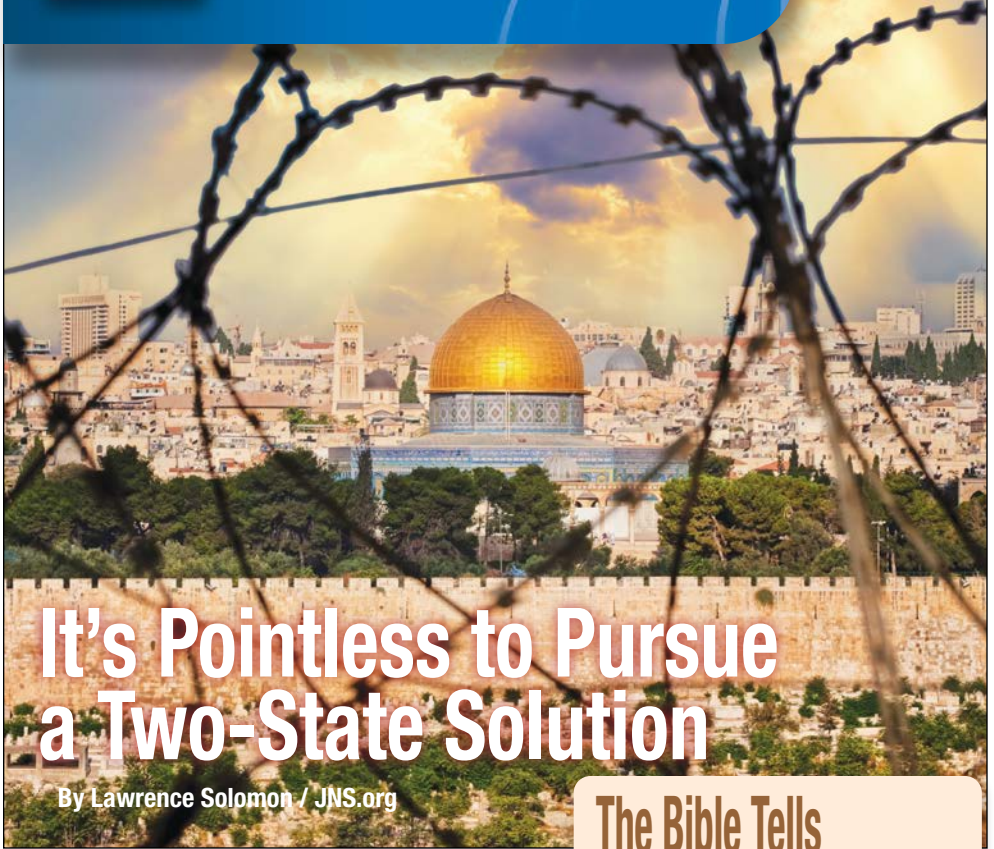




Levitt LETTER

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

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It's Pointless to Pursue a Two-State Solution

By Lawrence Solomon / JNS.org

Apart from its own 780,000-strong armed forces, Iran has assembled a score of armed groups in countries neighboring Israel. All of them, like Iran, are committed to eradicating the Jewish state.

The U.S., the European Union, and others in the West who are fixated on a two-state solution continually exhort Israel and the Palestinians to negotiate a peace agreement. **This appeal confuses a sideshow with the main act, since Iran and its proxies, not Israel and the Palestinians, call the shots.**

Iran, which directs most of Israel's enemies, will never permit a two-state solution. To ensure that one doesn't emerge, Iran has created its "Axis of Resistance," which "aims to annihilate and wipe out Israel from existence," said Abdul Majeed Awad of Hamas, an Axis member.

Iran's Axis doesn't seek a Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace with Israel, as two-state proponents fantasize. Iran seeks no

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The Bible Tells the Truth

By John
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A recent article in Britain's *The Daily Mail* suggested that the prophets Amos and Zechariah may have been right. The writer noted:

A scientific breakthrough has exposed the truth about a site in ancient Jerusalem, overturning expert opinion and vindicating the Bible's account. Until now, experts believed a stretch of wall in the original heart of the city was built by Hezekiah, King of Judah, whose reign straddled

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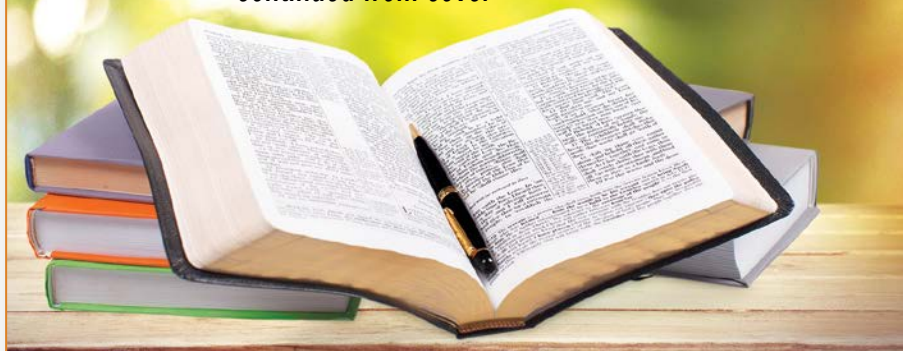
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the seventh and eighth centuries B.C. ... But now an almost decade-long study has revealed it was built by his great-grandfather, Uzziah, after a huge earthquake, *echoing the account of the Bible*. [emphasis added]

That last phrase is reminiscent of a scene from a *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie, when someone says to Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow, "You actually were telling the truth." To which Jack replied, "I do that quite a lot. Yet people are always surprised."

Throughout the last century, the scholarly world has been "surprised" to find that Biblical authors spoke truth. Skeptics assume that the Bible is more "pious fraud" than history — a story to inspire the faithful. And yet, **the reliability of God's Word has been repeatedly affirmed**, as more archaeological sites are discovered and more outside sources validate Biblical events.

From small artifacts to larger sites, recent discoveries lend proof to Biblical accounts. For example, DNA found in the City of David confirmed that the Philistines were exactly the sort of people the Old Testament described. A smaller discovery was of a signet ring that confirmed the detail of someone who only gets a passing mention in 2 Kings. There was also the discovery of the site of the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus walked.

These findings match the Bible's characters and events to tangible, real things — crucial confirmation for a worldview that is fully grounded in historical events.

Luke, once dismissed as a fable-maker, is now considered by most scholars to be an excellent and precise historian. Though atheists may insist that Jesus never existed, no reputable Biblical scholar would agree. To paraphrase Mark Twain's preemptive obituary, rumors of the Bible's inaccuracies have been greatly exaggerated.

Of course, the Bible is more comfortable if it's only "spiritually" true and not really true. Such thinking has both shaped and sapped the strength of liberal Christianity, as found in many mainline denominations. Once giants in American Christianity, most are now mere shells of their former selves, with increasingly empty churches that have dropped the doctrine but retained the robes of their rainbow-accented vestments.

The Bible, however, doesn't offer the option of believing only what's comfortable. It demands to be taken as fact or not at all, while making claims about real times, places, people, and things. Most notably, it claims that the God revealed in its pages intruded Himself into the grit and grime of our fallen world in a way that is being corroborated by archaeological discoveries. If the God of the Bible is indeed God, He is the God of the real world.

We should be comforted to know that what God has given to us in the Bible is true. Thus, it can be trusted in all that it promises — whether about the past, present, or future. ✨





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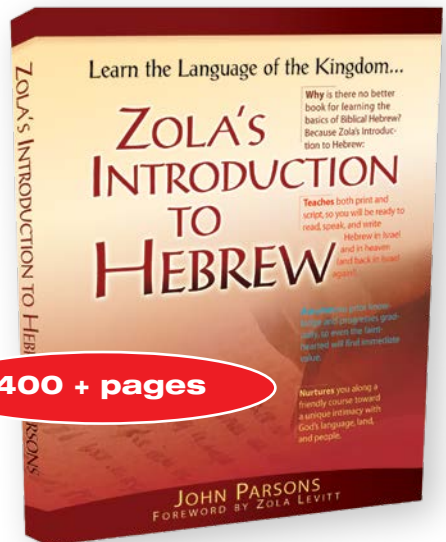
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It's Pointless to Pursue a Two-State Solution

Israeli state and has laid the groundwork to realize its goals.

"I have assembled for you six armies outside of Iran's territory, and I have created a corridor [932 miles] long and [621 miles] wide, all the way to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea," stated Qassem Soleimani, the late commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in a 2019 speech to the Iranian joint military command. Soleimani was Iran's most powerful general until a U.S. drone eliminated him in 2020.

"In this corridor, there are six religiously devout and popular divisions," Soleimani added. "One army is in Lebanon. It is called Hezbollah. Another army is in Palestine, and it is called Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. One army is in Syria. Another army is in Iraq and is called the PMU, and another army is in Yemen and is called Ansar Allah."

Iran's ability to nullify prospects for a two-state solution was in evidence on October 7 when it unleashed Hamas, its chief Palestinian proxy, in the first

large-scale implementation of its Axis doctrine. The attack successfully derailed Saudi Arabia's anticipated plan to join the Abraham Accords, which would have advanced prospects for the two-state solution by formally establishing peace between Israel and its most prestigious Arab neighbor.

