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Dear Reader,

My mother recently passed away — on Resurrection Sunday! While she had experienced some health issues in the last year or so, her passing was quite unexpected. And though her passing has left my family with many questions, thankfully we haven't grieved like those who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13). We are certain that she is with the Lord because of her faith in Yeshua (Jesus) and our faith in Him and His Word. And though He hasn't answered all of our questions, His presence with us — providing peace, strength, guidance, and more — enables us to continue living no matter what we experience.

As we begin the last half of 2024, many people likewise have questions and struggles. Some of these are highlighted in this *Levitt Letter*, such as "Why are Jews Hated?" (cover) and Kirsten Hart's article (6), "How Long, Lord?" And though we don't always receive answers to all of our questions, we can be certain that the Lord is the "Healer of the Broken Heart," as John Parsons explains (12).

This issue also includes stories of a British official encouraging her country to learn from Israel (25), a pro-Israel voice that stands apart from the mainstream media (28), our regular features of Israeli innovation, archaeological discovery, and much more.

As these are difficult days for many of us, they are also difficult for Israel — just like Zola emphasized 23 years ago (10). Therefore, please continue to *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* — "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Ps. 122:6),



Greg, Editor
Zola Levitt Ministries

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



Detail of Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge, painting by John Ward Dunsmore (1856–1945), Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Is Teaching Patriotism Bad?

By Jerry Newcombe / ChristianPost.com

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There is a vital battle over education today. And if we who love America lose that battle, we could ultimately lose the country.

Apparently, the Left views the idea of teaching children a love of country as an undesirable goal. In *The Federalist*, Jay Pullman called attention to a critique from the Left of classics-oriented charter schools. *The Washington Post* wrote the critique, which implies that teaching patriotism is suspect.

According to the *Post*, schools that focused on personal responsibility, love of God and country, America's founders, and the like are "designed to attract Christian nationalists with specific imagery and curriculum."

The newspaper cites this example: "Back to basic schools' use red, white, and blue school colors, patriotic logos, and pictures of the Founding Fathers, and use terms such as virtue, patriotism, and, sometimes, outright references to religion."

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Why Are Jews Hated?

By Rabbi Benjamin Blech
TimesOfIsrael.com

Since I was a boy, fleeing with my family before the Holocaust to escape on the last boat of refugees from Europe to the safety of the U.S., a question has consumed me: Why do they hate us?

My father, a prominent rabbinic scholar, who to me knew everything, didn't answer. But soon, he assured me, I would no longer be victimized by the anti-Semitism that engulfed my birthplace. **Soon, America would prove to me that Jewish hatred was a curable disease, a sickness of the soul**

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whose expiration date would coincide with the defeat of Hitler and his Nazi demons.

In large measure, my father was right. America increasingly began living up to the promise of the welcoming words on the Statue of Liberty. Jews found unparalleled freedom, respect, equality — the hallmarks of a civilized society.

Until now! Until “genocide” — a word invented to express the unique horror perpetrated against the Jews — is used as an accusation against the victim; bestially slaughtering and raping Jews is exempt from criticism, depending upon “context.” Likewise, those with a 3,000-year connection to the Land of Israel — as descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to whom God promised it — are condemned as “colonials” by followers of a religion whose founder was born in the sixth century!

Again, I ask: Why do they hate us?

According to playwright Meyer Levin, Anne Frank, in the Broadway play adapted from her diary, wrote: “Why are Jews hated? Well one day, it’s one group, and the next day another...” But that’s not what she said. While Levin wanted to de-Judaize anti-Semitism, Frank’s words were far more profound: “Who knows, it might even be our religion from which the world and all peoples learn good, and for that reason and that reason only do we now suffer.”

We may never understand. Maybe Emil Fackenheim was right about the Holo-

caust: “There will never be an adequate explanation. The closer one gets to explicability, the more one realizes nothing can make Hitler explicable.” Perhaps to offer reason for the unreasonable is a step down the path of Spinoza’s famous maxim that “to understand all is to forgive all.”

One explanation, however, may be the most valid. It is the confession that the prime prototype of the anti-Semite used to justify its application to six million victims. **Hitler himself stated:** “Providence has ordained that I should be the greatest liberator of humanity. I am freeing man from the restraints of an intelligence that has taken charge, from the dirty and degrading self-mortifications of a false vision called conscience and morality ... **The Ten Commandments have lost their validity. Conscience is a Jewish invention; it is a blemish like circumcision.**”

This insight was expressed by the Talmud long ago: Why, the Rabbis ask, was the Torah given on a mountain called Sinai? Because the Hebrew root of the word Sinai is *sinah* — the Hebrew word for hatred. The message of Sinai is the essence of Judaism: God places moral demands upon us. These obligations define us as human beings created in the image of our Maker. And for that, Jews continue to be hated, and presumably will be until the world acknowledges conscience not as curse but as blessing. ✨





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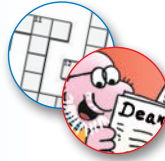
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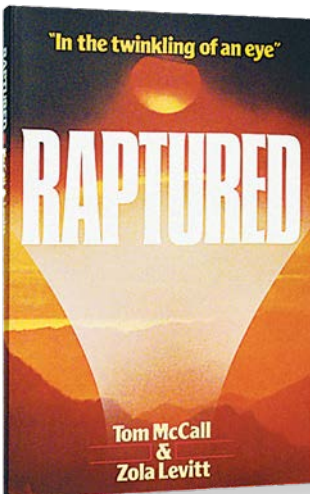
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Raptured book
 By Tom McCall and Zola Levitt

The Rapture of the Church — discussed in full with relevant Scriptures. The various views of when it might happen are evenhandedly debated as to which seems most correct. A doctrine not always understood by the Church, but one that will affect everyone on Earth — Believer and unbeliever alike.

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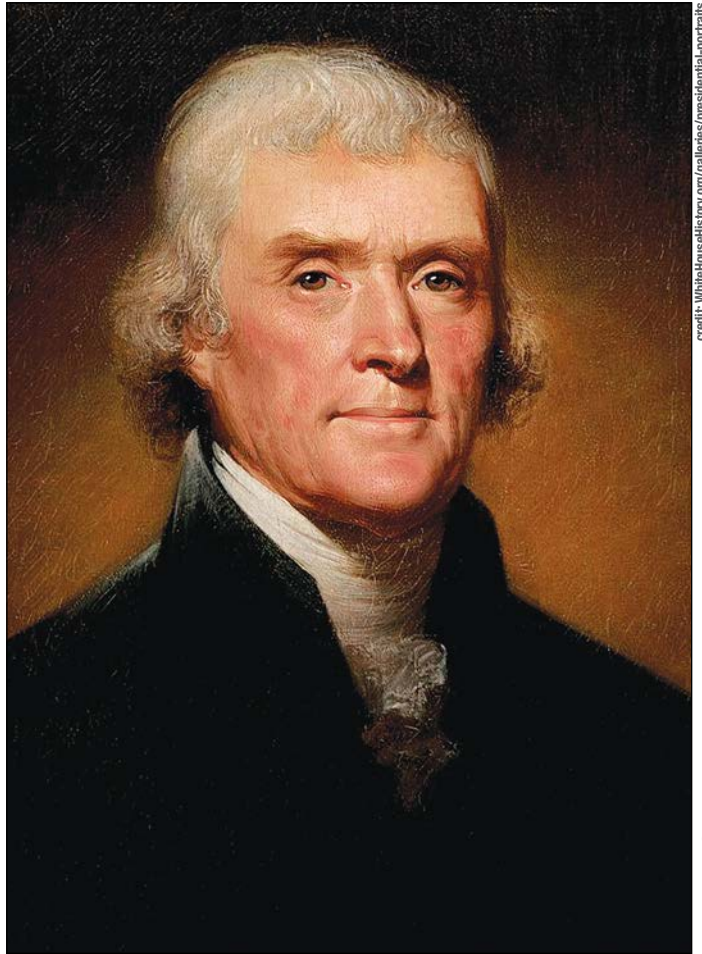
If you talk positively about America's founders, you are sending a bad message — especially to our youth, according to the Left.

I have studied much about the settling and founding eras of American history and the American experiment. I have written books and produced documentaries on it. The sacrifices of so many of those who created this great country are amazing. We should be grateful for the freedoms they bestowed on us.

They famously wrote in the preamble to the Constitution, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

George Washington led a ragtag army of farmers and merchants who were determined, with God's help, to defend their God-given rights. And to teach the next generation of their many sacrifices on behalf of freedom should be curtailed?

During the American War for Independence, Washington and his army had to leave Philadelphia. They spent the winter of 1777–1778 in Valley Forge, about 25 miles away. Many had no shoes or boots in the freezing cold, so some of them left bloody footprints in the snow. Washington led them and prayed for them. And his prayers were ultimately answered.



Thomas Jefferson, official portrait by Rembrandt Peale (1778–1860)

But to tell future children about these sacrifices of our nation's founders is, according to the *Post*, part of "a strategy by right-wing Christians to undermine secular public education"?

Why do so many elites hate America?

Was it because of slavery at the beginning of our country? It was indeed a great evil. But that evil existed virtually everywhere at that time. **What's truly astounding is not that America had slavery like everyone else, but that it got rid of it.** Even today, an estimated 50 million people are in slavery around the world. But in America, legal slavery is long gone. The founders enshrined the principles of God-given rights that ultimately overthrew slavery. And it was those principles to which Dr.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. appealed during the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

America's founders declared that our rights come from the Creator. In 1955, President Eisenhower said, "Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first — the most basic — expression of Americanism."

Even when America doesn't live up to its creed that our Creator has endowed us with certain unalienable rights, it's still a good creed. As Dr. King asserted, "I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'" Surely, we have made great advances since he uttered those words in 1963.

In a different context, the great British Christian writer, C.S. Lewis, observed: "In a sort of ghastly simplicity, we remove the organ and demand the function. We make men without chests and expect of them

virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful."

