



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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Jerusalem p.4

U.S. Embassy Move: Analysis

By Eitan Shishkoff / TikkunInternational.org

Last year, Eitan “Our Man in Haifa” Shishkoff began a sabbatical from his monthly *Levitt Letter* column. Born and bar-mitzvahed in the U.S., Eitan attended seminary and emigrated to Israel to serve as a Messianic Jewish pastor. Please see pp. 17 and 24 for descriptions of his teaching in our *Called Together* television series and his book.

Israel. Why is this little sliver of land so important? Constantly in the news, grabbing headlines out of all proportion to its land mass or population, Israel seems to provoke an emotional response — either deep respect or deadly hatred.

Now, in a bold move, the United States is moving its embassy to Jerusalem, Israel’s now and forever capital. This dramatic change brought the embassy staff from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem on May 14, exactly seventy years after David Ben-Gurion declared Israel’s independence as a nation-state, a homeland

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Israel’s Wars in Context

PART 2: By TSVI SADAN
Israel Today

This survey of Israel’s wars, that we began in [July](#), includes a context that the biased media often neglect.

The following article surveys Israel’s rationale for its various military operations since 1969.

War of Attrition

(March 1969 – August 1970)

This war, which some say started on the day the Six-Day War ended, was fought mainly against Egypt along the Suez Canal. Egypt was keen to force Israel out of the Sinai. However, neither side could gain the upper hand, and no territories were lost or captured in this war. Jordan also participated by sporadically

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Bible Maps Distort History

BY GERSHON NEREL (r) Israeli tour industry



Numerous Christian Bibles include maps of Biblical lands. Many study manuals also offer attractive Scriptural maps for learning purposes. However, far too many of these “sacred maps” bear titles that convey inaccurate implications.

The authorized King James Version (Collins, 1957) of the Bible, for example, presents a map called “Palestine in the Time of Christ.” Other translations [citations available] feature maps labeled “Palestine in Christ’s Time,” “Palestine under Roman Rule (c. 37 B.C. – A.D. 66),” and “Jesus’ Ministry in Palestine.” In all these cases, “Palestine” is totally inappropriate because chronologically, Yeshua and “Palestine” are not synchronous.

It is historically inaccurate to refer to “Palestine” within or before the 1st century of the Lord Yeshua. Absurdly, such anachronisms are re-published even though Matthew’s Gospel (2:20–21) declares twice(!) that the accurate, historic name was Land of Israel (*Eretz Israel*). Furthermore, Apostle Peter called the country “Land of the Jews” (Acts 10:39). Indeed, the earthly ministry of Yeshua took place in the Jewish Land of Israel.

The appellation “Palestine” was introduced a century after Yeshua was crucified. The Jews rebelled twice against the Roman Empire and were twice defeated. First in 70 A.D., when Rome burned the Second Temple and destroyed Jerusalem. Six decades later, in the year 135, Roman Emperor Hadrian not only subdued the second Jewish revolt but also erased the ancient name of Judea and imposed the designation “Province of Syria-Palaestina.”

After the revolt in 70 A.D., triumphant Rome minted a series of bronze, silver, and gold coins bearing the words *JUDAEA CAPTA*, meaning “Judea Captured.” While lots of *JUDAEA CAPTA* coins still exist, no one expects to find 1st-century Roman coins reading “Palaestina Capta.” The territory of “Palestine” simply did not exist then.



Not until the mid-2nd century A.D. did “Palestine” replace the well-known name “Judea.” The New Testament often mentions Judea alongside Galilee, so both names were prevalent in the land of the Bible. Indeed, “Land of Judea”—with Jerusalem as the capital city of the Jews—is habitually recorded in the New Testament (Mark 1:5; John 4:3; John 11:7; Acts 26:20).

Equally appalling, many “Bible maps” also attach the name “Palestine” to the Old Testament period. The German Bible distributes a detailed map called “Palestine in the Old Testament Period,” a French Bible supplies “Palestine in the Times of the Judges and Kings,” while another presents a map of “Palestine under the Maccabees.” Such bias denies both historical reality and Scriptural truth.

Biblical names for the Land, divinely promised and given to Israel, are not obsolete. In the New Testament, both Yeshua (Matt. 5:17) and Apostle Paul (Romans 9:4) solemnly ratified the territorial covenants with the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ★





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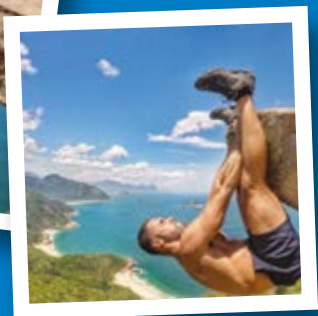


Perspective

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In Brazil near Rio, people take spectacular pictures tempting fate by hanging from this famous rock, Pedra da Gávea.

Check out these pictures, then go to p. 25 to discover just how dangerous it really is!



Today's Israel in Prophecy: Jerusalem



BY ZOLA LEVITT / Levitt.com/essays

The following excerpt from a chapter that Zola wrote for *Foreshocks of Antichrist*, a book on prophecy, is still relevant to current events in Israel and the world. Thus far, we have examined the series of events that make up the Tribulation. What conditions will contribute to its onset?



Jerusalem as seen from the Mount of Olives

Media Bias and Israel

I have touched on the media bias that has given Israel an undeservedly bad reputation in the minds of today's generation. We must bear in mind that most of the people alive today did not witness the founding of Israel, nor did they live as adults through the period when a young and brave Israel of *kibbutzim* and defensive wars sustained itself and grew into the nation it is today. Rather, university-age students and even Baby Boomers are conscious only of a strong Israel and its opposition to the Arabs. That unfortunate opposition means that petro-dollars and Israel are on opposite sides of the West's ongoing debate.

Should we support our sister democracy with whatever blemishes it may have, or should we favor the Arabs and maintain an inexpensive, steady flow of oil to run our civilization? The media, like any other business, give their best customers the most courtesy, and they are utterly ruled by oil money. The advertising of cars, plastics, gasoline, cosmetics, and a thousand other petroleum products, supports the for-profit media enterprises we mistakenly assume are neutral in their reportage. Obviously, they follow an invariably pro-oil-money

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line. Arabs have even gone so far as to purchase certain news agencies, including United Press International, in order to more effectively manage the news we get.

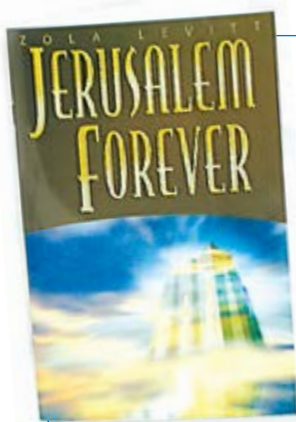
I have personally spoken to newspaper editors who refused to correct misrepresented facts in Arab-released news; they simply accused me of bias. I pointed out to the foreign news editor at *The Dallas Morning News* (DMN) that the paper had reported violence in Bethlehem's Manger Square on an evening in December 1994, while my tour group, which stood in the square the whole evening, had seen no violence whatsoever. I also commented that the *DMN* was running an Arab news release from Cairo, and they might want to correct their errors. I was told that the editor "understood my bias." I replied that it was not a matter of bias but of eyewitness testimony, and that the *DMN* was not reporting the facts. I asked if, since they had an Arab writer, did they perhaps have any Jewish editors to review the copy and see if it was at least accurate. To that, the editor answered, "I consider that a racist question."

Jerusalem — Bone of Contention

Jerusalem is a particular bone of contention right now, and that is how the prophets portray it in the End Times. Jerusalem is the most wonderful city in the world, not only in its beauty but also in its significance. The prophets picture the Millennial House of the Lord there on Mount Moriah, where the old Temples of God once stood.

The Book of Revelation also continues the endurance of Jerusalem beyond the Millennial Kingdom and into eternity: *"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband"* (Rev. 21:1–2).

But Zechariah also chronicles tougher times for Jerusalem before all that good news, and I'm afraid we are now living in that turbulent period. *"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"* (Zech. 12:3). This is a prophecy that used to be interpreted but is now daily news for anyone to see. Jerusalem and, indeed, all of Israel are repeatedly the center of the earth and the focus of all nations. Any "peace process" prophetically will lead to that "covenant with death and hell" that Isaiah warned about in Is. 28:15. The antiChrist will eventually arrive with his seven-year treaty, and that will begin the end. ★



Jerusalem Forever

Study booklet

No other city in the world can claim God's personal favor like Jerusalem. Over 3,000 years old, Jerusalem is much more than the seat of the Chosen People in the Promised Land. It is literally an eternal city that every Believer will eventually call home. ★

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Zola Levitt Presents



Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866–1960)—an American songwriter who wrote several prominent Christian hymns

The Dan joins the Jordan River

Over the years, David and I have sung thousands of hymns and songs. As for favorites, the older I get, the more the words of the hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* resonate.

A spot in Israel that we favor — the northern headwaters of the Jordan River — demonstrates God’s perpetual faithfulness to His promises, the land of Israel, and the Jewish people. Our pilgrims explore it on our Zola Tours in Israel where we come in contact with and travel beside all 156 miles of this ancient water source.

Some Zola Tours pilgrims choose to be baptized in the Jordan, just south of the Sea of Galilee. As our groups journey from Tiberias to the Dead Sea, we see the river twist and turn through the Great Rift Valley, providing the fresh water that irrigates thousands of agricultural acres throughout the country.

A line in a song that David sings, *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*, states, *(continued next page)*





“And I saw the mighty Jordan roll...” If you view the Jordan south of the Sea of Galilee, that line doesn’t make any sense because there, the river is calm. But up north, well, it’s mighty and powerful. Standing next to this robust source of life is unforgettable.

