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Letter

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



Almost-nuclear Iran promises a world without Israel. Would you launch a pre-emptive strike against Iran if you were Israel?—Jeff

If Iran Nukes Israel

By Louis Rene Beres, www.WashingtonTimes.com

Now, years after the international community has been deluding itself about Iranian nuclear intentions, Tehran openly and arrogantly confirms the worst. The Islamic republic is destined to become a fully nuclear power—international law and diplomacy be damned. Not surprisingly, Iran has made clowns of all

those smug world leaders who placed their faith in reason and statecraft. The principal loser in this lethal comedy is plainly apt to be Israel. What exactly does this microstate have to fear from a nuclear Iran?

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America's Virtual Arms Embargo Of Israel

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Israel's government has kept its silence during a year-long ban on weapons sales imposed by the United States at the same time the administration has approved \$10 billion in weapons sales to Arab states, a report said.

The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs reported that the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has sought to conceal a virtual arms embargo by the administration of President Barack Obama. The institute said the Israeli government was also refusing to protest massive U.S. weapons projects for Arab rivals in the Middle East, which has eroded Israel's military superiority over its neighbors.

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Thirty years ago, I published authoritative descriptions of the physical and medical consequences of nuclear war, any nuclear war. These generic descriptions were drawn largely from a 1975 report by the National Academy of Sciences and included the following still valid expectations: large temperature changes; contamination of food and water; disease epidemics in crops, domesticated animals, and humans; irreversible injuries to aquatic species; widespread and long-term cancers; radiation-induced abnormalities in those *in utero* at the time of detonations; a vast growth in the number of skin cancers; and increasing genetic disease.

What does all this mean to Israel, as it soon will face a determined and possibly jihadist nuclear adversary in Iran?

Overwhelming health problems would afflict the survivors of any Iranian nuclear attack upon Israel. Those difficulties would extend far beyond prompt burn injuries.

Tens of thousands of Israelis would be crushed by collapsing buildings and torn to shreds by flying glass. Others would fall victim to raging firestorms.

After an Iranian nuclear attack, even a “small” one, those few medical facilities that might still exist in Israel would be taxed beyond capacity. Water supplies would become unusable. Housing and shelter could be unavailable for hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions, of survivors. Transportation would break down to rudimentary levels. Food shortages would be critical and long-term.

Israel’s normally complex network of exchange systems would be shattered. Virtually everyone would be deprived of the most basic means of livelihood. Emergency police and fire services would be decimated. All systems dependent upon electrical power could stop functioning.

Extensive fallout would upset many delicately balanced relationships in nature. Insects are generally more resistant to radiation than are humans. This fact, coupled with the prevalence of unburied corpses, uncontrolled waste, and untreated sewage, would generate tens of trillions of flies and mosquitoes. Breeding in the dead bodies, these insects would make it impossible to control typhus, malaria, dengue fever, and encephalitis. Unanticipated interactions between individual effects of nuclear weapons would make matters worse.

Although any 11th-hour pre-emption would encounter overwhelming operational difficulties, Israel can never rely upon the still-smooth assurances of leaders in Washington or elsewhere. Nor can it rely entirely upon its own system of ballistic missile defense to protect civilians, Arabs as well as Jews.

Until now, it seemed to many that Israel could reasonably renounce its legal right to anticipatory self-defense and depend instead on promises from others. The many were wrong. ★

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"Israel, in very important ways, isn't protesting where it might," JINSA said.

Over the last year, the United States refused to approve any major Israeli weapons requests. Government sources asserted that the refusal represented a White House policy to link most arms sales to Israel to progress in the U.S. plan to establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank.

At the same time, Obama has approved more than \$10 billion worth of arms sales to Arab League states, including Egypt, Kuwait, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. The institute, regarded as close to the Defense Department and U.S. military, said the White House has blocked key weapons projects and upgrades for Israel.

