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Dear Reader,

Birthdays and black ops — they're in this July issue (pages 1, 28). Plus pictures of Israel "70 years later." Our May cover "The Real Face of Jesus?" created an influx of letters that you can sample on page 23. And meet a new side of Anne Frank (3).

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See our monthly TJJ report of taking the Gospel to Israelis (13), crossword puzzle and answers (31, 33), plus humor (35) and cartoons galore.

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Shalom, *Margot*
Margot, ZLM editor

P.S. Mark's plea for financial help (p. 14) suggests that, while some people can't afford to give, many can redirect funds from "things I can do without" to Gospel outreaches like ours. Such giving provides satisfaction on Earth (try it!) and heavenly rewards (Matt. 6:19-21). Please heed Mark's request and dig a bit deeper than usual.

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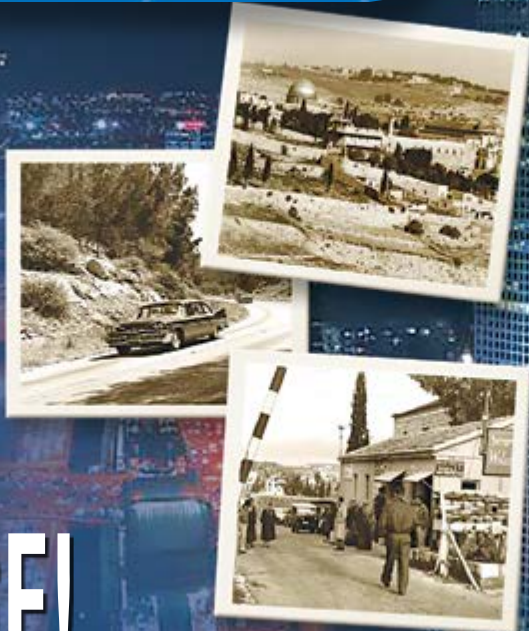


Levitt LETTER

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

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70 Years = CHANGE!



See p. 8 for more photos comparing 1948 with 2018

By Sandra Teplinsky / LightOfZion.org

Concurrent with modern Israel's 70th anniversary, recent and remarkable shakings strongly suggest that a new era is upon the Jewish State.

This revelation should cause little surprise. In the Scriptures, the number "70" often represents a major change in times and seasons. One upheaval concerns the global stronghold of anti-Israel sentiment as God graciously provides opportunities for profound change, even turnaround, between Israel and some nations. These opportunities may coincide with difficult circumstances. But as intercessors pray in the Spirit with authority, global shakings will result in more nations aligning with His Kingdom purposes. This will likely include a long desired release of revival in Israel, Iran, and Palestinian territories.

To more accurately discern what God is doing, Believers should view the present in light of Israel's past 70 years, together with

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CELEBRATE!
U.S. Independence Day is July 4th

Israel's Wars in Context

PART 1: By TSVI SADAN
Israel Today

Israel's military operations over time have become less understood to a broader audience, which now has little choice but to accept biased media interpretations where it is customary to give almost no context—or even false context—to these military operations that range from full-scale war to house demolitions in Jenin. This lack of context has allowed the media, and then politicians, to repaint Israel's military operations as heartless war crimes. Forces that hate Israel for what it represents generate this distorted image.

The following series surveys Israel's rationale for its various military operations since 1947.

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Israel's Wars in Context *(part 1)* *continued from cover sidebar*

Israel, it should be noted, is stingy with its medals and service ribbons. Despite the large number of military conflicts, just eight war service ribbons have been awarded in 70 years. A quick Google search confirms how unadorned are the ceremonial uniforms of even the top Israeli soldiers.



War of Independence (Nov. 30, 1947 – July 20, 1949)



Israeli soldiers in Nirim, May 15, 1948

The war started a day after the UN adopted its partition plan, which was openly rejected by the Arabs. Armed Arab/Muslim gangs initiated hostilities by attacking Jewish restaurants and buses. On May 15, 1948, a day after Israel declared its independence, armed forces from six Arab/Muslim countries invaded Israel to snuff out the newborn state. However, the war concluded in Arab defeat. It also left 700,000 Arab refugees scattered throughout the Middle East, while 800,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries were absorbed into Israel. The war created the 1949 armistice lines, today referred to as Israel's "pre-1967 borders." At the end of the war, Israel counted 4,000 dead soldiers and 2,373 dead civilians.

Sinai Campaign (Oct. 29 – Nov. 7, 1956)



Coordinated between Israel, France, and the UK, this military operation aimed to seize control of the Suez Canal.

Israel's participation in "Operation Musketeer," as it was called by the two European superpowers, stemmed from Jerusalem's fear of Egypt blockading the Straits of Tiran, and its hope of stemming terror attacks from Gaza. Though Israel succeeded in capturing the



An Israeli soldier stands next to an Egyptian gun that had blocked the Tiran Straits

Sinai Peninsula, France and the UK failed in their objectives. Shortly after, Israel was forced by the U.S. to withdraw fully from the Sinai. 231 Israeli soldiers were killed during this war over the Suez.

Six-Day War (June 5-10, 1967)



Israeli tanks advancing on the Golan Heights, June 10, 1967

This war against the armies of Egypt, Jordan, and Syria—aided by auxiliary forces from Saudi Arabia, Libya, Iraq, Sudan, Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria—began with an Israeli pre-emptive strike against the air forces of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq. The war began because Egypt blockaded the Straits of Tiran and openly threatened to annihilate Israel. Israel's victory was so swift and decisive that by war's end, Israel held the Sinai Peninsula, the "West Bank," and the Golan Heights. Terror attacks during the 1960s claimed 169 Israeli lives, and 759 Israeli soldiers died in the Six-Day War. At this time, rifts over the question of "occupied territories" began in Israeli society. ★





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An Ordinary Girl

BY MIKE CORDER, APnews.com

Researchers at Anne Frank Museum, the Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and the Huygens Institute of Netherlands History used digital technology to decipher the writing on two pages of Anne Frank's diary that she had covered with brown masking paper. They discovered four naughty jokes and a candid explanation of sex, contraception, and prostitution.

"Anyone who reads the [newly discovered] passages ... will be unable to suppress a smile," said Frank van Vree, director of the Netherlands Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies. "The 'dirty' jokes are classics among growing children. They make it clear that Anne, with all her gifts, was above all also an ordinary girl."

Anne, age 13 at the time, wrote the two pages on Sept. 28, 1942, less than three months after she, her family, and



Anne Frank's diary

another Jewish family went into hiding from the Nazis in a secret annex behind a canal-side house in Amsterdam.

Later on, possibly fearing prying eyes or no longer liking what she had written, she covered them over with brown paper, and their content remained a tantalizing mystery for decades.

Experts on Anne's diary said the newly discovered text, when studied together with the rest of her journal, reveals more about her development as a writer than it does about her interest in sex. ★

Today's Israel in Prophecy: Armageddon



BY ZOLA LEVITT / Levitt.com/essays

The following excerpt from a chapter that Zola wrote — “Israel, Earth’s Lightning Rod” — for a book on prophecy, *Foreshocks of Antichrist*, is still relevant to current events in Israel and the world. [Last month’s examination](#) reached the halfway mark of the antiChrist’s seven-year peace treaty with Israel, when he senses the Jewish people’s suspicions of him, and attempts to assert his authority.



Detail of *The Destruction of Jerusalem by Titus* (1846) by Wilhelm von Kaulbach



Armies March

Continuing our schedule of Tribulation events, the world’s armies mobilize, particularly that of the King of the East and his force of 200 million men-at-arms (Rev. 9:16). It seems that the second half of the Tribulation is devoted to preparing for Armageddon, the world having heard enough of the antiChrist’s peace plans. Perhaps when the Israelis bolt, the Chinese and others who are watching will come to the conclusion that the antiChrist is not God after all, but is actually quite vulnerable. Since he controlled the world, those who defeat him might control the world as well. And so the fight commences as the King of the East’s army literally marches to Armageddon, robbing, raping, and pillaging as it goes through the Eastern Hemisphere.

Where does a 200 million-man army march? Anywhere it likes. So the antiChrist’s forces from Western Europe and nations designated as the “King of the North” and “King of the South” arm to meet this invader in that quiet, level valley in Israel surrounding the hill “called in the Hebrew tongue *Har Megiddo (Armageddon)*” (Rev. 16:16). The rest of the Tribulation Period is the story of battles at Armageddon and Jerusalem, about which the Lord sadly



Detail of *The Destruction of Jerusalem by Titus* (1846)

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observed, *“And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved”* (Matt. 24:22).

Christ Returns

The Lord’s arrival at this point is, of course, the Second Coming, which initiates the thousand-year Kingdom in Israel.

The Lord’s first act is to judge the nations of the earth as to whether they are sheep or goats; that is, whether each citizen had a saving faith or not. He sets up a throne of judgment and utilizes as His standard—and note again the importance of Israel—*“Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me”* (Matt. 25:40). Most intensively “My brethren” refers to the Jewish people, or at least to the 144,000 “of all the tribes of the children of Israel” of Revelation 7:4. Outlawed, they still testified for Christ in the world, despite the antiChrist’s reign; and those who helped them, fed them, clothed them, visited them in prison (as the 25:35–36 passage urges), demonstrated that they are sheep. Those who did not help them are goats and are bound with Satan for the duration of the thousand-year Kingdom (25:41–46).