Many freshwater springs feed into the four headwaters that become the Jordan: the Baniyas, the Hatzbani, the Lyon, and the Dan — all from the melting snow from mountains in Lebanon and Mount Hermon. The word Jor-Dan itself means down from (*Jor*) the ancient city of *Dan*.

Zola Tours pilgrims walk through the Dan Nature Preserve on our way to view Tel Dan, a lush area where we explore not only an ancient city gate from the time of Abraham, but also the area of the Hebrew Tribe of Dan.

The group traverses this gorgeous preserve on paved trails and footbridges that spotlight the thunderous, constant reminder of God’s crystal-clear faithfulness. In a desert where water should be scarce, God continually provides. Even when drought troubles the Middle East, the Jordan continues. God keeps His promises to His people. He’s *Yahweh-Yireh*, our Provider. [Note: The Jordan River’s levels are currently low because 95% of its historical flow is diverted for agriculture, including 14.5 billion gallons to Jordan each year as part of a 1994 peace treaty.]

Just as the God we serve faithfully provides water to His people and land, He faithfully cares for our personal needs, *morning by morning*. *All we have needed, His hand has provided*. And He will never fail us.

This past March, I stopped on a bridge over the Dan River at a spot right before it joins the Jordan. I stood awed by the deafening roar as thousands of gallons of the purest water coursed beneath me. I paused that day to capture the moment with my camera and to remember: No matter what happens in my life, God is faithful — the thundering water beneath my feet a minute example of His infinite strength.

Whatever you may be walking through right now, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is able to provide for your needs. His power is unending. Just as the water source for the Holy Land has never dried up, His resources for your life’s needs flow constantly.

He is powerful. He is our provider. *Great is His faithfulness.* ★



Whose Land Is It?

[DVD](#), [transcript booklet](#)

Three 30-minute TV programs on one DVD

Program 1: Zola irrefutably reasons why only the Jews are the Holy Land’s rightful owners; then defeats arguments that attempt to undermine the Abrahamic Covenant.

Program 2: In Ramallah, Zola interviewed Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, who articulated the Palestinians’ best arguments for claiming Israel.

Program 3: Two scholarly Christians — Arab-American journalist Joseph Farah and Professor Ergun Caner (a former Muslim) — unveil the fallacies in Ashrawi’s assertions.

Please see: [Holocaust Did Not Legitimize Zionism \(p.31\)](#) and [History Didn’t Begin in 1948 \(p.34\)](#) in this [Levitt Letter](#)



for Jewish people everywhere. One cannot escape the irony of voices opposing the placement of a foreign embassy in the capital city. Every nation is expected to choose its capital city and govern its people according to its own laws and customs. But Israel welcoming America's diplomatic offices to Jerusalem, its national capital, is an outrage. Why?



U.S. Ambassador to Israel
David Friedman

The answer is found in the Hebrew Bible. Here, the ancient prophets foresaw the illogical and venomous response to Jerusalem. Here, we view the phenomenal saga of Jerusalem's early choice by God, the city's impressive growth during the reigns of David and Solomon, its destruction at Babylonian hands (witnessed and described by Jeremiah), the exile and return of its inhabitants (recorded by Ezra and Nehemiah), and the prediction of a yet longer exile (prophesied by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Hosea)

to be followed ultimately by the miraculous resurrection and restoration of the Jewish people to Jerusalem and all Israel.

Both the disproportionate focus on Israel and the outrage over Jerusalem were predicted 2,500 years ago.

"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, nevertheless all nations of the earth are gathered against it." — Zechariah 12:2–3

Authority that Supersedes Human Governments

The nations of the world cannot comprehend the meaning of Israel and its capital city, Jerusalem, because they don't recognize God's authority. The idea that God has declared His choices, values, and plans sounds absurd without the concept of a sovereign, divine Authority who supersedes human governments.

Why do the nations rage and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves up, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed... He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision... "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion." — Psalm 2:1, 2, 4, 6

Believers' destiny is to welcome Yeshua back to the very city in which He was pierced for our transgressions, His back shredded for our healing. Anticipating His arrival transforms our daily routine into preparation for the ultimate coronation. Despite our foibles, God has involved us in this history-forming process. Our role is as intercessors, persevering in agreement with His plans.

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. — Isaiah 62:6–7

2018 is a year to celebrate and to rededicate ourselves to preparing the way of the Lord (Isaiah 40:3) ★



Gaza Border Update

BY ARON HELLER / APNews.com



left: Palestinians roll incendiaries across the border into Israel



right: IDF soldier extinguishes fire started by a kite with attached burning cloth launched by Palestinians from Gaza, near the Israel and Gaza border

A senior Israeli Cabinet minister recently rejected international criticism of Israel's open-fire policies along the Gaza border, saying the disproportionate number of Palestinian casualties does not reflect the true story.

Speaking to foreign reporters, Yoav Gallant, a former Israeli general who once commanded the Gaza region and a current member of the inner Security Cabinet, accused Gaza's Hamas rulers of cynically exploiting their own repressed population to score points against Israel and urged the world not to "calculate who is right and who is wrong by the numbers of the casualties."

The Islamic militant group has been organizing weekly demonstrations along the Israeli border since March 30. Over 115 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire since late March.

"In the Second World War, 7.5 million Germans were killed and only 500,000 British. So who was the aggressor: the Germans or the British?" he asked. "The issue is not the numbers. The issue is who is doing what."

U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman offered support to Israel, accusing the media of anti-Israel bias in its Gaza coverage.

[A *Wall Street Journal* headline read "Scores Killed, Thousands Injured as Palestinians Protest U.S. Embassy Opening In Jerusalem." Never mind that the riots had been going on for weeks preceding the embassy's opening.]

In addition to protests and occasional rocket fire, Israel has been battling a spate of fires caused by kites from Gaza rigged with firebombs or burning rags that have damaged forests and torched agricultural fields. The

fires have caused significant destruction. Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said some 600 kites have been launched from Gaza, a third of which have reached Israel and started blazes that burned 2,250 acres of farmland.

Israel announced recently that it plans to compensate the victims of the attacks by deducting from tax funds it collects for the Palestinians. The tax funds are transferred to the Palestinian Authority, whose forces were ousted by Hamas in its 2007 takeover of Gaza. The Palestinian Authority is based in the West Bank.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office didn't disclose how much would be deducted. Amir Dan, an official from Israel's tax authority, disclosed that agricultural damage alone stood at \$1.4 million.

While Israel's high-tech military has developed sophisticated means of shooting down incoming rockets and destroying Hamas's underground tunnel network, it has been unable to stop the simple kites from landing in Israel and setting fields on fire.

"We will settle the score with Hamas, with Islamic Jihad, and any other terrorists who act against us from Gaza," Lieberman added. ★



In a wheat field near the Israel-Gaza border, Israeli tractor fights fire started by a kite with incendiary device launched from Gaza

photo: Tsafir Abayov, AP

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Israel's Wars in Context *continued from cover*



Tsvi Sadan, author

PART 2:

photo: GPO



Israeli troops patrolling the Suez Canal

shelling civilian targets and army outposts in Israeli-held territory. The War of Attrition cost the lives of 968 Israelis, mostly soldiers. The service ribbon for the War of Attrition was only issued in 2003.

Yom Kippur War (October 6 – 25, 1973)



photo: Central Intelligence Agency employee



Egyptian military trucks cross a bridge, October 7, 1973

Though Israel was taken completely by surprise, this war ended in total military defeat for both Egypt and Syria. Even so, the Yom Kippur War left Israel with deep societal wounds that are still healing. Egypt's objective was to restore its honor and force Israel to the negotiating table. Egypt succeeded in crossing the Suez Canal and initially overwhelmed the Israeli defensive lines. However, by the war's

photo: © Henri Bureau-Sygnar/CORBIS



Israeli tank on the Golan Heights, October 1, 1973

end, Israeli forces had pushed to within 63 miles of Cairo. The Syrian army's quest to recapture the Golan Heights similarly ended with Damascus in range of Israeli artillery. This war eventually led to the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt, which also meant the destruction of all Israeli settlements in, and a complete withdrawal from, the Sinai. This peace treaty included Israel's recognition of the Palestinians as a distinct people group for the first time.

The Yom Kippur War left Israel with 2,688 dead and 7,251 wounded soldiers, along with 294 POWs. **The Yom Kippur War was the last time Israel's forces fought another nation's military.** From that point forward, Israel found itself fighting almost exclusively against terror groups fighting guerrilla-style wars and using their civilian populations as a shields.

First Lebanon War (June – September 1982)



photo: Wikipedia, PD-self

IAF Cobra gunships, like these on military exercise, were successfully employed against Syrian AFVs

The objective of "Operation Peace for Galilee," as this war is also called, was to destroy the Palestinian terrorist threat emanating from Lebanon. In 1970, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was forced out of Jordan, and subsequently seized control of southern Lebanon, which it used as a staging ground for terrorist attacks on northern Israel throughout the 1970s.

The First Lebanon War concluded with the Israeli army positioning itself along the Beirut-Damascus highway. The siege of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Beirut effectively ended Palestinian control

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photo: Israel National News, Flash 90

over southern Lebanon. Arafat, however, along with thousands of his terrorists, was allowed to leave for Tunisia.

Israel remained in southern Lebanon until 2000. During this time, Iran established its Hezbollah terrorist proxy to fill the power vacuum in southern Lebanon. Most Israelis saw Israel's hasty withdrawal from the area in 2000 as an act of defeat. Terror attacks from southern Lebanon in the 1970s claimed 361 Israeli lives. A further 670 Israeli soldiers were killed in the First Lebanon War, as were thousands of Lebanese civilians used as human shields by the Palestinians.