Iran provides Hamas with military training and \$100 million a year, without which October 7 wouldn't have happened and future October 7s wouldn't threaten to happen "again and again," as Hamas has vowed. Yet Hamas, which represents Israel's main threat on its southern border, pales in comparison to Hezbollah, Israel's main threat on its northern border. **Hezbollah, which receives \$700 million annually from Iran, has 150,000 rockets and missiles aimed at Israel.**

The Palestinian state that the West envisions will primarily consist of Gaza, Judea and Samaria. With Gaza firmly in its grasp, Iran in 2018 began to extend its reach by arming proxies in Judea and Samaria (aka, the "West Bank"). "The West Bank must be armed, just as Gaza,"



tweeted Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's Supreme Leader, in 2020.

His orders have been followed. "Recently 15 to 30 attacks are carried out daily in the West Bank by the resistance forces against the Zionist regime," reported Ismail Qaani, the commander of Iran's terrorist Quds Force, in 2023. Because of the increasing number of threats emanating from Judea and Samaria, Israel has repeatedly deployed the Israel Defense Forces to the territory. Israel's minister of defense now characterizes Judea and Samaria as the seventh front in Israel's existential war.

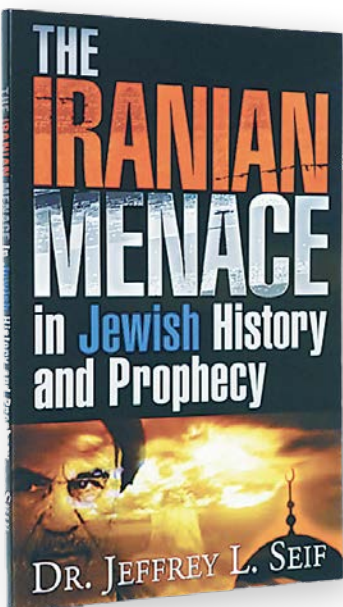
Hamas has become the most popular party in Judea and Samaria, where **73% of the Palestinian population endorses the October 7 massacre**. If an election were held today, Hamas would win handily against Fatah, the party controlling the

Palestinian Authority (PA), which ruled Gaza until Hamas overthrew it in a violent coup. **Only 32% of Palestinians support a two-state solution** — not that their opinion counts for much.

Iran and its proxies — including those that would rule Judea and Samaria if they became a sovereign nation — all oppose the two-state solution because they oppose the existence of Israel. In effect, they have a veto over the West's ambition for Middle East peace. Urging Israel and the PA, who are captive bystanders to the two-state issue, to make peace is a futile endeavor that only deflects attention from the one state — Iran — that actually stymies peace.

In the here and now, you might agree that this article is terrifying. We Believers, however, need to live above what we see with our human eyes and remember that God is ultimately in control. —David ☆*

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



[The Iranian Menace in Jewish History and Prophecy](#) book

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif

Iran is central in End Times prophecy. At a time when Iran has captured the world's attention with nuclear threats, Jeff harnesses Scriptural and secular evidence to support his case for the Iranian-Armageddon connection. After glimpsing Iran in ancient Roman and Jewish histories, you will learn the significance of prophecy in the Jewish Scriptures and apocalyptic literature. Jeff's analysis is based on sound Scriptural understanding and two decades of academic contemplation.

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Red and Yellow, Black and White

Kirsten Hart
Studio co-host of
Our Jewish Roots



I was raised in a musical family and participated in every children's choir available to me. When I was growing up in the late '60s and early '70s, *Jesus Loves the Little Children* was one of the popular songs for many children's choirs. Although the song could now be considered politically incorrect, as it refers to children with different skin colors, the message remains powerful. It emphasizes that Jesus loves all children — regardless of skin color, nationality, or background.

As a mom and grandma watching the ongoing war in Israel, my heart goes out to every single person involved

on all sides. Those young men who are involved with terrorist groups are someone's sons and grandsons. And yet, Jesus loves even them. This is a profound thought.

Certainly, we believe that Jesus loves the children who attend Sunday School. **Jesus never stated, however, that He only loves children who look or act a certain way. His love extends even to those whom we may deeply despise.** Stuart Townend, in his 1995 hymn, wrote these powerful thoughts: "How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure."

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It's important for all of us to reflect on this message. We cannot measure the immensity or vastness of God's love for every single one of His children, regardless of their family of origin.

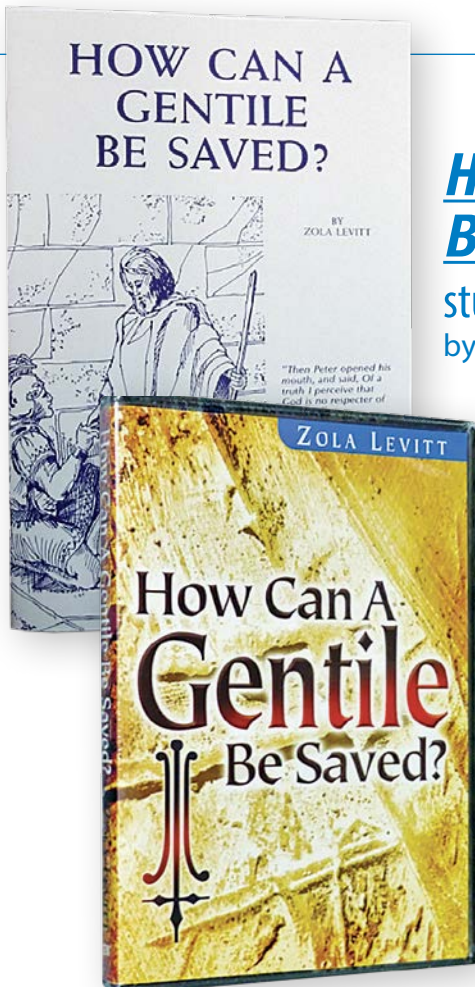
The love of our Father is profound and extensive enough to encompass and love individuals of all faiths. However, it is our responsibility to pray for their souls and the transformation of their lives so that they may experience the enduring love of Christ.

Our oldest daughter-in-law was not raised in a church-attending family. For 11 years, we have prayed that the Lord would reveal Himself to her supernaturally and powerfully. She is among the most compassionate and caring

individuals I have ever met. We have also prayed that God would "show up" in a powerful way to our oldest son, her husband. While many in the Church could have treated them differently because they were not following the Lord's ways or attending a church, they were still *my* beloved children.

Recently, however, our miracle happened. God reached into their lives and souls at the same moment and completely transformed them. They have been redeemed and saved. Now, they are new creatures! Our family's life has been radically improved! Praise the Lord!

Likewise, Jesus can do the same for all the "children" of the world! ✨



How Can a Gentile Be Saved?

study booklet & teaching CD
by Zola Levitt

As a Jew, Zola was constantly asked, "How did you get saved?"—as though Jewish salvation is hard to find in Scripture. In this thought-provoking Bible study, Zola turned the tables by asking, "How can a gentile be saved?" An interesting and unique look at grafting non-Jews into God's plan, the study booklet is one of 12 in Zola's Classic Study Library.

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Separate the What and What?

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In Israel, politics and religion are inherently linked. That country even has religious political parties that reflect the beliefs of Orthodox Judaism.

Things are much different in the U.S., however, with our so-called “Separation of Church and State.” Truthfully, Thomas Jefferson’s 1802 letter to the Danbury [Connecticut] Baptist Association (in which he mentioned the phrase, “wall of separation between Church and State”) did not promise to remove God from government; rather, it emphasized the need to remove government interference in matters of faith. This interpretation is clear because our Founding Fathers held Sunday worship services in the original Capitol building. Yet many Americans wrongly believe that this phrase is in the Constitution. As a result, this misguided mindset continues to polarize modern discussion and perspectives on faith and political matters.

Many who grew up in the U.S. might remember hearing about the three things you should (supposedly) never discuss with friends: politics, religion, and money. It’s remarkable how trivial a relationship can be if you don’t discuss the core elements of your belief system. Do not doubt that money is a belief — actually, it’s a faith for most cultures! The god of money (mammon) is the supreme demon idol to which most of the world bows. Satan uses this motivational denomination as the covetous source for mankind to secure power. Truly, this sums up everything that is at stake for Satan, as he motivates humans to take dominion over the Earth



in an unbiblical method of subjection and control. He who is the richest rules the world — or so many deceived people believe!

The Last Adam

In contrast, Yeshua — the King of Heaven — assumed dominion over the Earth through sacrifice when He gave up His own life. Jesus shed His blood to write His name upon the deed of Earth, taking the keys to this world — death, hell, and the grave — from Satan (Rev. 1:18).

In the beginning, God created Adam in His image, giving man dominion over the Earth. When Adam sinned, however, he surrendered that authority to the devil, who became the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). Therefore, Satan — now debased of all his former authority and power by the Last Adam (Yeshua) — uses deception, delusion, and division as he seeks to regain control. But how many Believers truly walk and live in Yeshua’s authority? Do you put the devil in his place daily by reminding him of his powerlessness and defeat?

