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Dear Reader,

In a few weeks, we will discover who will become America's next president. Here's my election prediction: Many Americans will be elated while many others will be dejected. A lot of people believe that if one particular person is elected instead of the other, it will signal the end of our country as we know it.

Before jumping on that bandwagon, however, everyone should recall these Scriptures about God's sovereignty and providence. *"Before You created the hills or brought the world into being, You were eternally God, and will be God forever"* (Ps. 90:2). *"The Lord controls the mind of a king as easily as He directs the course of a stream"* (Prov. 21:1).

Almighty God remains in control of our entire world. While He allows leaders to make selfish and/or stupid decisions (just as He allows you and me), God can even use those choices for His purposes. Therefore, we Believers must pray for our leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2) and trust that God is still working in His world (John 5:17).

This *Levitt Letter* offers reminders of God's rule and our responsibility, as noted in "The Holiest Day of the Year" (cover) and Kirsten's "Skin in the Game" (6). You'll read End-Times themes and concerns in several articles — including Classic Zola (10), Ask the Chaplain (12), and Muslim Focus (34).

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Please continue to *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* — *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!"* (Ps. 122:6).


Greg Miller, Editor  
Zola Levitt Ministries

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# Levitt LETTER

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

## The Holiest Day of the Year

LifeInMessiah.org

I recently read an article about *Yom Kippur* on an educational Jewish website. Many who commented on the article were Jewish people with specific questions about proper observance of the Day of Atonement. Others shared memories of past *Yom Kippur* celebrations. Some were gentiles seeking to better understand Judaism.

One woman's comment stood out to me. As she prepared to observe the Day of Atonement, she anxiously wondered how much forgiveness she could expect to receive. How would she know that she had been forgiven? Would she receive forgiveness for all sins, or only some? What about personal faults she couldn't seem to change?

*Yom Kippur*, the holiest day of the Jewish year, is the time when the Jewish people seek to be

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## Why Israel Can't Lose the Mount of Olives

By **Zahava Schwartz**  
Israel365News.com

Against all odds, the 1967 war marked a miraculous restoration of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria to the nation of Israel.

These regions, holding profound historical and spiritual significance, have always been the heartbeat of the Jewish people. Reclaiming and preserving these lands, however, has been a challenging journey, with obstacles such as propaganda, terrorism, and international opposition.



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A menorah replica overlooks the Eastern Wall between the Temple Mount and the Mount of Olives.

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# Why Israel Can't Lose the Mount of Olives

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The Mount of Olives as viewed from the Eastern Gate of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

A Jewish cemetery for over 3,000 years, with some of the most prominent Biblical kings buried in it, the Mount of Olives is one of these places. Standing on the top of the Mount of Olives, with a panoramic view of Jerusalem, particularly of the Temple Mount, one can appreciate the deep-rooted significance of this land. The view of the Temple Mount makes it a vital location for religious pilgrims and a symbol of Jewish heritage and continuity.

The Mount of Olives was historically used to grow olives, which provided oil for lighting the menorah in the ancient Temple, emphasizing its religious importance. If Israel were to cede this

creating a volatile situation akin to the Gaza Strip. This would not only threaten the safety of the area but also jeopardize the preservation of these sacred sites. Historical Islamic scholars have even noted that Jerusalem holds no significant religious status in Islam, with some arguing that the Al-Aqsa Mosque is in Saudi Arabia. This underscores the narrative that Muslims' current claims on Jerusalem are efforts to undermine Israel's and Christianity's historical ties to the city.

The regions of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria form the core of Israel, both historically and spiritually. Most of Jewish history took place in these areas, making

them indispensable to the Jewish faith and identity. Jews and Christians alike must understand the importance of maintaining Israel's hold on these lands. Having Israel hold these lands ensures that all Bible believers can connect with these sacred sites peacefully.



The Bearded Bible Brothers™ teaching at the Mount of Olives

area to the Palestinians, it would have grave implications. The Palestinians aim to claim all of Biblical Jerusalem, including the Old City and the Mount of Olives, areas integral to Judeo-Christian heritage.

**This potential handover would place critical historical and religious sites under the control of groups like Hamas,**

**Many of the most important Jewish and Christian sites in Jerusalem are within areas that the world often proposes to give to the Palestinians.** If such a transfer were to occur, it would be catastrophic for both faiths. Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria are not merely "occupied territories" or part of the "West Bank," they are Israel's biblical heartland — God's land. ✨





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# The Holiest Day of the Year

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*“clean[sed] from all [their] sins before the LORD” (Lev. 16:30).* According to rabbinic tradition, after *Yom Kippur*, one continues the new year with the past 12 months’ sins hidden from God’s sight.

With so much riding on these 25 hours, it’s understandable that some are anxious to “get it right.”

The 10-day period starting with *Rosh Hashanah* (the Jewish new year) and ending with *Yom Kippur*, known as the **Days of Awe**, provides ample time for self-examination. Those 10 days **allow ample time for thinking through one’s sins of omission and commission**, reconciling strained relationships, and asking God to release us from ill-advised vows.

Are 10 days of repentance really necessary? Most of us consider ourselves good people. But that’s not the issue, is it? It doesn’t matter if we’re good people compared to, say, a school shooter. What matters is if we’re good people in God’s eyes.

That brings us to the reason that God initially decreed *Yom Kippur*. In the Old Testament, He repeatedly called Israel to

be holy, as He is holy. Leviticus 20:26 is one instance of many: *“You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be My own.”* Merriam-Webster defines *holy* as “one perfect in goodness and righteousness; divine.”

None of us can claim to be perfect or divine. The Israelites couldn’t either. Anyone who can’t claim holiness needs atonement. It’s that simple. Hence the yearly Day of Atonement, a time for the Israelites to practice self-denial, to refrain from work and pleasure. God said that on this day,

*Atonement will be made for you ... to cleanse you, and you will be clean from all your sins before the LORD. ... [The High Priest] will make atonement ... for the priests and all the people of the assembly. This is to be a permanent statute for you, to make atonement for the Israelites once a year because of all their sins (Lev. 16:30–34).*

God knew that His people would not live up to His standards, so He provided this way for their sins to be “covered over”



through the blood of sacrificed animals. However, the sacrifices on *Yom Kippur* had limited efficacy. The author of the Book of Hebrews wrote:

*...The gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. They [were] only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings — external regulations applying until the time of the new order (Heb. 9:9–10).*

While *Yom Kippur* could only provide atonement for a limited time, it was God's sufficient (albeit temporary) provision.

**There's one big problem with *Yom Kippur* today:** There is no God-authorized way to make a sacrifice, since the Second Temple was destroyed in A.D. 70. As the author of the Book of Hebrews noted:

*... The Law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (Heb. 9:22, emphasis added).*

In modern Judaism, prayer, repentance, and giving to charity have taken the place of sacrifices. But without the ability to observe *Yom Kippur* exactly as Scripture decrees, it's no wonder that some worry about the minutiae of Atonement Day.

The good news: Before the Temple's destruction, God provided a means of atonement even better than *Yom Kippur*. Hebrews 9:24–26 explains this "new order":

*For [Messiah] did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands ... He entered Heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did He enter Heaven to offer Himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year [on *Yom Kippur*] with the blood that is not his own. Otherwise, [Messiah] would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the*

*world. But He has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.*

Hebrews 9:13–14 also clarifies:

*The blood [of animals]... sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of [Messiah], who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from the acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

How can we have confidence that all our sins are eternally covered? By placing our faith in Jesus the Messiah, the perfect High Priest.

*Yom Kippur* is an important time of self-examination and repentance. But Believers\* can rejoice that we repent as those who have received forgiveness!

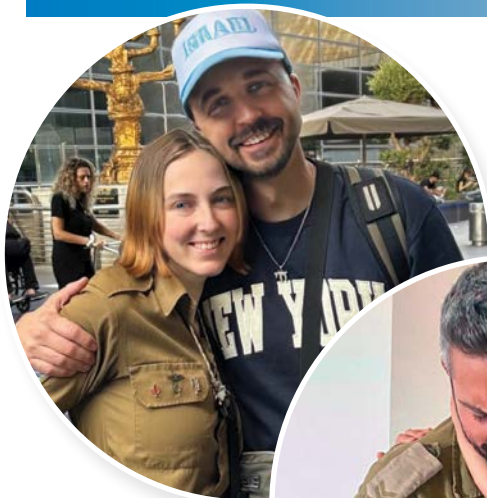
- For Believers, *Yom Kippur* is an opportunity to focus specifically on self-examination and repentance. But the somberness of this day is tempered by the joy of knowing that our sins are already forgiven in Messiah!
- Even if you aren't Jewish or rarely observe *Yom Kippur*, consider using this time to draw nearer to God. Pray in the spirit of Psalm 139:23–24: *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*
- Pray for the Jewish people who do not know their Messiah. Pray that as they observe *Yom Kippur* this year, their hearts will be open to Yeshua (Jesus) and the perfect atonement that He offers. ☆



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

# Skin in the Game

**Kirsten Hart**  
Studio co-host of  
*Our Jewish Roots*



**Top:** Joshua Aaron and his daughter spending time together before she returned to battle



**Right:** Chaim Malespin saying goodbye to his children before leaving for the front lines

I've never been a stockholder or investor in big-money matters, so I'm not accustomed to major financial gains here on Earth. I have dedicated my whole life to ministry, and one day in Heaven, I will receive my "return on the investment." Still, I am familiar with the phrase "skin in the game," which refers to having a personal stake in the outcome of a deal. Although renowned investor Warren Buffett popularized this phrase related to finance, it also relates to many other aspects of life.