The administration's policy, the report said, has violated a pledge given more than 40 years ago to maintain Israel's military superiority over its Arab neighbors. JINSA said the erosion of Israel's qualitative edge began under the previous administration of President George Bush. "The concept of the Qualitative Military Edge failed to keep up with the

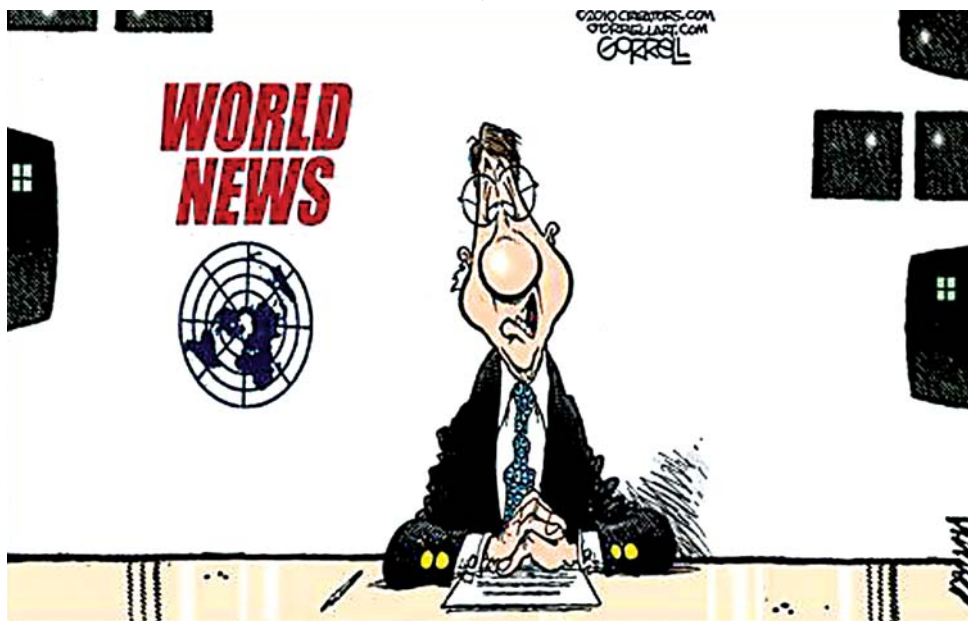
changes in U.S. arms sales and training policy over the decades."

JINSA dismissed Israeli government claims that the White House was ready to address the erosion of Israel's military superiority.

More than 20 years ago, the Israeli Air Force stopped participating in U.S.-sponsored regional exercises to prevent the leakage of combat tactics. "It's one thing for our lover to take pictures in the bedroom," the report quoted an Israeli combat pilot as saying. "It is another for them to sell the pictures on the street."

JINSA said Israel has lost its advantage over the Arabs regarding the quantity and quality of weapons. The institute said the Arabs also appear to have caught up to Israel in the area of tactics and training. The sole advantage was said to concern the quality of Israeli soldiers and officers.

"Changing Israel's local security paradigm at the same time as increased sales to the neighbors—and no new sales to Israel—means the balance is pushed further out of whack," the report said. ★



"WITH THE ECONOMY IN SHAMBLES, TOTAL DEVASTATION IN HAITI, AND IRAN SEEKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, JUST ONE QUESTION REMAINS... WERE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE TIGER WOODS APOLOGY?!"

Oxford and California University Students Harass Israeli Officials

www.CBNNews.com
and www.JPost.com

In two separate incidents—one at England's Oxford University on February 9 and the other at the University of California, Irvine, on February 8—university students harassed and threatened senior Israeli officials.

On February 9, deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon, invited to speak by Oxford University's Student Union, was continually interrupted by anti-Israel and anti-Semitic slurs. One Muslim student, caught on camera heckling Ayalon throughout his speech, called out in Arabic, *itbah al-Yahud* (slaughter the Jews) as the deputy foreign minister was leaving the lecture hall.

Ayalon had considered pressing charges before British police agreed to investigate the incident. "This demonstrates our new policy on hatred and racism," he said. "We will have zero tolerance for anti-Semitism, something that should have happened a long time ago," he said.

Outside the lecture hall, members of

the university's Palestine Society chanted, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," alluding to the destruction of the Jewish state.

In a related incident, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Oren received similar treatment at the University of California's Irvine campus on February 8 evening.