Second Lebanon War (July – August 2006)



photo: Haim Azoulay/Flash 90/ File

IDF soldiers evacuate a wounded comrade during the Second Lebanon War, on July 24, 2006

Though the pretense for this war was Hezbollah's killing eight and kidnaping two Israeli soldiers, the underlying reason was years of Hezbollah's terrorizing northern Israel, particularly by firing Katyusha rockets at the northern Israel town of Kiryat Shmona. During the war, in which 43 Israeli civilians and 117 IDF soldiers were killed, the northern Galilee became the frontline. But by war's end, routine Hezbollah rocket attacks had ceased.



photo: David Guttenfelder/AP

Israeli soldiers cover their ears as an artillery unit fires shells towards southern Lebanon

Operation Protective Edge

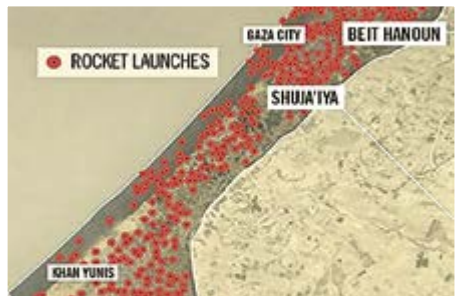


(July – August 2014)

Though this operation followed two previous operations against Hamas-ruled Gaza ("Cast Lead" in 2009 and "Pillar of Cloud" in 2012), the army issued a service ribbon only for "Operation Protective Edge."

The operation was launched after years of southern Israel being bombarded with thousands of mortar shells and rockets. During this seven-week incursion, thousands of rockets struck Israel, reaching all the way to Tel Aviv and Be'er Sheva. Protective Edge concluded with a fragile ceasefire, and cost the lives of 69 Israeli soldiers and four civilians. The low number of Israeli civilian casualties was due to the effectiveness of the Iron Dome anti-missile system. This conflict also cost the lives of some 1,000 Hamas gunmen and about the same number of Palestinian civilians.

One can only hope that Protective Edge was Israel's final war. Sadly, Hezbollah, Hamas, Syria, and Iran show no signs of tiring in their destructive quest to rid the world of its only Jewish state. And, if Israel's counter-threats are credible, the next war will be far more devastating than any previous.



IDF-released map of rocket launch sites in Gaza

The combined death toll for both sides in all Israeli-Arab wars and conflicts over the last 70 years numbers between 75,000 and 90,000, including all soldiers, civilians, and terrorists. By comparison, more than 400,000 deaths have been reported in the past seven years of Syria's civil war. Every year, 50 times more people are killed in Syria than in Israel. So, why does the international community still call Israel the cause of conflict in the Middle East? ★



Cross or Stake?

Dr. Todd Baker
Zola Levitt Ministries
Staff Theologian



Q. Did Jesus die on a pole or stake, rather than a cross?

Some cults, like Jehovah's Witnesses, and even some leaders in the Messianic movement say that Jesus died on a pole or stake, not a cross. Is this true?

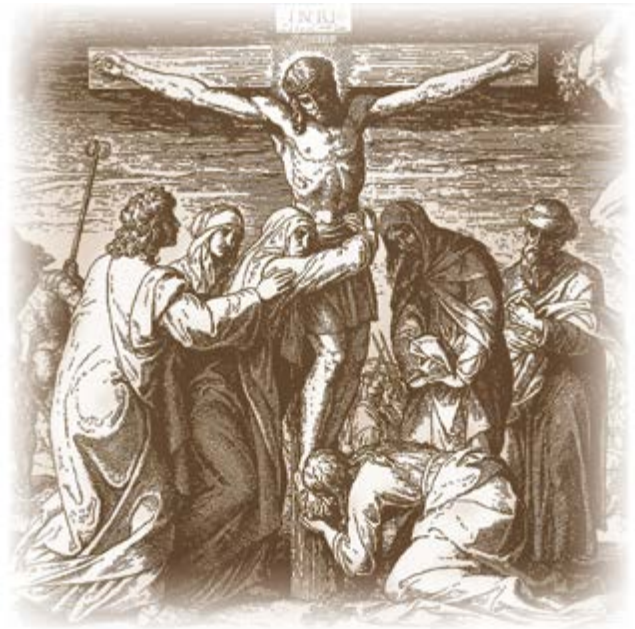
A. Unfortunately, some Messianic Jews wrongly translate "cross" as "stake" in their Bible translations. **When referring to the cross on which Yeshua died, the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament use the Greek word *stauros*, whose meaning changed over time but by the 1st century B.C. referred to a cross made up of two pieces of wood.** The Roman cross on which Jesus was executed consisted of two pieces of wood, not one.

History corroborates this opinion: Christians of the first centuries unambiguously described the particular structure on which Jesus died as having a transom (or horizontal piece), not as a simple upright. The writings of Christian apologists Marcus Minucius Felix (died ca. 250 A.D.) and Tertullian (ca. 155–240 A.D.) show that the cross was already associated with Christians in the 2nd century. In the 20th century, German New Testament scholar Dr. Martin Hengel wrote a convincing monograph on crucifixion, drawing from primary source documents and archaeology to demonstrate that the traditional usage and meaning for the Cross entailed two pieces of wood (see his book *Crucifixion*; see also *A Doctor at Calvary* by French physician Pierre Barbet).

I personally studied this subject extensively for my doctoral thesis when dealing with the method of Roman crucifixion during the time of Christ. Thus, when Jehovah's Witnesses claim it was an "execution stake," they either disregard history or do not grasp the correct meaning for *stauros* in the Greek text of the New Testament.

The horizontal piece, which the condemned carried to the execution place, was called the *patibulum*. The vertical piece that was already driven into the ground at the execution site was called the *stipes*. The *patibulum* was attached to the *stipes* to form the cross. The Gospels record that two thieves were executed on Yeshua's right and left, and a placard was placed above His head that read: "This is Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

Jesus could have been crucified on any shape pole or cross, but it wouldn't have affected the perfection or sufficiency of His sacrifice. ★



The Crucifixion of Jesus, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, woodcut for "Die Bibel in Bildern," 1860



Hunger and Unity

Dr. Todd Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian
TJF Team Leader



While ministering in Haifa, fellow **To The Jew First** team member August Rosado and I felt drawn to enter



a store and witness to a young Israeli clerk, **May**.

We told May that we visit Israel to declare Yeshua's availability to the Jewish people. August explained

that God sent Yeshua into the world through the Jewish people to redeem mankind from their sins. When I offered May a complete Hebrew Bible, I told her that the Jewish people gave the world the Bible and Yeshua, and that we bring it back to them because the former reveals the latter to be the only true God and Messiah. Hearing us explain the Jewish Gospel enthralled May, who clutched her new Bible and joyfully exclaimed, "This is *wonderful!*"

During this outreach trip, our TJF team handed out 48 Hebrew Bibles — complete with *Tanakh* (Old Testament) and *B'rit Hadashah* (New Testament) — along with a Gospel witness.

August and I had a fruitful ministry in Jerusalem, where two women welcomed our sharing the Good News. While we witnessed to **Dialah**, an Arab, Jewish **Kati** listened in the background. As soon as we offered



Dialah a Bible and Gospel tract in Arabic, Kati stepped forward and asked if she also could have a Hebrew Bible. Her *chutzpah* amazed

us — as amazed as the last time we'd seen such boldness (see our report in the [April 2018 Levitt Letter, p. 13](#)) — and we handed her a Bible with Messianic Gospel tracts in Hebrew.

This experience truly demonstrates the hunger of Israelis for knowledge of their Messiah and how Jews and Arabs can be united under Yeshua's saving Gospel. Rarely do we get the opportunity to share the Gospel with Jews and Arabs at the same time. But this encounter indicates again that our Lord died to save both Jew and gentile with equal love!

Our last witness for the day was with a Russian Jewish immigrant, **Ella**.

She was already familiar with the prophecies of Jeremiah chapters 16 and 23, which describe the God of Israel bringing the Jewish people back to the Land in large numbers from the far north (i.e., Russia) in the Last Days. August and I pointed out that God is doing this now so that His people will be prepared to receive Yeshua of Nazareth as the Messiah. The Lord will not come again until they cry, "*Baruch haba b'Shem Adonai*" (Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord — Luke 13:35). Ella gratefully accepted the Hebrew Scriptures from us so she can read the proof of our information. Please pray that Ella and our other contacts accept Yeshua as Savior.

As you support ZLM's general fund, please also remember our **To The Jew First benevolence fund**. Your support allows for precious souls in Israel to learn about Yeshua as Messiah from the Scriptures that we give them in Hebrew. It is vital that the people of Israel turn to Him for salvation. ★



Making it to the Other Side

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



“Boy bands” initially comprised pop musicians who enchanted tweens. More recent boy bands feature radio-television-film (RTF) graduates who use relatively inexpensive TV production equipment and undercut traditional producers like **Berg Productions**.

Reminiscent of the movie *Top Gun*, Ken Berg of Berg Productions has been this ministry’s wingman. Bringing Zola’s teaching ideas to fruition since 1978, Ken determines where to film and on which TV stations to buy airtime.

This ministry has customarily spent 70% of our revenue on television production and airtime. Free monthly newsletters consumed another 15%, while the remaining 15% covered overhead. More than two-thirds of Berg’s 70% has gone to airtime. The remainder paid for on-location filming, primarily in Israel and Greece, commentary in Dallas studios, and video editing.

