



January 2019

Dear Reader,

Does your celebration of the New Year include pomegranates? See how they figure into Jewish history and tradition (p. 6). Though we don't have an Epiphany story this month, please remember the arrival of the Magi (the non-Jews) to worship the new King, observed every January 6, immediately following Day 12 of Christmas.

Despite rising incidents of anti-Semitism (p. 1), Jews continue to bless the non-Jews (26, 27).

Todd explains some terms of prophecy (11) and reiterates the maxim that performing good works cannot save people who have no relationship with the God in whose Name they act (12).

Mark keeps us up to date (p. 14) on ZLM's growing 30-year-old archives — resources for Believers to use for free now, and available for those left behind when the Church is called home. After that Rapture, loved ones now resistant to the Gospel will find themselves suddenly interested. Be sure your personal library contains sufficient books and videos to help them learn the Biblical fundamentals for their own salvation (pp. 18-19).

Our **To The Jew First** team members share their witnessing opportunities right here at home. You can do it too! And ZLM can help with our *Witnessing Series* DVDs, Zola's \$3 study booklets, and the *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*, all available in our web store (store.levitt.com).

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

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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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Synagogue Attack: A Sign of Our Sinister Times

By Gregg Roman / TheHill.com

Paris. Tel Aviv. Toulouse. Mumbai. Brussels. Copenhagen. Jerusalem. Kansas City — and now, Pittsburgh. An anti-Semitic massacre in a sacred space. As Jeff Finkelstein, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, said afterward: “This should not be happening in a synagogue. This should not be happening, period.”

Every accusation — and its opposite — has been thrown at the Jewish people to justify attacks: Jews are too left-wing, Jews are too right-wing. Jews assimilate too much, Jews don't mix enough. Jews are behind capitalism, Jews are behind socialism, or communism.

For 2,000 years, Jews were enslaved, oppressed, expelled, burned, and gassed, while being told to go back to where they came from. Today, those who hate Jews tell

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REMEMBER:
Epiphany is Sunday, January 6



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Sky Angels: Elite Search-and-Rescue

By Judah Ari Gross
TimesOfIsrael.com

Elite search-and-rescue forces from six nations came to Israel last fall in the military's largest-ever exercise of its type, practicing everything from extractions under fire to evacuating civilian victims of car accidents.



photo: Israel Defense Forces

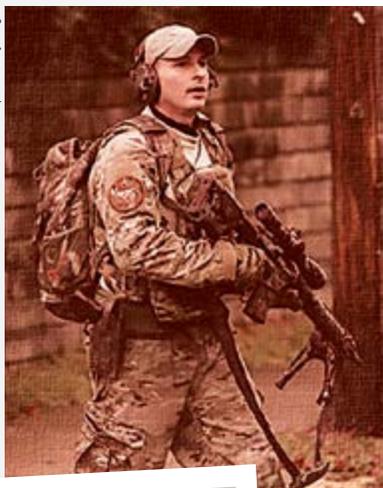
The exercise known as “Sky Angels” was led by Israel's Unit 669, a special forces unit that specializes in search-and-rescue operations. Just a week earlier, Unit 669 had participated in extracting a group of special forces soldiers who had come under fire while conducting an operation inside Gaza.

The six countries that participated

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Synagogue Attack ... *continued from cover*

photo: Getty Images



top: Police respond to the mass shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Oct. 27, 2018.

below: Accused Pittsburgh synagogue shooter, Robert Bowers, 46

those who returned to their ancestral and indigenous homeland to leave.

Though we Jews are classified as white, we are still targeted by those who stand for white supremacy.

Anti-Semitism knows no logic. It knows no rules and appears to affect seeming foes on the political and ideological spectrum.

Only a few days before accused shooter Robert Bowers mowed down 11 souls at the Tree of Life Synagogue because he believed "all Jews should die" for helping immigrants at the U.S. border, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan compared

Jews to termites and called them satanic. Bowers and Farrakhan probably agree about little else except their hatred of the Jewish people.

No other hatred unites and rallies such disparate voices, using the same classic motifs of hate.

Europe has seen how the extreme ends of the political spectrum share their hatred of

Jews. Their common ground is only their Holocaust denial and their hatred of all things Jewish.

However, this pincer movement that has engulfed the Jews of Europe should not be allowed to take root in the United States. We must condemn Louis Farrakhan with the same vehemence as we do white supremacist Richard Spencer, or attacks against Jews will continue to rise.

The Anti-Defamation League chronicled a 57% rise in U.S. anti-Semitic incidents in 2017 over 2016. That included everything from bomb threats and assaults, to vandalism, desecration of cemeteries, and the flooding of college campuses with anti-Semitic posters and graffiti. According to FBI statistics adjusted to population size, Jews are more likely to be targets of hate crimes than any other minority in the U.S.

[Jew-hatred \(anti-Semitism\) is from Satan. To hate Jews means also hating Yeshua/Jesus. — Editor](#) ★

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Israel from the Sky

BY PHOTOGRAPHER ISRAEL BARDUGO / YNetNews.com

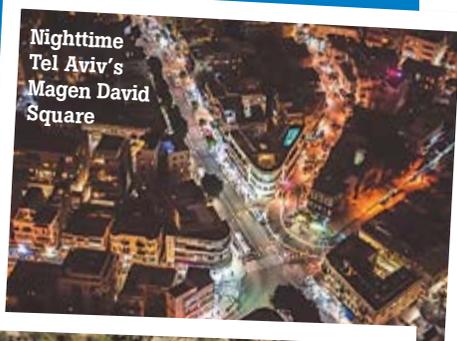
Aerial photos of the Promised Land by Israel Bardugo—from the warm spring pools of Gan HaShlosHa, to a solar power plant in the Negev Desert, to the concentric circles of a green burial mound, to a nighttime shot of an urban intersection. ★



The Golan Heights’ Rujm el-Hiri—
ancient megalithic burial mound
of basalt rocks



Nighttime
Tel Aviv’s
Magen David
Square



The Ashalim
solar power plant



Gan HaShlosHa
National Park



Jerusalem — The Background

Classic McCall



PART 2 BY THOMAS S. MCCALL

Thomas S. McCall was Senior Theologian of ZLM and Zola's co-author, mentor, pastor, and friend for more than 45 years. [Last month](#) we looked at the background of Jerusalem under Arab Islamic control.

Transformation of Jerusalem Under Jewish Control

Within months of Israel recapturing the Old City in 1967, the old slum was cleared away from the Wall, a grand plaza was established, and hundreds to thousands of people began gathering there daily to pray and worship the God of Abraham and Moses.

Once Jerusalem was reunited under Jewish control, the Moslems had free and total access to the Dome of the Rock, the Al-Aksa Mosque, and all their holy places. Christians also have had access to the important places, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, and the Sea of Galilee, and restricted access to the Temple Mount. While Israel's High Court guarantees freedom of access to and worship on the holy plateau, the Jews' most sacred site on Earth, the police prevent non-Muslim prayer out of fear of Palestinian riots. Any gesture indicating reverence or veneration can result in expulsion.

One shudders to think of what might happen if Jerusalem were again taken out of Jewish hands, even placed under the UN or the Papacy, or God forbid, the Moslems. Both Christians and Jews could find themselves with much-reduced access to the Scriptural sites. Furthermore, God never gave legal title of Jerusalem to Moslems, Christians, or the United Nations. He gave the legal right to Jerusalem to Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob. What right do we have to nullify this grant to Israel from the Lord?

The Push to Remove Jerusalem from Israeli Control

Our conviction, therefore, is that both the Scriptural mandates and the interests of Jews and Christians (and peace-loving Arabs, for that matter) are best served by Jerusalem remaining in the hands of Israel until the Lord returns. For years, multiple U.S. administrations and the UN have applied pressure on

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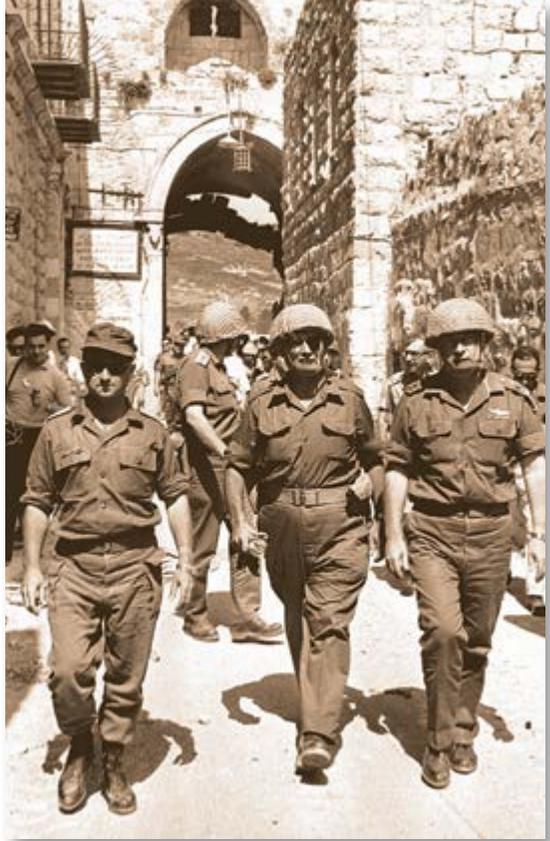


photo: Ian Bruner

From the right, IDF Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, and Jerusalem Commander Uzi Narkis enter the Old City of Jerusalem through the Lions Gate during the Six-Day War (June 5–10, 1967).