Lately, I think about "skin in the game" when I consider our many close friends and companions who are actively fighting in the battles in Gaza or have children serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Their skin is literally in the "game" of active duty.

Throughout our ministry with ZLM over the past eight years, David and I have had the privilege of becoming friends with many Israeli Believers. Some of these are IDF reservists who have been called up to fight in a war they never wanted to be involved in. Others are parents of children who are actively serving

in the IDF. Two of those who stand out in these areas are Chaim Malespin and Joshua Aaron.

If you watch our *OJR* television programs or stay updated through our social media sites, you know Chaim Malespin well. He is a sergeant major in the IDF, and although many of his military roles are secret, he is a "tunnel guy." He — literally — has his own skin in the Gaza war every day.

Chaim is also the director of the Aliyah Return Center (ARC) in the Galilee — one of the many Israeli ministries supported by ZLM. While battling terrorists daily, Chaim also seeks to maintain his role with the ARC. More than that, he is a husband to his wife, Deanna, and a father to his three adorable children. The price of war is high. When you pray for the peace of Israel, would you also remember to pray for Chaim and his family?

Joshua Aaron, a renowned Israeli songwriter and worship leader, is another friend of ZLM. His daughter, a sergeant in the IDF, is currently involved in the war with Hamas. Joshua's son also recently began his IDF service.

Chaim and Joshua fully understand the concept of "skin in the game." While it's easy to ignore war and its impact when you don't have a personal connection to the ongoing danger, we at ZLM can't ignore it because our extended Israeli family is heavily involved in the conflict.

As you join us in praying for the peace of Jerusalem, would you also pray for peace and safety for the Israeli families who have loved ones in harm's way? ✨





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# The Bearded Bible Brothers go to Washington!

Caleb & Joshua Colson  
The Bearded Bible  
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Rep. Cory Mills with Joshua and Caleb

(Actually, it was Florida — but we met with some Washington, D.C. insiders!)

What would you do if a United States congressman, who saved your life by extracting you out of a war zone, asked you to speak at a high-society political dinner? For us, it was a no-brainer! Rep. Cory Mills, from Florida's 7th congressional district, is the embodiment of Jimmy Stewart's character in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. Rep. Mills is a legitimate civil servant, with the military background of Sylvester Stallone's *Rambo* character.

If you're unfamiliar with our story, **our crew was filming in Israel in October 2023 when Hamas invaded**. Nearly every airline canceled flights out of Tel Aviv. Our country left us behind, along with thousands of other U.S. citizens, while we wistfully watched every other nation send military aircraft to evacuate their people. Thankfully, Cory Mills answered God's call

(and ours, literally!) when he extracted our team and 43 other Americans from Israel.

This wasn't his first high-stakes rescue. In 2021, after the U.S.'s botched withdrawal from Afghanistan left 13 service members dead, Rep. Mills infiltrated the country on foot to extract a family of four Americans.

Nearly every week, without specifically searching for him online, you'll find the congressman achieving new feats of dedication and service — from rescuing 23 missionaries from Haiti as violent gangs overtook the country, to parachuting out of a plane over Normandy on the anniversary of D-Day. Because of his experience as a sniper, he also provided an invaluable assessment of the recent assassination attempt on President Donald Trump.

After receiving the invitation from Rep. Mills, we traveled to Daytona Beach, Florida. There, we met with his constituents and donors, along with other representa-

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tives and senators, and told our story of God's supernatural deliverance through the hands of His servant. Thankfully, every politician at the Lincoln Dinner was beyond gracious to welcome two hairy Jewish guys who openly declare Yeshua as their Messiah.

Once again, the Lord gave us a platform to share His love and declare His truth as Rep. Mills gave us 12 minutes of his allotted speaking time. **Rarely do we get to witness hundreds of cheering people in a packed convention center giving a standing ovation as we declare God's unbreakable covenant with His people Israel.** After the recent barrage of hatred and anti-Semitism toward Israel and the Jewish people, it's a welcome relief to experience the support of Americans who recognize the importance of this country's greatest ally.

We can't shake the visceral memories of the war in Israel, nor can we stop marveling at how God uses Believers in government positions to do His will. Therefore, we continue encouraging Christians to take a stand, vote, and even run for public office. *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan"* (Prov. 29:2).

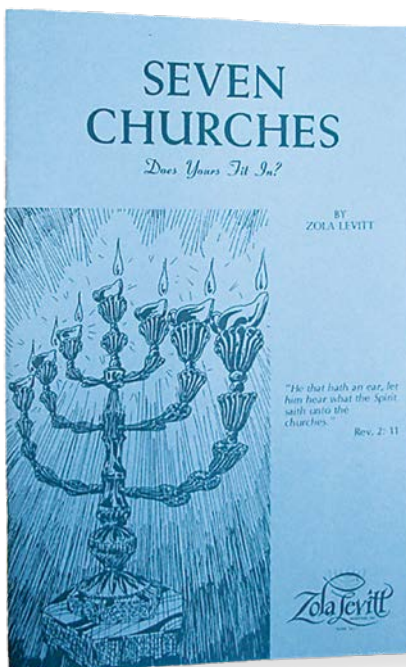
America's current spiritual climate parallels that of the Kingdom of Judah from over 2,500 years ago. **Our country stands at a precipice** — it will bring either one of the greatest moves of God or the collapse of one of the greatest nations ever to call upon the name of the Lord. Every one of us must make a choice. *"Choose this day whom you will serve"* (Joshua 24:15)!

Thank you, Rep. Mills, for your steadfast commitment to honoring the Lord, and your vocal support for His people Israel. And, thank you for your continued friendship. ☆

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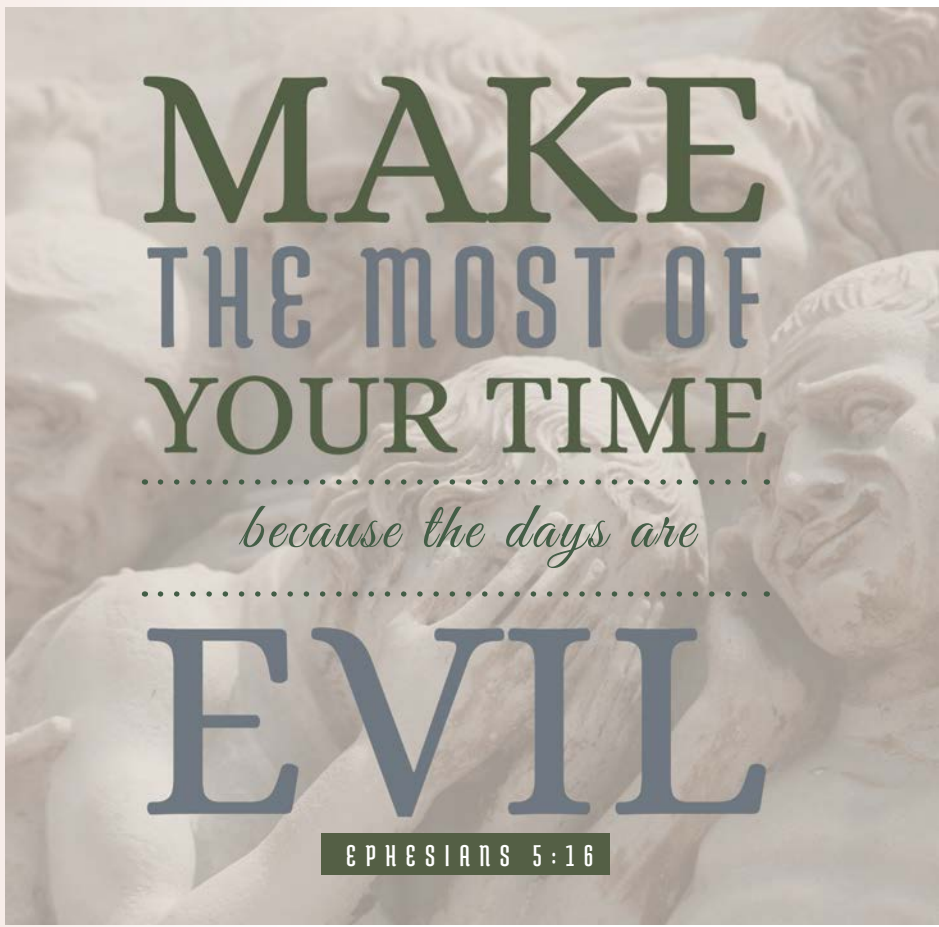


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by Zola Levitt

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# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME

*because the days are*

# EVIL

EPHESIANS 5:16



On a recent trip, I spoke at a small congregation about prophecy and Israel. I was delighted to discover a group of Biblically informed Christians eager to learn the truths of God.

The pastor of this church is a fine teacher, with a degree from Moody Bible Institute. A person of obvious humility, this pastor told me he honestly did not feel qualified to teach on the prophetic Scriptures.

The pastor listened attentively to my talk with everyone else in his flock. I applaud him for his initiative in providing an opportunity for the congregation to understand End Times prophecy. For over an hour, we covered Israel's past, present, and future — a future that includes gentile Believers in the Millennial

Kingdom and on into eternity, where we all will dwell together — Jew and gentile alike — in the new Jerusalem.

While in Washington D.C., I interviewed Joseph Farah, Editor-in-Chief of World-NetDaily, an Internet news site with 2.5 million readers each month. Farah, an Arab-American and an Evangelical Believer, pulls no punches when reporting on issues like our war on terror, Israel's right to the Land, and bias in the media. Jews and Christians have a friend in Joseph Farah.