If we mock love of country, then we shouldn't be surprised to see so many young Americans basically hating America.

And yet, think of those who literally risk their lives seeking to get here. Some will risk their lives to leave Cuba, going through shark-infested waters, to reach America and her freedoms.

Those who would discourage teaching patriotism to future generations are ultimately sowing bad seeds, the fruit of which we see in many burned-out cities overrun by crime, homelessness, and chaos.

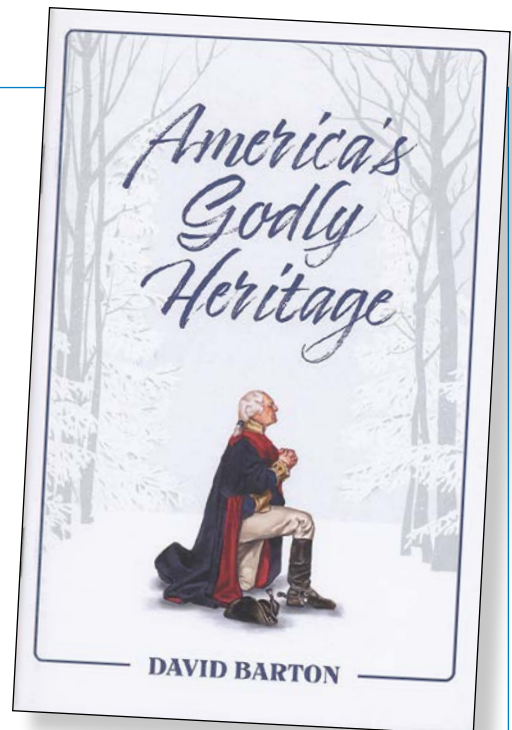
I'm patriotic and thankful to have lived my life in America, but I also "side" with the view that God so loved the entire world. While we ask God to bless America, we also pray that He blesses people born in every other country. —David ☆

[America's Godly Heritage](#) book

by David Barton

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

Please see the DVD set *Faith of Our Fathers* on p. 17.





How long must we wait, Lord?

I have vivid memories of flipping through the *Sears Wish Book* every year as a child, seeking the latest toys for Christmas. I would circle my favorite items and then eagerly present the torn-out pages to my parents. Afterward, the wait for Christmas morning always felt like an eternity, even though it was only a few months away.

Waiting is a reality for everyone. Whenever we face a delay, most of us at least wonder whether it will pass quickly or we will endure a long time of waiting.

Modern Israel knows about waiting, especially through conflict. While the nation has faced many attacks, thankfully most were short but resulted in miraculous, victorious outcomes. **The longest war that the Jewish state has fought was its War of Independence in 1948, which lasted 15 months. Currently, the war between Israel and Hamas has continued for almost nine months,** which leaves many people wondering: How much longer must Israel endure?

Strength Renewed

The war's uncertainties weigh heavily on many people's hearts and minds. And while waiting can take a physical and emotional toll on us, the Bible assures us that we will be renewed if we patiently wait for the Lord. Isaiah 40:30-31 (TLV) promises: *"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, but they who wait for Adonai will renew their strength. They will soar up with wings as eagles. They will run, and not*

grow weary. They will walk, and not be faint."

We are all eagerly awaiting that renewal. Yet the questions still come. Many — especially the families of the hostages who wait for news about their loved ones — may wonder why God can't intervene and return all the hostages immediately.

How long must we wait, Lord?

Bearing the Burden

Through the years, I've learned that sometimes we don't have answers to our questions until long after situations have been resolved. I wish that ending the war and bringing home the Israeli captives were as simple as circling toys in the Sears catalog and later finding them under the Christmas tree. Bringing all the hostages home safely, however, isn't that easy. Perhaps the reason for the delay in resolving this issue is that we Believers* need to strengthen our prayer lives and come together in prayer to seek God's help.

While I am burdened by the current war, I can't imagine the pain and worry of Israelis whose loved ones are being held captive or who have family members fighting against Hamas. Would you please join me in praying daily for the safety and well-being of the people of Israel, whether they are hostages, soldiers, or family members? Let us petition the Lord to bring peace not only to Jerusalem but also to all of Israel ... as quickly as possible. ☆

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

[The God of Miracles](#) DVD Set

9 half-hour programs on 2 DVDs

We can't read many pages in the Bible without encountering miracles. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture reveals our miraculous God at work. In this nine-part series, Dr. Jeffrey Seif teaches the Bible from Israel to help us discover God's astonishing activity in His world. Jeff also talks with people who have experienced the Lord's supernatural hand in their own lives.

The Holy Spirit God's Spirit hovered over the waters at Creation. Later, His Spirit descended on humans at Pentecost, saving 3,000 people. He also indwells Believers today. Jeff teaches about God's empowering and guiding Spirit from the Western Wall and the Southern Steps in Jerusalem.

The Exodus The Bible presents the Lord as Deliverer. While teaching from the Judean wilderness and Nehemiah's Wall in the City of David, Jeff emphasizes how God is devoted to building and rebuilding lives.

Death and Life Elijah resurrected the widow's son. Jesus resurrected His friend Lazarus. Filmed at Lazarus' Tomb and Bethany Church, Jeff highlights the Lord's power over life and death — both physical and spiritual.

Exile and Return God directs circumstances to accomplish His will. For ancient Jews, God allowed the Babylonian captivity. From a busy street in Jerusalem, Jeff teaches how God brought His people home, just as He promised.

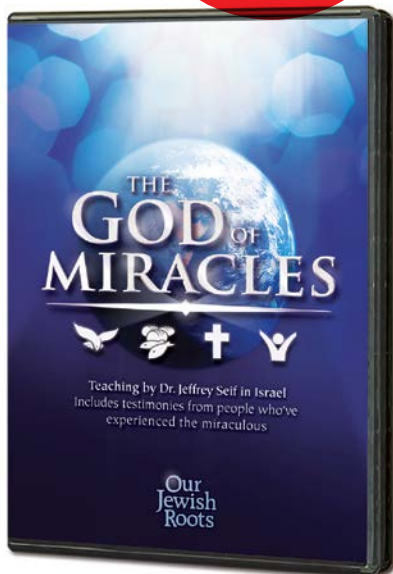
The Incarnation From locations in and around Bethlehem, Jeff teaches about one of the most magnificent miracles — the birth of the Messiah, the prophesied Child, the Prince of Peace.

Our Daily Bread Not all miracles are spectacular. Many are very practical — from feeding a multitude to finding a coin in the mouth of a fish. The Lord is our benevolent Father who wants to give wonderful gifts to His children.

The Physical Realm Jeff defines a miracle as suspending the laws of nature. Whether changing water to wine or transforming a paralyzed man's limbs, the Lord moves in mysterious ways — both yesterday and today.

Our Greatest Need Life's circumstances can be debilitating. Our ultimate assurance comes from our Father, who loves us and desires to help us. Jeff teaches from the Pool of Siloam and the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

Bonus Interviews You'll appreciate the extended interviews with multiple individuals appearing in this series as well as bonus interviews with Israeli Believers.



The Bros are Back!

Caleb & Joshua Colson
The Bearded Bible
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The Berg Productions team

After innumerable cancellations and much rescheduling, we finally returned to Israel for the first time since our daring escape last October at the outset of war. During our recent trip to the Land, we headquartered in Ashdod, pulling our typical 20-hour workdays to complete necessary tasks. Beyond filming teachings and interviews every day, we also created daily video updates for our social media followers. We value the transparency of sharing our journey with our viewers, not only to keep them updated about our ministry efforts, but also to direct them about how to pray for both the Israeli people and us.

Return to the Promised Land

It was clear from the beginning that Satan didn't want us to return to Israel. As usual, we encountered many obstacles as he sought to deter us from boarding our flight. These incidents included a last-minute interrogation and luggage search by Israeli security in New York City. But as always, God was faithful to pull us through. Looking back, we can clearly see why this spiritual attack was so vehement.

The locations and content that will be the focus of a new *Our Jewish Roots* series, *Rebuilding the Ruined Cities*, are unlike anything we've ever seen before. With the

extreme disinformation being ramrodded worldwide by journalists, social media, and college professors, it's necessary to offer the unadulterated truth from the Bible! So, God opened every door for us to preach on the sites of the October 7 attacks and to interview Israel Defense Forces (IDF) officials to expose Satan's anti-Semitic agenda.

Influential figures including Colonel (ret.) David Hacham, Lt. Colonel (res.) Avital Leibovich, INSS and ex-Mossad Sima Shine, and Lt. Colonel (res.) Dr. Mordechai Kedar provided excellent insight about Hamas's great deception and the unfailing moral basis of Israel's right of existence.

A unique twist in our series this time was meeting with ministries and non-profits that provide boots-on-the-ground assistance to Israel's needy and those affected by Hamas's invasion. These groups include Leket Israel National Food Bank, Vision for Israel Ministries, The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Bridges for Peace, FIRM, and many others. Another first for this trip was welcoming an additional crew member, our good friend and evangelist **Israel Hanna**. Working behind the scenes, Israel witnessed to unbelievers with the Gospel of Yeshua as we filmed our teachings.

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Top Left: Israel Hanna praying



Top Right: Joshua teaching in a burned-out house at Kibbutz Be'eri



Middle: IDF soldiers honor Yom HaZikaron at the Burnt Car Memorial in Re'im

Bottom: Josh and Caleb at Kibbutz Be'eri



The Rafah Offensive

During our on-location production, the Rafah campaign began. This offensive provided an enlightening backdrop to our teachings. We experienced constant, literally earth-shaking bombardment as we visited locations near and around the Gaza Strip and Rafah Corridor, including Moshav Pri Gan, Kibbutz Be'eri, the Nova music festival massacre site at Re'im, and war-torn Sderot.