For decades, our ministry has accounted for most of Berg Productions’s income while they also had smaller clients. These days, however, churches and corporations have taken in-house most of the video work they traditionally outsourced to firms like Berg. Moreover, enterprising RTF boy bands have snapped up the rest. Though boy band-production quality doesn’t meet broadcast standards, the business they’ve co-opted has torpedoed many production houses like Berg.

Now, this ministry already has cut to the bone the amount that we spend on TV production and airtime without compromising Berg Productions’s ability to serve us. Our own economies of scale also make it precarious to downsize further.

You may remember my analogy from [months ago](#) about trimming all of this ministry’s budget’s fat. That mostly meant eliminating TV stations and networks whose viewers’ purchases and donations didn’t cover their airtime costs.

Dropping one of our three airtimes on

Daystar last December was analogous to cutting flesh, as would be getting rid of another airtime on Daystar. Slashing our Sunday 4:30 a.m. Central Time airtime on Freeform (formerly ABC Family) would cost us too many viewers, since many ZLMers still rely on cable. Triggering layoffs at Berg Productions would be comparable to amputating bone: We would forgo the ability to create dozens of new programs each year and, thus, resort to more reruns.

Last month’s *Note from Mark* ([p. 14, July 2018](#)) emphasized that this ministry doesn’t seek contributions from donors whose generosity puts them in a bind. This month’s article is a battle cry to donors who really can do some heavy lifting with ongoing contributions that will help us bridge the abyss between today’s viewership preferences and tomorrow’s, when viewers will become accustomed to tuning in via Internet broadcasts.

Until we have sufficient Internet viewers to allow us to break free of what is becoming overpriced broadcast airtime, we simply must have more support to continue maintaining our fine production standards. Otherwise, we may have no choice but to convert to boy band-produced Bible teaching via the www.

Working firsthand with Ken Berg and his production crew, I see zero waste. Ken, his crew, Kirsten, and I are very aware that *donor contributions put Zola Levitt Presents* on television. Efficiency, thrift, and financial integrity weave through every aspect of ZLP and the ministry’s administration. Thank you for partnering with us. — David ★



“Basically, we’re looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same.” 14



ZLM Bulletin Board

Drag Queen TV for Children

Beginning in June, "Drag Tots!" features cross-dressing toddlers and the infamous transgender model RuPaul. In a world on the brink of chaos, a YouTube preview proclaims, our planet needs baby drag queens. Netflix in May announced the animated "Super Drags" who rescue the world's glitter from evil villains. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil" (Is. 5:20).



Planting Trees in Israel

In 1901, the World Zionist Congress established the Jewish National Fund (JNF) to purchase land in Israel for Jewish settlement. Since then, the JNF has become most popular for planting millions of trees throughout the Holy Land. Now a portion of [your contributions to this ministry](#) can be designated for replacing trees lost to fire and helping Israelis make the desert bloom. The trees cost only \$10 each. We can even send you a personalized certificate if you request one.



FREE ITEM

Pamphlet of the Month

Most donors consider giving gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, and other property. Did you know that by simply naming a ministry like ours as the beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy, you can make a larger gift than otherwise possible?

This month's pamphlet **Questions & Answers About Life Insurance** addresses questions such as

- 1) Who should think about giving life insurance?
- 2) How do I go about making a life insurance gift?
- 3) What are the benefits to me and the charitable recipient?

To receive a free copy, email us at staff@levitt.com, or write to our P.O. Box.



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Are you receiving two or more copies of our newsletters? Please let us know so that we can unclutter your mailbox and cut costs. (And please pass that extra copy on to a friend.) Also, if you can give us your new address a month or more in advance, you won't miss an issue.



"Come Home!"

Zola Tours to Israel



See [page 36](#) for details



Trusting God's Heart

by **John Parsons**
 Hebrew for Christians
 Hebrew4Christians.com



יום אִירָא אֲנִי אֵלֶיךָ אֶבְטָח

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” (Psalm 56:3)

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the day	I am afraid	I	in you	will trust

“**There is no fear in love,**” and therefore over and over the Spirit of God says, *al tira*, “don’t be afraid.” When we are afraid, we are believing the lie that there is something beyond God’s control or reach, and therefore God is “not enough.” In times of testing — in “the day you are afraid” — remind yourself of what is real. God formed you in your mother’s womb, breathed into you *nishmat chayim*, the breath of life, and numbers all your days. Every breath you take, every heartbeat in your chest is ordained from Heaven, and indeed, there is not a moment of your life apart from God’s sovereign and sustaining grace.

So of what, then, are you afraid? Dying? Judgment in the world to come? Being left unloved, bereft of home? Abandoned, consigned to outer darkness? King David said, “If I make my bed in Hell, behold, You are there” (Psalm 139:8). Look, the LORD God is not only present in your “happy moments,” when you feel “put together” and respectable, He is present in your desperate moments, in your hunger, your thirst, and in your secrets. If you can’t detect God’s hand in your circumstances, then trust His heart. May you never lose sight of God’s love, especially in times of distress and trouble, since He is always working all things together for your ultimate good (Romans 8:28).

The Name of the LORD (יהוה) means “Presence” and “Love” (Exodus 3:14; 34:6–7). Yeshua said, “I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2–3), which means that His presence and love are waiting for you in whatever lies ahead (Romans 8:35–39). To worry is “practicing the absence” of God instead of practicing His Presence. Trust the Word of the Holy Spirit: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for healing peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jer. 29:11). The Word always speaks hope.

Take comfort that your Heavenly Father knows when the sparrow falls; He arrays the flower in its hidden valley and calls each star by name. More importantly, the Lord sees you and knows your struggle with fear. Come to Him with your needy heart and trust Him to deliver you from the burdens of your soul (Matt. 11:28). Through all these scriptures, our Savior speaks words of encouragement: **“Come to Me; I love you, I accept you; I receive you; please, be welcome with Me; I will take your hand, I will be with you.”** ★



Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection

Called Together— Jew & Gentile, One in Messiah

Eight programs on 2 DVDs

Called Together focuses on how gentile Christians are recognizing their Messianic brothers and sisters (Jewish believers in Jesus/Yeshua) as the natural olive branch that Paul referred to in Romans 11. The Lord calls us to work together to bring the Messiah especially to the lost sheep of Israel. From the studio, David and Kirsten Hart present these eight programs of Bible teaching that feature Eitan Shishkoff joining a host of guests in Israel. Guest analyst Dr. Jeffrey Seif applies the lessons to our lives.



FRIENDLY ALLIANCE 1 Kings 5 relates the story of Jewish King Solomon and gentile King Hiram working together to build the Temple, a cooperation that models God’s plan for saving the world. Guests: Chaim Malespin and Dana Feinstein.

SALVATION RETURNS Israel was the messenger of light to the gentiles, who now take the Gospel message back to where it began. Importer of humanitarian aid Jim Schutz shows how gentile Believers reflect God’s love. An Israeli Jew and Polish Christian call us to support the Jewish people. Chaim’s wife Deanna teaches us “Jesus” in Hebrew. Messianic Carolyn Hyde sings “Oseh Shalom.”

TWO LOAVES Peter learned the mystery of gentile salvation at the house of Cornelius, welcoming gentiles into the family of God. The wall separating gentile and Jewish worlds remains a barrier to Israel’s salvation.

OLIVE OIL Gentile Christians and Messianic Jews are called together into a shared priesthood.

DESERT BLOOMS Since 1948, the desert has bloomed in Israel. In the future, all nations will come here to worship. Eitan encourages Christians to help Messianic Believers restore Israel to the glory of God. Yaacov Berg explains how to refute the BDS movement.

DRY BONES Ezekiel envisioned dry bones that become physically and spiritually alive. Like the Prodigal Son’s brother, some Christians resent the rise of Messianic congregations.

BLOOD ATONEMENT The Torah proclaimed that life is in the blood, and salvation comes only through blood sacrifice; both foreshadowed Jesus’ sacrifice, which made Jew and gentile spiritually equal yet distinct. Together, we can celebrate the Biblical feasts in their Messianic fulfillment. Christians from diverse places show their love for the Jewish people.

INTERSECTION OF COVENANTS The intersection of God’s covenants formed by Passover and Communion breaks down the wall between Jewish and gentile Believers. Our friendship leads to mutual respect and appreciation as we work as one family toward the final harvest.

Also please see: Eitan’s article *U.S. Embassy Move—Analysis* on [p. 1](#) and his book on [p. 24](#) in this *Levitt Letter*



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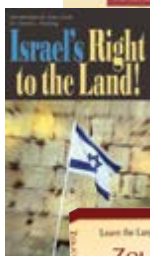
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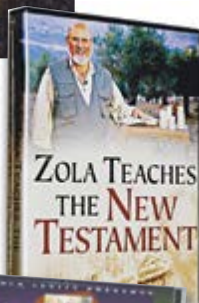


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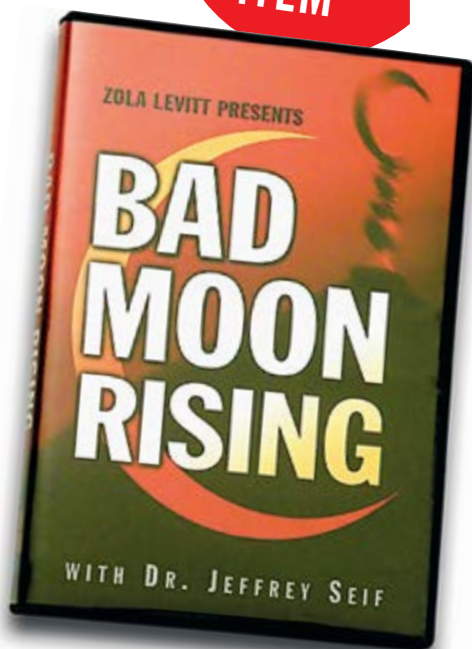
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Bad Moon Rising DVD Set

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Dr. Jeffrey Seif remembers yesterday's Holocaust and considers anti-Semitism's rise in modern-day Europe. Though dressed this time in Islamic garb and not in Nazi uniforms, anti-Semitism is making fresh headway in the world, its current surge fueled by the radical Islamic fringe as it turns out the lights of once-Christian Europe. Jeff speaks out against this trend with a prophetic voice and calls individuals, particularly Europeans and onlooking North Americans, to resist the encroaching darkness and walk in the light of God's grace and love.