If churches today that care little about Israel were put to the test of these Tribulation Period Believers, one wonders if they would qualify as sheep under the Lord’s standards. One can only hope that Believers in this age of relative freedom, prevalence of Bibles in many translations, and no antiChrist in power to contend with, would at a minimum be able to meet the test of the Tribulation Period Believers.

The Kingdom Begins

When the sheep have joined with the Old Testament saints and the Church, the Kingdom has its population and begins in earnest. It will last 1,000 years, and while there will be some sin and some mischief in the world, it will be an upside-down society compared with what we have today. The choice of the vast majority of the world will be to believe in the King, who may be seen in Jerusalem from year to year, at least on the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech. 14:16–19). The unbelievers in the Kingdom (the children of the “sheep,” the descendants of those who survived the Tribulation in their natural bodies and came directly to the Kingdom) will be like those born of Adam. In other words, they will have a choice between belief and unbelief, but those who choose the latter will be bound by the onerous laws of the Sermon on the Mount: *“If thy right eye offend thee... if thy right hand offend thee...”* (Matt. 5:29–30). At this time, the meek shall inherit the earth and those who mourn will rejoice.



Detail of *The Destruction of Jerusalem by Titus* (1846)

With that summation of upcoming events, we can begin to consider Israel as we see it today: a harbinger of prophetic fulfillment.

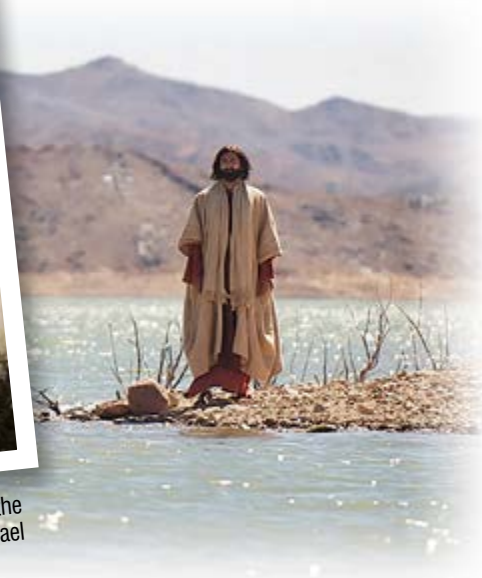
Zola’s books are quick reads and easy to understand... yet filled with timeless knowledge. — David ★

Breakfast with the King

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Zola Levitt Presents



David and Kirsten Hart on the
Fall 2017 Zola Tour in Israel



The Sea of Galilee, aka Lake Tiberias or the Kinneret, is one of the most peaceful spots on the planet. (*Kinneret* derives from *kinnor*, the Hebrew word for harp, the lake's shape.) Most of Yeshua's earthly ministry occurred here, as did my favorite miracle that involved a simple breakfast of fish and bread.



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Yeshua/Jesus Undercover

I love how Jesus, the glorious risen King of Kings, was an anonymous (at first) man cooking fish over a fire on the shore. John 21 relates this wonderful reunion with His disciples.

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told the other disciples. They had just walked through the most traumatic time: the crucifixion and resurrection of their beloved Messiah. Their lives had turned upside down, and now they were returning to the Galilee to resume their original trade: fishing.

Not long before, they had witnessed 5,000 people being fed with two fish and five loaves of bread — only a few hundred feet from their present fishing spot. But they spent a whole night out on the water without catching any fish. Then, at sunrise, the lone figure of a man on the shore calls out, "Friends, have you any fish?" How I love that question from our Lord!

First, Yeshua uses the word *friends* ("children" in some translations). Those on the fishing boat *were* His friends ... Messiah's closest friends, who had seen Him perform miracle after miracle, yet scattered at the time of His crucifixion — Peter famously denying Him three times. Still, the risen Savior of the world calls out to them, "Friends, ..."

Yeshua/Jesus Revealed

I imagine Jesus smiling as He asks if they have fish. No, no fish, they admit. If only they recognized that this stranger was the One who multiplied fish.

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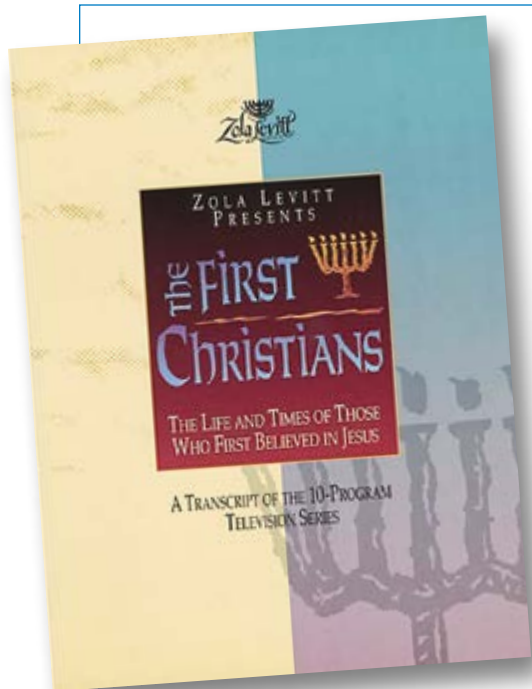


Then, the Savior tells them, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some,” as if the boat’s span of a few feet will make a difference. But it does. And the risen King once again proves His fish-multiplying prowess. Who could blame Jesus if He had called out instead, “You’ve been out *all night*, and not one single fish? *Seriously?* Three *years* you’ve watched miracles, and you still don’t get how to tap into the miraculous? I’m disappointed in all of you!”

But then, Savior that He is, Yeshua performs my favorite miracle: God Himself cooks breakfast over a campfire for His disciples. A simple breakfast. He could prepare a feast, but Jesus keeps it basic. I’ll bet that bread and fish was the best breakfast those disciples ever tasted. Did Jesus knead the dough? Did angels prepare it and deliver it to Him? Did it just — poof — instantly appear on the fire?

Jesus told Peter, “Bring some of the fish you caught.” (The origin of church pot-lucks, perhaps?) Then the conversation around the campfire changed the world: “Feed My sheep.” The disciples had a fresh call on their lives, and it started with an unexpected cookout.

He triumphed over death, yet He cooked fish and bread over a campfire. I love His ways. This same Savior calls *you* “friend.” No matter how you’ve sinned, He stands with arms wide, wanting you to know that He loves and welcomes you with forgiveness and eternal life. ★



[The First Christians](#) [Transcript](#)

[The Lives and Times of Those Who First Believed in Jesus](#)

Zola explores the customs of Jesus’ day to better understand the earliest Believers, those with whom He chose to live on Earth. Though the 10-part series of the same name remains in ZLM’s archive for free viewing, this booklet offers the only means of getting this teaching into your personal library.

Question: What other Bible-teaching organization offers half as much teaching at no charge? All made possible by viewers/readers like you.

Offered for half price on p. 18 in honor of G.S.’s admonition on p. 24





its future and Biblically-based destiny. Recall that 70 years ago, the Jewish state was mostly barren swamp, desert, and wasteland. Hours after its rebirth, the disorganized and traumatized country was cast into a life-or-death War of Independence. Thousands of immigrant Holocaust survivors arriving off boats were handed rifles and a day's rations, and with no military training, sent to defend against Arab armies promising the Jewish State's quick defeat. To the world's surprise, Israel won the war.

Long-dormant promises spoken through the prophet Ezekiel were being marvelously resurrected:

Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord... I will make breath enter you and you will come to life... I will bring you back to the land of Israel... and settle you in your own land.
— Ezekiel 37:4–5, 12, 14

Israel's restoration "is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23). From 1948 to 2018, the tiny frontier land survived nearly 10 wars and intifadas [see p. 1 side story]. Miraculously, during that same time, its tents expanded as it prospered and thrived. Israel blessed the world with God-inspired technology and other innovative solutions to the problems of humankind. Today, Israel is recognized as a leading world power in many respects.

Please take a moment to be refilled with the Holy Spirit and decree His desired fulfillment of Jeremiah 18:7–10, praying the points below.

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1 Israel's spiritual restoration: The latter days' restoration of Israel foretold by Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36:11, 24–28) and others is twofold. First, a physical return of the Jewish people to their land, which has transpired to a large degree over the past 70 years. Then, a spiritual return to the Lord. While many Israelis presently fear and worship God to varying degrees, the Jewish state is not (yet) the model of righteousness He intends it to be.

"O God, according to Your Word and Your set time to favor Zion, restore Israel to Yourself through the new heart covenant in Messiah. Break ancient resistance binding or blinding your people. As you glorify Yourself in Israel, be glorified in the sight of the nations."

2 Nations are being given opportunity to align with Israel and her God. Evil and injustice is being exposed at global levels, including the nations' past unjust treatment of Israel. Based on how governments respond to this exposure, their destiny as sheep or goat nations may be set (see Matthew 25).

"Lord, please act with boldness for governments to embrace truth, turn to You, and align with Your covenant people. Let no peace plan dividing Your covenant land take effect, but be used instead to further expose truth from lies."



3 God has a peace plan. He loves the Arabs. As He offers point #2 above, would His grace not provide Arabs an opportunity as well? Is not the New Covenant sufficient for their redemption, too? Could not the Holy Spirit visit them in power, bring down their current leadership, free the people to worship Yahweh, and quell hatred for Israel? Please pray accordingly.