The beauty of God's master plan, however, was not just teaching about the Jewish history of persecution, anti-Semitism, exile, and diaspora, but also highlighting God's relentless love and intervention to return, rebuild, and restore Israel from harm. Though the war with Hamas and

Israel's enemies is far from over, we will continue to focus on the Lord's everlasting promises to the children of Abraham, with that unbreakable covenant that can never be revoked. ✡





Difficult Times for Israel

by Zola Levitt
from 2001
23 years ago

So many thoughts come to me during these difficult times for Israel. The first is always "Why don't more Christians care?" I have noted again and again that we're all going to live there for a thousand years, and that millennium could start seven years from today. But churches seem oblivious to the Promised Land. The seminaries have dropped the subject, and other than in the fine Bible churches, Israel is seldom mentioned or considered.

And yet, God is moving there so dramatically in these times that Bible students should be on the edge of their seats. The "coincidence" between what the prophets foretold for Israel in the End Times and the situation that is actually occurring there is truly remarkable.

I would like to relate all that I can on the crucial subject of Israel and what is going on there.

First, the Oscar nominations are coming up, and I think Yasser Arafat should get one for his portrayal of an innocent victim. The large supporting cast of Palestinian stone-throwers, riflemen, and children deserve awards, too, for their pretense of a war for independence. Of course, I don't mean to belittle the sad events going on in the Holy Land today, but folks, this is not a war, it's not about independence, and there are no such people as Palestinians, at least not with any history worth mentioning (notwithstanding Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who claimed that the Palestinians and the Israelis have been at war "for thousands of years").

The average Palestinian crowd is composed of little children up front (for the cameras), bigger kids behind them throwing rocks, and finally, the occasional rifleman in a police uniform, who pops up now and then and shoots at the Israelis. If he stands up over the heads of the kids once too often, Israeli sharpshooters take him out, and that is why so many of them are shot in the head (and sadly why so many kids get hit, as well). But

let's not exaggerate the casualty figures. At this point, they're running about two per day, approximately what typically occurs in Atlanta, CNN's headquarters city, and the same, I suppose, that has always occurred in the West Bank and Gaza, whether we're talking peace or playing war or whatever. It's just that when CNN does its Israel-bashing job, they can make nothing much seem like a nationwide war, and that is exactly what they're doing.

On the point of the Palestinian children being occasionally wounded or killed, former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir said, "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We can't forgive them for making us kill their children."

The sad part for Arafat's people is that they need not be poor at all, if they would only cooperate with the Israelis. They are the only Arabs privileged to live in a democracy in that part of the world. Truthfully, their lifestyle is far ahead of the Egyptians, Syrians, Jordanians, and others. Egyptians cannot tour Israel because Hosni Mubarak, their dictator, does not want them to see how well the Palestinians live. It would be the end of the "government" in Egypt if they did.

I saw a PBS special on Hitler's search for some racial background for Nazism. *Hitler's Search for the Holy Grail* highlighted his "scientists" traveling throughout the world, measuring people's skulls, trying to find an "Aryan" background for his ridiculous prejudices. We see the same thing with Arafat when he fabricates a long history for the "Palestinians" and even states that the Israelis never lived in Israel, the Temple Mount was not Jewish, the Western Wall is not holy, and so forth. If you're going to tell lies, they may as well be big ones.

In the meantime, one almost has to admire the Israeli handling of the ghetto riots, which is producing fewer casualties and simmering things back down. I was not nearly as proud of the U.S. government's handling of the Branch

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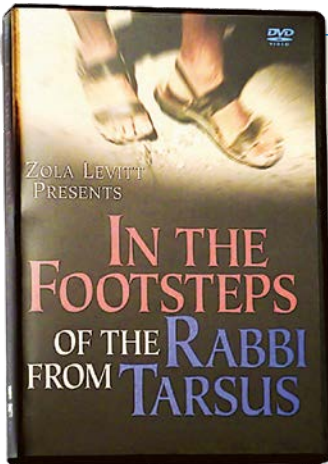
Davidians in Waco. And those people certainly weren't rioting.

It's odd that the world doesn't love Israel, because that little country really does it some favors. Its medical research, leadership in technology, and even daily portrayal of how well a representative government can work and how immigrant people can become prosperous on the least productive sort of land should be heartening.

It's even odder that Christians — so deeply indebted to the Jews for gifts including God, the Bible, and the Messiah — don't love the Jews more. As was noted by one of our TV show guests, **people tend to love Jews who are dead,**

like the prophets, Peter, and Paul, or Jews who will live in the future, such as in the Kingdom to come, but they don't love the Jews of today. Israel should be loved also for the fact that it is giving a home to nearly a million Russian Jews who are making brilliant contributions to world culture after becoming free. I could spend a whole day noting the geniuses to come to America from Russia, including musicians, scientists, doctors, professors, and writers. Russia seems to despise its own intellectuals, but when they break free, they really contribute to world culture.

How Zola's heart would break to learn of Hamas's atrocities in this current war! — David ☆



In the Footsteps of the Rabbi from Tarsus DVD Set

Twelve 30-minute TV programs on three DVDs

In this twelve-part TV series, Dr. Jeffrey Seif sheds light on the Apostle Paul, his movements, and his message. After examining Paul's travels throughout the Roman Empire, Jeff analyzes Paul's divinely inspired letters to early Church congregations, preserved in the New Testament.

First Steps Toward Christ Paul's conversion and subsequent ministry in Damascus/Arabia.

First "Official" Ministry Journey Paul's movements in Jerusalem, Tarsus, and Cilicia, and his "Famine Relief" visit to Jerusalem.

Apostolic Ordination and Subsequent Missionary Journey Paul's apostolic launch, noting his first missionary journey and follow-up trip to Jerusalem to sort out the angst that developed in the wake of his message to non-Jews.

Second and Third Missionary Journeys Continues with Paul's missionary trips and ends with his apparently ill-fated trek to Jerusalem.

Arrest and Appeal to Rome for Trial Paul's arrest, his transport to a Caesarean prison, and his appeal to Rome, where he is eventually sent for trial.

Roman Imprisonment, Release, Travels, and Death Shows Paul imprisoned in Rome, his release and further ministry, and his eventual execution in Rome.

The next six programs consider Paul's divinely inspired Parchments in the order they were written — not from longest to shortest, which is how they appear in the New Testament.

- Paul's Earliest Writings: Galatians and 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians
- Reconciliation with the Corinthians, and Roman correspondence
- Letters to Philemon, the Colossians, and the Ephesians
- Philippians and 1 Timothy
- Final Steps and Farewell Letters to Titus and Timothy



Where was Jesus between His death and Resurrection? Part 2

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After His death on the Cross, Jesus continued in a conscious, living state even though His spirit had left His physical body. He was in paradise, along with the believing thief who was crucified beside Him (Luke 23:43).

During the three-day period between His death and Resurrection, Jesus also freed the Old Testament saints from *Sheol*, bringing them to Heaven to dwell in God's presence. This happened on the day of Christ's Resurrection. Paul noted this in Ephesians 4:8-10. Dr. Tom McCall, in his article entitled "From Hades to Heaven," emphasized: "The Old Testament saints were captives in the sense that they were not permitted to go to the presence of the Lord before the Cross. Now, however, Christ led their souls in a great procession as a conquering general, to present them to the Father in Heaven as fully redeemed saints awaiting their own resurrection from the dead."

Christ visited the paradise side of *Sheol* to proclaim victory and liberty — based on His death and Resurrection — to the Old Testament saints and Believers. Then, He took them (and the thief on the cross) to Heaven, where now all Believers in Christ go immediately after death (2 Cor. 5:5-8). Since Christ's resurrection, all unbelievers go to the torment side of Hades — known as Hell — to await the Great White Throne

Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15). Some people have wrongly taught that Jesus went to Hell after death to further suffer and pay the punishment for our sins. But Jesus' death on the Cross paid the full penalty for our sins (2 Cor. 5:21). On the Cross, Jesus proclaimed His completed work of redemption on our behalf when He said, "*It is finished*" (John 19:30). Christ's vicarious suffering for sinners on the Cross was the full payment — purchasing complete salvation for sinners. Thus, it was unnecessary for Jesus to suffer in Hades after His death.

For Believers, Christ's death and Resurrection means that our departed souls will enter Heaven the moment we die, where we will fellowship with the redeemed of all ages. As Dr. Tom McCall emphasized: "We do not descend into Hades like the Old Testament saints, but our souls go directly into the presence of the Lord. We look back to the Cross, where the penalty for our sins was paid for in full. We will know each other and have some kind of recognizable form, as do the souls of the Old Testament saints — such as Samuel, Moses, and Elijah. We will also be waiting for the time of the Rapture of the Church when we will receive our Resurrection bodies. Then we will wait in Heaven to join Christ as He descends again to Earth at His Second Coming." ✨

"So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ... We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6, 8





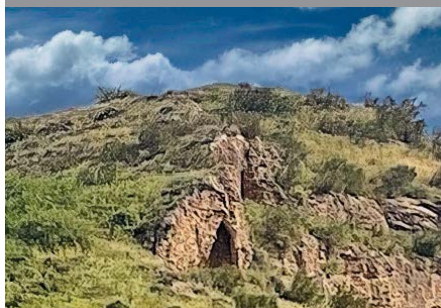
During our March 2024 outreach to Israel, Robert Williams and I had a wonderful ministry in Tiberias and the gorgeous region of Galilee — an area where Jesus ministered extensively. At the Big Mall in Tiberias, our Muslim waiter was named **Mahdi**. When we asked about the meaning of his name, he replied that it is the Arabic title for the Muslim messiah who supposedly will come at the end of time to convert the world to Islam.



Todd and Mahdi

Mahdi was open to our witness. We declared that Jesus is the Messiah who came 2,000 years ago and is soon to return. Robert and I also showed him this in the Hebrew Bible and an Arabic Gospel tract about the life of the true and only Messiah — *Issa* (the Arabic name for Jesus). The Spirit of God opened Mahdi's heart to accept the Bible we offered him along with the Arabic Gospel tract. He was so impressed that he joyfully showed the Bible to his coworkers.

