation of current and former UN staff, “who are sworn to uphold neutrality, not to collaborate in secret meetings in order to target a single nation. There is no equivalent network of UN insiders organizing against serial human rights abusers like China, Iran, or Sudan. They’re only colluding against Israel. This obsession reflects a deeper rot within the UN that has only gotten worse under António Guterres.”



credit: Progressive International

Progressive International General Coordinator Varsha Gandikota-Nellutla at the announcement of the Hague Group on January 31, 2025

Neuer explained that Varsha Gandikota-Nellutla is “a raging anti-Semite who says that “Zionism turns everything it touches into evil.” ☆





## Shrewd Shopper

Chaim regularly passed a “Pick Your Own” farm and one day decided to stop.

“How much are the tomatoes?” asked Chaim.

“It depends,” replied the farmer.

“How about that one there?” Chaim inquired, pointing to a large, ripe fruit hanging on the vine.

“A beauty like that? Four dollars.”

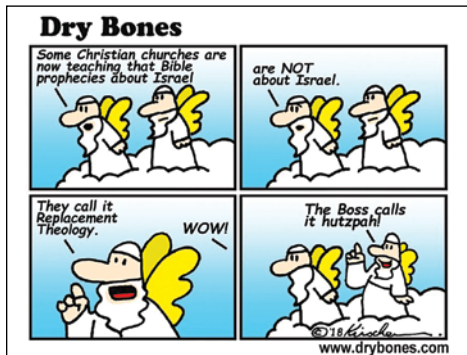
“Ok, but how much for that one?” asked Chaim, pointing to a tiny, green tomato.

“It’s not ripe.”

“But that’s the one I want,” Chaim emphasized. “How much is it?”

“Fifty cents,” shrugged the farmer.

“Deal!” Chaim noted, shaking the farmer’s hand. “I’ll stop by to get it next month.”



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

- | Across:          | Down:          |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Liberty       | 2. Everlasting |
| 5. Bondage       | 3. Truth       |
| 6. Redemption    | 4. Blood       |
| 9. Confess       | 7. Wicked      |
| 10. Lord         | 8. Believe     |
| 11. Death        | 12. Righteous  |
| 13. Condemnation | 13. Creation   |
| 15. Serve        | 14. Free       |
| 18. Crucified    | 16. Spirit     |
| 20. Prison       | 17. Freedom    |
| 21. Saved        | 19. Grace      |



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