4 Righteousness in Government. Prime Minister Netanyahu intimated that he may not seek re-election in 2019. Ask God to prepare Netanyahu's successor, to align Israel's government with Biblical righteousness, and to install a new prime minister—in His time—who will serve His purposes.

5 Open doors for Christians. Ultra-Orthodox Jews, who are vehemently anti-Messianic, serve as Israel's official gatekeepers, denying aliyah to Messianic Jews and entry to some Christians. In effect, they are saying, "NOT blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Pray this will change, for the good of Israel and the nations. ★

The Dangers of Looking Jewish in Europe

BY BRET STEPHENS *(upper right)*
New York Times opinion columnist

Adam Armoush, a 21-year-old Israeli Arab, on a recent outing in Berlin donned a yarmulke to test a friend's contention that it was unsafe to do so in Germany. He was assaulted in broad daylight by a Syrian asylum-seeker who whipped him with a belt for being "Yahudi" — Arabic for Jew. The episode was [caught on video](#) and caused a national uproar. Heiko Maas, Germany's foreign minister, tweeted: "Jews shall never again feel threatened here."

It's a vow not likely to be fulfilled. Nearly 1,000 anti-Semitic incidents were reported in Berlin alone last year. A neo-fascist party, Alternative for Germany, has 94 seats in the *Bundestag* [German parliament]. In April, a pair of German rappers won a prestigious music award, given largely on the basis of sales, for an album in which they boast of having bodies "more defined than Auschwitz prisoners." The award ceremony coincided with Holocaust Remembrance Day.

To be Jewish — at least visibly Jewish — in Europe is to live on borrowed time. That's not to doubt the sincerity and good will of Maas or other European leaders who recommit to combating anti-Semitism every time a European Jew is murdered or a Jewish institution attacked. It's only to doubt their capacity.

There's a limit to how many armed guards can be deployed indefinitely to protect synagogues or stop Holocaust memorials from being vandalized. There's a limit, also, to trying to cure bigotry with earnest appeals to tolerance. The German government is mulling a proposal to require recent arrivals in the country to tour Nazi concentration camps as



Adam Armoush, a 21-year-old Israeli Arab, in Berlin

a way of engendering a feeling of empathy for Jews. It doesn't seem to occur to anyone that, to the virulent anti-Semite, Buchenwald is a source of inspiration, not shame.

All this comes to mind as Israel marks 70 years of independence. There are many reasons to celebrate, many of them lofty: a renaissance for Jewish civilization; the creation of a feisty liberal democracy in a despotic neighborhood; the ecological rescue of a once-barren land; the end of 1,878 years of exile.

But there's a more basic reason. **Jews cannot rely for their safety on the kindness of strangers, least of all French or German politicians.** Theodor Herzl saw this with the Dreyfus Affair and founded modern Zionism. Post-Hitler Europe still has far to fall when it comes to its attitudes toward Jews, but the trend is clear. The question is the pace.

Hence Israel: its army, bombs, and robust willingness to use force to defend itself. Israel did not come into existence to serve as another showcase of the victimization of Jews. It exists to end the victimization of Jews.

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That’s a point that Israel’s restless critics could stand to learn. Palestinians in Gaza return weekly to the border fence with Israel, in protests promoted by Hamas. **The explicit purpose of Hamas leaders is to breach the fence and march on Jerusalem [creating death and mayhem along the way].** Israel cannot possibly allow this — doing so would create a precedent that would encourage similar protests, and more death, along all of Israel’s borders — and has repeatedly used deadly force to counter it. The armchair corporals of Western punditry think this is excessive. It would be helpful if they could suggest alternative military tactics to an Israeli government dealing with an urgent crisis against an adversary sworn to its destruction. They don’t.

It would also be helpful if they could explain how they can insist on Israel’s retreat to the 1967 borders and then scold Israel when it defends those borders. They can’t. If the armchair corporals want to persist in demands for withdrawals that for 25 years have led to more Palestinian violence, not less, the least they can do is be ferocious in defense

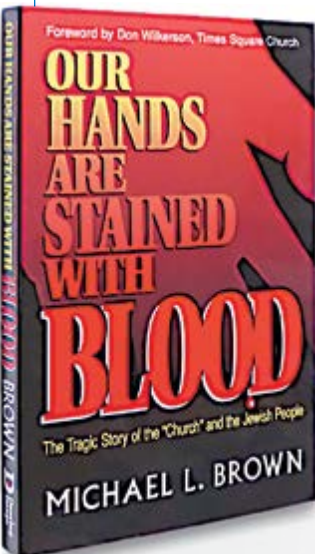
of Israel’s inarguable sovereignty. Somehow they almost never are.

Though not Jewish, Adam Armoush was once one of the nonchalant when it came to what it means to be Jewish in the 21st century. Presumably, no longer. For Jews, it’s a painful, useful reminder that Israel is not their vanity. It’s their safeguard.

Dry Bones



Kirsten and I pray for supernatural protection of Jewish people amidst anti-Semites. Will you join us? — David ★



[Our Hands Are Stained with Blood](#) book

by [Michael L. Brown](#)

“And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

Contrary to the sweet sentiment of this hymn’s lyrics, this book documents with unrelenting intensity the prolific anti-Semitism at the hands of the “Church.” From the first “Christian” persecutions of the Jews in the 4th century to the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust to anti-Semitism in today’s pulpits, this book is a sure cure for someone who imagines persecution of God’s Chosen is a hoax. It is a history every Christian must understand.

Dr. Michael L. Brown, founder and president of FIRE School of Ministry in Concord, NC, is widely considered to be one of the world’s foremost Messianic Jewish apologists.

(Many titles also available as eBooks.)

The Trinity in God's Word

Dr. Todd Baker
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Q. Why is the Trinity important?

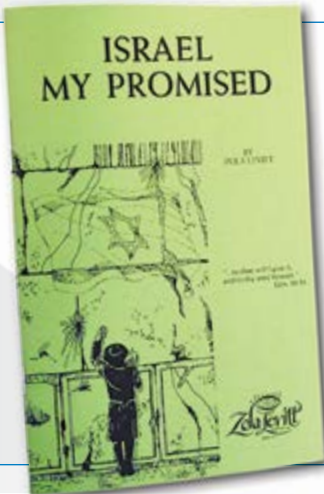
A. The Trinity is a concept clearly found in the Word of God. Both the Old and New Testaments reveal that God consists of three Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many factors and verses refer to the Lord Almighty as the Creator and a Spirit (Genesis 1:1–2); He refers to Himself as “Us” in Genesis 1:26 and the Word in Psalm 33:4; is portrayed as an angel in Genesis 32:24–30; even God’s name is plural — Elohim (*in* indicates plural) — yet the Bible uses singular verbs. Sometimes God mixes up His pronouns when referring to Himself, e.g. Zechariah 12:10 “And **I** will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a Spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on **Me**, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for **Him** as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for **Him** as one grieves for a firstborn son” (emphasis added).

All these OT references are a little confusing until the New Testament names the Trinity and sheds light on their meaning. John refers to Yeshua as the Word of God and Jesus promises the Spirit, whose arrival at Pentecost causes us to rethink our understanding of God’s Spirit in the Old Testament.

For Old Testament passages on the triune Godhead, see Deuteronomy 6:4–5 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is **one**. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” (emphasis added), Isaiah 64:8; Psalm 2:7–9. Here, God used the Hebrew word “*echad*,” a unified one. The same word as when He said, “the two shall become one [*echad*] flesh” (Gen. 2:24). For New Testament passages, see Matthew 28:19; 1 John 5:7. These are just a few of the many passages in Scripture that teach the triune nature of the Godhead. **To deny the Trinity is to deny the Word of God.** One would need to seriously re-evaluate his position and come under the canon of Biblical orthodoxy on this matter. The Trinity is at the very heart of who God claims to be; it is the correct identity of who He is. ★



The trinity knot, sometimes referred to as the *triquetra*, is a simple representation of the Trinity most often associated with Celtic art, such as the Book of Kells



[Israel, My Promised](#) study booklet

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

Repent; the Kingdom of God is at Hand (Matt. 3:2)

Dr. Todd Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian
TJF Team Leader



To The Jew First team member August Rosado and I have seen God boldly and powerfully moving among the Chosen People as we shared the Gospel with them.

In Netanya, the Lord brought us to a bookstore where we conversed with **Tom**, an employee there. We showed him a copy of the Hebrew Bible, making sure to mention that it included a New Testament (*B'rit Hadashah*). I suggested to Tom that every bookstore in Israel should carry God's Word about *Yeshua HaMashiach*. The evidence that Jesus/Yeshua fulfilled all the Messianic prophecies of the *Tanakh* (Old Testament) is undeniable proof Jesus/Yeshua is the Messiah of Israel. To illustrate that what we were telling him was worthy of Jewish belief, August and I showed Tom the



Hebrew text of some of the major First Coming prophecies that Yeshua fulfilled in His earthly life and ministry, described in the New Testament.

After Tom heard our informal presentation, the Holy Spirit moved him to accept a copy of the Scriptures to study for himself. May the

Holy Spirit lead Tom to see Yeshua as the promised Messiah.