We rounded out our visit to the capital with interviews at the Israeli embassy. Off the record, I asked one staff member just why reporters in democracies like America or Europe continue to hate us. He smiled conspiratorially and

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answered, "Because we're Jews." We are hearing more and more of that these days — bias and hatred against the Jews. As we have reported, our college campuses have become breeding grounds for anti-Semitism among academics and students alike.

In addition, we interviewed Mark Regev, the Israeli press liaison, who has appeared on Fox News and other networks defending Israel and its policies. Isn't it sad that the only democracy in the Middle East must fight tooth and nail to defend its own war against terrorism to the entire world?

Later, we spoke with an IDF (Israel Defense Forces) major who has seen plenty of combat. This 26-year-old explained the care taken by the IDF to arrest the terrorists from among the people without collateral damage. In the end, this officer had an optimistic view of future prospects with the Palestinians.

And finally, we talked with a young woman whose specialty at the embassy is Christian Relations with Israel. She was heartened by the support that Evangelical Christians were giving the Chosen People through donations, prayer services, and tourism. Of course, she was also quick to distinguish between U.S. Evangelicals and mainline Protestant denominations that, along with Catholics, give little support to the Jewish people. Most of the effective Christians are born again. The others simply don't amount to much in the view of the Chosen People.

This led me to consider again the question: **Where is the U.S. in the End Times?** Scripture is clear to those who take the Bible at face value: The best part for born-again Believers is in Heaven, attending our marriage to the Lord, not enduring the Tribulation. Leave the administration of the Tribulation period to the antiChrist, and to those unbelievers and Protestants and Catholics who have so diligently prepared themselves for that assignment.

The lines are being drawn more and more clearly today. Muslims are on the

offensive, attempting to convert the world "by the sword" through terrorism and violence of the most reprehensible forms. The Jews, however, are rapidly returning to the Promised Land, preparing themselves (though many are unaware of their Biblical destiny) for the time when the nations of the world will gather against them. They are defending themselves on American campuses, in European neighborhoods, and even in Israel.

**Unfortunately, much of the world readily condemns Israel and acquiesces to the threats of the Arab states.** The time is drawing near, I believe. And even though no one can or should dabble with dates, the pieces of the prophetic puzzle are coming together quickly.

There is no better time to lend your support to the Chosen People than now. Pray for them. Share Messiah with them. Visit them. Tell them that you love them, and that God will indeed fulfill His plan in them, ultimately exalting them and their Land above all other nations. If they won't let you say more, simply tell them you'll be leaving. When the Rapture occurs, your absence will become an irresistible piece of evidence for their salvation. And know that when you witness to the Jews, you may well choose one of the 144,000!

We provide opportunities through our many funds, through our television programs, and through our tours to Israel. Won't you consider helping the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in this time of desperate survival?

*"Make the most of your time because the days are evil,"* the Apostle Paul urges in Ephesians 5:16 (TLV). This is the time to make your voice heard, both to the Lord and to the world, that Christ is the risen Messiah, Who has come for Jew and gentile alike. Shalom, and pray fervently for the peace of Jerusalem!

**Though this message is 22 years old, it could have been written today. It's sad that in over two decades, anti-Semitism has worsened. —Kirsten ☆**



# What is the Apostasy of the Last Days? Part 1

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The English word “apostasy,” from the Greek word *apostasía*, refers to a religious defection, departure, or desertion from a previous stand or position. In secular Greek, the word referred to political rebels (*Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, p. 413). The New Testament, however, uses the word to denote people who forsake or abandon their faith in Jesus Christ and the revealed truth of God.

Jesus foretold this abandonment that would occur because of the proliferation of false Christs and false prophets who will arise until His Second Coming (Matt. 24:5, 23–26). As a result, the Apostles were very concerned about people forsaking the true Gospel and sound Biblical doctrine. Though Paul, Peter, John, James, and Jude warned of this departure in their writings, it persisted throughout the first century.

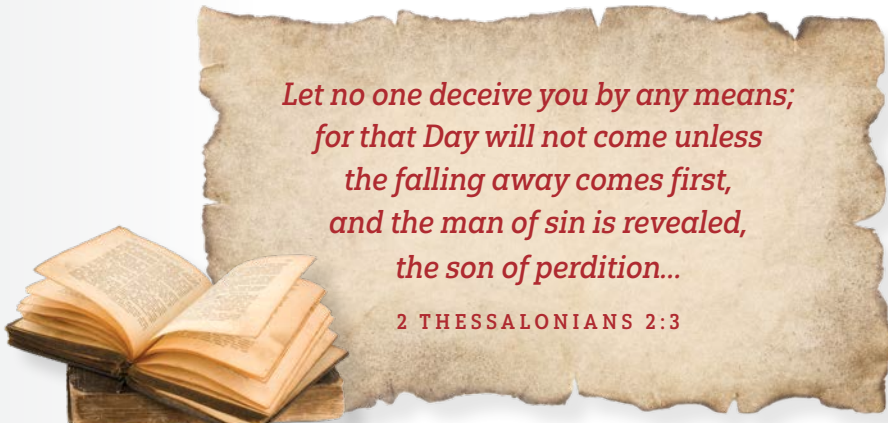
In 1 Timothy 4:1–3, the Apostle Paul predicted a falling away from the Christian faith within the Church. The defection from the faith was already occurring in his time, and like leaven, will continue to spread until the end of the present age.

While apostasy has increased since the first century, Paul explained that there will be a universal “falling away” (2 Thess. 2:3) — a mass defection from and denial

of the Christian faith — prior to the rise of antiChrist and the subsequent return of Jesus Christ. Some Bible commentators believe that the “departing” mentioned in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (in the Geneva Bible) refers to the Rapture, when all Believers in the Church depart from the Earth after Christ comes for them in the air (1 Thess. 4:15–17). But this thinking is flawed since the term for “departing,” “departure,” or “apostasy” usually refers to a defection from solid doctrine. This meaning is reinforced by the fact that the antiChrist will arise in the wake of this apostasy, bringing a universal abandonment of the Christian faith.

In 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, Paul specifically referred to the “*unrighteous deception*” (v. 10) in which people depart from God’s truth. In verse 7, he described this as “*the mystery of lawlessness*” — a set of beliefs contradicting “*the truth*” (vv. 10, 12). This deception, “*the lie*” (v. 11), is what Satan has always foisted on mankind — that we don’t need to believe or obey God’s Word (see Gen. 3:4; Rom. 1:21–25). This apostasy was predicted not only for the present Church Age but also for the Tribulation period to follow (see Rev. 6–18). ☆

Next month, we will consider how apostasy increases and its prevalence in our time.



*Let no one deceive you by any means;  
for that Day will not come unless  
the falling away comes first,  
and the man of sin is revealed,  
the son of perdition...*

2 THESSALONIANS 2:3

Please see “Florida Imam: Christians Leaving the Church...” on p. 34.



Rhonda, Fares, and Todd

Robert Williams and I spent several days in Jerusalem during our 55<sup>th</sup> Gospel outreach in March 2024. Upon arriving at the Dan Hotel in Jerusalem, two employees greeted us: **Rhonda and Fares. They are Arab Israelis.** When we mentioned the Gaza war, they expressed sorrow over the Hamas atrocities on October 7. They added that they were glad to be Israeli citizens. This dispels the media notion that Jews and Arabs in Israel are perpetually at each other's throats. Actually, most of them live together in peace and happiness.

The mindset of Rhonda and Fares prompted Robert and me to proclaim the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus) and how He died on the Cross to reconcile the world to God (2 Cor. 5:19). We added that this reconciliation is only effective for those who trust what Yeshua did. We then offered Rhonda and Fares a Hebrew Bible, containing both the Old and New Testaments. Both of them were excited to receive the Scriptures about the Jewish Messiah. He also loves and died for the Arab people and all people groups of the Earth, that whoever believes in Him might be saved (Isa. 45:22; John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

Later, we met Mor, who owns a jewelry store. She was very open to our message — **it was as if she had been waiting for us to bring her the Good News of Yeshua the Messiah!** We encouraged Mor with the Biblical promise of Jeremiah 31:31–37, where God confirms the preservation and redemption of the Jewish nation of Israel.

Robert and I explained that the Lord made this great promise within His larger pledge to make a New Covenant with Israel, unlike the Old Covenant He made at Mount Sinai, which Israel failed to keep. Mor was captivated by what this meant for the Jewish people. We added that the sacrificial death of Yeshua the Messiah, whose shed blood saves and cleanses us from sin (Matt. 26:28; 1 John 1:7), ratified the New Covenant. This New Covenant was first received in Israel by those who believed in Yeshua.

Mor joyfully accepted a Hebrew Bible from us. Through God's Word, she can better understand the fundamental truths of salvation, especially Yeshua's saving power for all who believe in Him (Rom. 3:21–26). ✨



## The World is a Coal Mine ...

**Mark Levitt**  
ZLM Director  
since 1988



... and the Jew is its canary.

The phrase “canary in a coal mine” originated from 19<sup>th</sup>-century coal miners. After discovering that canaries are highly sensitive to carbon monoxide — an invisible, odorless, deadly gas — they began taking canaries into the mines with them.

If carbon monoxide levels rose too much, the canaries would show signs of distress or even die before the miners were affected. Consequently, the miners knew to evacuate. The phrase now metaphorically refers to early warnings of potential danger.

Today’s incessant increase in anti-Semitism is a warning that it has become time to evacuate many cities around the globe — for coal miners (the gentiles) as well as Jews (the canaries). The hateful, violent bigots who target Jews today inevitably will pursue Christians tomorrow and others afterward.