When Darkness Once Prevailed Jeff speaks from a Jewish synagogue/memorial in Dachau, where he draws troubling parallels between the rise of the Nazis and the rise of radical Islam.

Out of the Darkness Against the backdrop of Dachau's front gate, emblazoned with the lie "Work Will Make You Free," Jeff teaches about real freedom. A Holocaust survivor shares her remarkable story.

Dark Night of the Soul Jeff talks from inside the barracks of Dachau. Sandra Levitt and Will King interview survivors who worked on the bunker where Hitler planned to manufacture his Messerschmitt aircraft.

Bright Lights in a Darkened World "March of Life" participants express support for the Jewish people and the need to "lift the veil of silence." Jeff speaks from the Dachau crematorium about the Jews who were shoved into ovens.

The Darkness that Nearly Engulfed Us Jeff lectures from the German site where Hitler nearly succeeded in developing an atomic bomb. Zola interviews Dr. Ergun Caner, a former Moslem who shares his insights on Islam.

Letting the Sun Shine Jeff teaches from the site of Hitler's atomic reactor, admonishing the viewer to draw a line in the sand. We are warned that the greatest tragedy would be to think that such things can't happen again.

A Star that Breaks Through the Darkness Sandra and Jeff interview Brigitte Gabriel, formerly of Lebanon, who has appeared on many network TV shows sounding an alarm about the evils of radical Islam.

Heavenly Light from Hellish Darkness Walid Shoebat shares insights regarding Islam from his book *Why We Want To Kill You*. Zola interviews Caecelie Rexin, who concludes—referring to the Holocaust—"Never again."

Also please see: [Austria To Close 7 Mosques](#) on [p.31](#) in this [Levitt Letter](#)



Avoiding Killing

BY KINLEY TUR-PAZ / [blogs.TimesOfIsrael.com](https://blogs.timesofisrael.com)



I'm writing this for my good friends, my moral humane friends, and for all who are concerned or angry over the Palestinians killed and injured on the border with Gaza.

In the Biblical Exodus from Egypt, when the Egyptian army drowned in the Red Sea just before overtaking the Israelites, our sages say that God prevented the angels from singing and rejoicing, scolding them with the words "My creations are drowning in the sea and you are singing?!"



Passage of the Red Sea, 1641 fresco, St. Nicholas

I write these words with great caution and from a sense of mission. I can understand and identify with all of those moral Zionists who fear that the many Palestinian victims may be our fault, the result of mistakes made by our side. I'm writing because I am one of the few who was there, in uniform, in the reserves — right there on the fence where the demonstrations are happening. I saw it with my own eyes and could see and hear and understand everything. I want to testify from my firsthand knowledge, not a theoretical point of view. Because I was there.

I want to testify that **what I saw and heard was a tremendous, supreme effort from our side to prevent, in every possible way, Palestinian deaths and injuries.**

Of course, the primary mission was to prevent hundreds of thousands of Gazans from infiltrating into our country. That kind of invasion would be mortally dangerous to the nearby communities. It would permit terrorists disguised as civilians to enter our kibbutz and moshav communities, and would leave us with no choice but to target every single infiltrator. That's why our soldiers were directed to prevent infiltration in a variety of ways, using live ammunition as a last resort. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) employs

many creative means of reducing friction with Gazans and uses numerous methods (most are not made public) to prevent them from reaching the fence. In addition, during the height of the rioting, there were serious efforts to save the lives of children and civilians who had been pushed to the front lines by Hamas members trying to hide behind them in order to infiltrate and attack Israel.

When there is no alternative, and live ammunition must be used to stop those who storm the fence, the soldiers make heroic and sometimes dangerous efforts not to kill and to only injure those on the other side. The IDF stations senior commanders at every confrontation point to ensure that every shot is approved and backed up by a responsible figure with proper authority. Every staging area has an especially large number of troops in order to make sure that soldiers are not put into life-threatening situations where they will have no choice but to fire indiscriminately.

A situation where thousands of people rush you is frightening, even terrifying. It is extremely difficult to show restraint, and it requires calm, mature professionalism. Sixty-two dead [as of May 17, when this article was published] is an enormous number. But I can testify from my firsthand experience, that every bullet and every hit is carefully reported, documented and investigated, in Excel spreadsheets. Literally. I was there, and I saw it with my own eyes.

This isn't the time or place to discuss the situation in general and the desperate plight of the residents of Gaza. I'm not interested in starting a political discussion here, although I do have a clear position. What I'm trying to do is present, for everyone who really wants to listen, the extent of the IDF's enormous effort to protect Israel's borders while minimizing injuries and loss of life on the other side.

And despite all this, the situation on the border with Gaza is deteriorating. I hope that we won't be called up again soon for reserve duty to protect our country. But if we are, we will go with the knowledge that we are serving a morally just cause. We do not rejoice when we must go to war, but we also don't go like sheep to the slaughter. Not anymore. ★



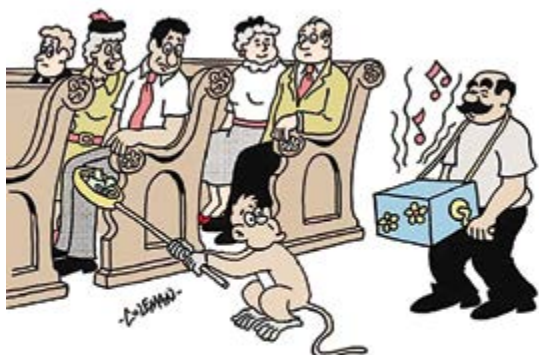


Letters to ZLM

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

Comments from www.levitt.com

From E.C.B. (AK): Re "The Dangers of Looking Jewish in Europe" ([July 2018, p. 10](#)): My husband and I were visiting Berlin during that week, believe it or not! We didn't feel unsafe, but we also didn't wear anything too obviously "Jewish," except for my artistic version of a Mogen David. Also, the cover of one of the German newspapers had "Mazal Tov" printed on it, wishing the State of Israel congratulations on its Independence Day. That was a very pleasant surprise.



"THE MINISTER'S TRYING SOMETHING NEW TO ENCOURAGE MORE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUNDAY COLLECTION..."

Fundraising at ZLM

Dear ZLM,

Your ministry is rare in not providing a contribution form to fill out when one wishes to give. We used to cut out part of a *Levitt Letter* page but now can only drop a check into an envelope, as even back-page forms aren't available. We love ZLM, but surely you can do better in this respect. — R. & B.S. (MI)

Dear R. & B.S. —

You are correct; fundraising has never been this ministry's strong suit. We try not to finagle or shame people into donating, relying instead on the Holy Spirit to move supporters. But we do want to make it easy.

By mail:

- 1) Let me invite you to use the [Levitt Letter's order form](#) (p. 19) to make contributions even when you're not ordering products.
- 2) Also, please notice that each **Personal Letter has a tear-off response form** with an Agree/Disagree statement above a line that includes a place for you to fill in your gift amount.

Electronically:

- 3) If you want to save a little postage (whether it's your own stamp or our Business Reply Envelope), [clicking on Donations](#) at www.Levitt.com yields many ways to contribute to our outreach: Money, Vehicle, Assets, Gift Card, and Other are the main options. Then you can choose the dollar amount above, where the Payment Type includes Credit Card, Debit Card, and PayPal. One can also make these online donation recurring.
- 4) You can also join our [Monthly Gift Program](#), which automates your contributions (see [p. 35](#)), or
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answering service that accepts product orders and contributions anytime.

6) You can even **send a text message** with the amount you wish to donate to 469-615-2009.

Thanks for giving ... and for your benevolent nudge to streamline the process for doing so. — Mark

Fundraising Challenge

Dear ZLM,

I have loved this ministry since I started watching Zola back in the '80s and have learned much from all that you do.

I take it that funds are currently low, and that saddens me for I would hate to lose ZLM and I know that TV productions, magazines, books, Holy Land travel, and staff are not free. Therefore, I am sending a gift and challenging others to please give also. May God bless this request. — T.M. (NC)

Dear T.M. —

We are honored that you have been part of our ZLM family since the 1980s! Your financial gifts help with many aspects of this ministry. As for your challenge for others to get on board and support all that this ministry does ... it is greatly appreciated! — David

Worship a Neanderthal?!

Dear ZLM,

My husband and I have supported ZLM for many years. The front page of your [May 2018 Levitt Letter](#) featured an ugly and ferocious-looking man, suggesting that this wild image could be the real face of Jesus. This picture of a Neanderthal is disgusting! What is wrong with you people???