While driving to Jerusalem from Tiberias, August felt led to stop at a place mentioned in John 3:23, Aenon near Salim, the Jordan River location where John the Baptist baptized. Last year, we ministered to a park ranger there and gave him a Hebrew Bible. This Biblical location has become a sizable center where Christians from all over the world are baptized. August and I chatted with two Jewish women — Yafit and Yanah — who worked in the gift shop. We made sure they were both aware of

this New Testament location's significance.

John the Baptist came from Judea to Jerusalem to prepare the way and introduce Israel to the Messiah through *teshuvah* (Hebrew for "repentance") and water immersion (Matthew 3:1–12).

August and I explained that every person, Jew and gentile, must turn from sin and believe that Yeshua is the Messiah in order to be saved. Both women welcomed complete Hebrew study Bibles and Messianic Gospel tracts that explain what we had just taught them. These study aids are essential in reinforcing the lessons that TJF evangelists deliver. Connecting the Savior (that John and the Old Testament prophets pointed to) with Yeshua (who offers the free gift of salvation to those who repent and believe in Him for salvation) is vital for the Jews, who learn only the first half of the story.

ZLM's To The Jew First benevolence fund has reduced our mission trips to Israel. Please uphold the ministry's general fund while helping us continue taking the Gospel of Yeshua to Israel. Additional team members cover wider territory and connect with more Israelis. This activity is too important in these Last Days to slacken our Gospel preaching in Israel, who must cry out "*Baruch haba b'Shem Adonai*" — "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matt. 23:39).

One problem with witnessing to many Jews is that they haven't read the Old Testament very well. For that reason, they are unable to see that the New Testament is clearly a fulfillment of the prophecy of the Old. You can't live up to the 613 laws of the Old Testament. No one can — especially in the face of the New Covenant. If you'll confess your sins to God and accept the Messiah as your final atonement, you will feel the love of God for which you hunger. — Zola (1992) ★



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Pray About Your Two Pence

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



Some pensioners have little material wealth and, to the glory of God, donate out of their poverty. Are they more spiritual than wealthy donors who give relative pittances out of their abundance? (see Mark 12:41–44) This ministry gratefully receives each gift of two pence.

Giving too much?

But what about donors who give out of what they don't have? Whoever has a mortgage, car loan, and/or college debt arguably may be contributing funds that he doesn't have. I disagree, since those types of loans are customary and budgeted these days.

But what about payday loans, car title loans, and pawnshop loans with usurious interest rates? While I'm doing my level best to balance this ministry's books, I cannot encourage donors who presently rely on these types of credit to donate to ZLM. Respectfully, humbly, I suggest, "Maybe pray about your two pence" if you're living hand to mouth — and for more than one reason.



"Give till it hurts" can mean until it stings a little (denying oneself a luxury), or it can be construed to request that a donor put himself in a bind. Those latter contributions are the sort of sacrificial gifts that ZLM aspires to do without. Please: Forgo the swanky country club membership or the boat that's too costly to maintain, but remember that God is not the author of confusion. (1 Cor. 14:33)

If you're routinely bouncing checks, maybe Yeshua would welcome you to sit out for a round or two and seek help with your budgeting skills. Some people shake me to my core with their generosity. Then, others disturb me by donating to organizations that are awash in reserve funds.

Post-Retirement Spending

Now let me touch briefly on post-retirement spending. Financial columnist Liz Weston shared a two-part "Spend Safely in Retirement" plan:*

1. Wait until age 70, or as late as reasonably possible, to claim Social Security
2. Use the IRS's required minimum distribution table, rather than the 4% rule, to determine annual withdrawal amounts from savings**

The plan, originated by Steve Vernon, author and research scholar at the Stanford Center on Longevity, is optimal for creating an income stream from savings ranging from \$100,000 to \$1 million.

Retirees younger than 70 might work part-time or use some of their savings to let them postpone claiming Social Security benefits. A 3.5% rate of withdrawal might be appropriate at age 65. With 401(k) and IRA accounts, the IRS requires a minimum annual distribution of 3.65% for a 70½-year-old. Each year the rate increases. By age 90, for example, it's 8.7%. ★

While this organization's financial needs continue ceaselessly with our weekly television broadcasts and monthly newsletter mailings, we would rather downsize again than ask donors to do without their necessities.

* See apnews.com/97b0cbd5d80c41b9bc92d24031495def/How-not-to-run-out-of-money-in-retirement

** See www.fool.com/retirement/iras/2017/05/30/2017-ira-rmd-table-what-it-is-and-how-to-read-it.aspx



ZLM Bulletin Board



Church of the Holy Shot Glass?

A Gabola Church clergyman, dressed like a bishop in Orange Farm, South Africa, “anoints” congregants with whiskey on the forehead. “We drink for deliverance ... for the Holy Ghost to

come into us,” explains Gabola’s founder and self-declared pope, Tsietsi Makiti. Such blasphemous heresy is a sign of the times, of course — a fulfillment of Bible prophecy about End Times false prophets. Does the drunken, bar-tending “pastor” Makiti’s crazy theology give legitimate Believers a wakeup call that the Rapture approacheth? Incidentally, another South African pastor sprayed an insecticide into worshippers’ faces to chase away evil spirits. Come quickly, Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)



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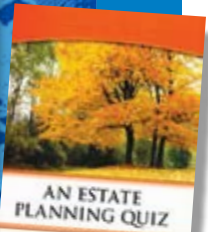
Lutheran Concordia Publishing House (CPH) reports that Google recently insisted that CPH “either remove all references to Jesus Christ and/or the Bible in all of its ads or use a different Google ad product.” Moreover, CPH says that its ads were “disabled due to a violation of Google’s policy for advertising based on interests and location,” and the Google representative denied a request for a manager to review the rep’s decision.



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“Come Home!”

Zola
Tours to
Israel



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"I am the True Vine and my Father is the Gardener..." (John 15:1)

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the Gardener. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He purges, that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:1–2). In other words, **if you bear fruit, you will experience the "purging process," and that means suffering affliction.** This might seem backward: Why does the fruitful branch need to be cut back? Indeed, suffering is promised not to an evil person but to the righteous soul who trusts in God. Purging is painful, but it is also purifying, yielding new growth within our hearts.

Yeshua taught, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). The Greek word translated "pure" is *katharos*, also used to describe the cleansing of a wound (catharsis), or to describe the unalloyed quality of a substance revealed through refining fire. We "rejoice" in testing because that is the way of real growth, sustained hope, and the revelation of God's deep love (2 Cor. 1:3–5). In our afflictions we are given heavenly consolation that helps us to persevere (Rom. 5:3–4). Remember that we are being weaned from this present Age to be made ready for heavenly glory. Stay tuned, friends, the best is yet to come!

However, Yeshua warned us, "If anyone does not live in Me, he is cast off as a branch, and withers" (John 15:6). We find life only as we remain connected to the Source of life—the Messiah, the Savior and LORD. True life grows out of a heart connection with Yeshua, and without that connection our lives become vain and yield no eternal significance (John 15:5). Be forewarned: it is the Torah of Messiah that if you do not live in the Vine, you will be destroyed, since life is found in no other Source (John 14:6; Luke 3:9). But be encouraged. We cannot create new life by our own efforts or effect regeneration by our own good works. No, the work of salvation is God's alone, and we partake of that work as we abandon our self-efforts and religious conceits (see Isa. 32:17; Mark 4:26–29). There remains, therefore, a Sabbath for the people of God, "for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His" (Heb. 4:9–10). This "deep Sabbath" is a matter of trusting that the work of salvation has been accomplished on your behalf.

Therefore "strive to enter into that rest," for the LORD always effects what is best for you. The path of peace is surrendering to God's care for your life, letting the evils and drama of the world flow past you. This is "the work of faith." Look to heavenly reality and not to the vanity and deceits of this world (Col. 3:1–4); live in Yeshua's presence, drawing strength and vitality from your relationship with Him.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is produced as we yield ourselves to the love and presence of God. ★



Beauty for Ashes DVD Set

Nine 30-minute TV programs on 2 DVDs

In this nine-program series, Myles and Katharine Weiss contrast the horror that was the Holocaust with the miracle that is the modern State of Israel. Throughout the series, we hear firsthand accounts from Holocaust survivors Noah Klieger, Meir Stern, and Eva Mozes Kor.

The Hope To Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe, the “Work Makes You Free” sign over the entrance to Auschwitz offered false hope. In 1948, Jewish hopes materialized when the modern State of Israel was born in a day (Isaiah 66:8).

The Ground Holocaust survivors recount riding in train cars bound for Auschwitz. The blood-soaked ground beneath the Death Wall contrasts significantly with the life-giving produce that grows in Israel today.

The Survivors In Auschwitz, we hear about the Jewish people’s extremely slim chances for survival. In Israel, a “start-up nation” today, we hear from executives of high-tech companies.

The Chosen A survivor recounts her experience of Auschwitz, where many were sent to their deaths. From Caesarea, we hear about Israel’s restoration and desire to “repair the world” (*Tikkun Olam*).

The Heart The crematoria at Auschwitz grimly remind Believers of the battle between good and evil. Myles and Katharine speak of Jewish contributions in the arts.