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Involvement and Action

Today, we're seeing Believers accept the call to be active in federal, state, and local governments. Recently, the Oklahoma public school system implemented a requirement to teach the historic foundations of Biblical faith in grades 5–12. Ryan Walters, the state's superintendent of public instruction, explained the reasoning:

We've seen the radical leftists drive God out of schools, drive the Bible out of schools, and we have to make sure that our kids have an understanding of what made America great ... **Not teaching our kids about the faith of our Founders and the influence that the Bible had in our history is just academic malpractice.**

In addition, the state of Louisiana is mandating the posting of the 10 Commandments in all public school classrooms. Of course, the actions of both states have set off a frenzy of demonically-inspired lawsuits.

Still, it's clearly time to take back the territory that Satan stole from our nation long ago.

Your Responsibility

This November brings one of the most crucial elections in American history. Instead of looking at the names on the ballot as simply red and blue, it's time to see them in black and white! What values and morals does each candidate support? Does the person's platform (which guides future policies) violate God's standards

of truth and righteousness, as noted in Scripture? Donkeys and elephants should hold no sway over your decision; instead, it should be based on the Holy Spirit's conviction. If all Believers had stood for Godly principles generations ago when the biblical foundations were under attack, our country wouldn't now be standing at the precipice of judgment.

Unsheathe your swords (God's Word), ladies and gentlemen. It's time to exercise the dominion for which Yeshua shed His blood. ✨

"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19).

Love,

Calvin & Joshua



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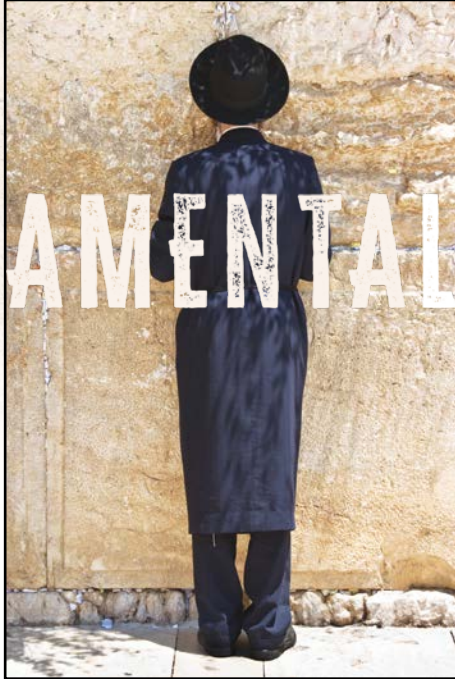
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A Dirty Word

by Zola Levitt
from 2005
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FUNDAMENTALISM



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The term *fundamentalism*, widely misunderstood by the media and the public, is constantly utilized in the news. Obviously, its primary reference is to Muslim fundamentalists, the ones practicing the Wahhabism exported from Saudi Arabia. This doctrine is represented by the terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and by the awful mosques with their anti-American teaching right here on our own soil. Fundamentalist Islam has proven to be a worldwide threat to Jews, Christians, and all others. It is these fundamentalists, led by Osama bin Laden, who mean to take over every possible nation, and finally, to rule the world. [\[Osama bin Laden was killed in 2011. —Editor\]](#)

Fundamentalist Jews do not get as much attention but are often lumped in with the fundamentalist Muslims as simply another sect of some all-embracing religion thought of as “fundamentalism.” But these Jews are the Orthodox or ultra-Orthodox, who wear the peculiar costumes and go to lengthy prayer services and keep all festivals. The black suits and hats (reappearing in the American Amish) are meant to celebrate a bygone era (as with the Amish) — that of the early 19th century Eastern European ghettos.

During that time, the Jews observed the wealthier gentiles of the town dressed in silk jackets, white stockings, and so forth. As a result, they began to copy this garb

in order to set themselves aside as Godly “aristocrats.” They separated themselves especially from the oncoming Reform and Conservative movements in Judaism, which were much more lenient and un-costumed. They have never been the least bit hostile, and to my knowledge, have never killed anyone.

Fundamentalist Christians, also lumped into this strange new media religion of fundamentalism, are associated with Scripture. They are simply Bible readers who intend to carry out the tenets of the Bible and to live lives exemplified by the Apostles and by the Messiah Himself. They would not hurt a fly, and they are pledged to love all other peoples, including Jews and Muslims. They are accused of being some sinister “religious right” in America, or of having some plot behind the scenes to take over the world (they actually will in the Kingdom to come, but that will be the work of the King!). They are more interested in the next life than this one, and in the next world than this one, and that is what Scripture teaches. They are powerful in that they certainly

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helped elect the president, because at a point where they see the world turning to evil, they rightly object. They have greater numbers than are usually estimated. Even among liberal denominations, I discover fundamentalist “Bible literalists” in my travels.

And so, in the end, the word *fundamentalism* is a very unclear distinction to make between the different religious faiths. One might just say that those

who cover their heads or those who pray all day are somehow dangerous or subversive, and, of course, that would be ridiculous. There is no reason at all for *fundamentalism* in itself to continue to be a dirty word. ☆

Wouldn't Zola be delighted to know that even 18 years after his graduation to Heaven, we're still learning from him?
—Kirsten

[Israel, My Love](#)

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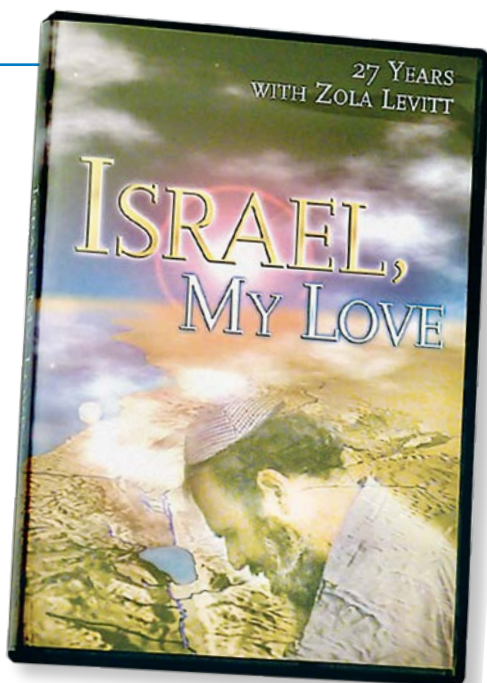
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Why Does God Allow Christians to Suffer? Part 2

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Living for Jesus Christ in a world that is hostile to Him invites persecution and suffering. God permits suffering for His people to remind us that this fallen world is not our home. We are pilgrims here (1 Pet. 2:11), like the heroes of faith mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11.

We endure pain, persecution, sufferings, and hardship by keeping the faith, not by compromising it for relief or pleasure. Like Moses, Believers who faithfully endure are looking ahead to their reward in Heaven after death (Heb. 11:24–26). **God uses suffering so that Believers are weaned from the fleshpots of this world** (Ex. 16:3) because God has planned something better for us in the world to come, as He has done for the faith heroes who suffered likewise (Heb. 11:39–40).


God also permits suffering to keep us humble and dependent upon Him. The Apostle Paul learned this through his “thorn in the flesh” — suffering that God allowed to keep him from becoming prideful; instead, it enabled him to display Christ’s power through his weakness (2 Cor. 12:7–10).

A false teaching claims that Christians who have enough faith will not suffer. This belief is absolutely false, contradicting all 66 books of the Bible. The Godly — from

Abel to Christ to the Apostles to Believers in the Church for the last 2,000 years — have suffered for God and *“the faith which was once for all delivered unto the Saints”* (Jude 3). Jesus promised suffering: *“In the world you will have tribulation...”* (John 16:33). Paul also affirmed it: *“... all who desire to live Godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution”* (2 Tim. 3:12).

Therefore, we Believers should not be surprised when God allows suffering in our lives. This quotation from *The Christian Thinker* provides an excellent conclusion to this relevant subject:

Pain, suffering, and evil come into the world ultimately because of sin. However, God allows Christians to suffer for reasons that go beyond the curse. He uses it to test our faith, discipline us, and to grow our character. He uses it to remove sin from our lives and to make us more into the image of Christ. Pain and hardship are a way for us to be refined like the way gold is purified in the fire. It is never pleasant at the time, but in the end, our sufferings should make us better Christians and prepare us for the day when we will be ushered into a world without sin and where we will live with Christ forever.* ✨



*But when you do good and suffer,
if you take it patiently, this is
commendable before God. For to this you
were called, because Christ also suffered
for us, leaving us an example,
that you should follow His steps.*

1 PETER 2:20–21

* TheChristianThinker.com/God-Christians-Suffer/





ShaliachReport

Outreach in Jerusalem

Dr. Todd Baker
ZLM Staff Theologian
TJF Team Leader



Ze'ev and Todd

During our March 2024 Gospel outreach, the Lord opened doors for Robert Williams and me on our first full day in Jerusalem. We talked with Samuel, a young Jewish man who didn't want to be photographed. We explained that the Messiah is the heart of Biblical Judaism and New Testament Christianity — the latter being a fulfillment of the former (see the Book of Hebrews).

This truth is revealed in the detailed prophecies of the Messiah's First and Second Comings, and the Biblical evidence points to Yeshua of Nazareth, who fulfilled all First Coming prophecies. In addition, Yeshua will also fulfill all Second Coming prophecies when He gloriously returns to Israel (Zech. 14:4; Matt. 24:27-31). We encouraged Samuel to confirm this teaching by reading God's inerrant Word in both Testaments.