Israel to surrender strategic territory to Moslem interests. Despite strong reservations of many Jews and Christians, various governments may try to remove Jerusalem from Israeli control or divide it. This is regrettable, and Believers should resist such efforts. Nevertheless, as the Bible teaches that Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone for all the nations in the End Times (Zech. 12:2–3), we should not be surprised.

photo: David Rubinger



Zion Karasanti, Yitzhak Yifat and Haim Oshri, IDF paratroopers at Jerusalem's Western Wall shortly after its capture on June 7, 1967.

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”
—Zechariah 12:2–3

At the end of each television program, we ask you to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). It's not an idle request: Believers* need to intercede daily for the Eternal City and its future. —David ★

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

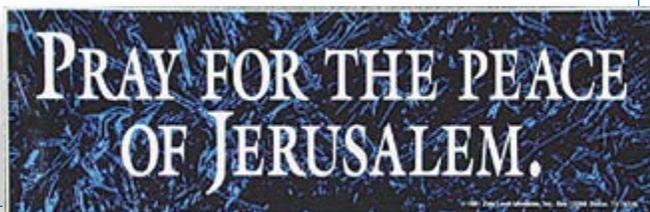


Pray For Peace Bumper Sticker

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem”

Printed on removable vinyl, this attractive bumper sticker measures 3" by 11" and has a striking 3-D effect. Bold white letters of Psalm 122:6 jump out from the blue and black background.

Pass some on to your friends!



Rimonim (Pomegranates)

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Zola Levitt Presents



Every fall, when Zola Tours visits the ruins of ancient Corinth, we drive our very large motor coach through the quaint, charming, and *narrow* streets of modern day (though still very ancient) Corinth.

From the elevated tour bus window, I love to observe everyday life, especially the private courtyards that ooze Greek charm and colorful bougainvillea, roses, and other local flora. Inevitably, someone asks our Greek tour guide Nanda, “What kind of tree is that to the left?”

“That’s a pomegranate tree!” Nanda elaborates about the importance of pomegranates at New Year’s, telling us that, at midnight on New Year’s Eve, Greek families will smash a pomegranate on the floor near their front door! The more seeds they see, the better luck they’ll have in the new year.

The women on the bus gasp, “*But that would stain the floor!*”

“We just cover the spot with an area rug. It’s a very Greek thing to do.” We love Nanda and her answers.

Greeks bring in the New Year with one of the Holy Land’s seven species

Deuteronomy 8:8 lists the seven species (two grains and five fruits), staple food items that God promised would be found in the Promised Land: barley, wheat, grapes, figs, olives, dates, and *pomegranates*. Pilgrims to Israel sample (and many purchase) all seven species. If you haven’t been to Israel yet, we can arrange that for you!

At fresh pomegranate juice stands along the streets of Jerusalem and elsewhere across Israel, vendors “squeeze/squish” pomegranates to fill big cups of the delicious juice.

Pomegranates symbolize the New Year in Israel too

On *Rosh Hashanah* (the Jewish New Year that does not fall in January), pomegranates figure as food as well as decoration. King Solomon’s crown was fashioned after the “crown” top of a pomegranate!

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photo: Kirsten Hart

On a pomegranate tree at the Garden Tomb, the luscious berries of a deep red pomegranate, the King Solomon crown on its orange-shaded neighbor



photo: Kirsten Hart

Greek garden



According to Ilan, one of our Israeli tour guides (famous for his jokes), pomegranates contain 613 seeds, the same number as commandments given in the Torah.

While that may not be quite accurate, each fruit contains approximately that number. I love God's attention to detail and how He incorporates such intricacies into His world.

The twelve spies who scouted out the Promised Land returned to Moses with grapes, figs, and pomegranates (Num. 13:23), proving the land's fruitfulness.

I don't expect you to smash a pomegranate on your floor on New Year's Eve. But I would like you to remember that the God who can make the seeds of a fruit remind people of His commandments, intricately knows and fashioned you. As special as this fruit is to the Holy Land, you are worth far more.

Walk into 2019 with renewed purpose and joy. ★



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(Please see TJF article on witnessing at the Dead Sea products kiosk on pp. 12–13.)



Rescuers (continued from last month)



BY JONATHAN BLAUSTEIN (r) NYTimes.com

We continue our profiles of “Rescuers,” non-Jewish Europeans who risked torture and death to save Jews during the Holocaust. Documented by Malka Drucker, a children’s book author, and Gay Block, a fine art portrait photographer, we hope that these stories will inspire others to stand strong in difficult times. (Our monthly series began in the [November 2018 Levitt Letter, p. 10.](#))

Rescuer #5 Jan Karski

Jan Karski was a Polish spy who eventually became a professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Like a real-life James Bond, he once skied across Slovakia into Hungary on a mission and was eventually caught by the Germans before being rescued by the Polish resistance.

Shortly thereafter, the Jewish underground recruited him to take news of the Warsaw Ghetto and the annihilation of the Jews directly to Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt. But first, he had to visit the Ghetto to see the circumstances for himself.

“The Ghetto was macabre,” he told his interviewer. “It was not a part of humanity. I did not belong there. I vomited blood that night. I saw horrible, horrible things that I will never forget. So I agreed to do what the resistance asked.”

Karski managed to meet with both leaders, but their unwillingness to allocate resources directly for stopping the Holocaust, as their focus was on the war, disappointed him. “Helping Jews was no advantage to the Allied war strategy,” Karski added.

When he asked the president what message he should take back to Poland, Roosevelt replied: “You tell them that we shall win the war, and the enemy will be punished for their crimes. Justice will prevail. Tell your nation that they have a friend in this house.”

Rescuer #6 Helene Jacobs

Helene Jacobs, born in Berlin, worked with a group called Confessing Church to provide false papers and identification to German Jews. Eventually, the Gestapo tracked down her counterfeiting ring, and she was arrested in 1943.

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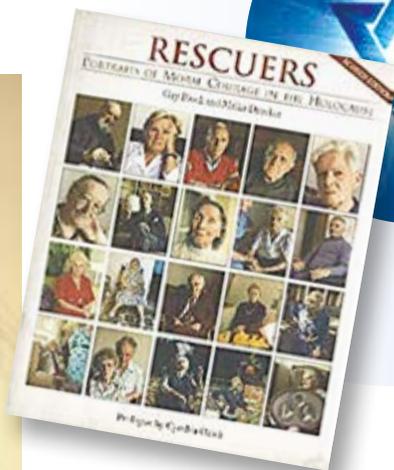
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Jan Karski (1914–2000)



Helene Jacobs (1906–1993)



In her interview, she said: “From childhood I believed that each of us who is given the gift of life is responsible for our own life and for what and whom we decide to surround ourselves. This is why I fought Nazism.”

Jacobs spent 20 months in prison for her “crimes,” and when she

was released, discovered that her home had been burned. As a German who battled the Nazis, she felt it was her duty to fight.

“I always knew how dangerous it was, but I did it for humanity and because I was a patriot,” she said. “I was ashamed of what the German people were doing.”

Be open to how God wants to use your life. You may be only one, but God can work miracles as long as you are willing. — Kirsten ★



Sky Angels ... *continued from cover sidebar*

in the exercise: Croatia, the United States, Canada, Holland, the Czech Republic, and Italy.

Only half of the countries fully participated, while the other half observed, in order to allow each ground team to contain an equal mix of soldiers from the various militaries, according to Brig. Gen. Nir Nin-Nun, the head of the Israeli Air Force’s Air Support and Helicopter Division.

The exercise focused on ground operations rather than on flying. Teams practiced picking up pilots who had ejected from their aircraft, and rescues from inside canyons. The exercises, which included operations in Israel’s deserts and forests, as well as in urban combat scenarios in fake cities, were held in daytime and at night, Nin-Nun said. Despite the fact that Israel is small, it has a

number of difficult landscapes.

For the Israeli special forces soldiers, who generally work only with other Israeli troops, the exercise offered an opportunity to work with other nations and learn, for example, the NATO protocols for search-and-rescue operations.

In recent years, Israel has increasingly cooperated with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), being recognized by the U.S. in 2014 as one level below that of a full member of the group. According to Nin-Nun, initial feedback from the participating militaries was positive, with a potential for future “Sky Angels” exercises, possibly within the next two years. ★



Photo: Israel Defense Forces

Elite search-and-rescue troops from six countries train in Israel as part of the “Sky Angels”

Who Is the “Prince”?