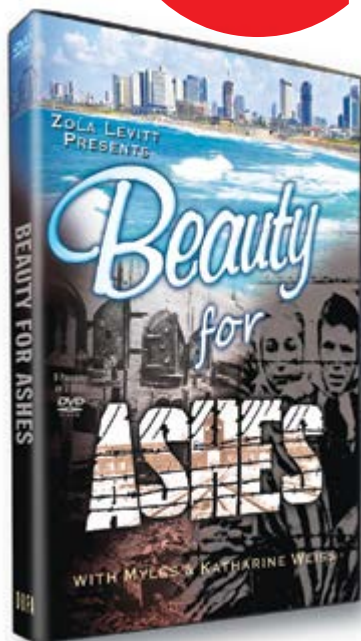
The Process After hearing how Holocaust survivors survived Dr. Josef Mengele’s inhumane medical experiments, we visit Be’er Sheva’s impressive technology center where science in Israel advances mankind’s welfare.

The Future Believers standing with the Jewish people and with Israel are an important component of the nation’s Divine deliverance and resilience.

The Peace After viewing the stunning fields in Northern Galilee from a hot air balloon, we hear from Israelis who endured hardship to become established in Israel. Myles sings a benediction over the pond at Auschwitz.

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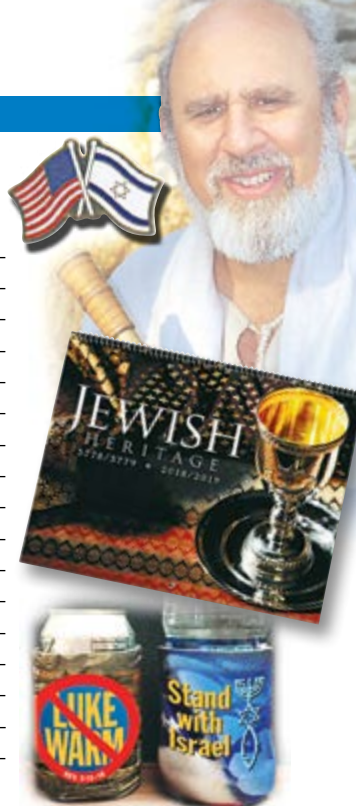


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The Tunnel Zola walks the tunnel under the western edge of the Temple Mount. We get a journalist’s perspective of the Palestinian uproar that erupted when the tunnel was opened to the public in 1996.

A Tale of Two Temples An unearthed marketplace shows the Roman destruction of the Temple. Mount Gerizim to the north hosts the excavation of a Samaritan temple patterned after the Jerusalem Temple.

Rulers in Stone Caesarea, on Israel’s Mediterranean coast, has yielded first-century finds such as the first extra-Biblical reference to Pontius Pilate, and a full-size Temple replica. At Tel Dan, the “House of David” has been confirmed archaeologically.

The Jerusalem That Was Bible Lands Museum houses a model of Jerusalem ca. 586 B.C. In the City of David, we examine a four-room house, typical architecture for ancient Israelites.

Past and Future Destruction Ongoing excavations at Hazor have unearthed Canaanite idols and confirmation of the city burning as recorded in Joshua 11. The Valley of Armageddon holds prophetic archaeological significance.

Archaeology and the Scriptures In Jerusalem, Zola explains the history of the Citadel, also called “David’s Tower.” We talk with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Cities of the Past Zippori was a thriving cultural center in Galilee that probably influenced Jesus as a boy in Nazareth. Ekron was one of five prominent Old Testament cities of the Philistines.

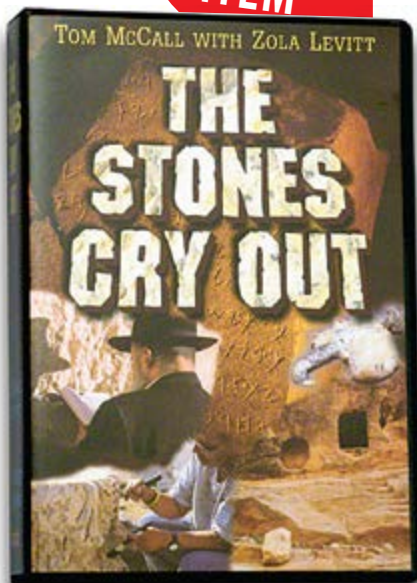
Shadows from the Past A chamber of tombs, near the Garden Tomb but dated to the time of the First Temple, helps us understand burial customs of that day. We visit the Qumran cave where the first Dead Sea Scroll was found.

A Tale of Three Cities In Biblical times, a business relationship existed between three Jordan Valley cities: Beit Shean, Rehovot (west of the Jordan River), and Pella (east of the Jordan River). We visit excavations in each city.

The Rose Red City The ancient Nabataeans were famous for their skill in rock carving. Petra, their capital southeast of the Dead Sea, is the “rose red” city known for its magnificent buildings carved into the native rock.

A Man Crucified On display at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, a man’s heel bone that was pierced by a nail is the first archaeological proof of Roman crucifixions in Israel.

Truth from the Stones Zola discusses how the artifacts shown throughout this series illuminate Scripture, and how Believers can be encouraged when *The Stones Cry Out*.



Sarah Aaronsohn (1890–1917), Spy

BY ANAT SCHNEIDER / *Israel Today*

Sarah, the Heroine of NILI, a book by the well-known Hebrew author Dvora Omer, tells a true story about heroism and courage, about love and disappointment, and about faith in the righteousness of “the way.” I remember running home from school, washing an apple, lying down on my bed with the apple and the book, and devouring both. I read this book dozens of times, and every time was like the first: It always moved me; I always cried at the sad parts; it was tense with never a dull moment.

NILI was an underground espionage ring established during Ottoman Turkish rule in Eretz Yisrael with the purpose of transferring information to the British to help expel the Turks. NILI is an acronym from the Hebrew words “*Netzach Yisrael Lo Yeshaker*” / “the eternity of Israel will not lie” (1 Samuel 15:29).

Sarah was a brave, strong, well-intentioned woman, and full of purpose — even at the cost of her own life. She was also very beautiful, and she used her beauty and femininity to collect intelligence. She would attend parties held by Turkish officials or any event where she thought there was a chance to collect information that would help remove the Turks from the country. She lived with her family in the town of Zikhron Ya’akov, which to this day is one of my favorite places in Israel. Their home overlooked the Mediterranean Sea. At night, Sarah would make her way to the sea to pass intelligence to British ships. She learned to speak Arabic, and knew how to handle a weapon.

Sarah and her younger sister, Rebecca (considered the pretty and spoiled sister), both fell in love with Avshalom Feinberg, a handsome fellow member

of the underground. Avshalom loved Rebecca and considered Sarah a brave and valued member of the organization.

Sarah married a businessman and left the country to escape the heartbreak over her unrequited love for Avshalom. But shortly after her marriage, she returned to Israel.

The story ended tragically when almost all NILI members were caught. Sarah was tortured and, at the first opportunity, shot herself. Avshalom was killed in the desert on his way to Egypt to pass on information. The information they relayed did eventually help the British capture the land from the Turks. Rebecca survived and lived until 1981 in the Zikhron Ya’akov family home, which today serves as a museum, “The Aaronsohn House.”



Photo:
Avshalom
Feinberg



Photo: Avshalom Feinberg

Sarah Aaronsohn and
Avshalom Feinberg

God uses men and women to achieve His good works. I am thankful for the many brave women who have made a difference for the Jewish people.

— Kirsten ★



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Letters to ZLM

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

Comments from www.levitt.com

From J.S.: What a wonderful impression the new hosts and format are making: delightful, informative, inspirational, so very uplifting and encouraging! It's a pleasure to watch *Zola Levitt Presents*.

Classic Letter to Zola from 1994

Zola Levitt,

Why do you pretend to be Jewish when you are Christian?

— E.G.K.



Dear E.G.K. —

Why do you pretend not to know that Jews can be Christians? Who were all of the disciples, all of the Apostles, and all of the writers of the New Testament books? Jewish Christians!

To answer you seriously, a Christian is one who holds that Yeshua is his Savior. Whatever else he may be in worldly terms is irrelevant. I am both Jewish and a believer in Yeshua as my Messiah. What is remarkable, when I read Scripture as it is written, is why so few Jewish people have come to the One who fulfilled so many Jewish prophecies of Messiah's coming. — Zola

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Isaiah 52:14

Dear ZLM,

I found the [May cover article "The Real Face of Jesus?"](#) very interesting. Most of us do think of Him as light-skinned and tall. I am glad someone has looked for the *real* Jesus. However, I have a question. Do pictures, icons, and statues of Jesus break Commandment #2 about making graven images? — S.R. (AR)

Dear S.R. —

The Second Commandment forbids using art as a [visual point for worship](#), not the art itself (e.g. paintings, sculpture, and other art forms). God is spiritual and unseen (John 4:24), "*God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.*" The commandment's point is that anything replacing God in the worship experience is considered an idol. — Tony



Dear ZLM,

When I looked at the [cover of May's LL](#), I was shocked at first, due to your depiction of Jesus Christ. Of course, I knew He didn't look like an aesthete with Nordic features wearing a nightgown. The rigors of life back then would not have allowed for such fragility. But my first thought was "where did they drag that thug from?" It's a little hard to imagine someone who looked like that delivering the Sermon on the Mount. A person's inner character usually shows on his face. This guy just looks bewildered, like one of His disciples, maybe.