After Samuel said that this was very interesting, we added that every Jewish person needs to read God's Word, including the New Testament, to learn and know the greatest Jew alive today — Jesus of Nazareth! Samuel agreed, and gladly accepted a copy of the Scriptures.

At the Mamilla Mall, the Lord directed us to a young man named **Ze'ev**, who attended a high school where Jewish and Arab teenagers peacefully learn

together. After learning this, Robert and I explained that the atoning death of Jesus the Messiah removes God's wrath and man's enmity from us and replaces them with His righteousness and forgiveness that saves everyone who believes this Good News (Rom. 5:6-11). Thus, we become right with God and with other humans.

We added that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is the only solution for lasting peace in the Middle East — not the flawed, unbiblical "peace" treaties that have failed or eventually will fail (Isa. 2:1-4; Zech. 14:9-14). Ze'ev listened attentively and also accepted the Hebrew Scriptures from us.



Michelle, Todd, and Robert

Before leaving the Armenian quarter of the Old City, we went into a mini-mart and met the owner, **Michelle**, a jovial and receptive Armenian man. Robert and I explained that while many people know about Jesus, they don't know Him personally through the spiritual rebirth that comes by faith (John 3:1-8). Michelle wanted to know more about this new birth and the Holy Spirit's regenerating power for those who believe in Jesus for salvation (John 3:16). Therefore, praise God, we gave this teachable man a copy of the Hebrew Scriptures and a Gospel tract so that he can read, believe, and thus receive *"the Word of life"* (1 John 1:1) to be saved. ✨



The State of the Ministry

Mark Levitt
ZLM Director
since 1988



Much has changed with ZLM since my State-of-the-Ministry article in last October's *Levitt Letter*. Two generous bequests have helped us sustain and begin overhauling our television production, but those won't last forever. Here are highlights from that article:

We recently added two new teachers — Joshua from Generation X and his younger brother Caleb from Generation Y. These humble, strong warriors for the Lord bring David-like leadership for Goliath-like times. They not only appeal to more younger viewers than *OJR* did before, but also positively impact our older viewers. Along with their much-needed medicine from Scripture, they offer a spoonful of sugar (humor).

Fewer Americans regularly attend church. ... Today's moral majority appears destined to become a minority in less than half a century. As each year passes, society becomes increasingly secular while income and wealth concentrate among a shrinking minority.

Now our ministerial outreach relies on progressively fewer donors while our expenses increase. More than ever before, bequests — financial donations given through a will — bridge the gap between our regular income and our expenses. Would you kindly consider including a bequest to ZLM in your own will?

In my May 2024 *Levitt Letter* Note (p. 14) "Running Hot; Tooting Our Own Horn," I explained:

We have 100% scores with both Charity Navigator and Ministry Watch — plus

ECFA accreditation for the last 12 years in a row. To compare ZLM with vastly larger, better funded charitable organizations including Messianic ministries ... visit **ministrywatch.com** and click on "MinistryWatch 1000 Database" at the top of the page.

To improve efficiency, we have brought in the operations of our longtime television production company, Berg Productions. Its founder, Ken Berg, after 45 years of steadfast service, graciously handed his producer baton to Joshua and Caleb, our Bearded Bible Brothers™.

In Hebrew, *ken* means "yes." For almost half a century, Ken consistently responded "Yes" to going to Israel multiple times per year, every year. Ken answered "Yes" when I respectfully asked him to reduce his agency's airtime commissions to half the syndication industry's norm, beginning in 1989, so that ZLM could devote more funds to television production — which, of course, we did.

Today, we urgently need to upgrade our television production equipment and add a senior editor to our television production staff to enable Joshua and Caleb to focus on creating content and other programming development. Soon, Joshua and Caleb will move into a small outpost office to spend less time in traffic and more time working. A significant cash infusion (read: your seed-money gift to this ministry) would not only allow them to give greater attention to our Gospel outreach but also help fund upcoming ministry projects. Would you kindly help me galvanize ZLM's fine soldiers for this ministry's considerable battles that lie ahead? ✨



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ZLM Bulletin Board



UNRWA Employs Hamas Terrorists

In a recent letter to U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini, Israel's Foreign Ministry identified 108 UNRWA employees who are Hamas terrorists! The letter added that this is a small fraction of the hundreds of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) members who work for UNRWA. Israeli government spokesperson David Mencer suggests that the media refer to UNRWA's Director of Planning, Sam Rose, as a spokesperson for Hamas.



Israelis protest against UNRWA outside one of its offices in Jerusalem, March 2024

credit: Yonatan Sindel / Flash90

America's Newest Trend: Jew Hatred

To be a Jew-hater is hip, cool, and trending. But according to a recent Gallup poll, roughly 60% of Americans view hatred of Jews as "somewhat of a problem" or "a very serious problem," while almost 40% see it as little or no problem. Jew-haters must be told by friends, family, and society at large that instigating or acting upon Jew-hatred is unacceptable. A united front of decent people can eliminate the danger and vulgarity of the world's oldest hatred from our society.

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The True Origins of BDS

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The Divine Seed

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אור זרע לצדיק ולישרי לב שמחה:

“Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.”
– Psalm 97:11

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Read Hebrew right to left! ←

A seed is small, fragile, and seemingly insignificant. Yet in the hands of a wise gardener, it is understood to be miraculous, able to be perfected and made fruitful. The seed “contains” the essence of the life it replicates. Inside the seed there is an embryo (the baby plant), and when the seed begins to grow, one part of the embryo becomes the (visible) plant while the other part becomes the (hidden) root of the plant.

The outer shell of the seed must first be broken, however, and then what appears is the “radicle” — the embryonic root that will develop into a plant. The life cycle of a seed is one of burial and resurrection — of growth and fruitfulness (John 12:24). **Like a seed, the divine life implanted within our hearts will bear fruit:** *“For by His sacrifice, Yeshua has perfected [i.e., made complete, whole, full of life] all those who are being sanctified”* (Heb. 10:14).

You may feel unworthy, helpless, and forlorn, but you are regarded as blameless and upright because of the miracle of God’s life imparted within you — the “holy seed” implanted at your regeneration (see 1 Pet. 1:23; James 1:18; John 3:3). You have a new nature that is rooted and draws life from Heaven as God’s

own child. And just as a master gardener carefully tends to his planted seeds, so God will tend the divine life sown within your heart. The seed is “hidden” in the soil, unseen by others, yet it is tended by the gardener who knows its potential to be perfected.

Yeshua said, *“Be perfect even as your Heavenly Father is perfect”* (Matt. 5:48). This, of course is an impossibility from a human point of view but is a corollary of the divine nature implanted within you. You might miss it in the midst of your everyday struggles with fear and the “miasma” of this depraved world, but God is working in you both to will and to do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). Like all matters of the Spirit, God’s perfection in you comes by faith, not by sight. Only the new heart (*lev chadash*) created by the power of God’s Spirit can possibly yield the fruit of the Spirit.

Therefore, take heart and do not yield to despair over the mess of your life. Remember that fruit does not immediately crop up but requires time and its own season (see Mark 4:26–29). Trust in God’s power to do the miracle. *“He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it”* (1 Thess. 5:24). Amen. ✧



Watch Therefore and Be Ready

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This eight-part series encourages this generation to be aware of prophetic fulfillment, live expectantly, and be ready for Messiah's return. David and Kirsten Hart present this series that features teaching from Dov Schwarz, guest analyst Dr. Mark Hitchcock, reports from Israel with Chaim Malespin, Hebrew lessons, and music written by Zola Levitt.

Covenant and Prophecy The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31) was made with Israel. Gentiles have been grafted into the olive tree.

Birth Pains In Isaiah 66, we see the Last Days labor pains of Israel that bring the Jewish people as a nation to "new birth." In the birthing room, Yeshua — the Great Physician — attends Israel, whose labor pains shake the entire Earth.

Days of Noah The Days of Noah portend the appearance of Messiah Yeshua in the clouds to gather His people and set up His Kingdom on Earth. Three primary signs of Genesis 6 include global explosions of population, violence, and rampaging evil.

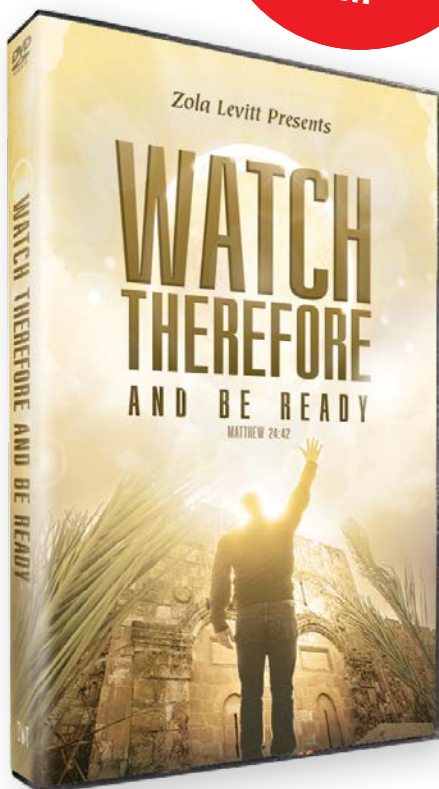
Fig Tree Generation Israel officially "put forth leaves" on May 14, 1948. Studying Abraham reveals what Yeshua meant about the final generation of this Age.