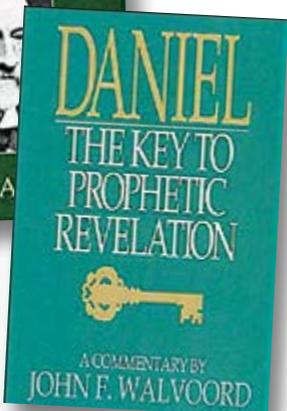
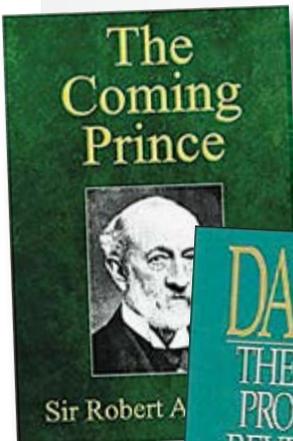
The Arch of Titus is a triumphal arch located to the west of the Roman Forum in Rome. It was constructed shortly after the death of Emperor Titus, who destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. while his father was emperor. In this carving on the arch, the treasures of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem (including the menorah) are paraded in front of the Roman people in Titus' triumphal procession.

Q. Who is the “prince” of Daniel 9:26? Is he the Messiah or the antiChrist?

A. The “prince” ratifies the false peace covenant with Israel and makes it for one week (v. 27), which is counted as seven years. “Prince” cannot apply to the Messiah here, as some Bible commentators would have us believe, since Messiah’s covenant is eternal (Jeremiah 32:40; Hebrews 9:15). Jesus did not, nor would He break this eternal covenant with Believers, whether Jew or gentile.

Furthermore, the antecedent of “he” in verse 27 is not the Messiah (who was “cut off”) but the prince of the Romans, the people to come and destroy the Temple in 70 A.D. The event that breaks the seven-year peace treaty will occur when the prince (antiChrist) enters the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and claims to be God midway (three and a half years) through the seven-year Tribulation (see Daniel 9:27 with Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 11:2; 13:5).

The Coming Prince by Sir Robert Anderson, and John Walvoord’s *Daniel: The Key To Prophetic Revelation* look at Daniel 9:26–27 and exegetically explain why “**the prince to come**” is not the Messiah, but rather a false messiah (antiChrist). ★



Casting Out Demons In Jesus' Name

Dr. Todd Baker
Zola Levitt Ministries
Staff Theologian



"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"
— Matthew 7:21–23

Q Please explain what Jesus means in Matthew 7:21. In 12:26, He says that Satan can't cast out Satan; so **if the people in 7:21 cast out demons in Jesus' name, why wouldn't they go to Heaven?**

A **The people in 7:21 are false prophets and merely claim that they performed miracles in the name of Jesus.** But their lawless lives of disobedience to the Lord ("you who practice lawlessness!") demonstrated that they were false prophets and pseudo-professors of the faith in spite of their alleged miracles. Their prophesying, casting out demons, etc. were not genuine works from a real faith and therefore could not have been authentic, because **no one devoid of true faith will produce fruit and good works evincing salvation.** The false followers of Jesus in Matthew 7:21 lacked the fruit of genuine faith: obedience to the Father's will. Moreover, Jesus said that He never knew them personally. Christ's personal knowledge of someone comes from their true salvation experience with Him — a personal relationship. Jesus said in verse 23, "I never knew you." Claiming to do the miraculous in Jesus' name does not prove a person's salvation. And that is what the Lord Jesus reveals in Matthew 7:21–23.

From Tony: In the context of Matthew 7:21, Yeshua was addressing the fact that professing righteousness must be checked by obedience, or faith in God's grace in redemption. Religious acts, even exorcism of demons, will not make one acceptable before God. Yeshua was teaching that men could prophesy and do amazing works and never know the God in whose Name they are performing those works. ★



The Blind and Mute Man, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1860



When You Can't Get to Israel, Israel Comes to You

My wife Sue and I go to Israel twice a year to bring the Good News of Yeshua to my people, the Jews. However, this year health issues thwarted our travel. Nevertheless, the Lord provides.

Looking for a movie theater at a large, local mall, we noticed a kiosk selling Dead Sea skincare products.

After the movie, we returned and met **Noam**. He had been discharged from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) about a year earlier. Noam talked about his company and asked if we knew about Dead Sea skincare products. Aha — my point of entry!

I told Noam that we go to Israel twice a year and that we use Dead Sea products. Sue and I expressed our love for Israel and the Jewish people. Then I told Noam and his workmate about *HaBesorah* (the Good News) and how it changed my life. Noam's



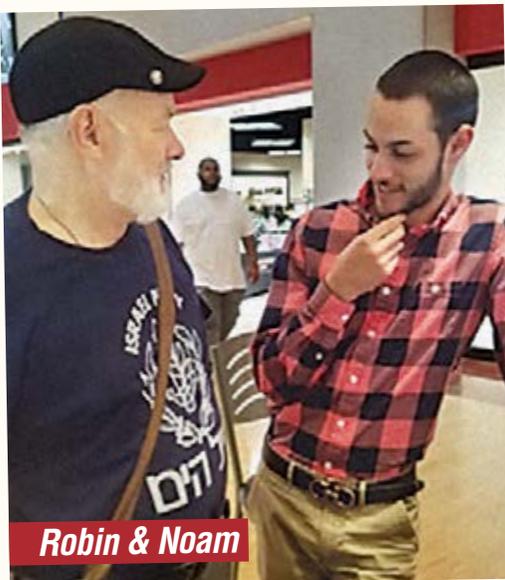
Sue, Noam, Robin

coworker was not interested and stepped aside, but Noam had an open mind. Sue and I didn't have any witnessing material with us, so we promised to return the following day with a gift for him and to make a purchase.

Next morning, I wore an Israeli Navy T-shirt to express my appreciation for the IDF. At the mall, we found two other young Israelis manning the kiosk. They directed us to a kiosk on the far side of the mall. Noam showed his pleasant surprise to see us. Sue and I had brought study tracts and two Hebrew Bibles. Once again, we discussed *HaBesorah*, and Noam readily accepted some tracts and a complete two-Testament Bible in Hebrew. Please pray that he comes to know Yeshua. I made a purchase to bless him, as we had taken him away from his work.

With one more Bible to give away, Sue and I headed back to the other kiosk. Former IDF soldiers **Yoseph** and **Benjamin** had

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Robin & Noam



Robin Hopper
(Aviel Ben Meir)
TJF Team Member



noticed my Israeli Navy T-shirt earlier and asked about it. I explained that I was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and had trained with the IDF in 1966.

Sue and I shared our love of Israel, the Jews, and Yeshua. Yoseph and Benjamin were roommates who were happy to share the Bible and two other books: *They Thought For Themselves* by Sid Roth and *The Return of the Kosher Pig* by Rabbi Itzhak Shapira.

Sue and I were blessed to go to the local mall yet feel as though we had visited Israel. The Lord saw our disappointment at missing our trip to Israel this year... and

sent Israel to us!

Please consider contributing to ZLM's **To the Jew First** fund. Your support of ZLM and the TJF outreach will help ensure the salvation of Israel.

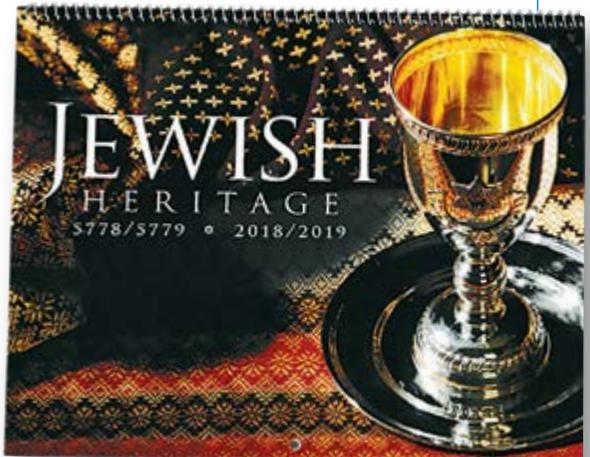
(See p. 7 for our Dead Sea Minerals skincare products.) ★



[Jewish Heritage Calendar](#)

5779 (2018-2019)

With the Seven Feasts of Israel in mind, imagine the usefulness of our delightful and inexpensive Jewish Heritage Calendar. This beautiful calendar began in September and spans 13 months, through September 2019. It provides the dates of all the Biblical feasts and Sabbaths plus the names of the months, the Holy Days, and all the rest through English phonetics like those in our monthly Hebrew Lesson in the *Levitt Letter*. Enjoy Biblical feast graphics, Hebraic regalia pictures, and inspiration.

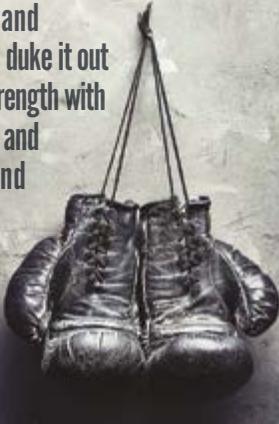


Punching Above Our Weight (and other sports analogies)

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



An upstart entering a new class and attempting to duke it out strength-to-strength with powerhouses and champs is kind of stupid.