But it really got me thinking. What did Jesus look like, and what does it matter? Our faith is based on belief. After the Resurrection, no one seemed to recognize Him at first. So now He is in His glorified body, as we will be. I think that when He returns, we will see a deep familiarity. We'll know Him right away, and He will be majestic!

Before the printing press fostered literacy, most Western Europeans relied on visuals and would have been able to relate to someone familiar looking. I will continue to subscribe to and be stimulated by your magazine. — S.C. (MI)

Dear ZLM,

At best, renditions of European artists had Jesus looking like a wimpy, fair-skinned hippie on a bad hair day. At worst, they had Him looking so feminine that He could have passed as a bearded lady in a carnival sideshow.

Now forensic anthropology comes along and adds further insult. Jesus' nickname is now "Shorty," and He looks like a backyard shade-tree mechanic who just dollied out from under a dirty old rust-bucket car. But the worst part is that it wasn't an article worth printing, yet it made the cover of a Messianic Jewish publication [[Levitt Letter May 2018](#)]. — J.M.C. (AL)

Dear J.M.C. —

What do you suppose Jesus looked like? Please feel free to send me whatever image you believe might do justice to our Lord and Savior. In the meantime, here's a story from Zola's heydays on Dallas's "The Heart of the

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Matter”— a live, call-in radio talk show that dwelled on topics ranging from soup to nuts:

One caller expressed how disappointed she was to meet Zola in person.

“I thought you’d be tall and (pause) blonde (pause) ...”

With her at a loss for words, Zola chimed in: *“... like Jesus.”*

“Yeah!”

Reminding ourselves not to judge books by their covers, some Believers are now at a loss as to whether Yeshua’s looks measure up to the contents of His Book. Pray they won’t revile wimpy hippies and shade-tree mechanics. —Mark

Dear J.M.C. —

Not every reader will appreciate every item we publish. So please turn the page; perhaps the next article will resonate and be worthy of sharing. —Kirsten

Help Them Stand on Messiah

Dear ZLM,

I have a love for the Jewish people. I’ve had lifelong friends die “lost,” and more who also will.

You say you’re about salvation for the Jewish people. I do not believe that. Your TV programs show nothing on salvation but instead history lessons, politics, etc. Nothing on the Law and how it was to drive the Jewish people to Jesus. Nothing on the fake Passover they observe. Nothing explaining Messianic prophecies. In the early Church, all Jews came to Christ from the Old Testament; why don’t you use that lesson? Quit propping up the Jewish people. They are lost sinners who need a savior. It’s time you told them. —G.S. (MI)

Dear G.S. —

Please examine the dozens of television series archived at levitt.tv. Topics include: Prophecy, Israel, Bible Characters, Jews, Christians, Muslims/Arabs, Feasts, and Holidays. **The four programs in [The Witnessing Series](#) are:**

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- **“Witnessing to Gentiles.”**

For over 47 years, Zola’s ministry has been spreading the very message you somehow missed: That Christianity is anchored in Judaism, and that the Jews need to recognize their own Messiah, Whom Christians are now taking back to them. We agree with you about ministries that “prop up the Jewish people” by helping them without professing Yeshua’s salvation. We are not among them.

The *Levitt Letter* runs monthly accounts of **To The Jew First** ambassadors witnessing to Jews and others in the Holy Land. Many of these testimonials touch the hearts of unsaved Jews (please see [p.13](#)). Donating to the “TJF Fund” shows your sincerity in taking the Gospel directly to the Jews. If you’ve watched any

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Zola Levitt Presents programs, you know that this ministry routinely proclaims Yeshua's legitimacy as the Jewish Messiah (based on Old Testament prophecies) along with the importance of Christianity's Jewish roots and the continuing relevance of Israel in Bible prophecy.

If you want gifts for Jewish friends and acquaintances, solid candidates include our \$3 study booklets: *The Miracle of Passover*, *The Seven Feasts of Israel*, and *A Christian Love Story* (all three also available on CD). You may wish to arm yourself with our two Scripture-loaded bookmarks "Prophesied Messiah" and "Witnessing, Things to Come" and our free, printable download "The Promised Messiah." All these witnessing tools point out OT prophecies and their NT fulfillments. — Blessings, Mark

P.S. Speaking of using the lesson of the early-Church Jews coming to Yeshua, please see our 10-program TV series *The First Christians*. And invite your Jewish friends and acquaintances to watch it too — for free. (See series transcript on [p. 7](#).)

How To Learn Hebrew

Dear ZLM,

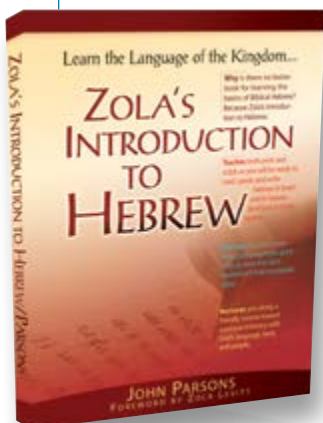
When are you going to bring back the little block that had one Hebrew word each month? Zola's idea — I loved it. — E.V. MacK. (OH)

Dear E.V. MacK. —

Though our monthly Hebrew Lesson has grown from translating a single word or phrase to a full page in each *Levitt Letter*, it still translates and transliterates (using the English alphabet) while offering phonetics. Now you can selectively read the portion you used to find in a small block.

Have you discovered Dana Feinstein's weekly Hebrew lesson on each new episode of *Zola Levitt Presents*? Dana is a native Israeli and Messianic Jewish Believer who teaches Biblically relevant Hebrew from the Holy Land.

Our website archives hundreds of Hebrew Lessons, one in each *Levitt Letter* (levitt.com/levletter). In addition, clicking on "Daily Devotionals" beneath the "Information" tab on the levitt.com home page provides a Daily Zola music selection and, in Hebrew, a Daily Name of God, also transliterated to help you pronounce it. Now you can feast on our daily, weekly, and monthly Hebrew offerings — and vast archives. — Mark ★



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Astronaut Radiation Shield



SCIENCE: BY ORI LEWIS, RINAT HARASH (r) Reuters.com

A vest designed to shield astronauts from deadly solar particles in deep space is set for trials on a lunar mission ready for deployment on any manned mission to Mars, its Israeli developers said.

The AstroRad Radiation Shield has been devised by Tel Aviv-based StemRad, which has already produced and marketed a belt to protect rescue workers from harmful gamma ray radiation emitted in nuclear disasters, such as Chernobyl and Fukushima.



Photo: Reuters/Amir Cohen

Women in prototypes of StemRad's new protective vest, AstroRad, near Russian Excalibur-Almaz Space Capsule at Madatech, National Museum of Science Technology and Space in Haifa, Israel

The vest will protect vital human tissue — particularly stem cells, which could be devastated by solar radiation in deep space or on Mars, whose sparse atmosphere offers no protection.

U.S. space agency NASA hopes to send astronauts to Mars in the mid-2030s. The vest, made of layers that look like a contoured map, will be tailor-made for each astronaut, positioning non-metallic protective materials to cover his or her organs.

“This product will enable human deep-space exploration. Our breakthrough has come in creating the architecture of the multi-layered shield to accurately cover the most important organs,” StemRad’s CEO Oren Milstein said. The vest needed to combine density with flexibility to protect astronauts while enabling them to move about as freely as possible.

StemRad says it has proven the concept in the laboratory and in simulations, but testing will also take place on the Orion spacecraft, a joint project of Lockheed Martin, NASA, and the European Space Agency.

Orion is set to orbit the moon unmanned during the debut flight of NASA’s heavy-lift Space Launch System rocket, scheduled for late 2018. During the lunar flyby, the vest will be strapped to a “phantom” torso dummy, a device used to monitor radiation absorption. Another phantom will fly unprotected, and the two will be analyzed after they return to Earth.

The Orion will have its own small shelter for solar storms or flares that have dangerous bursts of radiation, and the vest, Milstein said, will offer the same degree of protection so astronauts can keep safe in other parts of the spacecraft.

Astronauts in Earth’s orbit, such as those on the International Space Station, do not face the same risk because they are protected by the planet’s magnetic field, which acts as a shield. ★



A regrown bone (right) can replace the missing bone (left)

Lab-Grown Bones

MEDICINE: BY SIVAN GEFFEN / TimesOfIsrael.com

Haifa-based biotech company Bonus BioGroup has entered the second trial of a clinical study seeking to regrow bones in a lab. The first trial, begun four years ago and comprising 32 patients, ended successfully, according to Dr. Shai Meretzki, CEO and founder of Bonus BioGroup.

The process they designed could have come from an H.G. Wells novel. Liposuction retrieves fat cells from the body, from which damage-controlling cells are isolated. The isolated cells are then grown in a bioreactor, a manmade simulation of the human body. After two weeks, the new bone, now semi-liquid live human bone tissue, is injected back into the patient.

According to Meretzki, the new bone is very much alive. It can be strengthened, and it can grow along with the patient, a particular point of interest when regenerating children's bones. Elderly patients, as well as patients suffering from osteoporosis, infections, cancer, or trauma accidents, could find themselves with new bones up to seven times stronger than an original bone. Cleft palates, currently treated with a series of surgeries spanning years, could be healed in infancy.

In addition, Meretzki estimates that the procedure, if and when it is adopted by hospitals, will cost less than current bone regrowth treatment, which can run up to \$90,000.