Canary Mission publicizes the words and deeds of individuals and organizations who promote racism and bigotry — especially anti-Semitism. Beneath the banner “BECAUSE THE WORLD SHOULD KNOW,” [CanaryMission.org](http://CanaryMission.org) devotes sections to exposing students, professors, professionals, and organizations who have openly, publicly embraced Jew-hating. Their thousands of listings prove that flagrant anti-Semitism routinely exercised in broad daylight amounts to the bell tolling for the dissipating, 20<sup>th</sup>-century sentiment “Never Again.”

The homepage of CanaryMission.org features articles entitled, “UC San Diego Dept. of Ethnic Studies Appoints Anti-Israel Activist as First Palestinian Community Leader in Residence” and “Why Does Gen Z Support Hamas?” Their Blog titles include “Anti-Zionism is Anti-Semitism,” “Anti-Semitism

in Congress,” and “The BDS Movement: Do Americans Really Care?”

Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) is an anti-Israel organization whose stated mission is to seek “an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.” JVP staunchly supports and promotes the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) movement in academic, cultural, and economic institutions. To read the in-depth report on JVP, visit [CanaryMission.org/campaign/JVP](http://CanaryMission.org/campaign/JVP).

The Ex-Canary section at [CanaryMission.org](http://CanaryMission.org) offers a glimmer of hope. It features people who the watchdog group investigated and featured but have since rejected anti-Semitism. “These individuals have displayed the intellectual honesty to acknowledge the problem of anti-Semitism within anti-Israel organizations ... They have shown moral courage to recognize their earlier mistakes — despite social pressure from their peers.”

Sadly, there are only 59 Ex-Canaries. With redacted identities and photos, silhouettes offer clues about their genders. Their accompanying statements begin with “I cannot take back the horrible things that I tweeted,” “Everything I said was horrendous,” “I believe I was brainwashed,” and “Hatred is a taught behavior.” Might these Ex-Canaries be one step closer to having faith in the Jewish Messiah?

Like it or not, on Judgment Day, every Canary and Ex-Canary will appear before the King of the Jews. ✨



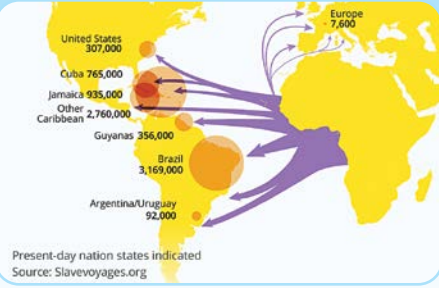
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# ZLM Bulletin Board



graphics: Enslaved Africans



## Arab-Muslims — Top Slave Traders

A six-minute video by commentator John Stossel dispels some egregious myths about slavery: <https://youtu.be/gXcufOpvvr4>. Some deceptions include: 1) America created slavery and 2) the USA's slavery was the worst in history. Wilfred Reilly, author of *Lies My Liberal Teacher Told Me*, debunks such false narratives by revealing, for example, that generational slavery has always been common. Contrary to popular belief, 1) most slaves were not shipped from Africa to the U.S., 2) most of American Blacks' problems began when welfare began, and 3) almost every society has had slavery. Arabs (particularly Muslims) have always been the world's premier slave traders, taking 17 million people from Africa. Saudi Arabia presently has 740,000 slaves!



## Diaspora Jews Feel Safer in ...

... wartime Israel than in NYC, London, or Paris. The strife between diaspora Jews and the anti-Semitic places that they have called home for generations has led to a surge in *aliyah* (Jews immigrating to Israel). With the pervasive rise in violence against Jews, more and more of them seek safety in a war zone, fleeing the unchecked lawlessness of supposedly civilized societies. In the U.S. alone, 9,700 filed for *aliyah* from October 2023 through mid-May 2024, a 76% increase over the preceding corresponding period.

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## Pamphlet of the Month

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## Do Israeli Lives Matter?

Sgt. First Class (res.) Shay Uriel Pizem, 23, was a tank commander in the IDF. He left the war to be present at his first child's birth and spent two weeks with her and his wife, Maayan, before returning to battle. When asked if it was hard to say goodbye to Yarden, Maayan replied, "No, because now I know more than ever what I'm fighting for." On December 15, 2023 — three weeks after Yarden's birth — Shay died during a nighttime operation in Gaza. Blessings on his head and those of his grieving family.



Shay Uriel Pizem and his daughter Yarden

credit: Pizem family

## "COME HOME!"

Zola Tours to Israel



See page 36 for details







Courtesy: The Jerusalem Connection

## Looking for Home

by John Parsons  
Hebrew for Christians  
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בְּעֶצְתְּךָ תְּנַחֵנִי וְאַחֵר כְּבוֹד תִּקְחֵנִי

“You will guide me in Your counsel, and afterward  
You will receive me into glory.” – Psalm 73:24

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You will receive me into glory and afterward You will guide me in Your counsel

Read Hebrew right to left! ←

Our faith in Yeshua brings us Believers into collision with the world and its vanities. We are to be “crucified to the world,” and therefore seek matters above, out of sight of other men. *“We do not look at things that are seen, but things that are unseen”* (2 Cor. 4:18). We are estranged from the world because we look away from its attractions, heeding the promises of the Eternal Lord, longing for that place that transcends the temporal pleasures and fleeting dramas of this age. God has subjected this world to vanity yet has set “eternity within our hearts” (Eccl. 3:11) so that we abide in hope.

**To trust in the finished work of Messiah for you is to trust in His finished work within you.**

Meanwhile we regard all things as they relate to the truth of spirituality as taught by our Lord. We recognize God’s moral law and the voice of conscience that overrules the vagaries of man’s self-serving laws. We also understand that all we say, do, and think will be judged upon our death in light of the truth of God. We therefore look askance at worldly politics and the machinations

of the godless, understanding that we groan in this life and are burdened, earnestly desiring death to be “swallowed up” in life, so that we should be clothed in the immortality and blessing of eternal life (2 Cor. 5:4).

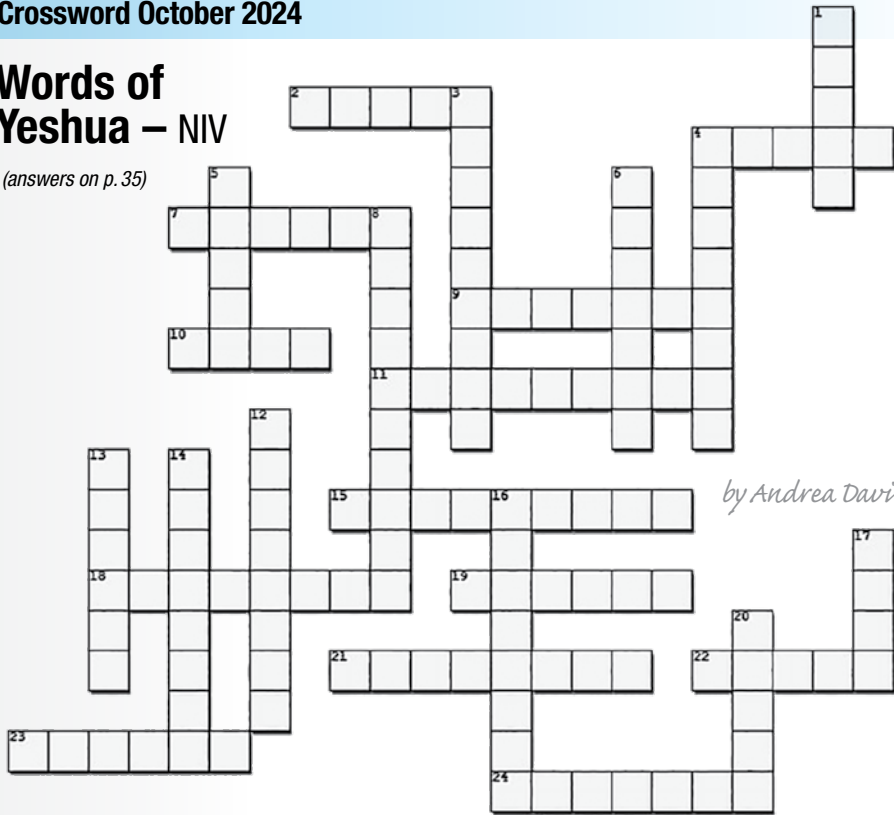
Just as you trust and accept that Yeshua was crucified for you — identifying with you, taking your place in judgment, exchanging His life for your own — so you trust and accept

that you have been crucified with Him, and that your old life was taken away and replaced with a new, indestructible nature of His resurrection life. In other words, a union is created where His “for you” is answered by your “with Him.” *Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι* – *“I already have been crucified in Messiah”* (Gal. 2:20). Indeed, the two go inextricably together: To trust in the finished work of Messiah for you is to trust in His finished work within you. **When He died on the Cross for you, which sins didn’t He bear on your behalf?** Which remedy did He leave unfulfilled? ✨