... **except** when Satan is your opponent and you have the ringer Yeshua in your corner. —Mark

“Punching above your weight” refers to a boxer fighting a heavier opponent. In the ring, the power to deliver a blow depends largely on the weight behind the punch.

Entering the ring with a weight disadvantage can be dangerous ... unless the lighter boxer’s skill set exceeds his opponent’s. For the title-hungry fighter, moving up a weight class offers new career opportunities — or risks it all from a knockout punch.

At 40 years of age, Zola Levitt Ministries is no new contender in the spiritual battle against Satan’s agenda to undermine Yeshua’s Great Commission: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations....” (Matt. 28:18–20). Our founder — my father — retired to his heavenly reward 12 years ago. Fortunately, in his wake, God provided a war chest of seasoned soldiers, whom I will describe in January’s *Personal Letter*.

Back in the day, ZLM aired on four national television networks. PAX, the largest with 58 full-power stations, went secular, as did INSP. Now we’re down to a powerful duo of networks (Daystar and Freeform; see [p. 35](#)) and dozens of independent stations that reach nearly as many households as

in Dad’s day, but with fewer airtimes.

Losing networks is analogous to weight loss for this ministry. However, we are still punching with the big boys in terms of delivering on-location, solid Bible teaching and pro-Israel commentary with top-notch production quality. For anyone who might find fault with this or that teacher among our deep bench of capable theologians, we have a not-so-secret weapon: our vast archive of *Zola Levitt Presents* programs and *Levitt Letters* at [levitt.com](#).

No matter what airtimes are gone, or however much our viewers might gravitate toward yesteryear’s television hosts, we retain the same punching power we’ve always had. All of our programs are ready at ringside for on-demand, 24/7, free viewing from anywhere in the world for anyone who can surf to [levitt.tv](#). Moreover, transcripts of *Zola Levitt Presents* make all of our Bible teaching searchable by topic. (See [January 2018 Levitt Letter, p. 10](#).)

The same goes for more than **three decades** of *Levitt Letters* and *Personal Letters* with **All. Those. Bible. Lessons ... also available 24/7!** My point: **For ZLMers who hope and pray that we will offer ever-better teaching tomorrow, our magnificent archives are designed to be perennially worthwhile** — for review now, and solid lessons for post-Rapture-ites who discover that they need to cram on our Bible teaching!

Not that this ministry is resting on its laurels. The best, for most viewers and readers, is yet to come. In the meantime, ZLMers must remember our remarkable and expanding war chest of Bible teaching ... and USE IT! Please visit [levitt.com](#) and [levitt.tv](#) today. ★

SIDE NOTE:

When buying TV airtime, we’re up against secular infomercials and better-funded religious programmers, such as those who espouse the popular “prosperity doctrine.”



ZLM Bulletin Board

Sweden's Mark of the Beast?

Rev. 13:16–17 prophesies “no man might buy or sell, save he had the mark [on his right hand or forehead].” *The New York Times* recently reported, “More than 4,000 Swedes have implanted microchips in their hands, allowing them to pay for travel and food.” Those without chips find making certain purchases a challenge. Cash has become cumbersome for consumers, costly for the government, and now represents only 1% of Sweden’s economy. In fact, only half of Sweden’s 1,400 bank branches still accept cash deposits.



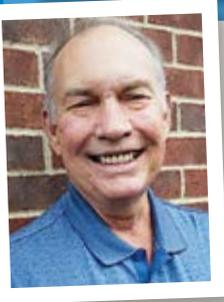
Terrorist "Heroes"

A 2017 fifth-grade Arabic language book presents the 10 “heroes” PA educators promote as role models for Palestinian children to emulate. On the list: no scientists, doctors, engineers, singers, athletes, artists, or Nobel Prize laureates. Instead, they are murderers who died in the act—a focus of the school-book. Top of the list: Dalal Mughrabi who in 1978 led a team that hijacked a bus and murdered 38 Israelis, 13 of them children. The book explains, “These heroes are the crown of their nation; a symbol of its glory; the best of the best, the best of a noble people.”

FREE ITEM

Pamphlet of the Month

American taxpayers have long been allowed to make charitable gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other securities that are worth more than they initially cost, and take an income tax deduction based on the gift’s full current value, bypassing capital gains tax that otherwise would be due upon sale. The free pamphlet *Giving Securities* explains the basics of harnessing longstanding tax benefits. To receive this pamphlet at no charge, email us at staff@levitt.com or write to our P.O. Box.



Introducing Dan Young

The creator of levitt.com recently became the seventh member of ZLM’s Board of Directors. In 1994, Dan designed our website from scratch as

a volunteer and also paid for its ongoing bandwidth. He maintained it at no charge until 1996, when he recruited his successor, Duncan Long, another fine volunteer (may God rest his soul). With a background in computer science and business, Dan worked for SW Bell and Nortel for more than 20 years before starting his own business. Through the years, Dan has kept up with this ministry and now lends his expertise to expanding our Internet presence.

“Come Home!”

Zola
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for details



The Promise of Love — A classic meditation on the Shema

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“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart.” – Deut. 6:5

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By faith, regard this commandment as a *prophecy* about your inner life:

“You shall love (*ve’ahavta*) the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might” (Deut. 6:5). Only the Savior can quicken a dead heart, after all, and fill the soul with holy affections. Only the LORD can impart to us the strength needed to take hold of promises as He writes His Torah upon our hearts. As it is written, “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever” (Rom. 11:36).

Yeshua advised, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15). The logical converse would be: “If you do not keep My commandments, you do not love Me.” **Our struggle to obey is really a struggle of the heart to love.** We can read Yeshua’s words with true hope, however: “When you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” In other words, as you love Yeshua and know His heart, you will fulfill His Torah, since the love of God is the gateway of all meaningful obedience.

Your Heavenly Father sees in secret. “The deepest thing in our nature is this region of the heart in which we dwell alone with our willingness and unwillingness, our faiths and fears” (William James). It is there, in the secret place of the heart, where the sound of the “knock” is either heard or disregarded (Rev. 3:20). May the Lord give us the willingness to do His will and the courage to believe in His love; may He deliver us from doubt and from every other fear. And may we all be strong in faith, not staggering over the promises, but giving glory to God for the miracle of Yeshua our LORD.

“The LORD your God will return as you return, and will have mercy upon you, turning to gather you back...” (Deut. 30:3). This too has both a present and prophetic application. First, in the present hour, if you turn to God, He will show you compassion, and He will “gather back” all those distant and fragmented parts of yourself into shalom and wholeness. He will restore your lost days; He will bring you out of exile and give you comfort in Yeshua. He makes all things new (2 Cor. 5:17; Rev. 21:5). “Draw near, therefore to God, and he will draw near to you” (James 4:8). Second, the LORD will return to earth to restore Zion during the time of the final redemption. The LORD will turn captivity into mercy; He will turn in His compassion to His people. **As it is written: “I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back...” (Jer. 29:14). Maranatha!** ★

(Depending on where this compound Aramaic word is broken, *Maranatha* means “Come, Lord” [marana tha] or “Our Lord has come” [maran atha]. Both meanings are appropriate here.)



Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection



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[Evidence of God](#) DVD Set

8 half-hour TV programs on two DVDs

Countering claims that the Bible's Creation "fantasy" is incompatible with dinosaur bones, fossils, and carbon dating, nuclear physicist Dr. Gerald Schroeder explains time dilation—how time has shrunk since the Big Bang—and bridges the perceived differences between science and Scripture. Science confirms the Biblical sequence of events that occurred during our planet's first week.

The Universe Had A Beginning Physicist Gerald Schroeder explains how science can look backward in time and count fifteen billion years since the Big Bang; yet, from God's perspective this vast time period happened within six 24-hour days.

Relatively Speaking Gerald presents scientific evidence that time is not a constant. Similar to how astronauts weigh less on the Moon than on Earth, experiments show that atomic clocks run slower on high-speed aircraft. Because the universe is expanding, time is perceived differently in different locations.

Tuned For Life Science observes that the universe has expanded a million million times. Dividing 15 billion (the number of years in the scientific record) by a million million equals .015 years, or approximately six days.

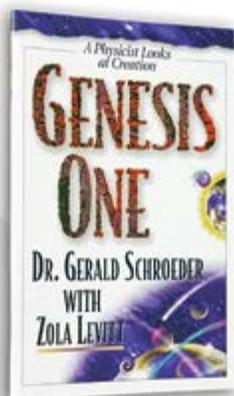
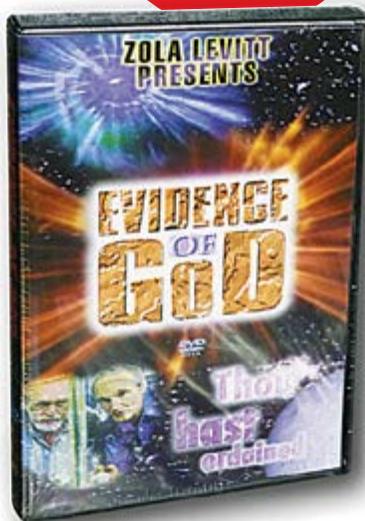
Day One Of Creation Using the Hebrew Bible, Gerald and Zola analyze the first day of the Creation account. Out of chaos, God created order.