Kursi National Park, on the northeastern part of the Sea of Galilee, contains the ruins of a fifth century Byzantine church. Mark 5:1-20 records how Jesus cast the legion of demons out of the Gadarene man in this region. It has sharp, precipitous cliffs where the herd of swine swiftly rushed off the cliff after Jesus sent the demons into them. A cave in this area may have been where the demoniac dwelled among the tombs.



The cave at Kursi National Park

At Kursi, we met the attendant, **Gazelle**. Of course, he knew the significance of the holy site. Robert and I offered him a complete Bible in Hebrew so that he could read the Gospel account of this miracle. Gazelle listened intently as we told him how the Messianic prophecies in Scripture prove that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah. After hearing this message, Gazelle gestured on his arm that he felt chills. He attributed this to the power of the Holy Spirit in our preaching. Then, he reverently kissed the Bible that we gave him! Gazelle is an elderly Jew, and this may have been the first time he heard the Biblical truth affirming that Yeshua is Messiah!



Todd and Gazelle

Thank you for your financial gifts that enable our Gospel ministry to Israel. Please continue to pray for these men and the others whom we met, that the Lord will open their hearts to receive eternal life through faith in Yeshua. ✨



Addicted to Rebounding

Mark Levitt
ZLM Director
since 1988



“If you don’t have time to exercise, you’ll have to make time for illness. It’s as simple as that.”

Shortly after my father Zola’s triple bypass surgery in 1982, his doctor highly recommended that he regularly exercise on a rebounder mini-trampoline. Zola did exactly that — routinely rebounding on his condo’s balcony.

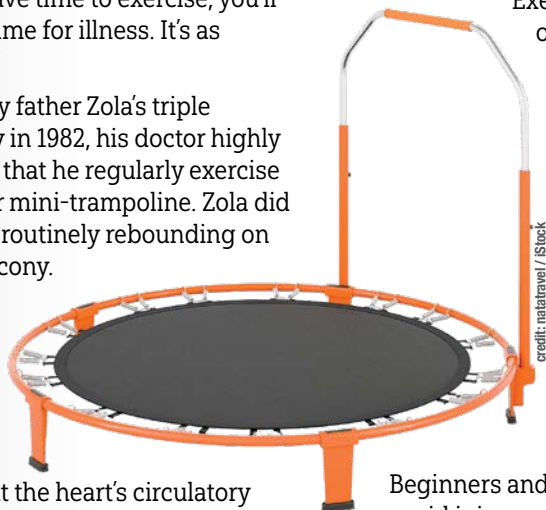
Five minutes of daily bouncing strengthened his calf muscles,

which augment the heart’s circulatory function. Calf muscles are a second heart in the sense that they help circulate blood.

Rebounding is a load-bearing exercise that fosters healthy bone density and forestalls osteoporosis. Gentler on the joints, ligaments, and tendons than running because of its inherent shock absorption, rebounding strengthens core muscles, quadriceps, glutes, and more. Rebounder mini-trampolines are more compact and less expensive and have lower maintenance than treadmills and exercise bikes.

Merely bobbing up and down activates many muscles and gets the heart and lungs going for solid cardiovascular workouts. Many rebounders include a safety bar to enhance stability and help jumpers keep their bearings. While rebounding isn’t for everyone, it’s an affordable option for those with time, space, and budget limitations. You could say that it’s an all-weather, poor-man’s treadmill since it offers benefits galore — in one or two five-minute sessions per day — for less than \$200.

Jesus, as a man, was quite a walker. Many physicians agree that walking is the best overall exercise. Even so, rain, heat, and other factors can prevent us mortals from venturing outdoors to get the steps our bodies need.



Exercisers with treadmills or stationary bikes sometimes join virtual fitness groups like Peloton or Strava that involve recurring fees. Rebounders, on the other hand, can choose from free YouTube videos. The four-minute instructive video “6 Dos and Don’ts: Trampoline Rebounding for

Beginners and Seniors” can help avoid injury, which is possible with any new exercise. When in doubt, consult with your doctor. Some rebounding enthusiasts might add a fan and some music.

Amazon shoppers might search “rebounder trampoline for adults bungee” to avoid noisy springs. Then select “4 stars and up” and sort by price: high to low. I ordered the \$179, eight-leg BCAN 450/550 LBS with a handle and chose the 48” diameter. When it arrived, a handy friend assembled it for me.

“If you don’t have time to exercise, you’ll have to make time for illness. It’s as simple as that.”

Considering that your body is God’s temple (1 Cor. 6:19), imagine the value of strengthening your skeletal structure and core. This note follows suit with “Gauging Your Temple?” (April 2024 *Levitt Letter*, p. 14). Investing in your health and fitness is good stewardship of what God gave you and helps you glorify Him. ☆

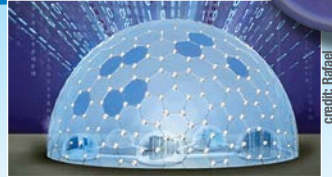


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Israel's "Cyber Dome"

The Iron Dome defense system has long shielded Israel from incoming rockets. Over the past two years, Israel and its international allies collaborated on a "Cyber Dome" to defend against online attacks. In this silent, invisible war, Iran and its cyber-partners attack anything they can to sabotage infrastructure, collect intelligence, and spread false information. According to Aviram Atzaba of the Israeli National Cyber Directorate, Israel has thwarted roughly 800 significant cyber-attacks since the October 7 attacks in southern Israel. "It takes a network to fight a network," he observed.



Rendering of Israel's Cyber Dome



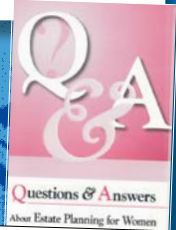
A Tale of Momentum & Inertia

<https://youtu.be/Lg2dqFCU67Q?si=ZuZeJZPthDktBeK3>

Watch this gripping, 70-second video. As noted in the April 2024 Bulletin Board, this animated film has had 2.2 million views since being posted in 2015. In the video, imagine Islamist terrorism as the massive boulder barreling down a mountain toward Europe. Then envision a less massive, concerned rock man (Israel) who stops the boulder. Finally, picture the result when Europe condemns rather than supports Israel's endeavors to intervene.

Watch Out, Lazarus!

Second only to Yeshua HaMashiach, Lazarus is the most well-known person to rise from the dead. Palestinians in Gaza, however, are now seeking some of the limelight. An *Israel Today* article entitled "They're Registering the Dead!" — Why the Mainstream Media Can't Be Trusted" states: "As foreign press decries rising Gaza death toll, CNN is embarrassed when some dead rise during live broadcast"! Such is the result when the BBC, CNN, etc. repeatedly promote Hamas's propaganda without fact checking.



Pamphlet of the Month

All women need to take control of their long-range financial and estate plans. **Questions & Answers About Estate Planning for Women** answers eight core questions. Some tips include: 1) Even a married woman needs a separate plan, of which joint ownership can play a part. 2) Spouses should have separate plans that complement each other. 3) Review the will, life insurance beneficiaries, and retirement plans when marital status changes. To receive this free pamphlet, email us at staff@levitt.com or write to our P.O. Box.

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Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection

Healer of the Broken Heart

by John Parsons
Hebrew for Christians
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“He heals the broken of heart and binds up their wounds.”
– Psalm 147:3

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their wounds and He binds up for the broken of heart He is the Healer

Read Hebrew right to left! ←

Henri Nouwen once said that there are two great fears (or wounds) that we all face. The first is the fear that we were not wanted at the time of our birth, and the second is that we will not be wanted at the time of our death. If you carry a wound of abandonment within your heart — if you live in dread over your worth as a human being, seriously wondering whether it would have been better had you never been born, then you know the taste of hell itself — the emotional prison of feeling lost, defective, rejected, and shameful — unable to love or to be loved.



Is not the lament of the lonely heart to find a sense of welcome, acceptance, or peace within? Is it not the heart's cry for connection? Yet even the very Gospel message cannot make traction in a heart that is lost to its own shame. Therefore, the miracle of salvation is profoundly connected with faith that you are loved and lovable — despite yourself — and that this love derives from the core of all that truly exists. Is this not “home” in the spiritual sense? Is this not “Zion, the per-

fection of holiness,” that God prepares a table for you in the presence of your enemies — yes, even those enemies of self-rejection, abandonment, fear, and shame? And that there — in the midst of your lost and forlorn condition — you are found, treasured, and celebrated? Is not that “place” God’s very heart — Jesus dying on the Cross, gasping for each breath — knowing everything about you and loving you anyway? But how does God heal the trauma of a broken heart?

How else but by the miracle of His intervention, quickening an otherwise numb and dead heart to come alive, to breathe in hope, and to begin to believe that, despite everything that has happened, you were wanted all along, from the very beginning, and that the wound of your sorrow was given so that you could find out who you really are and where you really belong. The wound you were given is part of your story, and healing comes from accepting God’s love for you — and understanding how the Lord goes through the wound with you and for you. ✨

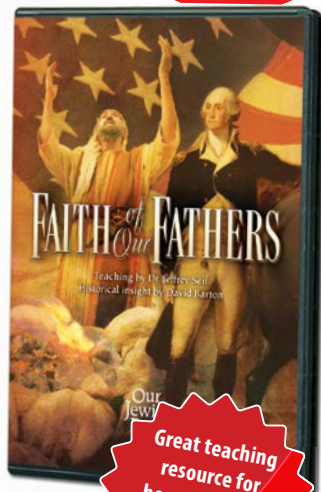


Faith of Our Fathers

DVD set

Eight 30-minute TV programs on two DVDs

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



Great teaching resource for homeschoolers and Christian schools!