Suggesting that this could be what the Majestic Son of God looked like may confuse and repulse others, especially non-believers. We who love Jesus do not worship a wild-looking, 5'1", 120 lb. dwarf. Please take us off your mailing list. — H.B. (FL)

Dear H.B. —

Would you suppose that Jesus looks something like Pat Boone — tall, handsome, athletic, and noble looking? Too bad you seem unlikely to be watching *Zola Levitt Presents*, because our camera crew shot an interview with him this spring in Israel. Rather than imagining that he resembles Jesus, Pat serves as a messenger for One whose physical appeal is beside the point. Please repeat after me: *Beside ... The ... Point!*

People everywhere stood many inches shorter just a century or two ago, let alone two millennia ago. Were Yeshua as tall as you seem to insist, he might have been a famous basketball player rather than a carpenter. Somehow He always struck me as more a servant than a celebrity. Movie fans mistakenly recall Charlton Heston as Jesus in *The Greatest Story Every Told* (1965). Instead,

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however, Heston played John the Baptist, who humbly advised, “After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me” (John 1:30). Max von Sydow portrayed Jesus. —Mark

P.S. Who needs movie star looks when you can still the waters and calm the sea?

Dear H.B. —

To think that *any* human face created in God’s image could be seen as “ugly and ferocious” is saddening. Honestly, your words are shocking. If Jesus *did indeed* resemble our front-page photo, would you love Him any less? If, (someday) when you enter Heaven and see the face and body of our Savior, I sure hope you aren’t disappointed with his height and facial features. —Kirsten

P.S. Please read the next letter.

Inner Beauty

Dear ZLM,

I was intrigued by Mike Fillon’s “The Real Face of Jesus?” ([May 2018 Levitt Letter cover](#)). He stopped short, however, of using some powerful Scriptural clues to our Savior’s countenance. Isaiah 52:14 and 53:2 make clear that the Christ would not be a handsome man: “... there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured ... and his form marred beyond human likeness...” and “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.”

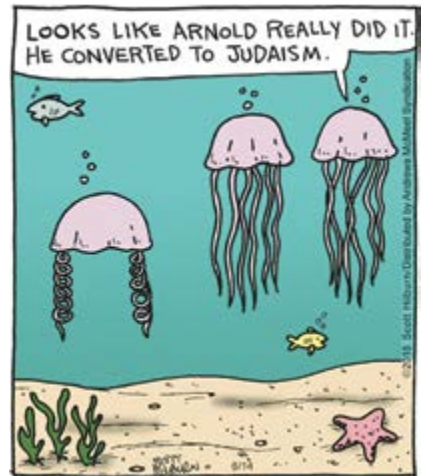
Therefore, for people to be drawn to Jesus, He must have exhibited extraordinary love and compassion with an aura of Godliness unlike any other. I’m grateful to know and be known by our Lord. Thank you for your faithful ministry. It blesses me. E.K. (CA)

Dear E.K. —

Thanks for “getting it.” In a society where we’re striving to value inner beauty over external appearances, I am dismayed that any LL reader would make a comment like H.B.’s (above) on a *possible* physical description of Messiah. It suggests that some might love Him more if our Savior resembled one of the movie stars who have played Jesus. It would baffle me to choose which of those looks more Christlike! —Kirsten

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THE ARGYLE SWEATER BY SCOTT HILBURN



What About Us? Book

How do the Scriptures touch on the relationship of Jews and gentiles at the end of this Age? Messianic Jewish pastor Eitan Shishkoff (“Our Man in Haifa”) focuses on friendship as the answer. Personal, warm, and solid in theology.

Also please see: Eitan’s article *U.S. Embassy Move—Analysis* on [p. 1](#) in this *Levitt Letter*

Ministry by and for Inmates

Dear ZLM friend,

Thank you for keeping me on your *Levitt Letter* mailing list. After reading it, I donate my copy to the prison chapel library that serves 600 men. I believe that whoever picks it up will be blessed. J.H. (KS)

P.S. I'm shocked that some of your longtime subscribers are upset with gentiles working at the helm of your ministry. "*For [in Christ] there is no difference between Jew and gentile ...*" (Romans 10:12).

Dear J.H. —

We are thankful that you realize the value of every *Levitt Letter*. Kirsten and I pray that many inmates will find salvation through this ministry's news magazines circulating in their libraries. Thanks also for your encouragement. — David

Fans of Jeff

Dear ZLM friend,

My husband and I are glad to see Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif returning to *ZLP's* spotlight. His contribution is invaluable and appreciated. — D.D. (TX)

Dear D.D. —

For us, working with Dr. Seif on *Zola Levitt Presents* fulfills God's vision of Jew and gentile working *together* for the Kingdom. Please invite your friends and family to tune in Jeff's new series *Return to Eden*, scheduled for October. — David and Kirsten

Dear D.D. —

Thanks for your affirmation about Jeff's worthiness as a Bible scholar. Now, please pray that those who adored Jeff's previous teaching will return and discover his newest lessons on *Zola Levitt Presents*. And pray that new viewers will locate Jeff's dozens of classic Bible lessons among our hundreds of archived television programs at www.levitt.tv — Mark ★

Perspective (continued from p. 3)

The truth is, the rock is only a few feet above the ground. All that is required is the proper perspective! Remember this lesson when you read/view material on the Internet: Sometimes, the truth is a lot different from what it appears.

OK. I was buying into these thrill seekers' bravery (and thinking, "No thanks!") until this final photo. And, yes, perspective. Our readers' ongoing need to enhance their Biblical vantage point is precisely why we publish the *Levitt Letter*. Every human being should have a proper perspective on Israel. Which prompts me to beseech: Please **share** your copies of the *LL* and help others gain a proper perspective. —Kirsten ★

REALITY



Unique Museum of Natural History

SCIENCE: BY JESSICA STEINBERG (r) TimesOfIsrael.com



photo: Jessica Steinberg/Times of Israel



An acacia tree and the microcosm of life that surrounds it, at The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History

There's a party of birds and bats, reptiles and invertebrates at Tel Aviv's new Steinhardt Museum of Natural History that recently opened to the public after nearly 20 years of planning.

With five floors of exhibits displaying 3,000 items, including the country's last bear, a massive specimen that died in 1916; a sleek Asian cheetah that survived until 1911; and the final crocodile, a broad-backed reptile that came from Nahal Taninim (Crocodile Stream) near the Carmel Coastal Plain, this is the quintessential natural history museum.

Named for philanthropist Michael Steinhardt, who donated a significant portion of the \$39 million cost, **the museum is situated on the Tel Aviv University campus in an ark-shaped building, an architectural wink to the creatures encased inside.** Museum Director Alon Sapan said that it's designed to be a kids' paradise. And it is.

Everything is beautiful and attention-grabbing, from the state-of-the-art dioramas and painstakingly mounted exhibits of insects to the carefully recreated scenes from nature, explaining the microcosm of an acacia tree or how a cheetah walks.

Lest animal lovers worry about how some of these creatures came to be stuffed and mounted, all the animals displayed in the museum died of natural causes, often coming from Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo or the nearby Ramat Gan Safari Park.

"If they die, they come to us," said Professor Tamar Dayan, a university zoologist who is the museum's chair.

On staff are two Russia-born and -trained taxidermists — they're the only ones who really know how to do that kind of work, said Dayan — along with dozens of curators, handling everything from reptiles, birds, and bats to invertebrates, beetles, and ants.



photo: Jessica Steinberg/Times of Israel

A collection of specimens donated to the museum by a local collector, part of the exhibitions



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Jessica
Steinberg/
Times of
Israel

Resulting from a collaboration of scientists, collections managers, and the programs team, the exhibits are intended to appeal to visitors with all levels of knowledge.

There are nine exhibit areas in the 103,500 square feet spread over five floors. The facility is home to 5.7 million pieces, the vast majority of which are not on display, and 12 research labs.

Dayan said they worked with a large number of natural history museums worldwide, drawing from different models, including Scandinavian university and national museums.

Sixty films and 76 screens augment the exhibits. (The fully accessible building also has 620 underground parking spaces.)

The museum has been in the planning stage since 1961. In 1996, the university's Department of Zoology asked Dayan to be the director of the museum, then comprising badly kept zoological specimens and a small scientific team. "It was immediately clear that a choice must be made — to upgrade the project dramatically or to give it up altogether," she said.

Steinhardt made it clear from the outset that his vision did not involve just saving the collections but developing a real state-of-the-art natural history museum that would open the country's scientific treasures and knowledge to the general public. The focus of the museum is on the environment, and Israel's climate and flora and fauna.

"We have a very mixed climate," said Dayan. "From desert to rain, Mediterranean Sea to Red Sea, and surrounded by three continents; it makes for a mix of species and different habitats."

Three types of hedgehog, for example, are present all over Israel — even on city streets and sidewalks — compared with just one type in Europe. Those round, prickly creatures make an appearance in highly theatrical dioramas at the museum's entrance, along with various birds, bugs, and fellow animals that live in each of Israel's various climates.

From there, one enters other areas, including an exhibition on larger stuffed animals and skeletons showing how they walk, fly, and eat.

A sea creatures section mimics the feel of an aquarium, with dark walls reflecting moving images of fish — although Jerusalem's new aquarium is probably a better bet for that experience.

These are exhibits where viewers can get close to the stuffed specimens, perhaps even reaching out a hand to pet them.

"There will be museum guards around, but the point is to let people see this up close," director Sapan said. "Not everyone gets to go on safari."

A central section of the museum features a giant computerized map showing which animals have become extinct in Israel due to population shifts and urbanization, and what humans can do to mitigate the effects of climate change and other developments.

The upper floors offer glimpses into the museum's research labs and archives, as well as a massive deck (the future home of the museum cafe) overlooking the university campus. The experience culminates in an exhibit of the museum's only collection of live creatures, the many insects that inhabit our world.

"The world belongs to the insects," said Dayan. "It makes you think about what exists all around us." ★



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Eye Drops To Replace Glasses

MEDICINE: BY SIMONA SHEMER (r) NoCamels.com



Israeli ophthalmologists at Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem and Bar-Ilan University's Institute of Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials (BINA) revealed recently that they have successfully developed eye drops that repair corneas, improving near-sighted and far-sighted vision. These "nanodrops" were successfully tested on pigs' corneas, according to the researchers, and are expected to be tested on humans in clinical trials later this year.