Days Two And Three Of Creation Gerald demonstrates how both Genesis and science show that a firmament was created and water was formed before life began on Earth.

Day Four Of Creation How could the Sun, Moon, and stars not appear until day four? The words "evening" and "morning" correspond to their Hebrew roots—"chaos" and "order"—revealing God's overall trend of creating.

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Creation Reviewed Zola reviews how science agrees with the Creation account in Genesis 1. Technologically, we are only now achieving the ability to prove how true and accurate the Bible really is.



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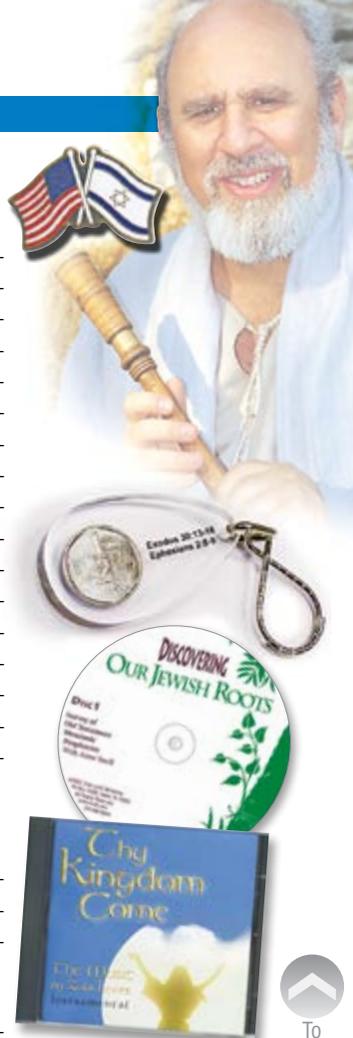


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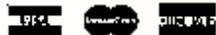
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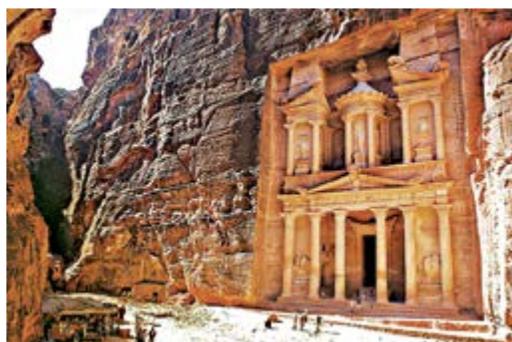
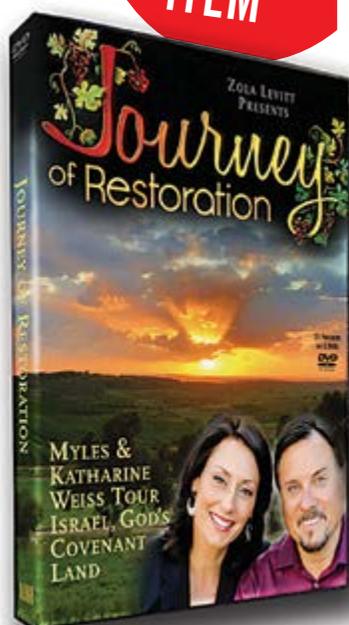
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The Destiny of the Heartland Interview with Pastor Tommy Waller, who brings Christians to harvest grapes alongside Orthodox Jews.



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Using Hanukkah to Address Jews' Concerns About Jesus



BY TYLER O'NEIL (r) PJMedia.com

Hanukkah holds important lessons for Christians, particularly with the salvation of Israel from the hands of oppressors — something Jews anticipate from the coming Messiah. [Last month](#) we looked at the first two reasons why followers of Yeshua/Jesus should be familiar with Hanukkah.

1. It's an important Jewish story: The Temple's rededication began a brief period of independence, so loomed large for the Jewish people until the State of Israel was established in 1948.

2. It's a major reason Jews don't accept Jesus: Jews were looking for a military/political leader, not a humble man whose triumph over sin is represented by a cross, the instrument of death that Rome used for base criminals.

Let's examine a third reason why Believers should know about Hanukkah.

3. It's a good way to address Jews' concerns about Jesus.

To this day, many Jews reject Jesus/Yeshua as the Messiah because He did not fulfill their understanding of the prophecies. Jews expect this God-given leader to return the Jews to their homeland, rebuild the Temple, reign as King, and usher in an era of peace and understanding where "the knowledge of God" fills the Earth, leading the nations to "end up recognizing the wrongs they did to Israel."

Christians believe that Yeshua ascended into Heaven and will return to usher in this period of peace and understanding. But, ultimately, Christians must acknowledge that Jesus did not fulfill all the prophecies — yet. Nonetheless, He is the Messiah because He fulfilled hundreds of Old Testament prophecies: He was born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) and came from Nazareth. He went into Egypt as a little child (Hosea 11:1). He performed miracles.

Ezekiel 37:26–27 promises that God will set His sanctuary among the people forever. Yeshua fulfilled this prophecy by being the Son of God, the dwelling place of God among men, the Temple itself. He rebuilt the Temple in three days through His resurrection, and He left the Holy Spirit as the presence of God with men.

Haggai 2:6–9 prophecies that the

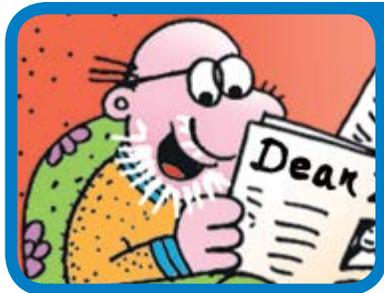
Temple will be filled with the glory of God and surpass the glory in Solomon's Temple. Christians believe Yeshua fulfilled this by being present in the Second Temple and through the tearing of the veil of the Holy of Holies upon His death.

These and other prophecies can be debated, but they suggest a path forward for Christians to explain Yeshua's fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. **Hanukkah opens a doorway to discussing the prophecies that Yeshua already fulfilled, and the reasons Jews need not reject Him.**

Importantly, Jews need not reject their cultural heritage to follow Yeshua. Many Messianic Jews celebrate Hanukkah, including Yeshua, celebrating Him as the main light that shines upon the world. No one knows the exact date when Yeshua was born, but Believers glorify Him and His sacrifice every single day. The 9th candle on the Hanukkah Menorah, which lights all the others and is called the *Shamash* (servant candle), is also seen as representing Yeshua, the Suffering Servant.

Christians believe that Yeshua was the Messiah because He performed miracles, taught the new Covenant, was declared the Son of God at His baptism, and rose from the dead following His crucifixion. Christians also believe He will come again, to usher in His kingdom on Earth, as many Jewish prophecies foretold. ★





Letters to ZLM

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

Comments from www.levitt.com

From J.T.: I have re-joined ZLM because of the humble, gentle plea from Jeff at the end of the television program. Jeff is completely wrapped in the love of Jesus Christ, and the way he asked for support was directly from God. — Kirsten and I are honored to work with Dr. Seif every week. He is as genuine off the set as on. We're thankful that you found the ministry again. — David

Too Much Hebrew?

Dear ZLM,

I am a long-time listener of *Zola Levitt Presents*, and Zola is still one of my favorite Messianic Jewish teachers through his books and DVDs.

I also enjoy most of your television programs. I say "most" because it's often hard to follow along with Dr. Jeffrey Seif, whom I love to watch. However, could he please not read every verse in Hebrew then English? As much as I love the Hebrew language, I find it hard to move back and forth between Hebrew and English, and I lose the actual verse.

I fear that new Believers will change the channel out of frustration with an overwhelming amount of Hebrew. If the program is geared specifically for the Jewish audience, then please disregard my request. — K.H.

Dear K.H. —

"Ask and ye shall receive" (Matt. 7:7). Our television producer is already dialing down the amount of Hebrew on *Zola Levitt Presents* to make the programs more listener-friendly.

Students of Hebrew among our viewers can learn just as effectively (if not more so) with *Zola's Introduction to Hebrew* authored by John Parsons, who creates our *Levitt Letter's* monthly Hebrew Lesson (see [pp. 23](#) and [16](#)). — Mark

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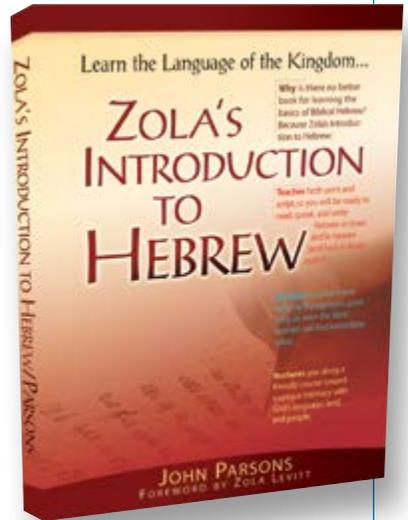
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(See [p. 22](#) letter titled "Too Much Hebrew?")

New copies of Zola's Introduction to Hebrew are available at Amazon for between \$50 and \$228! (We sell it for just \$39.)