Curse-for-Curse Principle Genesis 12:3 promises both blessing and cursing in the covenant with Abraham and his descendants.

The Jewish Wedding In Matthew 25:1–13, Messiah uses Jewish wedding customs, including a midnight cry and marriage feast, and advises us to mimic the five wise virgins: Watch therefore and be ready.

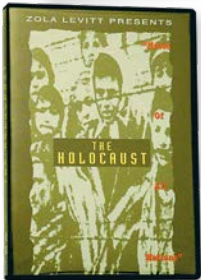
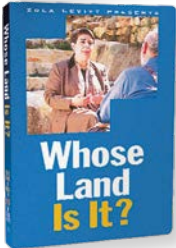
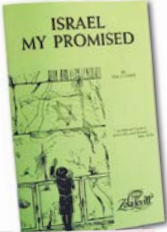
Refuge in Tribulation End Times events portend a place that is prepared for the wrath of the Lamb, Messiah Yeshua. Yet, we see His hand outstretched in mercy.

Faithful and Wicked Servants Yeshua repeated the theme of faithful and wicked servants in the signs of His coming (Matthew 24:45–51 and Mark 13:32–37). The faithful servant watches for the Master's arrival, obeying His commands; the wicked servant watches not and becomes ungodly, facing eternal damnation.





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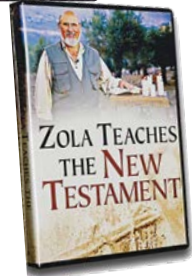
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Foundation of Faith Jesus called the disciples to follow Him. Peter, one of the Twelve, received a new mission and a new name.

Faith Requires Boldness During a storm, Peter was the only disciple to step out of the boat and walk on the water to Jesus. Faith often prompts people to overachieve.

Who Are You, Yeshua? Caesarea Philippi, a center of paganism, was a remarkable place for Jesus to reveal His Messiahship. Though darkness may surround us, the Gospel continues to advance, and even the forces of Hell will not overcome it.

Divine Apparently Standing with Jesus at the Transfiguration were Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets. Peter, wanting to contribute, responded impulsively. Like us, Peter needed to listen to the Lord.

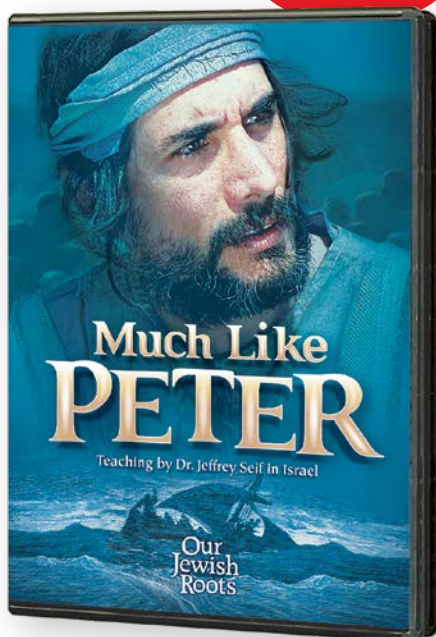
I Don't Know Him After Judas betrayed the Messiah, Peter initially responded with violence, but later with denial. Like Peter, today's Believers often experience a break between our words and actions. Even in difficult circumstances, God's grace is sufficient.

Do You Love Me? After the resurrected Savior met Peter and the other disciples at the Sea of Galilee, they experienced revival. As Jesus did with Peter, He offers grace and forgiveness to all who follow Him.

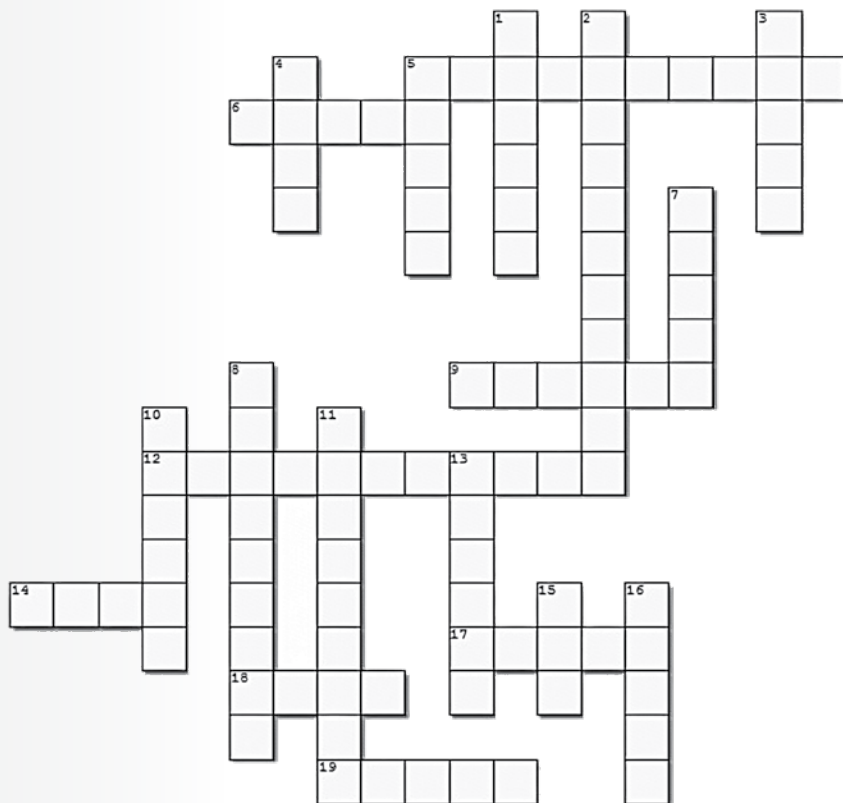
Tongues of Fire Surprisingly, the fisherman who denied knowing Jesus later preached the Gospel and 3,000 people were saved. Before being known as the Christian day of Pentecost, it was *Shavuot*, the Jewish holy day.

Beyond Israel's Borders Limited understanding prevented the Apostles from sharing the Gospel globally, as the Lord intended. Yet Peter received a divine vision that prompted him to share the Gospel with gentiles.

Bonus Interviews This program features extended interviews with Israelis who, like Peter, are followers of Yeshua: Chaim Malespin, director of the Aliyah Return Center; Daniel Carmel, captain of the "Jesus" boat; Carolyn Hyde, who with her husband moved to Israel; and Yuval Shlomovitch, the Israeli actor who portrayed Peter.



Proverbs (NKJV)



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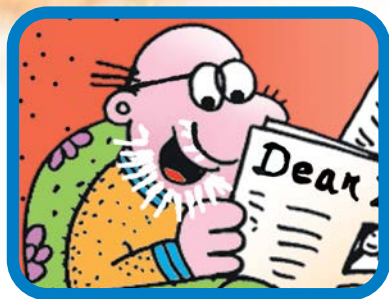
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- 5. Do not withhold ___ from a child... (Prov. 23:13)
- 6. The name of the LORD is a strong ___... (Prov. 18:10)
- 9. ...And let her own work ___ her in the gates. (Prov. 31:31)
- 12. Everyone proud in heart is an ___ to the LORD... (Prov. 16:5)
- 14. Every word of God is ___... (Prov. 30:5)
- 17. ___ up a child in the way he should go... (Prov. 22:6)
- 18. He who finds a wife finds a ___ thing... (Prov. 18:22)
- 19. Whoever walks blamelessly will be ___... (Prov. 28:18)

Down:

- 1. A ___ loves at all times... (Prov. 17:17)
- 2. ...But ___ will come to the workers of iniquity. (Prov. 21:15)
- 3. Commit your ___ to the LORD... (Prov. 16:3)
- 4. Do not answer a ___ according to his folly... (Prov. 26:4)
- 5. The silver-haired head is a ___ of glory... (Prov. 16:31)
- 7. ___ goes before destruction... (Prov. 16:18)
- 8. Also it is not good for a soul to be without ___... (Prov. 19:2)
- 10. ...And a man is ___ by what others say of him. (Prov. 27:21)
- 11. The ___ man walks in his integrity... (Prov. 20:7)
- 13. ...But he who ___ in the LORD will be prospered. (Prov. 28:25)
- 15. ...But happy is he who keeps the ___... (Prov. 29:18)
- 16. Make no friendship with an ___ man... (Prov. 22:24)





Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space.
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Not the true Israel?

From J.C.: I feel sorry for the Jews and all the suffering they've endured throughout history, not only by Israel's enemies but also from God Himself. I used to listen to TruthUnedited.com, but lately, some of its YouTube videos say we shouldn't support Israel because it's not the true Israel. Can you confirm that the Jews in Israel are true Jews, not just converted Jews?

Dear J.C.,

This has become the most problematic and pervasive falsehood Satan is spreading today. Even Christians of good will have jumped on this erroneous bandwagon, having been duped by a blatantly false "historical" account. **Thankfully, the Jewish people have expertly documented their families' genealogies going back for 3,000 years, and rabbis have these documents at their disposal today.** The two of us will be taking on this subject comprehensively in future videos. For now, here is an accurate, historical assessment from our good friend Olivier Melnick with Shalom in Messiah Ministries: <https://youtu.be/AhC-BejKHLU> Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

Believers are angry with me

From L.R.: Some fellow Believers get very angry with me for loving Israel and the Jewish people. They are ashamed of me. But **my Lord Jesus/Yeshua is Jewish**, and He continues to love His people. Peace be on Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jewish people!