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

Faith by Trial Neither personal ambition nor comfort is a goal for a life of faith. Our examples are Noah, the ark builder, and Zerubbabel, rebuilder of the Temple. The Mayflower brought Pilgrims who based their New World "promised land" on a Biblical lifestyle.

Faith in the Unseen Even someone's small faith can grow into something spectacular. Christopher Columbus heard the Holy Spirit speak and encourage his four voyages to the New World. Historical records reveal his devotion and desire to serve the Lord.

Faith to Build a Nation Upon The Bible's accounts of Israel becoming a nation inspired America's Founding Fathers. They believed that God's Word is the ultimate source for establishing faith and righteousness.

Faith in our Leaders Bible heroes like Ruth and David weren't perfect but succeeded by placing their hope and trust in God. Firsthand accounts and original source documents portray George Washington as a man of faith who experienced divine guidance and protection on multiple occasions.

The Cost of Faith Risks accompany a faithful life. Consider the Bible's Esther and Mordecai. John Adams helped gather representatives of the thirteen colonies around a set of principles that would become the Declaration of Independence.

The Actions of the Faithful Living out faith sometimes requires boldness. The Bible chronicles Peter's actions, such as his attempt to walk on the water. Benjamin Franklin called members of the Constitutional Convention to prayer.

The Application of Faith Narratives about men and women of faith pervade the Holy Scriptures. Most of our Founding Fathers believed in the Bible's God of Israel. Their deeds and writings testify to putting faith into action.

Please see the cover article ["Is Teaching Patriotism Bad?"](#)





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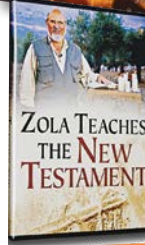
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This glossy, 16-page, full-color booklet is illustrated with dozens of examples of the “World’s Oldest Hatred.” Briefly discussed, the categories are noted below. This booklet can help you identify anti-Semitism so that you can speak out and act when you encounter it. **The text below includes only the headings and subheadings — each section provides stunning, descriptive explanations.**



Jews and Religion — Christ killers; ritual impurity; blood libel; host desecration.

Talmudic Secret Passages

Jewish Power Conspiracy Theories — The “Jewish Lobby” controls U.S. policy and various world governments; Jews control media, Hollywood, and world financial institutions; they are behind communism and capitalism; they instigate the world’s wars and revolutions and promote non-white immigration; Jews or Israel staged 9/11; **they have evil magical powers, are responsible for the slave trade, and are connected to reptilian aliens that control the world.**

Jews and Morality — They spread immorality, control the porn industry, and spread drugs.

Demonization, Dehumanization, Stereotypes — Jews are inhuman, satanic, animal-like (snakes, rats, pigs, etc.); they’re vampires, white supremacists/Nazis; Jews are rich/greedy/cheap; they are lazy, oppress people of color, and are people of color/non-white imposters.

Israel — Israel is a racist, apartheid state; it has no right to exist; Zionism is Nazism and Israelis are Nazis/“Zionazis”; Jews are interlopers/invasers/colonizers.

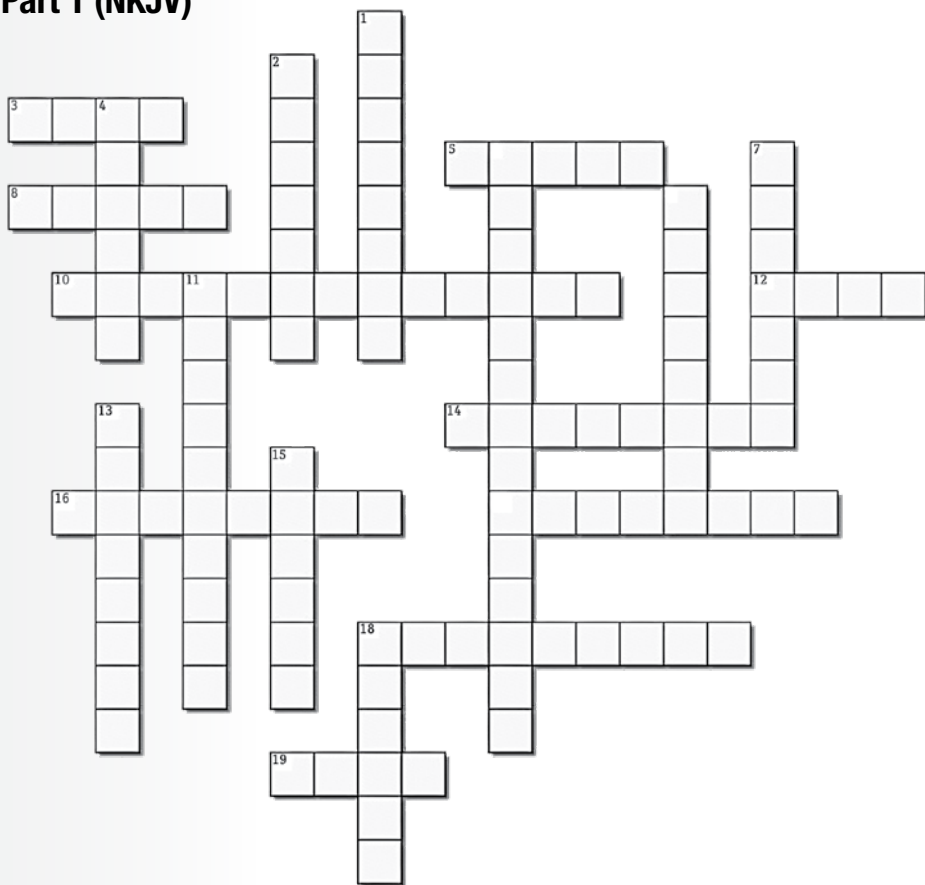
Dual Loyalty and Foreigners — Jews are not loyal to their home country; they’re traitors.

Holocaust — Holocaust denial and conspiracy theories; Jews exploit the Holocaust for gain.

Anti-Semitic propagandists, when they retire, could work for the tabloids. You couldn’t make up such nonsense! Someone else did, however, and these egregious stereotypes, insults, and lies continue to prosper as they are repeated through the generations. — Mark



**God's Word Concerning the End
Part 1 (NKJV)**



(answers on p. 35)

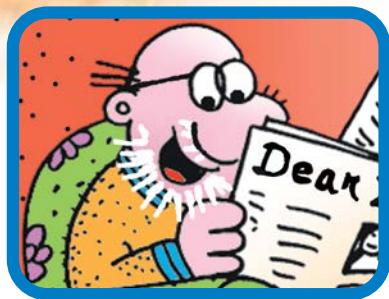
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- 3. ...But it shall not come __ you. (Ps. 91:7)
- 5. ...which you do well to heed as a __ that shines in a dark place... (2 Pet. 1:19)
- 8. ...Nor of the __ that flies by day, (Ps. 91:5)
- 10. ...for reproof, for correction, for instruction in __. (2 Tim. 3:16)
- 12. ...but __ the spirits, whether they are of God... (1 John 4:1)
- 14. ...__ never came by the will of man... (2 Pet. 1:21)
- 16. that the man of God may be __, thoroughly equipped... (2 Tim. 3:17)
- 17. A __ may fall at your side... (Ps. 91:7)
- 18. All __ is given by inspiration of God... (2 Tim. 3:16)
- 19. And so we have the prophetic __ confirmed... (2 Pet. 1:19)

Down:

- 1. But know this, that in the last days __ times will come: (2 Tim. 3:1)
- 2. __ is he who reads and those who hear... (Rev. 1:3)
- 4. You shall not be __ of the terror by night... (Ps. 91:5)
- 6. ...no prophecy of Scripture is of any private __, (2 Pet. 1:20)
- 7. For I __ to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book... (Rev. 22:18)
- 9. Nor of the pestilence that walks in ____ (Ps. 91:6)
- 11. ...holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the ___. [2 words] (2 Pet. 1:21)
- 13. Then many false __ will rise up and deceive many. (Matt. 24:11)
- 15. ...until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your __; (2 Pet. 1:19)
- 18. Beloved, do not believe every ____ (1 John 4:1)





Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space. For ministry products and TV programs, visit our [web store](#) and [free video archives](#).

No unconditional love?

From M.S.: I read with interest the [letter from L.M. in the April Levitt Letter](#) (p. 23). I thought the person had a legitimate concern about Kirsten Hart's statement on unconditional love. The first thing I learned from her answer is not to criticize or question her because she'll attack, and you will be wrong.

We have allowed the world to redefine the word "love" to mean approval or acceptance of a person's lifestyle. So, right there is a condition. I don't believe there is such a thing as unconditional love. **God's love is conditional** — die to self to experience it, be contrite, and repent.

As for the expression, "Love the sinner, hate the sin," theologian and pastor R.C. Sproul wrote, "The Kingdom of God is not Mr. Rogers Neighborhood." David Wilkerson also had a sermon in which he stated: "Don't fall into the love trap." Love is telling the truth, or we can love them into Hell. We're also told not to love the world (creation, people, and the spiritual realm make up the world). **Love can become sinful** when it's directed at the wrong object, rises from the wrong source, produces the wrong fruit, and leads to the wrong ends. "Love" is a tricky word, and we need to be careful how we use it.

Dear M.S.,

After being a part of this ministry for eight years, it's disheartening that anyone thinks I would "attack" someone who wrote into ZLM. Hopefully, those who watch our program sense how much I sincerely love my fellow ZLMers and people in general. Of course, I can't love people nearly as much as God does.

John 3:16 tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." So, while I sincerely love those who write in with their thoughts, I disagree with the stance that "we are told not to love the world." Since loving a world full of people was good enough for God the Father and His Son, Jesus, it's a good example for me to follow. —Kirsten

BBB T-Shirt

From C.C.: I wore my BBB T-shirt to my doctor's office. My doctor walked into the room and said, "The Bearded Bible Brothers, Joshua and Caleb." I asked, "How did you know?" He answered, "I watch them from time to time and enjoy their program!" I had to tell you.