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Ezekiel 37:9–11 Video

Dear ZLM,

Please watch the music video "Dry Bones Boogie" at DavidsTent.org. It dramatizes Ezekiel 37 and Bible history and was the highlight of my day. I watched it twice. —D.R. (TX)



Dear D.R. —

Yes, it's a real toe-tapping lesson that ties nicely into ZLM's extensive teaching about Ezekiel's "Dry Bones" vision. To explore levitt.com's remarkable archives on this topic, please enter "Dry Bones" (or your choice of a different topic) into the search field at levitt.com/search.

You'll notice similar search fields after clicking on our website's "Zola TV" and "Levitt Letter" tabs. Investigating various topics that Zola, Dr. Jeffrey Seif, Dr. Tom McCall, and many other fine theologians have elucidated on *Zola Levitt Presents* and in *Levitt Letters* should highlight the value of our ministry's vast library to both seminary and lay Bible student alike. —Mark

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A Big Voice Steps In

Dear ZLM,

J. K. Rowling's books teach witchcraft. How can you even feature an article she wrote? Please clarify. — K. McC. (IL)

Dear K. McC. —

You are referring to the article in [November's Levitt Letter](#) (p. 28), "J.K. Rowling Defends British Jews." Rather than commenting on the merits of Rowling's *Harry Potter* series, we amplified her effort to combat anti-Semitism by calling attention to anti-Semites' delight in *ad hominem* intimidation.

Ad hominem is a Latin phrase that refers to the faulty argument strategy of attacking the person making the argument rather than the argument itself. Rowling quoted from the 1946 essay "Anti-Semite and Jew" to combat a comment about a Jew's supposed "patently synthetic outrage." Rather than letting such attacks against Zionists go unanswered because we don't agree with everything the defender believes, this ministry prefers to favor the side of whoever upholds the Jews' legitimate concerns. We hope that upon reflection, you'll agree. — Editor

Dear K. McC. —

God can speak through anyone or *anything*. If He can use a donkey to speak to Balaam (Numbers 22:28), he can use a best-selling author. :) — Kirsten

Earthly vs. Heavenly Rewards

Dear ZLM,

Think of all the money you would make giving a video tour of Jerusalem, showing the truth about the Temple Mount and where events actually took place. — D.L. (TX)

Dear D.L. —

ZLM *does* offer virtual tours to Jerusalem. We sell those DVDs to subsidize our television and newsletter ministries. And most of our TV programs transport Biblical sites (including Jerusalem) right into viewers' living rooms.

Click on the "Store" tab at levitt.com and then hover your cursor over the "Video" option. You'll see many topics: Prophecy, Bible, Bible Characters, Bible Archaeology, Israel, Feasts, Music/Music Videos, and Special Topics. Choosing

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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



You can't take it with you (Matt. 6:19–21).

“Israel” from that list will show our two most recent “armchair tours” of Israel: *Journey of Restoration* and *A Pilgrim’s Journey* (described on p. 20).

Making money through sales, however, is a mixed bag. Our website’s “Zola TV” tab offers free viewing of the same TV series that we sell on DVD. Sabotaging our own bottom line by giving away the very teaching that we’re selling doesn’t make good business sense in the here and now. Eternally speaking, however, our mission is to strengthen the Body of Yeshua — hence our ongoing need of your steady support, which in turn enables you to stow heavenly rewards (Matt. 6:19–21). — Mark

Giving When He Can

Dear ZLM,

I just completed an online donation to your ministry. My finances have been difficult for a number of years, so this is long overdue.

I greatly enjoy your *Levitt Letter*. There is something special about getting letters in the mail. I miss Zola but am thankful that his ministry continues. I pray you continue faithfully in this calling. — C.U.

Dear C.U. —

We appreciate your donation to the ministry and understand finances being difficult. As long as donations like yours keep coming in, we can keep sending out the monthly *Levitt Letter* to folks who are too poor to contribute at all. Blessings to you. — David Hart ★



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Water-powered Cars



SCIENCE: BY BRIAN BLUM (r) Israel21c.org

Could cars someday run on water, not oil? Australian-Israeli startup Electriq-Global is giving a wet thumbs-up to a new fuel technology that extracts hydrogen from water and turns that hydrogen into electricity to power the vehicle.

Using hydrogen to power a car's engine is not new; hydrogen fuel cells using compressed hydrogen in gaseous form already compete with lithium-ion battery-powered electric vehicles, like those from Tesla.

Electriq-Global's difference is that it gets its hydrogen from a fuel comprising 60% water. In the Electriq-Global system, liquid fuel reacts with a catalyst to release hydrogen on demand. The spent fuel is captured and taken back to a plant where it is replenished with more hydrogen and water for re-use.

The Israeli Transportation Ministry supports establishing a fuel recycling plant in Israel. Electriq-Global claims the entire process is safe, nonflammable, and easy to transport; plus, it enables zero-emissions vehicles.

Greater range, faster fill-ups

Still, with lithium-ion-based electric cars heading towards the mainstream these days, how can Electriq-Global possibly hope to compete? By offering greater range and faster fill-ups. **Electriq-Global asserts that its hydrogen-based technology can provide a range of 620 miles per charge.** The farthest a top-of-the-line Tesla can go on a single charge is about 250 miles.

Electriq-Global also says that refueling will take five minutes, compared with 30–40 minutes for a typical lithium-ion battery fast charge. That would make an Electriq-Global-powered car closer to today's gasoline vehicles in terms of convenience. Electriq-Global adds that filling up the tank should cost half what consumers pay today for unleaded gas.

The company was founded in 2014 by Alex Silberman, an electro-chemist who has been working in the area of energy storage, batteries, and fuel cells for 30 years. Full commercialization is not expected until 2022. ★



Electriq-Car: How It Works

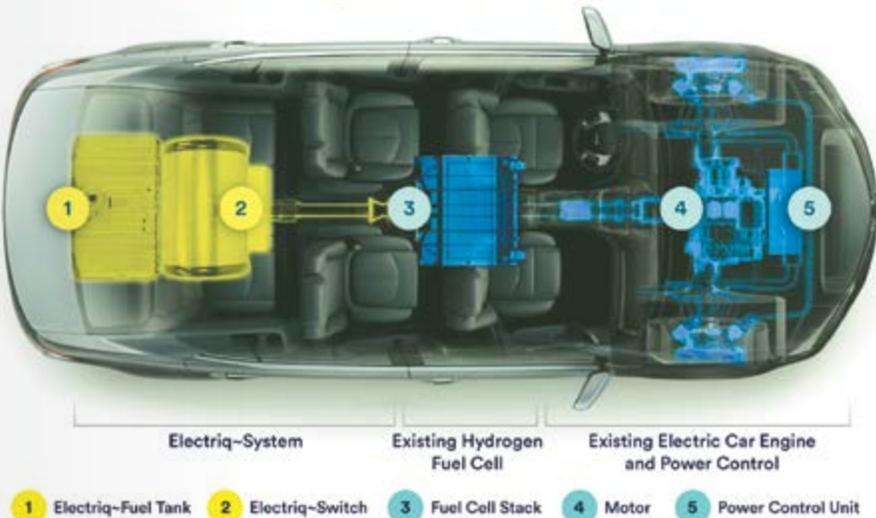


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Implants That Won't Be Rejected

MEDICINE: Israel21c.org

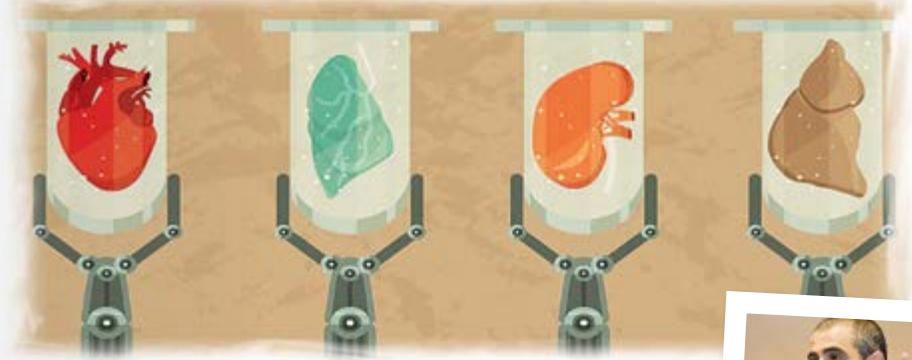


Illustration by Valentina Kru



Prof. Tal Dvir

Israeli researchers report that they have invented the first fully personalized tissue implant, engineered from a patient's own materials and cells. The new technology makes it possible to engineer any kind of tissue implant—for the spinal cord, the heart, or brain—from one small fatty-tissue biopsy.

"We were able to create a personalized hydrogel from the materials of the biopsy, to differentiate fatty-tissue cells into different cell types and to engineer cardiac, spinal cord, cortical, and other tissue implants to treat different diseases," said lead researcher Prof. Tal Dvir of Tel Aviv University's Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology and Sagol Center for Regenerative Biotechnology.

"Since both the cells and the material used derive from the patient, the implant does not provoke an immune response, ensuring proper regeneration of the defected organ," Dvir explained.