Dear L.R.,

Some people will be angry with you if you carry the "wrong" version of the Bible, or if you sit in "their" pew at church! You can never fully please some people, but God is greatly pleased when you proclaim your love for His people and pray for their peace!
—Kirsten

Blessed by OJR

From I.S.: Thank you for all the knowledge that I have been blessed with through *Our Jewish Roots* and listening to Joshua and Caleb, Dr. Jeffrey Seif, and David and Kirsten Hart.

I have a huge hunger for Bible truth. I grew up Catholic and made my way to the United Pentecostal Church, but never thought I had it right yet. I have been praying for two Jewish Christians to enlighten me with the Jewish perspectives concerning how Jesus really wants us to live. Listening to your information has made me feel like Jesus answered my prayers! I feel "buzzed" with the Holy Spirit when I listen to your programs.

Dear I.S.,

Isn't it remarkable how the Lord faithfully draws us Believers to the people and ministries that we need? He knows the desires of our hearts. And that "buzzing" is an affirmation to us that this ministry's Bible teaching must continue. —David

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October 7th

From E.8.: Israel is playing the pink washing card — trying to play the role of victim. [They] are colonizers; what do you expect? There is no peace without justice.

Dear E.8.,

The history of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel pre-dates Arab and Muslim arrival. If the combination of Hamas's murder, rape, and genocide is the "justice" you seek, then you would be welcome with Hamas. However, the heart of the problem has nothing to do with Jews living in their rightful land.

In Hamas's own charter, they specify that their true intent has nothing to do with being "displaced" and obtaining the territory of Israel. They want to fulfill the *hadith* that declares the complete annihilation of all Jews from the face of the Earth. And when they are done with the Jewish people, they are coming for the West. And when they are done with the West, they will come for the 90% of all Muslims who don't hold to their radical beliefs.

Israel is the only peace-loving democracy in the Middle East that provides basic human rights to all their citizens — whether Jewish, Christian, Muslim, or women. We would recommend that you do a bit of research before making accusations. —Joshua and Caleb



What happens after we are saved?

From S.L.: I was wondering if Joshua and Caleb could teach on *Our Jewish Roots* about what happens after we are saved by the Gospel? What then is the job of the Holy Spirit and what are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Also, are the gifts to be practiced mostly in the local assembly? I also feel there is a need to talk about the truths of speaking in tongues, which I believe were other languages.

Shalom, S.L.,

We've touched on this in some of our BBB episodes, such as "The Gifts and Calling of God are Irrevocable" (<https://youtu.be/csVYK2Q2z0>). This is a very important topic, but most congregations do not focus on equipping Believers after salvation. Nor do they teach about the spiritual gifts and benefits in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe God meant for these gifts to be active in Believers today, just like in the first century. Yeshua declared in Mark 16:17-18 that Believers would have authority in His name to cast out demons, heal the sick, speak in new tongues, and perform His miracles. In Luke 10:19, Yeshua gave us all power and authority over Satan. Yeshua did not place an end date on His power and gifts.

Paul explains to the Corinthian Church (1 Cor. 12; 14) how to properly operate in spiritual gifts. The world and some Christians accept the counterfeit of Satan's spiritual manifestation and so-called "power" through witchcraft, magic, and the occult because the Church refuses to acknowledge and operate in the gifts today.

The most important concept to realize here is that Yeshua did not confine His miracles to a synagogue. Instead, He went out into the world. Then, He commissioned us Believers to go out into the world to share His signs and miracles. The Church is Believers, not a building. The gifts operate in us. Wherever we go, we are meant to bring God's presence, deliverance, and the Holy Spirit's gifts. Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

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“Good Life Guilt”

From H.L.: Shalom Kirsten. How fitting is the timing of your article (June 2024 *Levitt Letter*, p. 6). I, too, have felt guilt for having times of enjoyment while the Israeli people are suffering. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 comes to mind: *“There is a right time for everything: A time to be born; a time to die ... A time to cry; a time to laugh; a time to grieve; a time to dance...”*

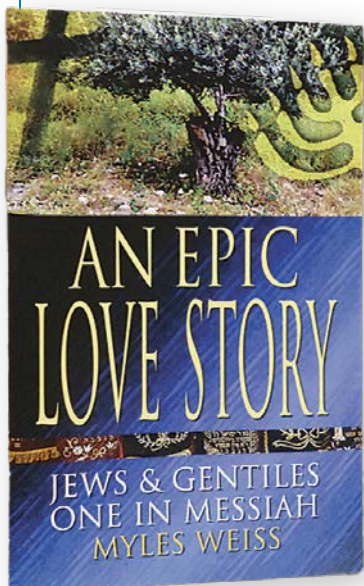
Scripture, however, does not state the length of this “right time.” Since October 7, 2023, I’ve been experiencing “a time to cry, and a time to laugh,” along with “a time to grieve, and a time to dance,” interchangeably on a moment-to-moment basis. We love what and who the Lord Jesus loves; when the Israeli people are suffering, we suffer with them. We grieve and mourn their heartaches, their insufferable losses, and we also sorrow for them to know Jesus as their Messiah.

Recently, despite Israeli Jews’ continual and intense grief, I witnessed tens of thousands of them celebrating Jerusalem Day at the Western Wall. They were singing Psalm 28:9, *“Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever!”*

My heart cries every day for Israel and her people. And in those moments, I offer up a prayer to the Lord for them. My continual emotions of grief are interspersed with joyful moments spent with my Lord, and with my husband and family. But, yes, I am grieving every day for God’s Chosen People, the Jews, and I am grateful for the hope and comfort I find in Christ in His Word and in my moments of joy with my family.

Dear H.L.,

Thank you for your confirming message and understanding my heart in my *Levitt Letter* article. We staffers weep with those Israelis who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. My prayer is that we will do more rejoicing than weeping in the coming months. —Kirsten



An Epic Love Story study booklet by Myles Weiss

The God of love is a matchmaker who desires a Bride for His Son, the Bridegroom of Heaven. This Bride, the Church, will consist of both Jews and gentiles. Yeshua’s sacrifice enables gentiles to be grafted into the life of Israel and share in the promises of God. Understanding the role of Israel — God’s timepiece — is crucial to preparing for the Lord’s return.

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A New Woke Low: “Fatties for a Free Palestine”



By Tom Slater / Telegraph.co.uk

After a prolonged silence, one group has finally taken a stand on Gaza. “Fatties for a Free Palestine” is the latest woke social-media trend to take the Middle East’s most intractable, awful conflict and reduce it to a fashion statement.

This is the brainchild of Hannah Moushabeck, a Palestinian-American author and activist, in collaboration with designer Phoebe Wahl and a lifestyle blog called Fat Girl Flow. Essentially, it looks like a T-shirt design with pretensions of being a political movement.

In a FattiesForPalestine Instagram (IG) post, Moushabeck stated that the war in Gaza “affects people in my life personally.” Supposedly, her profits go to a Middle East children’s charity. “This is one small project in a lifetime of work I have been doing for the liberation of Palestine,” she added.

But this is also one in a long line of movements that has essentially given woke activists an excuse to take the Palestinian issue and make it all about them. It is “me, me, me” masquerading as solidarity.

Moushabeck explained that she wants to tackle “a lack of protest garments for those in larger bodies.” Sure, you can go on the marches and chant all the questionable slogans, but if you can’t flaunt your views in an IG snap, are you really pro-Palestine? **Woke politics and fashion are now indistinguishable.**

The desperation of Western activists to make every cause about their own

identity has provided some grim comic relief during this war. Who could forget the rise of Queers for Palestine — or Chickens for KFC as critics have dubbed it — given the murderous homophobia of Hamas-run Gaza?

Fat activism is a subculture of woke-ism that sees fat people as both an oppressed group in their own right and as a blast against supposedly “white,” Western ideals of beauty. Essentially, being overweight and having the right



credit: FattiesForPalestine / IG screenshot

Two supporters sporting FFP fashion

opinions is radical now — particularly while wearing one of those T-shirts.

But given that this is about Gaza and Israel, Fatties for a Free Palestine isn’t just a joke. You don’t have to go far down its dedicated Instagram page before you encounter bilious anti-Semitism, including an activist waving a placard railing against “Zio scum” — an anti-Semitic slur.

Apparently, the world’s oldest hatred and the world’s plumpest “pro-Palestine” group naturally go hand-in-hand. ✨



Glass that Builds and Heals Itself

By Zachy Hennessey / Israel21c.org



Solid peptide glass after preparation

PhD student Gal Finkelstein-Zuta, left, and Prof. Ehud Gazit

Researchers at Tel Aviv University (TAU) have developed a transparent, adhesive, and self-repairing glass. The team behind its creation claims that the innovation opens doors to a diverse range of scientific applications.