If proven successful on humans, the groundbreaking discovery could remove the need for eyeglasses. The nanodrops are made up of a synthetic nanoparticle solution that helps correct cornea-related vision problems.

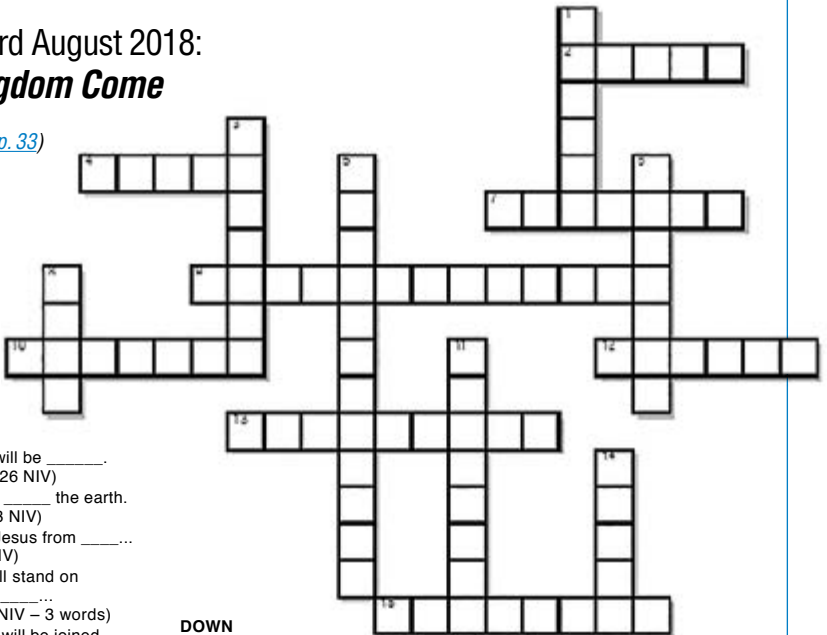
Dr. David Smadja, a research associate at BINA and the Head of the Ophthalmology Research Unit at Shaare Zedek who led the team of ophthalmologists, said the nanodrops could "revolutionize ophthalmological and optometric treatments of patients with myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), and other refractory conditions." According to Smadja, **the drops could eventually replace multifocal lenses and allow people to see objects from different distances.**

If clinical testing on humans proves successful, potential patients will be able to use a smartphone app to measure their eye refraction at home, create a laser pattern, and then initiate "laser corneal stamping" of an optical pattern onto the corneal surface of their eyes. ★



Crossword August 2018: *Thy Kingdom Come*

(answers on [p. 33](#))



ACROSS

- 2 ... all Israel will be _____.
(Romans 11:26 NIV)
- 4 He comes to _____ the earth.
(Psalm 96:13 NIV)
- 7 Then came Jesus from _____
(Matt 3:13 NIV)
- 9 ... His feet will stand on
the _____
(Zech. 14:4 NIV – 3 words)
- 10 Many _____ will be joined ...
(Zech. 2:11 NIV)
- 12 I saw _____ standing open ...
(Rev. 19:11 NIV)
- 13 ...but the _____ to eternal life.
(Matt 25:46 NIV)
- 15 The _____ will come to Zion ...
(Isaiah 59:20 NIV)

DOWN

- 1 Go rather to the lost sheep of
_____. (Matt 10:6 NIV)
- 3 I am _____ for you ... (2 Cor. 11:2 NIV)
- 5 ...I am the _____, the _____, and the
_____. (John 14:6 NIV – 3 words)
- 6 ... and you will be _____.
(Luke 14:14 NIV)
- 8 For as in _____ all die ...
(1 Cor. 15:22 NIV)
- 11 Let not your heart be _____.
(John 14:1 NIV)
- 14 The _____ belongs to the bride-
groom. (John 3:29 NIV)



PART 2: BY ARON HELLER (r) APNews.com

Israel is typically wary of exposing the exploits of the global arm of its vaunted intelligence community for fear of revealing its well-cultivated sources or undermining its mystique. More often than not, Mossad actions become known only when something goes wrong.

[Last month](#), we looked at some of its successes. Here are some of the Mossad's failures:

Assassination Attempt of Khaled Mashal

In 1997, during Netanyahu's first term, Mossad agents tried to assassinate then-Hamas chief Khaled Mashal in Amman, Jordan. Two agents entered Jordan using fake Canadian passports and waited outside Hamas's offices. Then, one of the agents approached from behind and held to Mashal's ear a device that transmitted a fast-acting poison. The agents were captured shortly afterward. Outraged by the violation of his sovereignty, Jordan's then-King Hussein threatened to void the still-fresh peace accord if Mashal died. Israel ultimately dispatched an antidote that saved his life, and the Israeli agents were returned home. Under pressure, Israel agreed to release the spiritual leader of Hamas, Ahmed Yassin, from prison.

New Zealand Passports

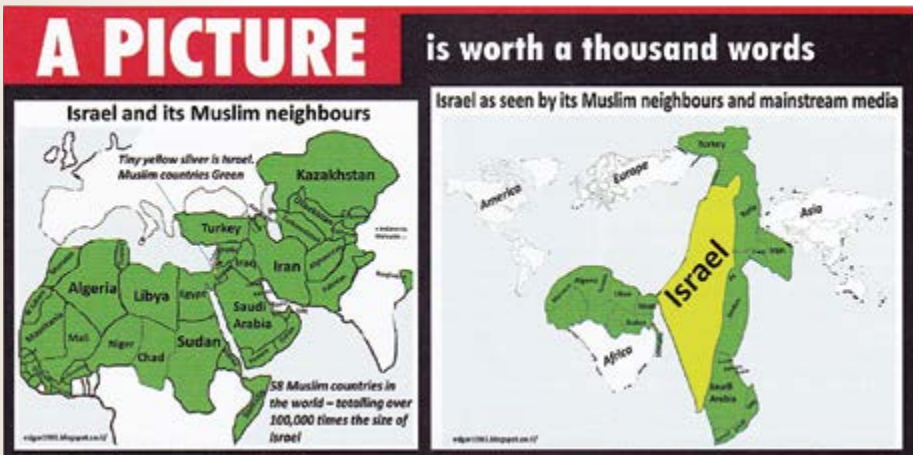
In 2004, New Zealand briefly cut ties with Israel after it captured two Israelis suspected of being Mossad agents who were trying to fraudulently acquire a New Zealand passport.



Mahmoud al-Mabhouh Assassination

In 2010, Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a top Hamas operative, was killed in a Dubai hotel room in an operation attributed to Mossad but never acknowledged by Israel. The case drew international attention because many of the supposed assassins were caught on camera and accused of using fake passports. The photographs of 26 suspects and their aliases were subsequently placed on Interpol's most-wanted list.

[For certain](#), many of the Mossad's undisclosed missions have benefitted the West. Truly David vs Goliath (see below). — Mark





Boycott Israel supporters

Israel: EU, Stop Funding Pro-BDS Groups

By Tia Goldenberg
APNews.com



Tia Goldenberg

Israel called on the European Union recently to halt funding to more than a dozen European and Palestinian non-governmental organizations that it says promote boycotts against Israel, saying the financial support violates the EU's stated policy that it opposes boycotts against the Jewish state.

Israel's Strategic Affairs Ministry published a list of groups that receive EU funding and call for boycotts against Israel. It said some of the groups had links to militant groups while receiving EU money.

The global movement known as BDS calls for boycotts, divestment, and sanctions, alleging Israel's maltreatment of the Palestinians. BDS has urged businesses, artists, and universities to sever ties with Israel.

Supporters of the movement say the tactics are a nonviolent way to promote the Palestinian cause. Israel says the campaign goes beyond fighting its occupation of territory Palestinians claim for their state and masks the wider aim to delegitimize or destroy the Jewish state.

The EU has upheld the free expression rights of its citizens to call for a boycott of Israel but has stressed that the body opposed any boycott of Israel.

The BDS movement has persuaded several church organizations to divest themselves of Israel-related investments and has garnered support on U.S. college campuses. Recently, pop singer Lorde joined a number of artists who have canceled performances in Israel amid pressure from BDS activists.

Even so, a slew of other musicians have defied boycott calls and performed. Israel has also enjoyed new economic partnerships and diplomatic ties despite calls for boycotts.

BDS advocates temporarily abandon their anti-Zionism in the blink of an eye when Israeli innovations will save their lives or make them more comfortable. Imagine the dismay of Israeli
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Dry Bones TERMINOLOGY





physicians who rescue Jew-hating Palestinians only to watch such patients, upon recovery, resume calling for Israel’s destruction. — Mark



Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz

Austria To Close 7 Mosques, Expel Imams

By Geir Moulson / APNews.com

Austria’s government said recently that it is closing seven mosques and plans to expel imams in a crackdown on “political Islam” and foreign financing of religious groups. Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said the government is shutting a hardline Turkish nationalist mosque in Vienna and dissolving a group called the Arab Religious Community that runs six mosques.

The government’s actions are based on a 2015 law that prevents religious communities from getting funding from abroad. Interior Minister Herbert Kickl said the residence permits of around 40 imams employed by ATIB, a group that oversees Turkish mosques in Austria, are being reviewed because of concerns about such financing.

Kurz became chancellor in December. In campaigning for last year’s election, both coalition parties called for tougher immigration controls, quick deportations of asylum-seekers whose requests are denied, and a crackdown on radical Islam. The government recently announced plans to ban girls in elementary schools and kindergartens from wearing headscarves, adding to existing restrictions on veils.