The research was conducted by Dvir's postdoctoral researcher and doctoral students in collaboration with TAU's Department of Cell Research and Immunology and Assaf HaRofeh Medical Center in Israel. It was published in the journal *Advanced Materials*.

Avoiding anti-rejection drugs

Current tissue engineering isolates cells from the patient and cultures them in biomaterials to assemble into a functional tissue. These biomaterials can be synthetic or natural, derived from plants or animals.

After transplantation, they may induce an immune response that leads to rejection of the implanted tissue. Patients receiving engineered tissues or any other implants are treated with immuno-suppressors, which unfortunately can endanger the health of the patient.

"With our technology, we can engineer any tissue type, and after transplantation we can efficiently regenerate any diseased or injured organ—a heart after a heart attack, a brain after trauma or with Parkinson's disease, a spinal cord after injury," said Dvir. "In addition, we can engineer adipogenic [fatty tissue] implants for reconstructive surgeries or cosmetics. These implants will not be rejected by the body."

The researchers have begun to investigate the potential of human dopaminergic implants to treat Parkinson's disease in animal models. They plan to regenerate other organs, including intestines and eyes, using patients' own materials and cells.

Israel: The land and people of miracles. —Kirsten ★



Father of Christian Zionism — Reverend William Hechler



BY DR. JÜRGEN BÜHLER (r) ICEJ.org



William Hechler and children, around 1886

As Theodor Herzl's close partner in the early Zionist movement, devout Christian William Hechler's passion in working for Zionism helped lay the groundwork for establishing a Jewish state in the Jews' historic homeland. Yet few know his name.

Eighty-eight years after his death in January 1931, Reverend William Hechler is not commemorated across the country that he helped to found. No street, structure, or institution bears his name. One of the key leaders of the early Zionist movement, and one of the fathers of Christian Zionism, the man that serves as an inspiration for the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem is

almost forgotten. The State of Israel needs to recognize its debt to this man who worked hard for its establishment.

William Hechler was not the first Christian who recognized the religious importance of the Jewish return to their homeland, but he was the first to work actively alongside the newly formed Zionist movement. Born in 1845 to a devout Anglican family, Hechler took up the cause of Zionism years before Herzl began his activity, seeing the return of Jews to their homeland as a Biblical imperative.

When Hechler read Herzl's booklet *The Jewish State*, Hechler went immediately to meet this visionary and encourage his dream.



Theodor Herzl

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Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany
(by T. H. Voigt of Frankfurt, 1902)

Hechler served as chaplain of the British Embassy in Vienna and used his connections with the German royal family to open doors for Herzl across Europe. First, a meeting with Frederick I, Grand Duke of Baden, to lay out his plan for Jewish resettlement in *Eretz Israel*. Then the two journeyed to Palestine to meet the German Kaiser, Wilhelm II. Hechler also served as a special envoy on behalf of the British prime minister in connection with Herzl's efforts.

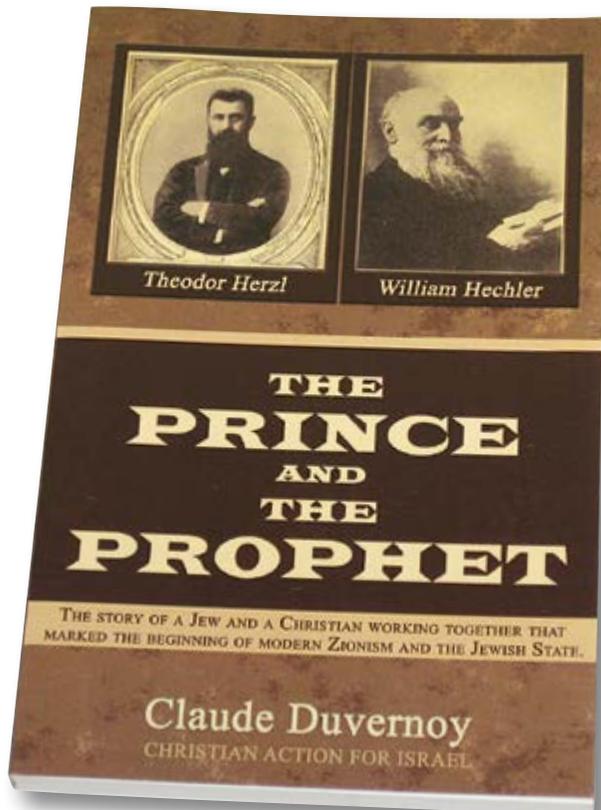
Hechler took part in the early Zionist congresses, and a grateful Herzl noted that Hechler and his Biblical inspiration had given him a sense that he was a

modern-day Moses leading his people back to the Promised Land.

Hechler remained an ardent Zionist after Herzl's passing and was in contact with Jewish and Christian leaders until his own death. In the years before World War II, Hechler called for Jews to leave Europe and warned of impending catastrophe. Unfortunately, no one heard him.

The legacy left by Hechler has not disappeared. Zionist Christian organizations and millions of Christians around the world continue to walk in the path of William Hechler, a great friend of the Jewish people.

The book *The Prince and the Prophet* by Claude Duvernoy relates the close partnership between Herzl and Hechler. ★



SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS



“Pallywood” (Palestinian propagandists) specialized in “fake news” long before the term was coined.

The Curious Case of a Pregnant Mother and Her Toddler

Israel Today

Often heard when it comes to the conflict in the Middle East: “The truth is probably somewhere in the middle.” Most folks assume that neither side could be totally wrong, which is why they are eager to find a compromise. However, such arguments are strongly rebutted by the latest “Pallywood production,” which claims that Israel mercilessly killed a pregnant woman and her small child in a Gaza air raid.

The picture of the sweet-faced, supposed little victim, however, was simply pulled from the Internet and brazenly tagged with anti-Israel propaganda. The truth: the little girl in the photo is one Elle McBroom of

California. She is neither dead nor has she ever been to Gaza.

Hawking: There is no God. Einstein: There is.

By Tsvi Sadan / Israel Today

Stephen Hawking, who died last March, was outspoken about his lack of faith in God, even as scientists around him began to reach the opposite conclusion: e.g. the Big Bang Theory seemed to prove that Someone or something greater must have lit the fuse.

Hawking’s fame won’t advance atheism, just as Albert Einstein’s didn’t advance faith in God. With respect to both men, most people consider their authority on spiritual matters as important as a preacher’s on quantum physics.

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by Dan Piraro





To his credit, Hawking didn't mock Creationists. "Everyone is free to believe as he wishes," Hawking wrote in his recently published posthumous book, *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*. "But in my opinion, the simplest explanation [to the existence of the universe] is that there is no God."



Prof. Stephen Hawking on his way to a lecture before high school students in Jerusalem, Dec. 2006

As the comments on one online Hebrew review demonstrated, Israelis can be both dogmatic and humorous when discussing this topic:

"God in his first book: There is no Stephen Hawking," read one of the comments.

Another wrote, "Scientists' opinion regarding God carries no special weight," prompting the scornful reply "This is what you should do — buy a few books on astrophysics ... this will make you less dumb."

One particularly angry commenter wrote, "Hawking suffered from ALS because he was a heretic." But that elicited the contemptuous response: "He lived much better than you, who slaves to earn minimum wage and lives on white bread."

A more facetious reader supplied his own proof for the existence of

God: "I grew one flowerpot close to a book of Psalms and another farther away, and the one next to the book grew faster ... and that's a fact!" In the same vein, another, like Hawking, insisted, "the Orthodox [Jews] already know that God and aliens are one and the same."

From witty to clever to dumb, the exchange shows that scientists' opinions on the existence of God matter little to those who need no proof of any kind.

Hawking knows the truth now. Every knee, whether of a Believer in life or not, will bow to Yeshua as Lord (Rom. 14:11). Please see how science is proving the Bible, on [p. 17](#). —David

Palestinian Court Sentences Dealers Selling Land to Jews

[JTA.org](#)

A Palestinian Authority court sentenced two men to 15 years in prison with hard labor for attempting to sell land to Israeli Jews. The deal on land they sold in the West Bank, eastern Jerusalem, and in Israel within the pre-1967 borders, was to take place in January. According to news agency Wafa, the land is worth \$10 million.

Palestinian law bans the sale of land in the West Bank and Gaza to nonresidents without a prior approval from the Council of Ministers. ★



ABRAHAM AND I ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A CONDO COMMUNITY ... WE NEED A PLACE THAT WOULD BE NICE FOR RAISING CHILDREN



2,000-Year-Old Golden Earring

ARCHAEOLOGY: BY SIMON DIERICH (r) *Israel Today*



photo: Israel Antiquities Authority

Removing the hard earth very carefully so as not to damage possible finds



Golden earring

In the Givati parking lot next to the City of David, an extremely valuable golden earring from the third or second century B.C. was recently discovered.