# Words of Yeshua – NIV

(answers on p. 35)



by Andrea Davis

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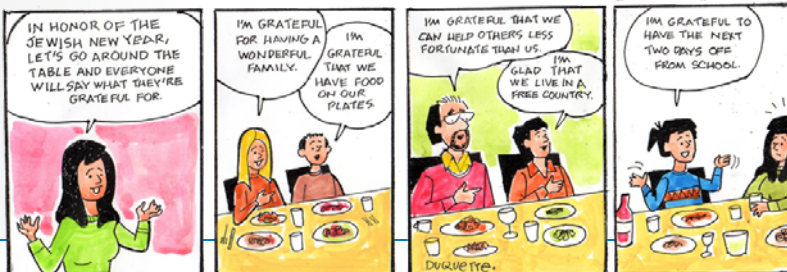
2. Man shall not live on \_\_\_ alone... (Matt. 4:4)
4. I do not accept \_\_\_ from human beings. (John 5:41)
7. ...But unless you \_\_\_, you too will all perish. (Luke 13:3)
9. ...a \_\_\_ is not without honor except in his own town... (Mark 6:4)
10. ...your Father knows what you \_\_\_ before you ask Him. (Matt. 6:8)
11. Do not store up for yourselves \_\_\_ on Earth... (Matt. 6:19)
15. ...I have not come to call the \_\_\_, but sinners. (Mark 2:17)
18. ...Son, your sins are \_\_\_. (Mark 2:5)
19. Enter through the \_\_\_ gate... (Matt. 7:13)
21. I am the good \_\_\_\_\_. (John 10:14)
22. Each tree is recognized by its own \_\_\_. (Luke 6:44)
23. For My yoke is easy and My \_\_\_ is light. (Matt. 11:30)
24. ...The Son of Man is the Lord of the \_\_\_. (Luke 6:5)

## DOWN

1. ...Therefore I tell you, do not \_\_\_ about your life. (Luke 12:22)
3. Therefore go and make \_\_\_ of all nations... (Matt. 28:19)
4. This is the first and \_\_\_ commandment. (Matt. 22:38)
5. ...Worship the Lord your God and \_\_\_ Him only. (Luke 4:8)
6. ...didn't you know I had to be in My \_\_\_ house? (Luke 2:49)
8. Watch and pray so that you will not fall into \_\_\_. (Mark 14:38)
12. ...Watch out that no one \_\_\_ you. (Mark 13:5)
13. ...The Son of Man must \_\_\_ many things... (Luke 9:22)
14. ...But take heart! I have \_\_\_ the world. (John 16:33)
16. Watch out for the \_\_\_ of the law... (Mark 12:38)
17. You are the \_\_\_ of the Earth... (Matt. 5:13)
20. I am the way and the \_\_\_ and the life. (John 14:6)

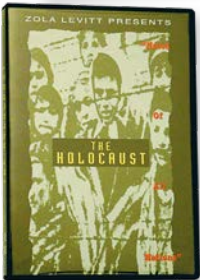
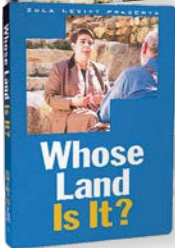
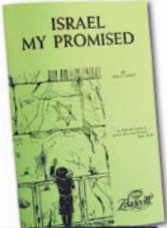
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by Harvey Rachlin





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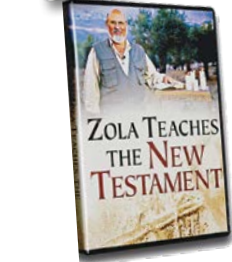
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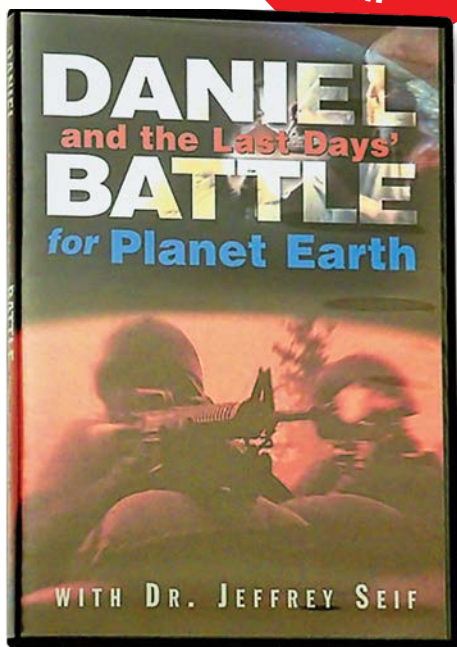
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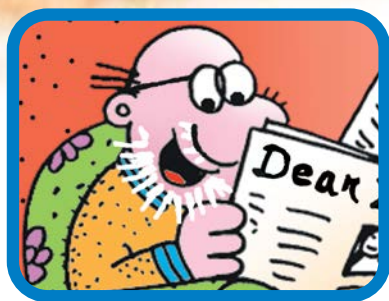
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- **Never send compromising photos to strangers** you're chatting with online, no matter what they say or what photos they send you. Once they get your photos, they will use those seeking to extort money from you.
- **Never send money to a scammer,** even if they threaten you. They will only demand more, but likely won't follow through with any threats. Block their messages.

Next month, we will review some additional signs of a scam. Until then, visit [reddit.com/r/Scams/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Scams/) to read more about online frauds and how to avoid being victimized.

My mother-in-law received a call stating that our younger son was in jail and needed her to send bond money. It was a scam. Scammers increasingly prey on the emotions of senior citizens. —David ☆





# Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space.  
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## More on Unconditional Love

**From D.A.:** Dear Kirsten: Considering the horrific attack on Israel, I think you should reconsider, through wiser eyes, your understanding of what the Bible says about love — and so should M.S. who responded to you ([July 2024 Levitt Letter](#), p. 22).

To really get to the heart of this matter, I hope Dr. Jeffrey Seif will give us his perspective since **I think you are both wrong to some degree.**

Also, King David never said, “Hate the sin, love the sinner.” As far as I know, that is not in the Bible.

**Dear D.A.,**

I’m a bit confused about what you wrote. I am all for unconditional love! I don’t think it’s something that any Bible scholar needs to comment on. We love because God first loved us — unconditionally and with everything He has. I’m thankful for grace and mercy that extend a holy love to all who will accept it. —Kirsten

## Closed Captioning on TV Programs

**From M.B.:** It is now the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but your TV program *Our Jewish Roots* has no closed captions. How can we learn? Lip reading is not easy. **I am Jewish and deaf.** I could not have a bas mitzvah because of my deafness. No Closed Captioning today on your Bible teaching programs? Booooo!

**Dear M.B.,**

Almost all of our TV show videos (except the really old ones) have closed captions on YouTube, Roku, our website, and of course on broadcast TV. I even include them in our downloadable MP4 video file, and you can see the caption text as a transcript on the individual episode pages on [levitt.tv](#).

We have been providing captions in as many places as possible, as soon as it became feasible, since 2010.

Our non-broadcast videos probably don’t have captioning, but YouTube can show you auto-generated captions in whatever language you select from the gear menu. —Greg H., ZLM webmaster

## Recommended Bible Version?

**From J.O.:** What Bible do you recommend? I’m currently reading the KJV, which uses “fan” in place of winnowing (Matt. 3:12). I’ve been watching Zola Levitt’s “Israel by Divine Right” series [[levitt.tv/media/series/VIDR](#)], and I think he mentioned using the Scofield Reference Bible. Thank you for increasing my knowledge in following our Lord. Could you explain why you prefer the Bible you choose?

**Dear J.O.,**

A wise friend of ours says to “**use the Bible version you understand.**” We switch between versions based upon an accurate and understandable translation, from NKJV, TLV, and even occasionally NIV. But we always cross-reference with our Greek and Hebrew concordance. Blessings! —Joshua and Caleb

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## Still Standing with Israel

**From L.B.:** Just a quick email to let you see that among the protests, there are those still standing with Israel. I have been a supporter of *Our Jewish Roots*, finding it a wonderful and informative resource in my walk with Christ.

I find the level of hatred in our communities, especially Belfast, Ireland, to be rising toward Christians like never before, but I guess this problem is only a sample of the rest of the world in these times.

Thank you for the work your ministry does. I find it especially enriching regarding studying the Bible in relation to Jewish ways and customs, the Hebrew language, and the frequent updates from Israel.

**Dear L.B.,**

We need more supporters like you who stand with Israel! Unfortunately, the media tend to highlight hatred instead of support for the Jewish people. —David

## Tribulation and Judgment for Believers

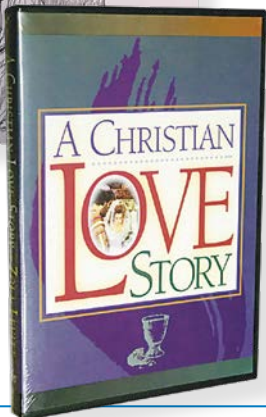
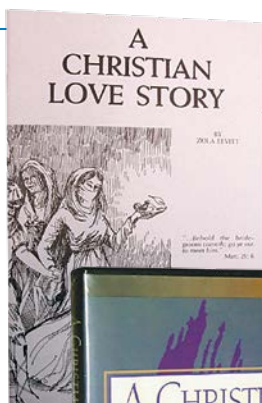
**From O.I.O.:** Sorry brothers, but you're mistaken. Do you not know that you're to endure Tribulation, that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God? And do you not know that your works (actions, deeds) are the very standard by which you'll be judged (Matt. 16:27; Rev. 22:12)?

**Dear O.I.O.,**

You are mistaken. There is none worthy by action or deed, but only by receiving the free gift of Yeshua's atonement. Those who choose Him as Messiah are then "...counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

It's true that Believers will stand before the Judgment (at the *Bema* — Rom. 14:10), but the result is for Yeshua to issue our rewards and position in His Kingdom. Eternal salvation has already been decided at this point. The Great White Throne judgment in Revelation 20 is for those who rejected Yeshua's sacrifice. This is where the works come into play, but all will be found guilty and cast into the lake of fire. **Their works cannot save them.** In either situation, works do not equal any form of Godliness or righteousness. Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

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## *A Christian Love Story* study booklet and CD

By Zola Levitt

The beautiful story of Israel's wedding customs in Messiah's time and how He fulfilled these traditions in calling out His Bride, the Church. A striking and inspiring example of Scriptural logic and elegance.