Dear C.C.,

Thank you for using the BBB T-shirt as a witnessing tool. It provides the perfect opportunity to tell others about Yeshua. Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb



More on the Rapture

From J.R.: You guys do such a good job addressing the letters from viewers! I always learn something. I don't think anyone is railing against the Rapture's legitimacy; the only debatable issue is when it happens: pre-Trib or post-Trib. As stated by Hal Lindsey in *The Rapture* and Tom McCall and Zola in *Raptured*, many in the Christian community believe the historical post-Trib view, while others believe the more modern version that was embraced by the Dispensationalism doctrine that became popular in the 1800s.

There are wonderful, brilliant Biblical scholars on both sides of the debate who all make compelling arguments. Hal and Zola chose to believe what was taught at the great Dallas Theological Seminary, while others believe whatever they were taught. My point is that we shouldn't bicker with one another or question each other's Christian faith, nor anyone's reverence for God's Word, as we hash out the Scriptures.

For 99.9% of Christians who have ever lived, the Rapture is probably a moot point since when they died, the next event on their physical calendar became the Rapture, regardless of when it happens. For those of us who must persevere until the Rapture, we must persevere regardless of when it happens. A few years ago, Perry Stone, a strong "pre-Tribber," told his viewers, "Stop sending me letters about the Rapture. I don't care when it happens." I agree, since we have more pressing issues, like sharing the Gospel and helping those in need.

Thanks again for your engagement with viewers. God bless you in every work and word.

Dear J.R.,

I believe few things make Satan happier than watching God's children bicker and argue about when the Rapture will happen. We Believers must focus on showing God's love to the world rather than obsessing about exactly when Yeshua will return. —David

Please see the book *Raptured* on [p. 3](#).

Who killed Jesus?

From J.A.L.: The Jews killed Jesus.

Dear J.A.L.,

We killed Jesus ... and so did you. Every human's sins put Him on the Cross. But He gave up His life freely (John 10:18). Jesus gave us His life because He loves you. It was the only way to save you from sin and an eternity in Hell. Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

Why so much hatred?

From K.T.: I'm puzzled! With all this anti-Semitism going on, including campuses rioting for pro-Palestine Gaza, I have wondered for years why so many people around the world hate Jews? I know for millennia the Philistines (present day Palestinians) hated Jews. Are gentiles jealous since so many Jews are successful? What have Jews done to make the world hate them? Is it because they are God's people?

Dear K.T.,

Success, jealousy, and land rights continue to fuel many people's hatred of the Jews. Let's remember that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of evil. Satan's jealousy of God's beloved people is intense, and it has cost millions of lives. Also, there is no evidence linking the ancient Philistines (who originally migrated from Caphtor in the Aegean sea area — Amos 9:7; Jer. 47:4) with today's Palestinians, who co-opted the term "Palestinian" after 1948 when the Jews renamed the country "Israel." —David

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What does it mean to be a real believer? #shorts on YouTube

From M.W.: You guys are really in an evangelistic mode. You must really believe that we are living in the last days and the time maybe at hand. Jesus is Lord!

Dear M.W.,

Amen! Yeshua is coming soon, and we feel that sense of urgency to proclaim His Gospel to the ends of the Earth. Please share our Bible teaching videos with your friends and loved ones so that more might come to the truth of salvation. Blessings.
—Joshua and Caleb

Why pray?

From W.G.S.: Why does God tell us to pray for peace if peace will only come when Christ comes again and reigns for 1,000 years? Why are we asked to pray for peace if it's coming anyway and things are yet to get worse?

Dear W.G.S.,

Just as Yeshua taught us to pray “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,” when we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we are essentially praying for Yeshua’s return. There will never be peace until *Sar Shalom*, the Prince of Peace, rules on the throne in Jerusalem. Blessings! —Joshua and Caleb

Bringing Christians and Jews together

From R.N.M.: How can we support you guys and help bring Christians and Jews together? Also, what’s your education and background?

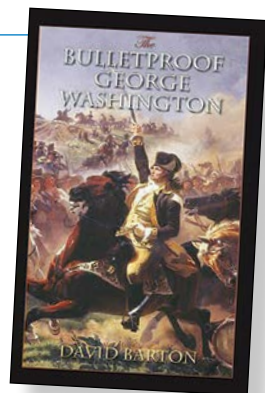
Dear R.N.M.,

The best way to support and minister to Jews is to be salt and light within your sphere of influence. You may be able to reach people that we can’t. But we’re always thankful when individuals share our videos with others so that more eyes can see, and ears can hear the truth of Yeshua’s Gospel. In addition, our ministry relies solely on donations. If the Holy Spirit directs you, please visit levitt.com/donate to donate. You can learn more about our background here: levitt.tv/media/watch/2322. Blessings in Messiah. —Joshua and Caleb

The Bulletproof George Washington book

by David Barton

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



Penny Mordaunt, Leader of Britain's House of Commons, praised Israel's ability to defend itself against a major aerial attack by Iran. In the *Daily Mail*, Mordaunt wrote that Britain could learn lessons from Israel, who "stood up to the determined and deluded leadership of its bigger undemocratic bullying neighbour and survived."

On April 13, Iran launched more than 300 drones and missiles toward Israel in an overnight strike aimed at causing widespread damage. However, Israel's sophisticated anti-missile systems and fighter jets (aided by systems and jets of several friendly nations) successfully intercepted and destroyed virtually all of the incoming weapons with little to no damage inflicted.

"Israel's defense showcased its capabilities and gave it strategic choice, deterrence, and diplomatic capital," Mordaunt noted. "You don't have to be a big country to be a powerful one."

Mordaunt highlighted how Israel has consistently dedicated around 5% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) toward defense spending, allowing for major investments in training, technology, infrastructure, and strategic capabilities. She argued that this commitment to defense has strengthened Israel's economy rather than hindered it.

Noting that Britain has also kept defense spending strong compared to other European nations, Mordaunt added: "Israel's long-sight-



Penny Mordaunt

credit: Julian Simmonds / telegraph.co.uk

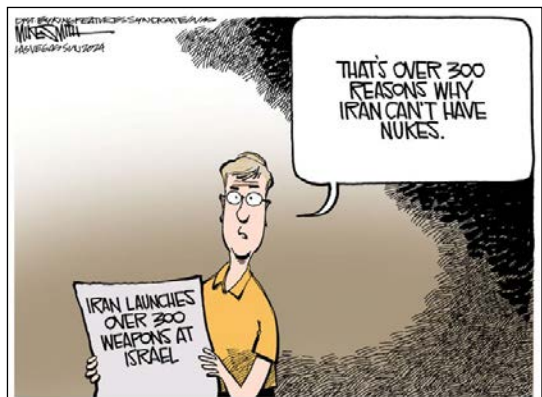
"Israel's defense showcased its capabilities and gave it strategic choice, deterrence, and diplomatic capital."

edness and ability to find long-term consensus on defense policy" should be something that Britain proudly emulates.

The opinion piece came as Britain has announced steady annual increases in defense spending over the next six years. This investment is intended to not only boost security but also drive resilience and economic growth. "These obvious threats to our interests, combined with the aftermath of a global pandemic, have left

people feeling worried and vulnerable. No words, only action will assure them," Mordaunt wrote, referencing threats like the war in Ukraine, cyber-attacks, and terrorism.

According to Mordaunt, the spending increases will cement Britain's position as the biggest defense power in Europe and second only to the U.S. within NATO. "Strength is a choice. It is a choice the prime minister has made," she emphasized. ☆



Foldable Electric Car

By Michael Horovitz
TimesOfIsrael.com



credit: City Transformer

From wide wheelbase to narrow

Israel-based startup City Transformer's foldable electric vehicle is scheduled to be available to the public in July. Billed as "the world's first adaptable car," the CT-2 has a patent-registered folding mechanism that can contract the wheelbase down to just 39 inches wide for easy parking or maneuvering in traffic. Inside, there is room for a driver and another adult, sitting in tandem. Alternatively, the passenger seat can take two children. The cabin does not shrink or change shape as the wheelbase narrows.

The CT-2 reaches a top speed of 24 miles per hour in the narrow mode. The wheelbase can expand to 4.6 feet wide, however, allowing for stability while cruising at 55 mph on open roads. Priced at \$17,400, the vehicle has a range of 75-112 miles before requiring a recharge.

According to City Transformer, the CT-2 is twice as energy efficient as a conventional car, with a battery 70% lighter than other electric vehicles.

Eyal Cremer, the company's chief design officer, commented on the CT-2: "We faced the question of how to reduce the dimensions of a vehicle by 75%



credit: city Transformer

Cockpit of the CT-2



credit: City Transformer

Rear seat of the CT-2

without compromising driver comfort and usability. Meticulous design became the answer. Each component has been thoughtfully positioned to maximize ergonomics and ensure efficient use of space." ☆



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Treating Alzheimer's with Nanoparticles



By John Jeffay / Israel21c.org

Researchers at Israel's Bar-Ilan University have developed a new treatment for early-stage Alzheimer's disease. This could slow the progress of the disease and improve quality of life for patients and their families. By using nanoparticles controlled with X-rays, researchers can target a particular form of protein in the brain that is believed to be responsible for cognitive decline.

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, affecting an estimated 6.9 million people in the U.S. Over the last 30 years, Alzheimer's treatments have focused on a protein known as amyloid beta (A-beta), which forms clumps in the brain. These clumps of A-beta proteins attack nerve cells, resulting initially in short-term memory impairment and later in the loss of judgment, language, and thought processes.

Now, researchers have developed an antibody that can identify and attach itself to A-beta proteins and delay the progression of Alzheimer's by up to 36% in patients with early-to-mild cognitive impairment. Working with scientists at Italy's University of Milano-Bicocca, the Israeli researchers aim to take things a step further with their treatment strategy. They use nanoparticles, which are activated by ultra-low-energy X-rays, to effectively halt the harmful clumping

or aggregation process of the A-beta proteins.