The glass is derived from amino acids — the building blocks of proteins. Unlike conventional glass produced through high-temperature processes, this glass forms spontaneously when a specific peptide — a molecule formed by amino acids bonding — comes into contact with water at room temperature.

Commercial glass “is created by the rapid cooling of molten materials, a process called vitrification. The amorphous liquid-like organization should be fixed before it arranges in a more energy-efficient way as in crystals, and for that energy is required — it should be heated to high temperatures and cooled down immediately,” explained PhD student Gal Finkelstein-Zuta.

“On the other hand, the glass we discovered, which is made of biological building blocks, forms spontaneously at room temperature, without the need of energy such as high heat or pressure.

Just dissolve a powder in water — just like making Kool-Aid — and the glass will form,” she added.

“For example, we made lenses from our new glass. Instead of undergoing a lengthy process of grinding and polishing, we simply dripped a drop onto a surface, where we control its curvature — and hence its focus — by adjusting the solution volume alone.”

Prof. Ehud Gazit of TAU added: “The normal silicate glass we all know is transparent in the visible light range. The molecular glass we created is transparent deep into the infrared range. This has many uses in fields such as satellites, remote sensing, communications, and optics. It is also a strong adhesive; it can glue different glasses together, and at the same time it can repair cracks that are formed in it.

“It is a set of properties that does not exist in any glass in the world, which has great potential in science and engineering, and we got all this from a single peptide — one little piece of protein.”

What will brilliant Israelis create next? So amazing! —Kirsten ☆



Doctor Uses Metal Detector to Find Shrapnel

By Diana Bletter
TimesOfIsrael.com



With a metal detector purchased online, Dr. Eyal Sela of the Galilee Medical Center now locates bullets and metal fragments lodged inside patients' bodies within minutes after they arrive in the operating room.

The director of the Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Department explained that the idea of using a metal detector came to him "out of frustration." During a surgery in March, he had been struggling to locate a bullet lodged in the base of the skull of a wounded soldier.

Shrapnel fragments in the hand or leg are easier to locate, but it's much more challenging when they're in the head or neck area. "The areas are complex and sensitive," Sela noted. "Even slight movements during surgery can cause paralysis due to the proximity to nerves and blood vessels."

Despite using X-rays and CT scans, it took Sela more than an hour to locate the bullet.

He needed a faster way to locate the metal fragment. "If I had a metal detector, I'd find it immediately," Sela thought.

Later, he went home and ordered a simple metal detector online. After it arrived, Sela brought the sterilized metal detector into the hospital operating room and got to work. "The metal detector beeped and

immediately showed me the exact location for cutting her skin to remove the fragments," the doctor explained. After about ten minutes, he had successfully removed all the fragments. "I was blown away by how easy it was," he added.

Since then, Sela has used the metal detector to operate on other wounded soldiers. He noted that some of his colleagues are now using metal detectors during their surgeries, adding that it's also a way to reduce radiation exposure from X-rays.



Dr. Eyal Sela with the metal detector

Sela presented his findings at the Annual Meeting of the Israeli Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in mid-June. He noted that he plans to write about it in a paper "before anyone else does."

"I welcome initiatives like this that indicate thinking outside the box," said Prof. Masad Barhoum, director of the medical center. "It shows the uncompromising dedication to our patients." ☆

credit: Romi Albert



Life Triumphs over Death: Rebuilding Kibbutz Be'eri

By Ilse Strauss
BridgesForPeace.com



credit: Etl. Israel / Flash90

Above: A destroyed house following Hamas's atrocities at Kibbutz Be'eri and other communities on October 7

Right: Plan for the new neighborhood in Kibbutz Be'eri

The scene that greeted Itzik and his family was like something out of an apocalyptic movie: bodies tossed like limp rag dolls on the sidewalk, family homes reduced to piles of charred rubble, and bits of furniture strewn across the remains of once immaculate lawns and prize gardens.

When Itzik slammed the door to the bomb shelter shut as the first air raid siren sounded on October 7, Kibbutz Be'eri was paradise. Thirteen hours later, when the soldiers rescued him and his family from their hiding place, they emerged to unimaginable destruction. Itzik knew that he had to be strong — for his family. So, he gathered his 14-year-old son in a bear hug and promised, **"They came to destroy. But we'll rebuild. I promise you. We will rebuild."**

In June, the survivors of the Be'eri massacre took the first step to fulfilling that promise when they laid the cornerstone for a new neighborhood of 52 homes. That ceremony stood as a beacon of light shining from the very spot where Israel



credit: Oren Dagan / Davar1.co.il

suffered one of the worst blows in its history.

The tranquil, agricultural community of Kibbutz Be'eri is only 2.5 miles from the Gaza Strip. There, Hamas terrorists committed some of the worst atrocities — often filming themselves rampaging through houses as they gleefully killed, raped, and tortured men, women, children, and the elderly. Roughly one in ten inhabitants of Be'eri were massacred and some two dozen were taken hostage, while 150 buildings were destroyed.

Eight months later, the survivors stood near the clearing where new homes will be constructed. Officials addressing the audience juxtaposed a message of hope with anecdotes of loved ones lost. A well-known Israeli artist sang as grown men with weathered faces



swiped at tears running down rivulets carved by time and the Israeli sun. And as the first thump of concrete fell on the cornerstone, a bittersweet cheer filled the sweltering sky.

The new homes in Kibbutz Be’eri mean that life will again flourish where the enemies of Israel tried to sow death. It acknowledges that while Hamas struck a severe blow, the war is not yet won, and all the hostages are not yet home, ultimately, light will triumph over darkness. Life will triumph over death.

Even the neighborhood’s name — *Shikmim* or “sycamore” in English — is significant. *Shikmim* comes from the Hebrew word meaning “regrowth,” a reference to the sycamore tree’s tendency to sprout new life even when cut down to a seemingly dead stump.

“Today is a new dawn for us,” explained Yarden Zemach, 38. Zemach and his four siblings were born and raised in Be’eri, and then returned as adults to raise their own families there. Yarden’s brother, Shachar, died on October 7 as he tried to defend the makeshift triage center where first responders were treating the wounded. Shachar, also the Hebrew word for “dawn,” left behind his wife and two toddlers.

A team from Bridges for Peace attended the ceremony to rejoice with the Be’eri community. Thanks to Christians from around the world, we were there within days of the attack, providing emotional support, appliances, food, and school supplies. We sought to prove in the most practical ways that the people of Israel are not alone, that their Christian brothers and sisters are with them.

“On October 7, we saw the worst of humanity,” Yarden said. “But in the aftermath, we also saw the best of humanity when people like you came to support us, to help us.”

One by one, survivors of October 7 stepped up to the cornerstone. Once peaceful farmers, all now sport automatic weapons slung

over their shoulders. And one by one, the trowel passed from hand to hand — calloused from tilling the Promised Land — to cement the symbolic stone in place.

Thousands of years ago, the ancestors of those now rebuilding Kibbutz Be’eri worked similarly as they rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem under Nehemiah — *“Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built”* (Neh. 4:18).

Different millennia. Different weapons. But the same enemy, this time using a different alias. And the same target: Israel.

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it,” George Santayana warned. Thus, Bridges for Peace is helping Israel rebuild what the enemy tried, yet again, to destroy. Jew and gentile together against the enemy. The God of Israel against the father of deception. Yes, June marked a new dawn for Kibbutz Be’eri, the first step in a very long journey to coming home. And we — Christians from around the world — are here to help them every step of the way.

Am Israel Chai. The people of Israel live because the God of Israel lives. ✨



Bridges for Peace Israel Operations Director Daniel Kirchevel (left) helps lay the foundation stone for the new neighborhood in Kibbutz Be’eri alongside a community member.



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Pro-Palestinian supporters at Columbia University in June

SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Iran Funding Anti-Israel Protests in U.S.

By Ron Kampeas / JTA.org

Avril Haines, the U.S. Director of National Intelligence (DNI), recently said that Iran is seeking to interfere in the U.S. election and has stoked protests against Israel, including through funding demonstrations.

"In recent weeks, Iranian government actors have sought to opportunistically take advantage of ongoing protests regarding the war in Gaza, using a playbook we've seen other actors use over the years," Haines wrote in a comment on the DNI website. "We have observed actors tied to Iran's government posing as activists online, seeking to encourage protests, and even providing financial support to protesters."

Haines, who is Jewish, commented: "The freedom to express diverse views, when done peacefully, is essential to our democracy, but it is also important to warn of foreign actors who seek to exploit our debate for their own purposes." She added that targeted protesters may not be aware that they are interacting with a foreign government.

American intelligence agencies have tracked foreign interference from Russia, China, and Iran since at least 2016. In 2021, federal officials filed charges against two Iranian hackers for interference in the 2020 election. According to a U.S. attorney, the hackers sought "to undermine faith and confidence" in the vote.



Aaron Abramson hugs a woman in Israel after giving her a care package.

More Israelis Want New Testaments

By Samantha Kamman / ChristianPost.com

In June, Jews for Jesus said that it had received 1,230 New Testament orders from Israelis since the war between Israel and Hamas began last October. The organization is dedicated to helping Jewish people live out their faith while believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It offers free New Testaments to Israelis through its website and the sites of its ministry partners.