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## Rapture Questions

**From L.L.:** Where exactly is the “rapture” described in the Word? You can’t point it out.

**Dear L.L.,**

Where exactly is any English word used in the original Greek and Hebrew Scriptures? Nowhere. But thankfully, the Word was translated into our common English tongue. Still, you can find the Greek term *harpazo* (“rapture”) in Acts 8:39; 2 Corinthians 12:2, 4; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; and Revelation 12:5. Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

**From A.E.:** Will the children of unbelievers also be raptured together with the Bride? When we return with Jesus for the Millennial Reign on Earth, will we be able to marry and have children or will those be only for the remnant?

**Dear A.E.,**

Indeed, we believe that **all children will be taken with the Bride**. Please watch “Harpazo” ([levitt.tv/media/watch/2422](http://levitt.tv/media/watch/2422)) to understand why we believe this.

In Matthew 22:30, Yeshua explains that those in resurrected bodies do not marry. And truly we won’t need to because we marry the Lamb! But the surviving remnant on Earth will marry and fill the Earth with children who live extended lifespans (Isaiah 65:20). Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb

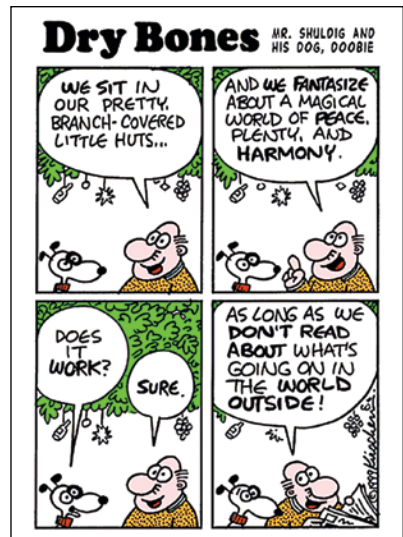


## Joshua & Caleb discuss The Two Witnesses on YouTube

**From D.H.:** While Enoch might be cited in the Bible, the Book of Enoch is not in the Bible. That book is not the inspired Word, and we do not know who wrote it. For all we know, it’s a demonic work. Therefore, I think it should be avoided.

**Dear D.H.,**

Indeed, the Book of Enoch is not in the Bible, though we referenced it just as you mentioned. Thankfully, the Scriptures themselves verify the themes in Enoch (see Jude and Genesis 6), whether or not the exact details in that book are accurate. We only use the Book of Enoch as a tool, as we would use the works of Josephus. While there are many “historical” accounts that have flaws, this doesn’t mean that we can’t study or reference them. Just as most Christians are forced to study pagan works like the *Iliad* in high school, we do not take the account as 100% accurate, do we? Blessings. —Joshua and Caleb



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**To Hear Something New** On Mars Hill in Athens, Myles teaches about what Paul encountered while bringing the Jewish Gospel to the Greek world. Dr. Dan Juster explains the theological connection between Jewish and Greek thought.

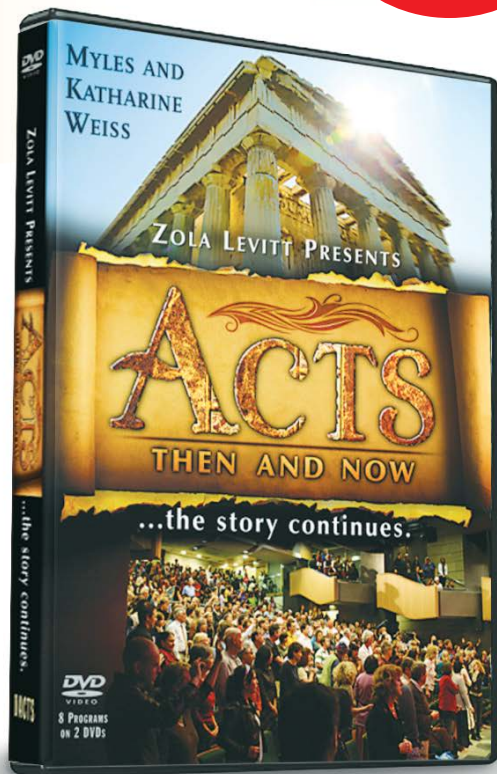
**The Word Goes Forth from Zion** Out of Paul's Corinthian letters come timeless instructions on how to live together in a vibrant faith community. Interview with Asher Intrater and his son about the faith life of the contemporary Messianic community.

**The One New Man** In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul emphasizes the unity of the Spirit between Jews and Greeks (non-Jews/gentiles) in Messiah.

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# Innovative Device Frees a Baby's Stuck Shoulder at Birth

By Abigail Klein Leichman  
Israel21c.org

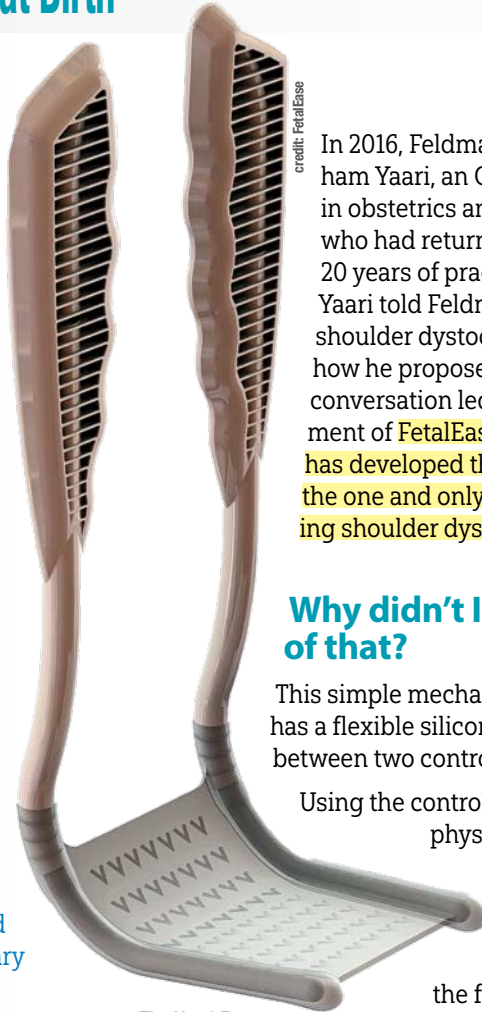


One of the leading causes of obstetric malpractice suits in the U.S. is injuries resulting from pulling, pushing, or twisting a baby out of its mother during a shoulder dystocia delivery. This is when the head has emerged, but the shoulder is stuck behind the mother's pubic bone.

In August 2023, a couple in the state of Georgia filed a lawsuit after their son was decapitated during shoulder dystocia delivery. [\[It was ruled a homicide in February 2024. —Editor\]](#)

Veteran Israeli medical device entrepreneur Aaron Feldman was surprised to learn that there was no device to ease this dangerous complication occurring annually in at least 1.5 million births worldwide — and it's increasing as birthweights rise.

The standard protocol is to try a series of manual maneuvers to free the baby within a five- to seven-minute window before the baby asphyxiates because of compression in the birth canal. These maneuvers can fracture the baby's arm or collarbone. Even worse, 50,000 newborns annually suffer permanent brachial plexus nerve damage from the pressure exerted on the neck as doctors work to free the baby's shoulder.



The Yaari Extractor

In 2016, Feldman met Dr. Abraham Yaari, an OB/GYN (specialist in obstetrics and gynecology), who had returned to Israel after 20 years of practicing in the U.S. Yaari told Feldman about the shoulder dystocia problem and how he proposed to solve it. Their conversation led to the establishment of [FetalEase](#), a startup that [has developed the Yaari Extractor, the one and only device for resolving shoulder dystocia.](#)

## Why didn't I think of that?

This simple mechanical solution has a flexible silicone sheath held between two control arms.

Using the control arms, the physician introduces the sheath into the birth canal, wraps it around the fetal shoulder

to disengage it from the maternal pubic bone, and then turns the baby 45 degrees. Now the mother can resume pushing the baby out naturally.

"No force is put on the baby's head or neck, and it's easy to learn how to use," explained Feldman.

In a test at a hospital in Haifa, "We put a sensor under a birth simulator to measure force to the mother from our device compared to during different manual maneuvers. It showed that ours puts much less force on the mother," added Feldman.

He and Yaari took the Yaari Extractor to worldwide conferences to demonstrate the device to doctors on a simulator.

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credit: FetalEase

Dr. Abraham Yaari (left) trains an obstetrician to use the Yaari Extractor.

During a December 2022 conference in Milan, 60 obstetricians from around the world gave up their lunch break to attend a Yaari Extractor training workshop with Patel and Yaari.

Afterward, many doctors around the world wanted to know how they could purchase and test the Yaari Extractor.

## U.S. clinical trials

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted approval to FetalEase to initiate a U.S. clinical study. Pending those results, the Yaari Extractor could be FDA-cleared and ready for the U.S. market in late 2025.

“So many of them told us, ‘I can’t believe I didn’t think of that.’ But they wanted to see it used in a real case in humans. It took a long time to be able to do that because there’s high sensitivity in trying new devices with babies.”

## Initial testing in India

Eventually, Dr. Rajnish Patel, director of a maternity hospital in India, tested the Yaari Extractor.

When the COVID pandemic delayed in-person training in India, Patel suggested that they send him a simulator and several devices, and then train him over Zoom. A month later, Patel called to report that he’d used the Yaari Extractor to free a 10-pound baby with shoulder dystocia.