The nanoparticles target the disease process at a very early stage to prevent toxic clumps of A-beta forming before they can begin to damage the brain. The use of ultra-low-energy X-rays also minimizes the patient's exposure to radiation.

The research team has patented its nanoparticle technology, which has so far proved successful in tests on animals. They note that further research is ongoing to optimize the treatment regimen and assess its long-term efficacy on human patients in clinical settings.

"This approach has shown promising results in neuronal cell cultures and animal models, offering new possibilities for early intervention in Alzheimer's disease," said Prof. Shai Rahimpour, of Bar-Ilan University's Department of Chemistry.

"Our ultimate goal is to develop a safe and effective treatment for individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's, with a focus on those at high risk, such as those with familial Alzheimer's," he explained. "By targeting the early-stage aggregation of A-beta, we aim to prevent disease progression and improve the quality of life for patients and their families." ☆



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In the Alzheimer's affected brain, abnormal levels of the beta-amyloid protein clump together to form plaques (seen in brown) that collect between neurons and disrupt cell function. Abnormal collections of the tau protein accumulate and form tangles (seen in blue) within neurons, harming synaptic communication between nerve cells.



This Man Shapes Millions of X Users' Views of Israel's War

By Jane Prinsley
TheJC.com



Stefan Tompson filming in Ramallah



Visegrad 24 on X

Stefan Tompson, 31, could be the most powerful new media mogul that you have never heard of. He is the mastermind behind Visegrad 24, one of the most influential X(Twitter) accounts posting news about the Middle East, with over one million followers.

Describing itself as a "current affairs news aggregator and curator" since it was launched in 2020, the pro-Israel account has grown rapidly. In peak months, it achieves one billion impressions — more than mainstream broadcasters like BBC World on (on X/Twitter).

"Israel is at the frontline of the battlefield of radical leftists in Western democracies who have ... joined forces with the Russia-China-Iran bloc," Tompson noted. "This is a deadly alliance which is knocking at the door in Israel."

Tompson, a Roman Catholic born in London of Polish and South African descent, explained that his focus on the conflict and support for Israel "is an act

of self-interest." He believes that Hamas threatens Western civilization. "I am a man of the West. As a British and Polish patriot, I can see that Israel is inextricably linked to my way of life. Our fates are interwoven," he explained.

After viewing footage of the October 7 massacres, Tompson said: "It was the most shocking thing I've ever seen. ... But the worst bit was the celebration and joy in Gaza when corpses and hostages were brought back."

For months, Tompson filmed throughout Israel. From strangers on the street to industry tycoons such as Michael Eisenberg, he noted that everyone, "from left to right," understands the existential threat of Hamas.

Once in Israel, the team hired security and went to Ramallah to film. While the locals were friendly, "it could have turned at any moment and we were on edge the whole time," he added.

Tompson quickly counters any notion that Israel subjugates Palestinians.

"Anyone who says that it is an apartheid state in Israel and the Palestinian people are subjugated should go to Ramallah. There were Maseratis and Mercedes and

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a brand-new shopping mall. There is a booming upper middle class.”

He explained that “there is a corrupt regime misappropriating resources in the West Bank.”

An October 2023 report by the University of Washington named Visegrád 24 as one

of the top news-focused accounts based on views-per-post and described it as a “New Elite” account. These accounts share “breaking news” that hasn’t been verified, which comes with a major risk of spreading misinformation.

Tompson admits he has “made mistakes.” He added that “the responsibility makes me nervous. We have so many followers, so it is serious if we mess up.” Still, he’s adamant that out of tens of thousands of tweets in the last four years, “a few mistakes pale in comparison to the real-world impact of *The New York Times* front page, which shared misinformation about the [Gaza] hospital blast that led to the direct threat and attack on Israeli embassies in the Middle East.”

As for Visegrád 24, Tompson hopes it can “transition into a better funded operation with more verification and safeguarding capabilities.”

Last year, Ofcom [the UK’s version of the FCC] reported that 71% of 16- to 24-year-olds receive their news via social media. Still, Tompson says that



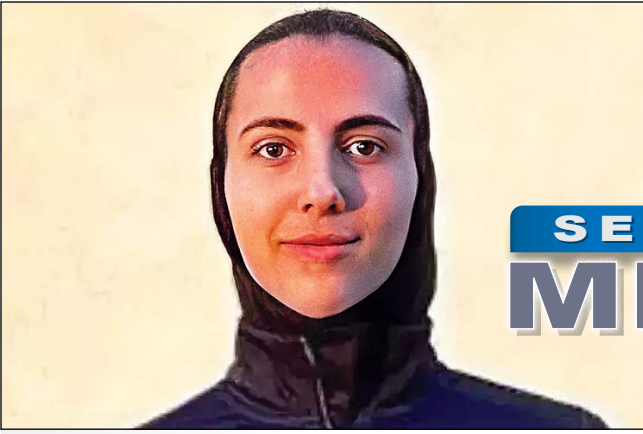
Marielle Israel from Visegrád 24 interviewing Malcolm Nance in Tel Aviv

his revenue is “not enough to keep any lights on.” The account, operated by four part-timers who work under Tompson, is entirely self-funded and is still a side gig for him.

Tompson also runs a PR firm that has received grants from the previous Polish government. Though some have accused him of taking money from the state to run the channel, he states that he has “never had a penny to run Visegrád.”

Tompson sees Visegrád as part of the fight for the West: “There’s nothing extraordinary in what I’m doing; what is extraordinary is that more people haven’t spoken up.” ☆





SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Mobina Rostami

Iranian Athlete Arrested After Supporting Israel

By Smadar Perry / YNetNews.com

Following Iran's attack on Israel, several Iranian athletes expressed support for the Jewish state. Mobina Rostami, who plays on the Iranian women's volleyball team, wrote: "As an Iranian, I am truly ashamed of the authorities' attack on Israel." She wrote this on Instagram on the night of April 13, when Iran attacked Israel with hundreds of missiles and drones. "But you need to know that the people in Iran love Israel and hate the Islamic Republic."

Since Rostami's post, her social media accounts were shut down and she was arrested. "Only God knows what [Iranian authorities] did to her," friends posted on social media.

Other Iranian athletes also courageously spoke against the regime after the attack. Ali Karimi, a former star of Iran's national soccer team, uploaded a post to X showing hands joined with the Israeli flag and

the flag of Iran from before the Islamic Revolution in 1979, with the caption: "We are Iran, not the Islamic Republic."

In 2022, Karimi's house was confiscated after he called for a coup in Iran in the wake of the protests that broke out in the country following the beating to death of Mahsa Amini for wearing the hijab in an "inappropriate" manner.

Milad Zeneyedpour, another former player for the Iranian national soccer team, also spoke against Iran's handling of the tensions in the region. "This war has nothing to do with me. It does not represent me. I am not the Islamic Republic. This regime sees only its own survival before its eyes. The economic situation is difficult, and they are investing millions in missiles," he stated.

Vahid Sarlak, coach of Iran's judo team, posted on Instagram: "We Iranians are fighting in the Islamic Republic and not in Israel. We have no problem with the Jews and the Israelis. We see them as our friends. The Iranian people should not pay the price of the regime's madness."

Protesters in Germany Call to Abolish Democracy

IsraelNationalNews.com

Approximately 1,000 people protested in April in Hamburg, Germany, against what the organizers called Germany's "Islamophobic policy." Protesters displayed signs with inscriptions calling for the replacement of the German government with an Islamic Caliphate (a



Screenshot of Mobina Rostami's post on X





credit: Screenshot / X



Protesters demonstrate in Hamburg in April

government ruled by Islamic leaders in accordance with Islamic law). Some signs read: "The Caliphate is the solution." Amid cries of Allahu Akbar throughout the event, another sign stated: "Germany = a dictatorship of values."

Speakers at the protest claimed that politicians and the German media use "cheap lies and fearful reporting," according to the protesters, in an attempt to target Muslims against the backdrop of the war in Gaza.

The Ministry for the Protection of the Constitution in Hamburg announced that the body that requested permission for the protest is an organization considered close to a group called "Interactive," which has previously been marked by national authorities as extremist and therefore under surveillance.

Israeli Rabbis Stand Against Spitting at Christians

By Ariel Kahana / IsraelHayom.com

For the first time, a public campaign has emerged within the ultra-Orthodox and national Haredi communities in Jerusalem against the harassment of Christian clergy and pilgrims. Ahrale Friedman, a resident of Jerusalem's Ramat Shlomo neighborhood, hung signs throughout the Old City on the eve of Passover calling on the public to avoid friction, spitting, or other offensive behavior toward Christians.

This rare public outcry follows an incident last October that sparked outrage when a video circulated showing a group of Haredi youth spitting on Christian pilgrims and calling out "Yuck" as they passed through the Old City's Lions' Gate. The incident drew sweeping condemnation from Israel's political ranks.

The signs and pamphlets cite rulings from leading rabbinical authorities. Rabbi Meir Tzvi Bergman, an influential member of the rabbinical advisory panel steering coalition party United Torah Judaism, stated: "We must protest with all our might" against spitting incidents, which he labeled a "desecration of God's name." Sephardic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar also denounced spitting at non-Jews as "completely forbidden."