Prof. Yuval Gadot from the University of Tel Aviv and Dr. Yiftah Shalev from the Israel Antiquities Authority date the piece of jewelry to the early Hellenistic period, an era in Jerusalem's history about which little is known. Over the last 100 years, two different excavations have been carried out, but the discoveries have been limited to pottery fragments and a few coins. Larger remains of buildings that could possibly be dated to this period have yet to be discovered.

The golden earring depicts the head of a horned animal, possibly an antelope or a deer, with large eyes, mouth, and other features. Researchers cannot say whether the ornament was worn by a man or a woman. "Neither do we know anything about the cultural or religious identity of the wearer," they said.

"But we can say with certainty that **whoever wore this earring was part of the upper class in Jerusalem.**" This is due to its proximity to the Temple, as well as to the quality of its craftsmanship. Researchers from the University

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of Haifa consider the earring to be filigree work. This involves the use of threads and small metal beads, a technique typical of the Hellenistic period.

Similar pieces have been discovered throughout the Mediterranean region, particularly in Greece. In Israel, however, only a few have been found, mostly in the coastal areas. The discovery of an object of this kind in Jerusalem is a first, and the excavation opens a window to what Jerusalem could have looked like during the Hellenistic period, its size as well as its social structure. ★



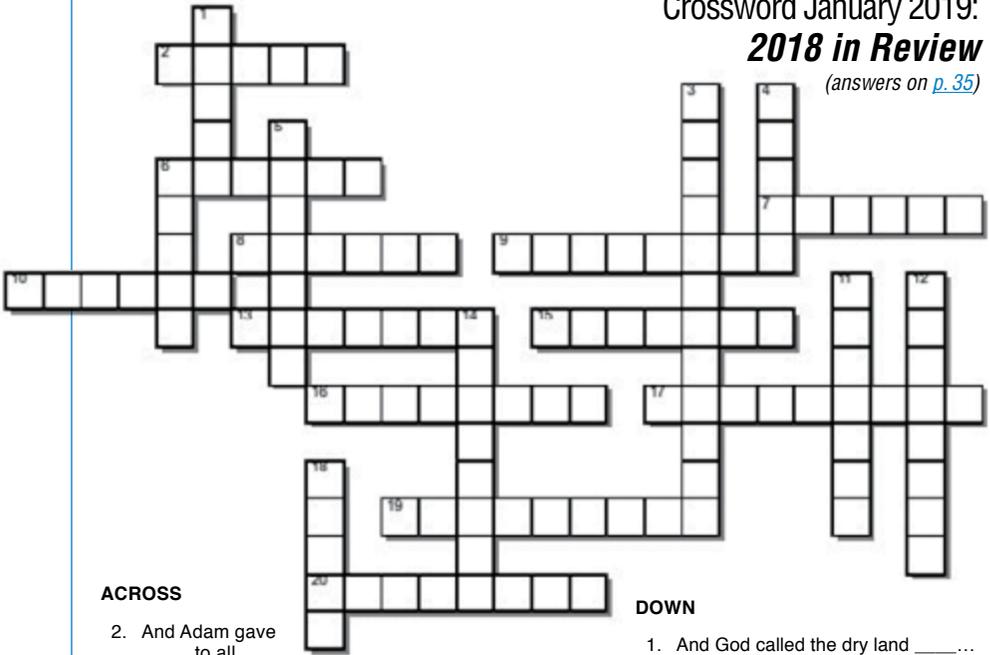
photo: AFP

2,000-year-old golden earring

Crossword January 2019:

2018 in Review

(answers on [p.35](#))



ACROSS

2. And Adam gave _____ to all... (Gen. 2:20 KJV)
6. Sha'alu _____ Yerushalayim
7. And I saw _____ opened... (Rev. 19:11 KJV)
8. He shall redeem _____ (Psalm 130:8 KJV)
9. ...the Lord made a _____ with Abram... (Gen. 15:18 KJV)
10. And the Lord God planted a _____ (Gen. 2:8 KJV)
13. I am _____ for you... (2 Cor. 11:2 NIV)
15. ...seek ye the _____ of God... (Luke 12:31 KJV)
16. The _____ will come to Zion... (Isaiah 59:20 NIV)
17. He hath made every thing _____ (Eccl. 3:11 KJV)
19. So God created the great _____ (Gen. 1:21 NIV)
20. Lo, _____ are a heritage of the Lord... (Psalm 127:3 KJV)

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1. And God called the dry land _____ (Gen. 1:10 KJV)
3. Blessed are they that do His _____ (Rev. 22:14 KJV)
4. ..."I am the _____ of the world..." (John 8:12 NIV)
5. And God _____ them... (Gen 1:28 KJV)
6. ...all Israel shall be _____ (Romans 11:26 KJV)
11. Then Jesus came from _____ (Matt. 3:13 NIV)
12. Let not your heart be _____ (John 14:1 KJV)
14. The Lord is my _____ (Psalm 23:1)
18. I am for _____ (Psalm 120:7 NIV)



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Sharia Law Protesters Wear Abayas Inside Out

Reuters and IsraelHayom.com



photo: Independent Digital News & Media Limited

Women wearing burkas and abayas



Saudi activists have urged Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to loosen the conservative kingdom's strict dress code after women took to social media wearing their abayas inside out in protest. Women in Saudi Arabia have been required for decades to wear the abaya — a loose, all-covering robe — in public, a dress code strictly enforced by police.

Prince Mohammed declared in early 2018 that women only need to dress modestly and are not required to wear abayas. But Saudi women say that in practice nothing has changed.

Amani Al-Ahmadi, a Saudi activist with the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, called the protest a "brilliant move" that could create real change.

"To see other women in flipped abayas builds solidarity between women and shows that they are not alone.... The law is another form of dehumanization for women. It forces women to cover up their bodies in order to fit into society and the role of being inferior to men," she explained. ★



inside-out abayas

JEWISH HUMOR, ETC.



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

Feelings

Sara tells her best friend Leah, "I've broken off my engagement to Moshe."

"Oh, Sara," says Leah. "I'm so sorry. Why?"

"Because my feelings about Moshe have changed; they just aren't the same anymore," replies Sara.

"So tell me," whispers Leah, "are you giving him back the engagement ring?"

"On, no," exclaims Sara. "My feelings about the ring haven't changed."

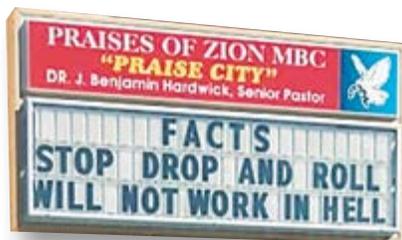
The Best Thing

Reporters from the *Jewish Chronicle* interview Ruth, who is celebrating her 115th birthday.

One of the reporters asks: "Ruth, dear, can you please tell us what you think is the best thing about being 115? I'm sure our readers would love to know."

Ruth replies, "There's no peer pressure." ★

Signs for the Times:



Answer Key for January 2019 Crossword (p.33)

<i>Across:</i>		<i>Down:</i>	
2. Names	13. Jealous	1. Earth	11. Galilee
6. Shalom	15. Kingdom	3. Commandments	12. Troubled
7. Heaven	16. Redeemer	4. Light	14. Shepherd
8. Israel	17. Beautiful	5. Blessed	18. Peace
9. Covenant	19. Creatures	6. Saved	
10. Garden	20. Children		



Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule

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DirecTV – Channel 311 Dish – Channel 180

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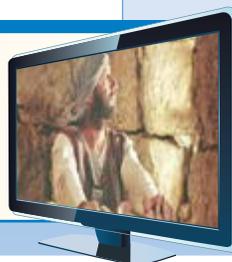
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DirecTV – Channel 369 Dish – Channel 263

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(New series from Israel airing soon!)



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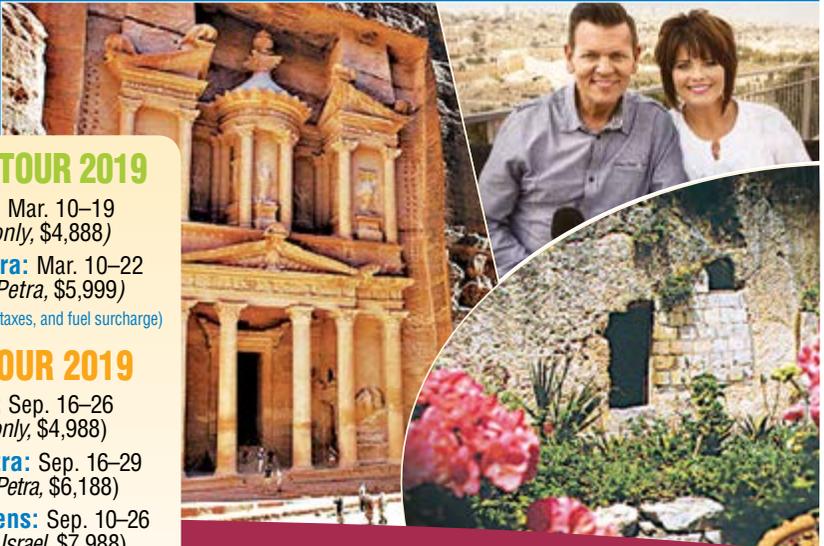
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