Patel took a video of this and another successful use of the device. FetalEase showed the videos at medical conferences to the same professionals they’d previously wowed with the simulated procedure.

The October 2022 issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, the journal of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), published a paper about the success of the first few trial cases.

Feldman notes that the device has great potential for use in developing countries. “Our team is laser focused on getting this into the market because every day that goes by there are babies being born with injuries from this situation,” he explained. ☆

Family friends are currently coping with the extended physical aftermath of a shoulder dystocia delivery. Thank you again, Israel, for creating innovative medical devices! —Kirsten



credit: FetalEase

Yaari Extractor inventor and FetalEase cofounder Dr. Abraham Yaari with the device



## This Ultra-Orthodox Jew Saved 50 Israelis on “Black Shabbat”



credit: United Hatzalah

Eli Rott rescues an IDF soldier in southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023

On October 7, 2023, Eli Rott was spending *Simchat Torah* at his in-laws' with his wife and two children when rocket-alert sirens blared across Jerusalem. Almost simultaneously, at around 8:05 a.m., he received a call from United Hatzalah — for which he has volunteered for five years as a first responder — informing him to head south toward the Gaza border.

“I had a bit of an argument with my wife. She didn't want to let me go at first. She was terrified. Not that we even knew at the time how severe the attack was,” noted Rott, a *haredi*, or ultra-Orthodox Jew.

Rott explained that he has a duty to save lives, and most in his community understand. “If a pregnant woman needs to give birth on Shabbat or an elderly person doesn't wake up, someone must assist them. My phone might ring in synagogue during the prayers and everyone is okay with it.”

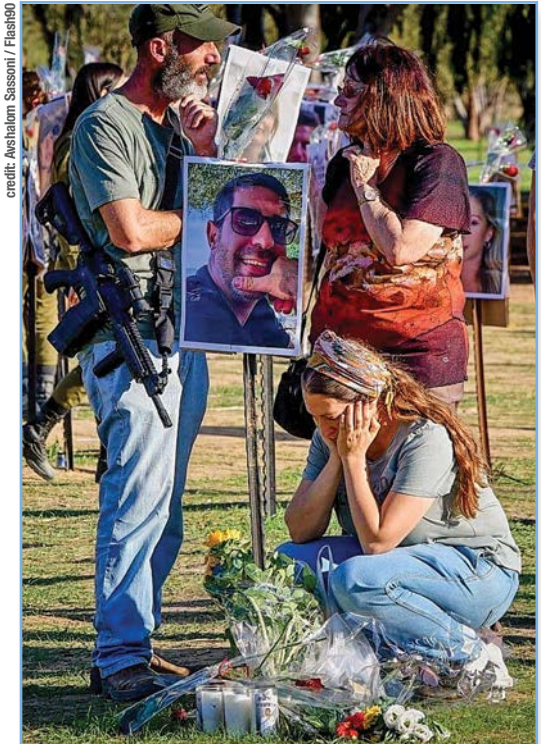
En route to Sderot, Rott was flagged down by a car that had been commandeered by soldiers from the site of the Supernova music festival at Kibbutz Re'im, where Hamas terrorists had killed 360 people. The vehicle's driver had died and two

passengers needed medical assistance for their wounds.

“We got the two injured revelers into the ambulance and started making our way to the nearest hospital,” Rott stated. “On the way, they began describing what they had gone through. I thought they were



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credit: Avshalom Sassoni / Flash90

People visiting the site of the Supernova music festival massacre near Kibbutz Re'im, Nov. 30, 2023



tripping on hard drugs; it didn't seem real."

By then, information and clips of the atrocities began circulating on social media. But Rott, who only uses his phone for emergency calls on Shabbat, did not yet know the extent of the carnage. "When I arrived at the hospital, I saw chaos — blood on the floor, parents looking for their children. They would open the back doors of the ambulance to check if their kid was inside," he noted.

After dropping off the wounded, Rott headed out again, passing the entrance to Sderot, where he encountered a bomb shelter filled with dead people. "I usually would stop to recover the bodies, but there was no time. Otherwise, we would not have been able to rescue the living," Rott explained.

In Ofakim, the police station became a makeshift hospital, with doctors and paramedics treating victims from across the region. After providing first aid to the injured, Rott traveled between Ofakim and hospitals in southern Israel six or seven times, transporting four wounded each trip. "We took the victims to Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Beersheba, switching it up so as not to overwhelm the hospitals," he explained.

In the afternoon, he was dispatched to Kibbutz Kfar Aza, where over 60 residents had been killed by Hamas and at least 18 others kidnapped. "When we arrived, it was scary, with much shooting and many rockets targeting the kibbutz. We only had a few seconds to find shelter, but there was none; we were on the street," Rott stated. "The wounded we rescued there were mostly from elite military units because they were the first to arrive to fight."

Over the course of the day, Rott saved some 50 people.

"It is written in the Torah that everything that can be done should be done to save



A highway near Sderot after Hamas terrorists killed Israelis en masse on Oct. 7, 2023

credit: Jamal Awad / Flast90

lives. On October 7, there was no Shabbat, *Kiddush* [the blessing to sanctify the beginning of Shabbat], or *Havdalah* [the separation blessing that ends Shabbat]. I did not pray, because this is what was needed. It was my *mitzvah* ["religious duty" or "commandment from God"]," he explained.

"On October 7, we needed everyone," he said, adding that the situation has changed since. "We need to find a way to talk to each other in order to find a solution. Unity is the most important thing," Rott added.



In March, Rott, a talented athlete and the first *haredi* Ninja Israel finalist, participated in the Jerusalem Marathon. "I ran in the Old City, looking at the holy places and thinking of all the wars we fought for these to be ours. We will not forget all those who fell in battle or the hostages, who we will bring back and run with next year," he declared. ✨

Eli Rott participating in the Ninja Warrior Israel competition

credit: Ninja Warrior Israel





Image from a Samidoun Toronto study on "Strategy for the Liberation of Palestine"

## Palestinian Terrorist Handbook Taught at NYC Community Center

By Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz  
Israel365News.com

The Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network announced in July on its Telegram channel that it would host group study events at a community center in Brooklyn, New York. The teachings focus on "Strategy for the Liberation of Palestine," a document published by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) in February 1969.

In 1967, the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) founded the PFLP — a secular Palestinian Marxist–Leninist and revolutionary socialist organization. Known for pioneering armed aircraft-hijackings in the late 1960s and early 1970s, the PFLP has been designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S., Japan, Canada, and the European Union.

The document in question outlines the PFLP's philosophies and strategies. Its objective is "to destroy the state of Israel as a military, political, and economic establishment." It also claims that any peaceful negotiated solution is a product of "the Arab bourgeoisie" [capitalist class] that must be countered by a guerilla war whose aims cannot be achieved "except through armed struggle and a protracted popular liberation war."



ThetaRay graphic

## Israeli Tech Fights Human Trafficking & Money Laundering

Israfan.com

ThetaRay, an Israeli tech firm specializing in protecting the fintech and banking industries, is leveraging its technology to combat human trafficking and money laundering. The company aims to help the estimated 25 million people globally who experience some form of human trafficking.

Criminals who fund terrorism or run illegal scams often use money laundering to disguise their funds and appear legitimate. They often rely on fake identities to attract new victims and execute their schemes, while also hiding their money in cryptocurrency to avoid detection by financial authorities.

The principle of "follow the money" is crucial in tracking criminal behavior. ThetaRay's AI and machine-learning capabilities can identify suspicious transaction patterns and "read" behaviors that provide clues for law enforcement.

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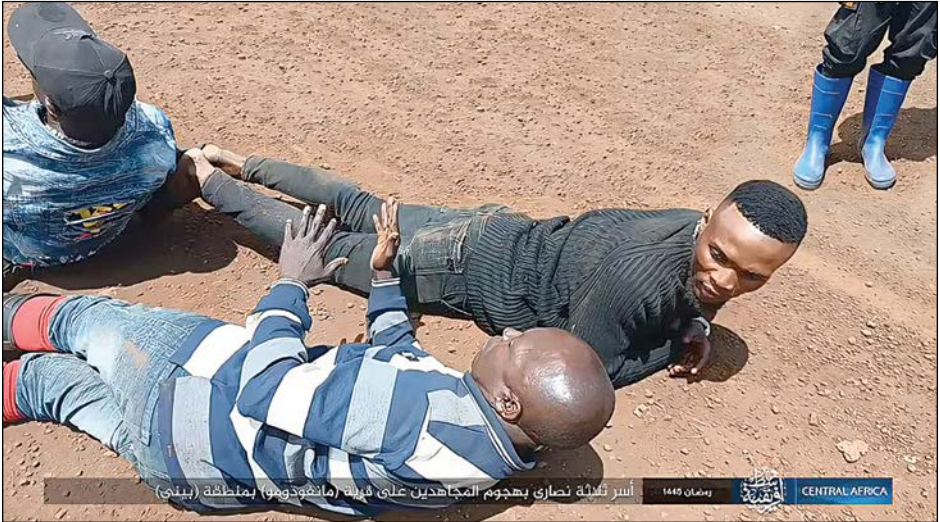


ThetaRay collaborates closely with financial institutions to update algorithms and analyze transaction data, enabling the pinpointing of funds used for human trafficking and uncovering the true identities of those involved. The company’s technology provides critical support in the fight against these heinous crimes, offering

a powerful tool for law enforcement and financial authorities.

ThetaRay and Santander Bank earned the “Best Use of Data” Digital Transformation Award in 2024 for Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery Detection.