"Spitting and insulting others will not help us and may even harm global support for the [Gaza] war," one pamphlet warned. It expressed regret that "wicked people" have seized on such videos to attack Jews abroad and spread anti-Semitism. ✡



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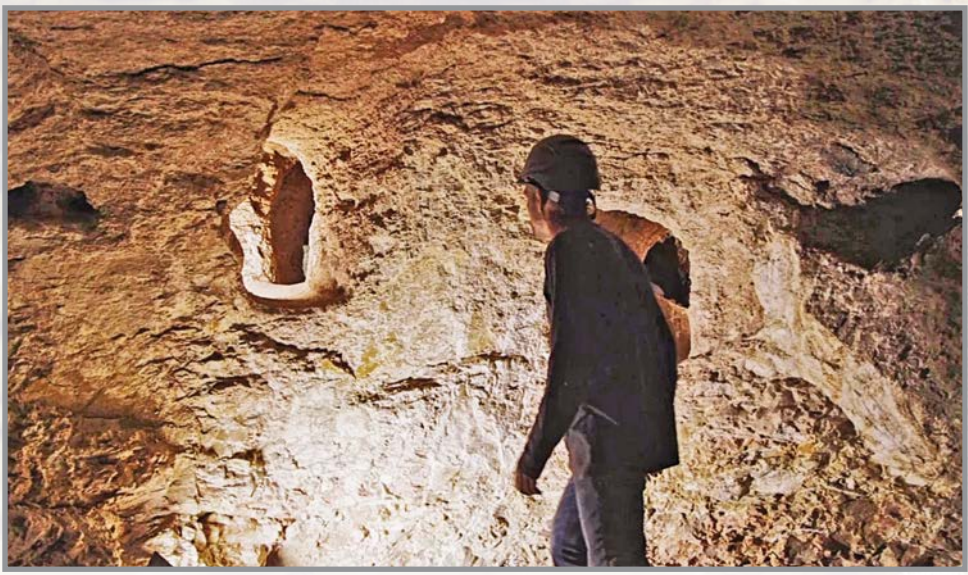
Signs and pamphlets condemn spitting incidents



Archaeology

Ancient Safe Rooms Found in the Galilee

By Gavriel Fiske / TimesOfIsrael.com



credit: Emil Aladjem/IAA

Jewish Revolt-era hiding complex at the Huqoq site

Archaeological work at an ancient site near the Sea of Galilee revealed a complex of underground hiding places that were likely used by Jewish villagers during revolts against Roman rule, some 2,000 years ago.

The ongoing excavation has revealed “about eight hiding cavities” with “connecting tunnels ... dug at 90 degrees, to hamper the heavily armed Roman soldiers chasing the rebels,” according to a statement by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA).

The underground cavities in some cases had tunnels connected directly to the community *mikveh* [ritual bath] or houses in the village. One hiding space was created out of a converted water cistern from the Second Temple-era.

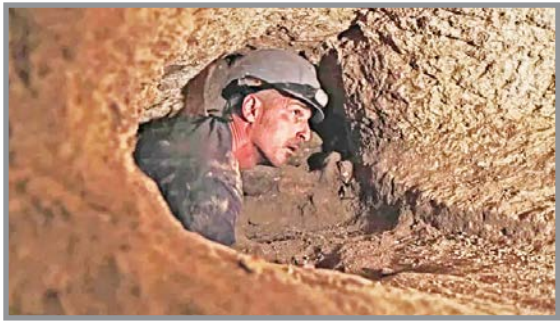
The cavities contained hundreds of broken ceramic and glass dishes, utensils, traces of non-perishable food, and other small artifacts, including a ring with the central stone missing.

The areas “were like small, underground bomb shelters,” said Prof. Yinon Shvitziel of the Zefat Academic College, one of the excavation directors. He explained that during the period of the First Jewish Revolt, also known as the First Jewish-Roman War (A.D. 66-70), and during the Bar Kokhba Revolt (A.D. 132-136),

Jews could hide out underground or conceal certain people or items when Roman patrols were in the area.

“The discovery of the

hiding complex can also contribute to a decades-long debate among researchers on whether the Bar Kokhba Revolt reached the Galilee or remained within the confines of Judea and central Israel,” as the archaeologists “date the inner parts of the hiding complex to the days of the outbreak of the Second Revolt and consider that several of the ancient facilities were first in use during the First Revolt,” the IAA announcement added.



credit: Emil Aladjem/IAA

The IAA's Uri Berger in a hiding cavity at Huqoq



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“We know from [first-century historian] Josephus that the First Jewish Revolt was in the area,” Shvitiel explained, “but we don’t have evidence that the Bar Kokhba Revolt was active in the Galilee.” He added that the findings in the cavities indicate that the caves were “clearly in use” during the First Revolt, matching Josephus.

There is some archaeological evidence that the Bar Kokhba Revolt was also active in the Galilee, based on the small artifacts and remnants found at Huqoq.

“In the Galilee, there are 83 underground shelters, found in most of the Jewish settlements from the Second Temple period. Huqoq is the largest and most impressive. In all of them, we found pottery that testifies to the presence of Jews during the revolts against the Romans,” Shvitiel added.

Asked about the purpose of the shelters in relation to the current conflict in Gaza, Shvitiel stressed that “there is a big difference between Hamas tunnels and these hiding complexes ... They weren’t used for combat. ... They are just like underground *mamadim*,” he explained, using the contemporary Hebrew word for “safe rooms.”

The archaeological work at Huqoq was a “community excavation” involving college students, local residents, volun-



Volunteers at the archaeological site

teers from the Israel Cavers Club, and even soldiers from the IDF Samur Unit of underground operations, who utilized their skills for this important goal,” noted Dr. Einat Ambar-Armon of the IAA.

The First Jewish Revolt and the Bar Kokhba Revolt were nationalist rebellions aimed at wresting Judean sovereignty from the Romans, but both ended in defeat for the Jewish forces. The destruction of the Second Temple occurred in A.D. 70 at the end of the First Jewish Revolt, and the later Bar Kokhba Revolt resulted in major Roman suppression of Jewish religious life in the region, including a ban on Jews living in the Jerusalem area.

Nevertheless, Huqoq persisted as a Jewish town and is mentioned in the Jerusalem and Babylonian Talmuds, both compiled centuries later. A Byzantine-era synagogue with an impressive and distinct mosaic floor, located on a nearby hilltop, was excavated in 2011. The site, a few miles north of Tiberias, has a striking view of the Sea of Galilee.

The presence of the synagogue and other finds that show a continuity of Jewish presence at Huqoq gives “a bit of perspective,” added the IAA’s Uri Berger, the other excavation director. “We see times of routine and peace, and also otherwise, but people live their lives. We can see from

the ancient synagogue here that they continued a communal Jewish life here in the Galilee, even after a time of danger,” he added.

Berger noted that volunteers had recently found another opening to a newly discovered underground shelter. He stated that while working directly under-

ground is “only for experts, we bring out the earth and the volunteers sift through it. Every day we have surprises.” ☆



An iron knife found in the shelter complex



Idaho Teen Converts to Islam, Devises Murderous Plan

By Robert Spencer
PJMedia.com



Sunday, April 7, 2024 was just another day in the city of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. But if 18-year-old Alexander Scott Mercurio had succeeded, it would have become another infamous date — like December 7, September 11, and October 7. Though Mercurio was arrested on April 6, it would be unwise to let the case of this bloody-minded young man pass unnoticed.

CNN reported that Mercurio “planned to attack churches in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, on Sunday ‘using weapons, including knives, firearms, and fire,’ according to court documents cited by the Justice Department.” He allegedly wrote his plan: “Stop close by the church, equip the weapon(s) and storm the temple, kill as many people as possible before they inevitably disperse/scatter, then burn the temple to the ground and flee the scene.” Mercurio planned to repeat this atrocity at 21 churches in the city.

use the firearms locked in the closet to attack the church.”

Mercurio posted a video holding a knife and standing in front of an ISIS flag, pledging his allegiance to the *jihād* group. In his parents’ home, where he lived, there were “items consistent with his planned attack,” including a “metal pipe, handcuffs, folding saw, head coverings, two canisters of butane fuel, and a machete,” as well as “multiple rifles and handguns.” Mercurio was frustrated that he had yet been unable to demonstrate his zeal: “I am a hypocrite who has not even spat in the face of a *kafir* [non-believer] or donated a single penny in the cause of Allah, let alone spilled their blood and induced terror into their hearts and minds.”

Authorities warn that Mercurio is an example of the “dangers of self-radicalization,” but they have not commented

on the material that radicalized him. The recurring pattern of converts to Islam getting the idea that their new religion requires them to harm non-Muslims has never concerned intelligence or law enforcement officials in the U.S. Mercurio, however, didn’t undergo his “self-radicalization” while reading Dr. Seuss.

What officials ignore is that some reading material is more conducive to “self-radicalization” than others. Such considerations could lead

to “Islamophobia,” and those who have the responsibility to protect American citizens have clearly decided that it is better that Americans be murdered in *jihād* attacks than that the root cause of these “self-radicalizations” be examined. ✨



Screenshot of the Facebook video with Mercurio pledging his allegiance to ISIS

Because of his Islamic faith and loyalty to the Islamic State (ISIS), Mercurio wanted to commit these atrocities before the end of Ramadan. Since his Christian parents were not happy with his new religion, Mercurio first planned to “incapacitate his father with a pipe, handcuff him, and





Jewish Humor, etc.

A cheerful heart is good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22

Who's Listening?

David and Michael, two young brothers, were spending the night at their grandparents' house. At bedtime, the two boys recited the evening prayers before going to sleep. David, the younger brother, began praying at the top of his lungs:

"I PRAY FOR A BICYCLE. I PRAY FOR A NINTENDO. I PRAY FOR A LAPTOP."

Michael leaned over, nudged his brother, and said: "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf"

To which his little brother replied, "No, but *Bubbie* (Grandmother) is!"

Good or Bad?

Grandpa had recently immigrated to the U.S. He was having a little trouble learning the customs and activities of his new country, but he was very proud of his grandson, David.

One evening, David came running into the house, very excited. "Zayde (grandfather), guess what? The Giants won today!"

"Azoï (really?)" replied Grandpa. "So, tell me, David. Is that good or bad news for the Jews?"

Answer Key for July 2024 Crossword (p.21)

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5. Light	16. Complete	2. Blessed	13. Prophets
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