The new developments are being spearheaded by Meretzki, along with Prof. Ephraim Tzur, scientific adviser of Bonus Biogroup, and Prof. Nimrod Rozen, head of the orthopedic ward of HaEmek Hospital.

The second trial will consist of over 60 operations, with two groups of patients—cranial and orthopedic. A third trial with a larger group of participants will

follow. According to Meretzki, the bone regenerating treatment is expected to finish its trials, gain FDA approval, and hit the market in three to four years.

The team next hopes to focus on regenerating fat and cartilage. **The goal is to create "spare parts" for human beings, to be able to heal knees, hips, shoulders, and elbows.** Regenerating fat would allow them to replace silicon breast implants with actual fat from the patient's body.



Prof. Rozen and pieces of bone that were artificially bred in the lab



Dr. Shai Meretzki, CEO of Bonus BioGroup, with a lab-grown bone

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Rozen, who has completed three surgeries in the new trial, claims he can now "replace every bone in any place in the human body." ★

The Mossad



PART 1: BY ARON HELLER (r) APNews.com

Israel's recent seizure of Iran's purported nuclear program archive and the dramatic display of the documents taken from a facility in the heart of Tehran marked a rare case of Israel going public about the operations of its top-secret Mossad spy agency.

The Mossad, long shrouded in mystery and mythology, is legendary in international intelligence circles for being behind what are believed to be some of the most daring covert operations of the past century. Only a few have come to light and often only years later. Israel is typically wary of exposing the exploits of the global arm of its vaunted intelligence community out of fear of revealing its well-cultivated sources or undermining its mystique.

More often than not, Mossad actions have become known only when something goes wrong.

A look at some of its successes and, next month, its failures:

Capturing Adolf Eichmann

Lifting a half-century veil of secrecy, the Mossad in 2012 revealed the full story behind its most legendary operation — the daring 1960 capture of Nazi mastermind Adolf Eichmann.

On May 11, 1960, a seven-man Mossad team waited near the Buenos Aires bus station where Eichmann arrived each evening from his job at a Mercedes-Benz factory, where he worked under the alias Ricardo Klement.

After he got off the bus, agents jumped him, one shoving a gloved hand inside Eichmann's

mouth in case he had a cyanide pill hidden in a tooth, a known trick of former top Nazis to foil capture.

After holding Eichmann for nine days in a safe house, the group flew out on an El Al plane. Eichmann was drugged, dressed in an El Al uniform, seated in first class, and passed off as an ill crew-member.

Eichmann's trial in Jerusalem the following year featured gripping testimony of more than 100 Jews who survived torture and deprivation in concentration camps, and brought to life the horrors of the Nazi "Final Solution," of which Eichmann was the architect. **Eichmann was convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity and was hanged in 1962, the only time Israel has ever carried out a death sentence.**

Infiltrating Syria's Leadership

One of the Mossad's first major achievements was placing one of its men inside the top echelon of Syria's leadership. Eli Cohen managed to become a top adviser to Syria's defense minister in the early 1960s. He obtained top-secret intelligence

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Eli Cohen, Israeli Agent



that is widely credited with helping Israel prepare for its swift victory in 1967's Six-Day War.

In 1965, Cohen was caught radioing information to Israel. He was tried and hanged in a Damascus square. His remains have yet to be returned to Israel, where he is regarded as a national hero. [*Our Man in Damascus: Elie Cohn* by Eli Ben-Hanan follows Cohen's daring story.]

Nuclear Espionage

After Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at an Israeli nuclear plant, leaked sensitive details and pictures of Israel's alleged nuclear weapons program to a British newspaper in 1986, the Mossad was given the task of bringing him to justice. A female Mossad agent, masquerading as an American tourist, lured Vanunu to Italy where he was drugged, abducted, and secretly transported by boat to Israel.

Vanunu served 18 years in an Israeli prison. Israel neither confirms nor denies its nuclear capability.

Assassinations

The Mossad is believed to be behind the assassinations of a long string of Palestinian militants around the world.

Only in 2012 did Israel finally acknowledge killing Yasser Arafat's deputy and co-founder of Fatah in a 1988 joint Mossad-military special operations raid in Tunisia. The deputy was blamed for a series of deadly attacks against Israelis. One of the commandos who came after him was disguised as a woman on a romantic vacation, and one of the weapons was hidden in a box of chocolates.

In 1995, the founder of the group Islamic Jihad was gunned down in Malta by a man on a motorcycle in an attack widely attributed to Israel.

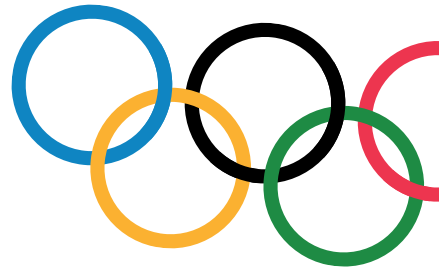
The Mossad is also suspected of killing several Iranian scientists working on that country's suspected nuclear weapons program. It is also assumed to have had a hand in the 2008 car bombing in Damascus that killed a top commander in the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

Black September

On September 5, 1972, members of the Palestinian "Black September" group attacked Israelis at the Munich Olympics, killing an athlete and a coach and taking nine others hostage.

The hostages died later during a botched rescue attempt by German police. In all, 11 Israelis were killed in the siege that shocked the world and ushered in a new era of global terrorism.

In response, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir gave a special Mossad unit the goal of hunting down all those involved. The reprisals spanned the globe and continued until the agency's first high-profile fiasco: the accidental killing of Moroccan waiter Ahmed Bouchikhi in Lillehammer, Norway. The agents had mistaken him for Black September's chief of operations. Norway tried several Mossad operatives, a major blow to the agency's reputation. [Five Mossad agents received sentences ranging from one to five and a half years, but were released and returned to Israel in 1975.] ★



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A young Israeli IDF soldier helps an elderly Palestinian man through the streets.

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Israel Today

How often is Israel accused of failing to love its enemies? Of course, how can such a thing be demanded of Israel when a literal love for one's enemies is commanded in the New, but not in the Old, Testament? "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:43-44). Are Jews who don't believe Yeshua is the Messiah still obligated to obey this command?

The fact is that even though the Jewish state is not following Jesus explicitly, Israel does strive to love its enemies. In fact, **Israel is often better at loving its enemies than**

even the Christian nations that do recognize Jesus' authority. Preaching is often easier than practicing. Israel is in the habit of preaching less and, instead, actually practicing the more difficult points of God's Word. Loving one's enemies is in Israel's DNA. After all, Jesus was a Jew, too.

Israel's New Judeo-Christian Party

ChristianToday.com

For the first time ever in Israel, a joint Christian-Jewish party will run in the next elections for the Knesset (Israeli parliament). The new list — The Bible Bloc Party — has been approved by the party registrar's office.

The Bloc will seek the support of non-Jewish Russian immigrants from the Former Soviet Union and their spouses and from Christian Arabs.

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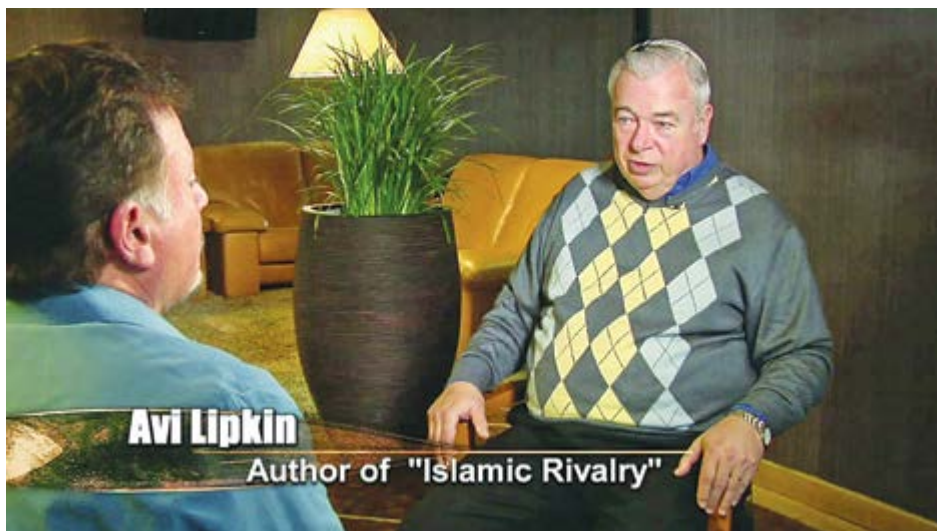
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The party's founder, Dennis Avi Lipkin [ZLM's friend aka Victor Mordecai], who was born in New York and speaks to evangelical Christians in the U.S., said that the Bloc's goal is promoting Jewish-Christian alliance