[Please see "Arab-Muslims — Top Slave Traders" on p. 15.](#)



credit: ISCAP photo / MEMRI

Three Christians became captives after an April attack in the Congo

## ISIS Persecuting African Christians

MEMRI.org

One harrowing consequence of the Islamic State’s (ISIS) expansion in Africa is the indiscriminate slaughter, displacement, and harassment of the continent’s Christians, often with little or no global attention. During the first half of 2024, the Islamic State claimed responsibility for killing 698 African Christians from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Mozambique, Nigeria, Mali, and Cameroon.

Of the fatalities, **319 were decapitated**, while 379 were shot to death. Additionally, ISIS claimed to have kidnapped, but not killed, 63 Christians, and to have burned at least 1,049 homes, and **destroyed 23 churches and 12 schools**.

By country, 639 Christians died in the DRC at the hands of Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP). Those attacks occurred in the DRC’s northeastern provinces bordering Uganda. This amounts to about 92% of all Christian fatalities in the first half of 2024. In Mozambique, 29 Christians were killed, followed by Nigeria (23 Christian fatalities), Mali (4), and Cameroon (3).

Fatalities rose sharply in June 2024, when ISCAP claims to have killed 300 Christians — about 47% of the murders during the first half of this year.

ISCAP reportedly beheaded 314 Christians in the DRC, while five Christians were killed similarly in Mozambique. In the DRC, 325 more Christians were shot to death and 50 were kidnapped.

[Why aren’t these atrocities reported by the mainstream media? This should motivate us to pray more! —David](#) ✨







By Gavriel Fiske  
TimesOfIsrael.com



## Excavation Reveals Splendor and Destruction in Ancient Jerusalem

Archaeologists excavating the main drainage channel that ran under the streets of ancient Jerusalem have uncovered a collection of artifacts. The well-preserved objects offer unique insights into the state of the city during its prime and at the time of the Second Temple's destruction in A.D. 70.

The channel ran below the bustling markets of Jerusalem at the foot of the Temple Mount and along the length of the City of David. While the channel was usually cleaned regularly by municipal authorities, archaeologists found that it



Inside the Second Temple Period drainage channel in Jerusalem

credit: Emri Aladjem / IAA

and abandonment that we witness here corresponds to the story of the process of Jerusalem's destruction."

Among the discoveries were a delicate glass vial, nearly perfectly preserved, several small oil lamps with soot still in them from use, various coins and beads, and a collection of ceramic vessels used

to hold perfume and oil.

Zilberstein added that they uncovered a "large variety of pots and dishes" representing "nearly the complete tableware set of Jerusalem's residents." She noted that the collection came "from many houses and from different streets in town,



A glass vial possibly used for perfume or expensive oils

credit: Elyahu Yanai / City of David

was half-filled with silt. According to Dr. Ayelet Zilberstein, excavation director for the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), this indicated "a gradual neglect of city maintenance. And indeed, this very neglect

thus presenting us with examples of almost all wares the city's merchants had to offer."

Archaeologists removed bags of dirt and silt from the channel and carefully sifted

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A complete oil lamp from the end of the Second Temple Period with soot remnants indicating that it was in use. It may have served those hiding in the tunnel.

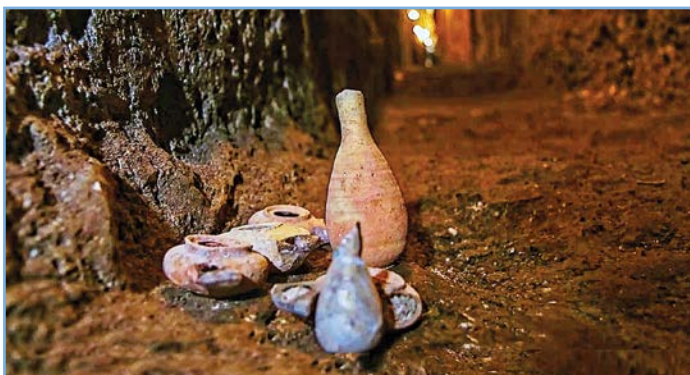
Jerusalem's heyday of prosperity and splendor when its streets bustled with life, until the city's ebbing moments during the rebellion against the Romans, and its total abandonment" after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

The drainage channel excavation, undertaken by the IAA in conjunction with The City of David Foundation, is ongoing. It is possible

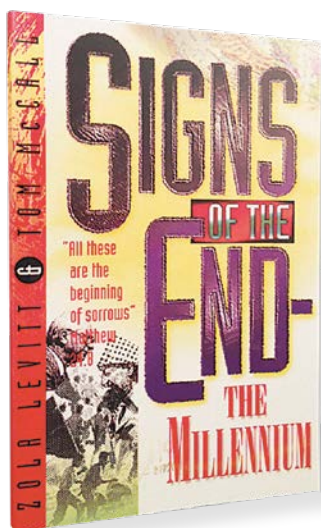
them. The researchers discovered food remains, including grape and olive seeds, grain kernels, eggshells, and fishbones. The richness of the organic remains has prompted further laboratory testing to detect organic remains not visible to the naked eye.

The excavation uncovered "the detritus of the life above Jerusalem's main street," which was preserved "just as it was at the moment of the city's destruction," Zilberstein explained. "Small finds tell us a big story, from

that during the destruction of Jerusalem, rebels or citizens might have hidden in the channel or used it for other purposes. Previously, a dig in the area uncovered a preserved Roman sword, still in its sheath ☆



The unearthened findings



## Signs of the End — The Millennium

study booklet by Tom McCall  
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Third, their update, *The Millennium*, makes this a prophecy book of the past, present, and future.

# Florida Imam: Christians Leaving the Church; Islam is the Answer

MEMRI.org

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Muhammad Musri

Muhammad Musri is president of American Islam, chairman of the board of the Islamic Society of Central Florida, and supposedly an advisor on Islam and Muslims to various U.S. government agencies.

In a June sermon at the Muslim Community Association of the San Francisco Bay Area (streamed on YouTube), Musri stated:

A lot of Christians are leaving their faith, especially the young generation. The churches are emptying out. The Pew Research Center has shown that in the last 10 years, 28% of people have left the Church and became atheists or agnostics. They are not impressed anymore by the dogma that someone 2,000 years ago was crucified for their sins. They are searching for something that is more meaningful, that is consistent with science and consistent with the principles that we know today. Islam is the answer for them, and we are jumping on the opportunities.

Musri noted that Muslims are buying church facilities “that have been there a long

time, but they emptied out,” and are converting them into mosques. “We bought three churches so far ... and now we have one we are buying with a school ... Because we have to serve the same people.” He asserted that “the people who are part of that community, one day will be Muslims.”

Turning to history, Musri explained: “A hundred years ago [Christians] invaded the Muslim world, and they built missionary schools and destroyed Islamic schools and mosques. Today, we bring back the favor and turn their churches into mosques, and their schools into Islamic schools, and bring the light of Islam to here.”

“I ask Allah to give Islam victory in this country.”

[Please see “What is the Apostasy of the Last Days?” on p. 12.](#)





# Jewish Humor, etc.

A cheerful heart is good medicine —  
Proverbs 17:22

## Seeking an Honest Man

An old, Jewish man hurried through a train station, toting heavy suitcases. After hesitating a moment, he asked a fellow traveler, "What do you think about Jews?"

"I am a big admirer of the Jewish people," the man replied.

The Jewish man asked the same question to another traveler, who answered: "I'm fascinated by Jewish achievements in culture and science."

The old man thought for a moment and then asked one more traveler, who commented: "I don't really like Jews, and I'm happy if I have nothing to do with them."

"You're an honest man," stated the elderly Jew. "Will you watch my luggage while I go to the men's room?"

## Dry Bones



## Dry Bones



### Answer Key for October 2024 Crossword (p. 17)

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| 7. Repent      | 21. Shepherd  | 4. Greatest   | 16. Teachers |
| 9. Prophet     | 22. Fruit     | 5. Serve      | 17. Salt     |
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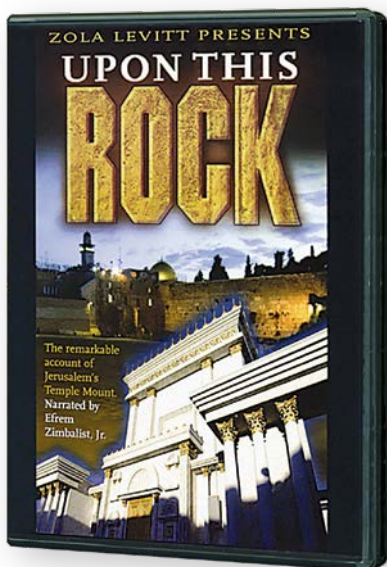


## Our Jewish Roots TV Airing Schedule

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<b>DAYSTAR</b> Airing Day & Time by zone DirecTV – Channel 369 Dish – Channel 263				
Days	8 PM Wed 3 PM Fri	9 PM Wed 4 PM Fri	10 PM Wed 5 PM Fri	11 PM Wed 6 PM Fri
<b>TCT</b> Airing Day & Time by zone DirecTV – Channel 377 Dish – Channel 267				
Days	2:30 AM Mon	3:30 AM Mon	4:30 AM Mon	5:30 AM Mon
<b>NRB-TV</b> Airing Day & Time by zone DirecTV – Channel 378				
Day	4:30 PM Thur	5:30 PM Thur	6:30 PM Thur	7:30 PM Thur
<b>GEB-TV</b> Airing Day & Time by zone DirecTV – Channel 363				
Day	3:30 PM Thur	4:30 PM Thur	5:30 PM Thur	6:30 PM Thur

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