Jews for Jesus Executive Director Aaron Abramson suggested that one possible reason for the increase in requests is that Israelis appear to have a lot of questions, including spiritual ones, since the Hamas atrocities. "But there's also a kind of hopelessness," Abramson added. "Israel has prided itself on its ability to defend itself, so October 7 was a real blow to that for people. You had people questioning whether they should remain in Israel and



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if it was safe for them. You have people who once lived in other countries and experienced anti-Semitism who were like, ‘Well, where do we go from here?’

“And so, if you can’t put your trust in maybe, let’s say, a political solution, you can’t put your trust in a military solution, or if you can’t put your trust in an economic solution, then where do you put your trust?” he asked. “And I think that’s why a lot of people were starting to dig into those spiritual questions.”

In addition to addressing spiritual needs, the nonprofit has also responded to emotional and physical needs of those who were impacted by the terrorist attack. Partnering with groups like Samaritan’s Purse, they helped kibbutzim residents relocate, provided food for families, and schooling for children.

Orthodox Jews Must Serve in Israel’s Army

By **Philissa Cramer** / JTA.org

Israel must draft haredi Orthodox Jews into its army, the country’s Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision in June. The ruling could trigger a political earthquake in Israel at a time when it is already embroiled in a war in Gaza. The

requirement to begin drafting more than 60,00 fervently Orthodox men into the army could lead to a change in military procedure, more haredi protests, and the breakup of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government, which includes haredi parties that oppose haredi conscription.

For decades, Israel has offered a blanket exemption from military service for young men enrolled in full-time learning in yeshivas (Orthodox Jewish schools). Haredi leaders contend that Torah study has inherent value and serves to protect the state, and that accommodating the religious needs of haredi men would be a burden for the army. Many other Israelis, however, argue that the exemptions create inequity in Israeli society and deprive the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) of needed manpower, especially since the start of the war against Hamas.

Exactly when and how the ruling would be carried out is not known. While the Knesset (legislature) could pass new legislation carving out a permanent exemption, it is unlikely that such a law could gain majority support in any coalition.

One haredi leader said the ruling could lead to “two states” — split between haredi and non-haredi Jews.



credit: Chaim Goldberg / Flash90

Police confront haredi demonstrators protesting the draft in June 2024.



Archaeology

World's Oldest Shipwreck Discovered off Israel's Coast

By Uri Shapira
i24News.tv



credit: Emil Alaoglu / IAA



The robot surveying the sea floor off the northern Israel coast revealed images of the ancient ship's cargo.

The Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) recently announced the discovery of a 3,300-year-old ship about 56 miles off the northern Israeli coast. Resting 1.1 miles beneath the sea's surface, it was loaded with hundreds of intact jars.

The finding of the oldest ship discovered in the deep seas upends the current understanding of ancient mariners' skills. **Setting sail on the open sea requires navigational skills that were presumed to have been developed in more recent history.** Previously, it was thought that ships sailed from port to port, always keeping the coast within view.

The newly-discovered ship, however, was surrounded by water with no land in sight. Thus, the sailors would have had to use the stars, sun, and other celestial bodies to determine their position and guide them to their destination.

The ship was found during a seafloor survey by Energean, a natural gas company

that operates four offshore fields near Israel. During a 2023 survey, the company's advanced submersible robot discovered a large pile of jugs on the seafloor. After

contacting the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), the jars were identified as Canaanite storage containers from the Late Bronze Age (1550-1200 B.C.). "It turned out to be a sensational discovery, far beyond what we could imagine," noted Dr. Karnit Bahartan, Environmental Lead at Energean.

According to mapping of the site, researchers determined that the ship was approximately 39 to 46 feet long. It transported

hundreds of tall, narrow-necked amphorae (storage jars). Only some of the containers were visible above the seafloor, with a second layer as well as the wooden beams of the ship buried beneath the mud.

Since the initial discovery, Energean has worked with the IAA to extract samples of the amphorae using their Energean Star

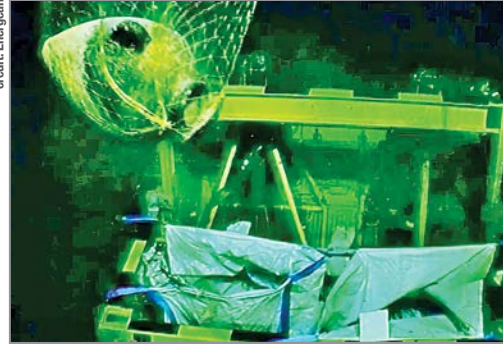
"It turned out to be a sensational discovery, far beyond what we could imagine."



credit: Emil Aladjem / IAA



credit: Energean



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Top Left: Karnit Bahartan and Jacob Sharvit with the ancient jars

Top Right: A Canaanite jar being retrieved by a robot

Left: Organic material retrieved from the Canaanite jars



ship, which conducts deep-sea work. The company planned a unique operation and even built a special tool to retrieve the artifacts with minimal risk of damage to the archaeological site. Over the course of two days, the team extracted two containers, each from a different part of the ship, to minimize disturbances to the intact assemblage of the boat and its cargo.

This ship is both the first and the oldest vessel to be found in the Eastern Mediterranean deep sea. According to Jacob Sharvit, the head of the IAA's Marine Unit, only two other shipwrecks from the Late Bronze Age have been discovered in the Mediterranean Sea, both off the Turkish coast. Those ships, however, were found relatively near the shore and were accessible with normal diving equipment. Sharvit explained that the Late Bronze Age saw a significant increase in international commerce, utilizing maritime routes. The technological qualities of

ships greatly improved, allowing the transport of greater volumes of goods. Port cities grew in size and status as maritime trade flourished — as did piracy. Sharvit hopes that further research will reveal whether the boat sank as a result of a storm or from an attack.

Because of its depth, the ship has been exceptionally well-preserved, almost frozen in time since it sank. Neither the vessel nor its contents were disturbed by divers, fishermen, waves, or currents that can impact shipwrecks in more shallow waters.

The jars likely contained mass-produced products like oil and wine, and the ship was likely carrying other agricultural products like fruit onboard. "Finding such a great quantity of amphorae on board one single ship is testimony to significant commercial ties between their country of origin and the ancient Near Eastern lands on the Mediterranean coast," Sharvit added. ☆

Iran's "Reformist" President Supports Hezbollah

by Jacob Frankel
Algemeiner.com



credit: Majid Asgarpour / WANNA / Reuters

Masoud Pezeshkian speaks to supporters at the shrine of Iran's late leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, south of Tehran, on July 6, 2024.

Newly elected Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian responded to a congratulatory call from Hezbollah's leader Hassan Nasrallah following his victory. In a letter to Nasrallah, Pezeshkian — supposedly a "moderate" — vowed to support Hezbollah's campaign against Israel as part of official Iranian policy. Hezbollah, an Iran-backed Islamist terrorist organization based in Lebanon, has sought Israel's destruction for decades.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has always supported the resistance of the people in the region against the illegitimate Zionist regime," Pezeshkian wrote. "Supporting the resistance is rooted in the fundamental policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the ideals of the late Imam Khomeini, and the guidance of the Supreme Leader, and will continue with strength."

The 69-year-old Pezeshkian, a former heart surgeon, also said that he remained optimistic in Israel's eventual demise. "I am confident that the resistance movements in the region will not allow this regime [Israel] to continue its warmongering and criminal policies against the oppressed people of Palestine and other nations in the region."

Pezeshkian won Iran's presidency in a runoff election with 54% of the votes against hardliner Saeed Jalili.

During the election, Pezeshkian vowed to maintain Iran's current foreign policy strategy, including seeking the destruction of Israel. He has also committed to preserving the "Axis of Resistance" against the Jewish state.

Pezeshkian later declared that he seeks "friendly relations with all countries except for Israel."

Although Pezeshkian was portrayed in Western media as a "reformist," he has been a long-time member of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). In 2019, the U.S. listed and sanctioned the IRGC as a foreign terrorist organization. Pezeshkian is notable in Iranian politics for supporting the IRGC by wearing an IRGC uniform to parliament.

The new Iranian president has also been an outspoken critic of the U.S. Following the Iranian downing of a U.S. drone, Pezeshkian triumphantly declared that it was "a strong punch to the mouths of the leaders of criminal America." ☆

[Please see "It's Pointless to Pursue a Two-State Solution" on the cover.](#)





Jewish Humor, etc.

A cheerful heart is good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22

Laughs from Jewish Comedians

You can lead a man to Congress,
but you can't make him think.
—Milton Berle

I'd rather be over the hill than
under it.
—George Burns

A doctor gave a man six months to
live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so
he gave him another six months.
—Henny Youngman

Answer Key for September 2024 Crossword (p.21)

ACROSS:

- 5. Correction
- 6. Tower
- 9. Praise
- 12. Abomination
- 14. Pure
- 17. Train
- 18. Good
- 19. Saved

DOWN:

- 1. Friend
- 2. Destruction
- 3. Works
- 4. Fool
- 5. Crown
- 7. Pride
- 8. Knowledge
- 10. Valued
- 11. Righteous
- 13. Trusts
- 15. Law
- 16. Angry



Groucho Marx's retort when his daughter was denied access into a country club pool (Jews were not allowed in most country clubs at the time.): "Since my daughter is only half-Jewish, could she go into the water up to her knees?"



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