“Parallel societies, political Islam, and tendencies toward radicalization have no place in our country,” Kurz told reporters in Vienna. He added that the government’s powers to intervene “were not sufficiently used” in the past.

Please see [p. 20](#) for a description of Dr. Jeffrey Seif’s TV series *Bad Moon Rising*, regarding radical Islam’s rise in modern-day Europe. He calls on Europeans and Americans alike to resist its advancement. — Ed.

Holocaust Did Not Legitimize Zionism

By Rafael Castro
[IsraelNationalNews.com](#)



Rafael Castro

Western support for Israel and the Jewish People based on shame and guilt due to the Holocaust implies that Jews in Israel are owed solidarity due to the wrongs of the past, rather than to their being right in the present. If international public opinion does not understand that Jews deserved Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in 1933 no less than in 1948, it will infer that Zionism owes its legitimacy to Hitler.

Yet, Zionism’s legitimacy does not depend on anti-Semitism or on the actions of anyone toward Jews.

Zionism owes its legitimacy to 3,000 years of uninterrupted Jewish history in the Land of Israel and 2,000 years of Jews around the world praying for their exile to end.

The world must know that Zionism allowed Jews to return to their historical homeland, not just to flee from oppressors. The Holocaust made Zionism urgent, not legitimate.

(Please see [p. 7](#) for a description of *Whose Land Is It?* DVD and study booklet.) ★



Archaeology in 21st-Century Israel



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

Bar-Ilan University Prof. Aren M. Maeir says that in the past few decades, the field of archaeology has moved from an “old-fashioned, parochial version of the archaeological profession” to a high-tech version. “The cutting-edge character of the ‘Startup Nation’ is seen, full blown, in Israeli archaeology.”

“The inter- and multi-disciplinary research, the willingness to recheck seemingly established paradigms, and the advancements, in leaps and bounds, through diverse methods, in understanding the past is very impressive,” said the New York-born archaeologist.

Among the institutions promoting this interdisciplinary method of archaeological study, Tel Aviv University (TAU) houses archaeo-zoology, archaeo-botany, petrography, and metallurgy laboratories.

TAU professor Israel Finkelstein predicts the field will continue to move in this high-tech, interdisciplinary direction. One of his teams recently used multispectral imaging and discovered never-before-seen Hebrew inscriptions on a First Temple-era shard using a modified household digital camera and a revolutionary new technique.

“The turn of archaeology to methods of the exact and life sciences will continue to impact the discipline in the coming years, especially in the field of ancient DNA,” Finkelstein said.

One young researcher looking very closely at the physical remnants of Israel’s past cultures is TAU’s Dr. Dafna Langgut. Also curator of pollen, wood, charcoals, and archaeo-botanical collections of the new Steinhardt Museum of Natural History [see article on [p. 26](#)], Langgut’s discipline of archaeo-botany involves the identification of botanical remains in archeological contexts. For example, in a private garden in Jerusalem, she and her team discovered citron-fruit pollen that dates back to the First Temple period.

“The archaeology of ancient Israel until recently, has dealt mainly with the macroscopic evidence; that is, what can be seen by the naked eye — mainly flint, animal bones, architecture, pottery and so on,” Langgut explained.

“A lot of additional information can be extracted from the micro-archaeological record — the record that is revealed with the help of microscopes. This includes fossil pollen grains and phytoliths (the mineralized bodies that plants produce), which can provide information on the use of plant materials,” she added.

A garbage dump, such as one found recently in the City of David, or ancient sewers can be a treasure trove for such study.

“Microscopic parasite remains, such as eggs and cysts, can shed light on ancient diseases,” she said. Knowing what killed our ancestors can illuminate their lives as well.



Prof. Dafna Langgut, head of the archaeo-botany lab at Tel Aviv University



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Prof. Guy Bar-Oz, head of the Laboratory of Archaeo-zoology at the University of Haifa's Zinman Institute of Archaeology is another "hybrid" scientist.

"I'm a biologist who works with archaeological material to answer anthropological questions. My main research efforts deal with developing and applying novel methods that are used for high-resolution reconstruction of the culture and environmental landscape of extinct/past societies," said Bar-Oz.

"Since we can never directly meet and talk with the people that we study, we instead develop multiple, independent lines of evidence that are used as proxies to reconstruct the human past," he said. This includes what ancient cultures ate and how they cultivated their food. "We invest much of our research activities in extracting data from genomes of ancient plants and animals."

"Now, for the first time in history, the tide is turning in our favor by actively reclaiming this lost knowledge, capitalizing on a new wave of technological breakthroughs in our ability to crack the code of ancient deteriorating genomes."



Prof. Guy Bar-Oz, head of archaeo-zoology lab at the Zinman Institute of Archaeology at the University of Haifa

Among other projects, Bar-Oz is involved in the bio-archaeological project in the Negev Desert, which is attempting to understand conditions of life there during the Byzantine Period, from agriculture to wine making. Eventually, researchers hope to "revive and restore the ancient breeds and cultivars of ancient crops and animals," he said.

"State-of-the-art ongoing projects in such directions cover the critical areas of disease resistance, food security, and biodiversity, as well as restoring the genomes of extinct species of plants and animals. Hybrid archaeology, with its strong community of Israeli archaeological scientists, aims to lead this novel and concrete role in contemporary societal advancement and in securing a more sustainable future," he said. ★

Answer Key for August 2018 Crossword (p.28)

Across:

- 2. Saved
- 4. Judge
- 7. Galilee
- 9. Mount of Olives
- 10. Nations
- 12. Heaven
- 13. Righteous
- 15. Redeemer

Down:

- 1. Israel
- 2. Jealous
- 5. Way Truth Life
- 6. Blessed
- 8. Adam
- 11. Troubled
- 14. Bride



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History Didn't Begin in 1948

FROM: One America News Network / OANN.com

Below is a statement made by the co-founder of the Women's March about what she believes the Jewish people and the State of Israel have done. It is followed by the response of a former Israel Defense Forces soldier.



Tamika Mallory with Louis Farrakhan

Tamika Mallory: "You don't just show up at someone else's home, throw them out, and kill and steal and whatever and stay in that land. That is what the Jewish State of Israel has done."

Micha Danzig: "I agree with her. You don't just show up in somebody's native land and kick them out, steal their land, butcher them, try to force them into your faith and to speak your language. You don't do that. And that's exactly what the Arab world has done everywhere but Arabia.

"Mallory doesn't recognize that, other than in Arabia itself, Arabs are not indigenous to any other part of the Middle East. Everything that makes Arab culture and Arab people 'Arabs,' originated in Arabia. Everywhere else where people speak Arabic and people celebrate the faith that originated in Arabia — Islam — is because of conquest and because of the exact things

that Tamika Mallory says people shouldn't do.

"Now, me on the other hand — my tribal faith, being a Jew — I'm a Jew from Judea. Everything that makes me 'Jewish,' everything that makes the Jewish people 'Jewish' came from one place: the Land of Israel. My language, my faith, my culture, my heroes — they all emanate from that land. So, we're not the ones coming into somebody else's home and taking it from them.

"No Jew in Judea or the land of Israel prior to 1948 stole land from anybody. Jews were immigrating there, and there were Jews always living there, who bought their land. At least 94% of the land the Jews were living on prior to the War of Independence, that the Arabs started, was land they bought from Turkish landowners and Arab landowners mostly who lived in Damascus, Beirut, and Istanbul. Nobody stole anything."



(Please see [p. 7](#) for a description of *Whose Land Is It?* DVD and study booklet.) ★



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I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my boss to the airport.

Someone stole my wife's credit card, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than she did.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

The doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

The doctor calls Mrs. Cohen: "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen answers: "So did my arthritis!"

A drunk is in front of a judge. The judge says: "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk replies: "Okay, let's get this party started!"

There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until it graduates from medical school.

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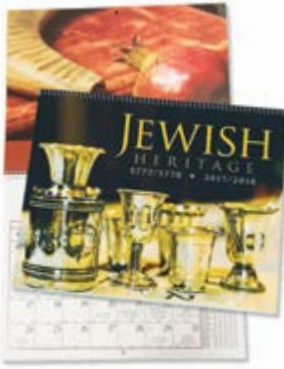
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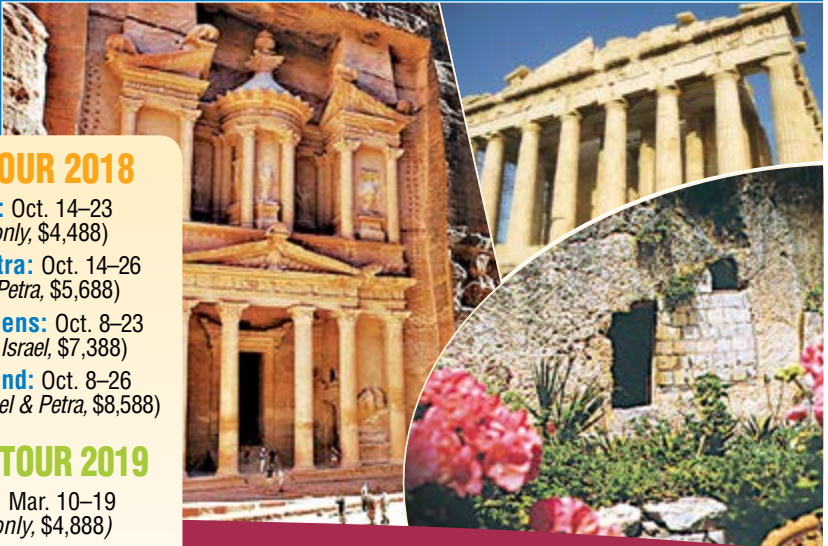
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