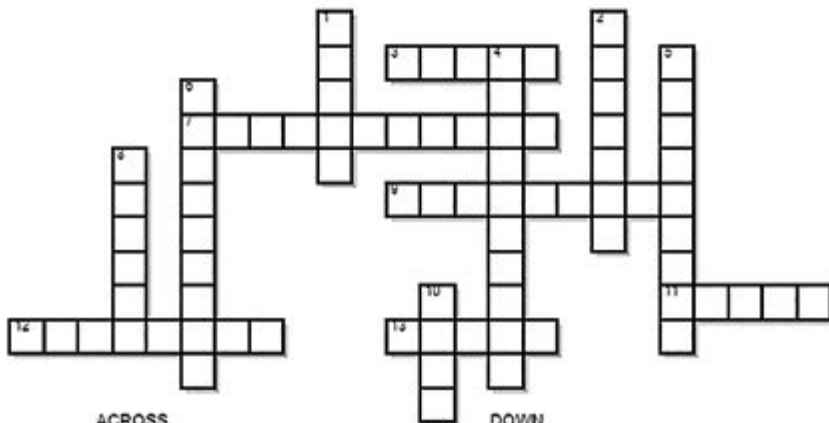
and togetherness. For too many years, "Jews and Christians hated each other. When Israel faces an existential threat of Islamic terrorism, we need a Judeo-Christian love party," he said. ★



Avi Lipkin in a Zola Levitt Presents interview with Myles Weiss



Crossword July 2018: *Psalms of Ascent* (Psalms 126–134)



ACROSS

- 3 Except the Lord build the _____ (Psalm 127:1)
- 7 Lord my Healer (Hebrew; 2 wds)
- 9 God of Truth (Hebrew; 2 wds)
- 11 ...to dwell together in _____ (Psalm 133:1)
- 12 _____ are a heritage... (Psalm 127:3)
- 13 The Lord swore an oath to _____ (Psalm 132:11)

DOWN

- 1 The Lord hath done _____ things... (Psalm 126:3)
- 2 My Rock (Hebrew)
- 4 Lamb of God (Hebrew; 2 wds)
- 5 The Lord is _____ (Psalm 129:4)
- 6 Lift up your hands in the _____ (Psalm 134:2)
- 8 He shall redeem _____ (Psalm 130:8)
- 10 God will see (Hebrew)

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Historic Archaeological Finds: DSS



ARCHAEOLOGY: BY AMANDA BORSCHEL-DAN (r) TimesOfIsrael.com

November 29, 1947.

Even as the United Nations voted to end British Mandatory rule and establish two states — Jewish and Arab — in Palestine, the founder of Jewish archaeology in the Land of Israel held in his hands one of the greatest historical treasures of all time: the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In his journal that evening, Prof. Eleazar Sukenik wrote, “Today I have been shown a piece of a scroll. I do not dare to write down what I think of it.”

The next day, Jewish settlements throughout the land were attacked, but the Hebrew University of Jerusalem professor knew that, before the window of opportunity closed, he must travel to Bethlehem and purchase whatever fragments he could. Quickly, Sukenik sought safe passage advice from his son, an underground Jewish defense officer named Yigael Yadin (later a general, then a politician, who eventually followed in his father’s archaeological footsteps). According to the transcript of a 1950s lecture, Yadin told his father, “As a military man, I answered that he ought not to make the journey; as an archaeologist, that he ought to go; as his son — that my opinion had to be reserved.”



photo: IAA

Early research on the Dead Sea Scrolls, at the Rockefeller Museum, in east Jerusalem



1951 image of Prof. Eleazar Sukenik

Sukenik retrieved the other scrolls and fragments held by a Bethlehem antiquities dealer. After careful study, he held a press conference to share his initial findings in the Jewish Agency building in the middle of war-torn Jerusalem. A lengthy 1955 *New Yorker* article paints a picture of daily shelling of new Jerusalem neighborhoods, “between three and five every afternoon” — exactly the time and location of the press event.

“To attend it required some nerve,” wrote journalist Edmund Wilson. “An American correspondent fainted in the street on the way, and had to be carried in by his colleagues. The reporters were flabbergasted when Sukenik, who seemed quite unperurbed by the flashing and banging about him, announced the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.”

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As Sukenik described his discovery, “a shell burst. The reporters had been, at first, rather peevisish at being asked to risk their skins for old manuscripts; but they ended up being impressed by the scholar’s overmastering enthusiasm.”



Today, the Dead Sea Scrolls are widely heralded as the archaeological find of the 20th century. In parallel to the field of Israeli archaeology itself, entire scientific methods of study and technological innovations advancing their preservation have developed since the scrolls’ dramatic discoveries.

Whereas scholars once sat, cigarettes drooping between their lips, touching the ancient scraps with their bare hands (and often seeing them disintegrate between their fingers), today the Israel Antiquities Authority’s Dead Sea Scrolls laboratory has a decidedly space-age feel. And little wonder: Headed by Pnina Shor, the immaculate unit uses high-tech imaging techniques that stem directly from NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Though the jewel in the crown of Israeli archaeology, the Dead Sea Scrolls are just one piece of an ancient puzzle researchers are deciphering as they revisit the past to paint a clearer picture of those who walked the land well before the founding of the Jewish state.

On our tours of the Holy Land each spring and fall, we visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and in Jerusalem, we see the authentic scrolls. Truly highlights of our trips. —David ★

photo: Shai Halperin



Head of the Israel Antiquities Authority’s Dead Sea Scrolls Lab, Pnina Shor



Answer Key for July 2018 Crossword (p.31)

Across:

- 3. House
- 7. Adonai
- 9. Ayl Eh-meht
- 11. Unity
- 12. Children
- 13. David

Down:

- 1. Great
- 2. Tsou-ree
- 4. Se Ha-Elohim
- 5. Righteous
- 6. Sanctuary
- 8. Israel
- 10. Ra-ah

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Riots on Israel's Border

BY BEN SHAPIRO (r) PatriotPost.us

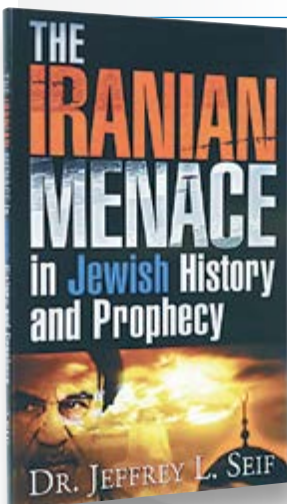
On the Gaza border, Hamas's months-long campaign to break down the Israel border consists of staging border "protests" attended by thousands—including terrorists who use the supposed protests as a staging point for violent attacks on Israeli troops and territory. Palestinian terrorists have caused mass chaos, throwing Molotov cocktails at troops, attempting to rush the border, flinging explosives and tying incendiaries to kites in an attempt to set Israeli territory alight. The Israel Defense Forces have responded with restraint. Despite this, a few dozen Palestinians have been killed, not the hundreds or thousands Hamas would presumably prefer.



"Who among us would accept this type of activity on your border? No one would. No country in this chamber would act with more restraint than Israel has." —U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley

Attempting to breach a sovereign border is an act of war—if it's not, what is? So, not only is Israel's military action justifiable, so would be capturing new territory to push back the besieged border. "Threaten our wall, and we will take some of your land to increase our buffer against your violence." Simple.

Imagine our reaction to "protestors" burning tires, slinging rocks, and lobbing Molotov cocktails at America's border patrol. —Mark ★



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A cheerful heart is good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22

Good Friends

Moshe, Aaron, Barry, and Ilan had been best of friends for over 10 years when, unfortunately, Barry was killed in a car crash. The next day, the three remaining friends viewed Barry's body in his coffin.

Aaron remarked, "You know, Barry was such a great guy and friend to me that I don't want him to go empty handed. I'm going to give him \$500." With that, he took out \$500 in cash and threw it into the coffin.

Then Ilan replied, "I agree with you. I'll match your gift." And Ilan threw \$500 in cash into the coffin.

Moshe added, "I liked him more than you two, so I'm going to give him \$1,000." Moshe then wrote out a check for \$2,000, threw it into the coffin, and took out \$1,000 change. ★



"Daddy, what's the date of the Fourth of July this year?"



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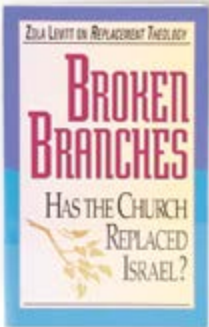
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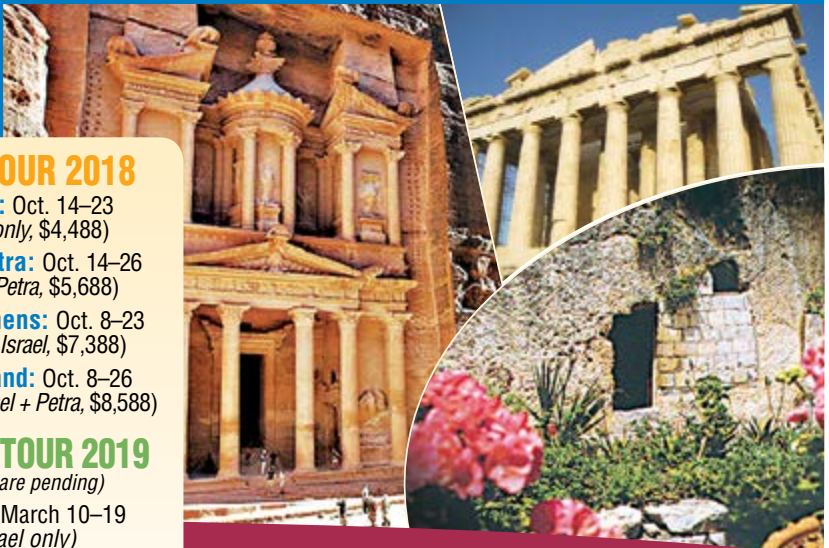


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