Oren, who had been invited to speak on U.S.-Israeli relations, left the podium at one point after continual heckling by students in the audience prevented him from speaking. One student, repeating a statement released by the University's Muslim Student Union, shouted, "Michael Oren, propagating murder is not an expression of free speech." The Muslim group had issued a statement against the university for hosting the Israeli ambassador.

Prof. Mark Petracca, chairman of the university's Political Science Department, said:

"This is beyond embarrassing. This is no way for our undergraduate students to behave. We have an opportunity to hear from a policy maker relevant to one of the most important issues facing this planet, and you are preventing not only yourself from hearing him, but hundreds of other people in this room and hundreds of other people in an overflow room. Shame on you! This is not an example of free speech." ★



GREEK FINANCIAL RUINS

No Free Speech At Columbia & Princeton

By Pamela Geller, www.HumanEvents.com

Nonie Darwish, the executive director of Former Muslims United and author of *Cruel And Usual Punishment: The Terrifying Global Implications of Islamic Law*, was scheduled to speak at Columbia and Princeton recently, but both events were canceled under pressure from Muslim groups on campus.

Darwish, a soft-spoken ex-Muslim and daughter of an Islamic martyr, is a champion of the rights of women and non-Muslims in Islamic societies, and leader of the group Arabs for Israel. She had been planning to speak on "Sharia Law and Perspectives on Israel." She is one of the few courageous voices who speak out against Islamic anti-Semitism and the oppression of women under *sharia*.

The evening before her scheduled speech at Princeton, Arab Society president Sami Yabroudi and former

president Sarah Mousa issued a joint statement, claiming: "Nonie Darwish is to Arabs and Muslims what Ku Klux Klan members, skinheads and neo-Nazis are to other minorities, and we decided that the role of her talk in the logical, intellectual discourse espoused by Princeton University needed to be questioned."

The sponsors of her talk immediately caved in to this defamation.

At Columbia University, where Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was welcomed like a returning king, Darwish was also rejected. Just hours before Darwish was scheduled to speak at Columbia the day following her canceled Princeton appearance, her speaking event there was also canceled after demands by Muslim student groups.

Darwish told me that she was shocked that just weeks after an Islamic attack on a military base on U.S. soil, the largest such attack in U.S. history, activists who speak the truth about Islam are being shut down and marginalized.



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Criticizing Islamists Can Be Hazardous to Your Health

By David J. Rusin, www.islamist-watch.org

The first goal of Islamists is to silence all who counter their ideology. But while most radical Muslims in the West are content to intimidate anti-Islamists through smears or lawsuits, some do resort to violence.

Death threats and attacks against public opponents of Islamism have escalated in recent months. Exhibit A: the New Year's assault by an ax-wielding Somali on the home of Kurt Westergaard, known for drawing the most recognizable of the Danish Mohammed cartoons. Shot by police, the young jihadist faces charges of attempted murder and terrorism—because, in the words of the prosecutor, “trying to kill Kurt Westergaard had a bigger purpose than just killing him.”

CAIR-OK protest in progress



Other noteworthy examples:

Days after promoting a lecture by Muslim-turned-atheist Sabri Husibi in September, the *Tulsa World* reported that he had received dozens of calls from people cursing and threatening him, one of whom promised that “if he spoke at the meeting and said anything against *sharia* (Islamic) law, he would be killed.” Adding more fuel to

the fire, CAIR-Oklahoma’s Razi Hashmi proclaimed that while Husibi has a right to talk, it “doesn’t give him the justification to make false assumptions” about the nature of the Koran and sympathy for al-Qaeda within the Muslim community. [CAIR is the Council on American-Islamic Relations.]

Following a demonstration on January 8 in Detroit by Muslims denouncing the attempted Christmas Day terror attack, rally organizer Majed Moughni received a death threat over the phone, which he partially recorded. Stated the Arabic-accented caller: “I want to congratulate you for your place in hellfire, *inshallah* [God willing].... If you’re in front of me, I will shoot you. I will put a bullet in your head. This is the consequence of a hypocrite.”

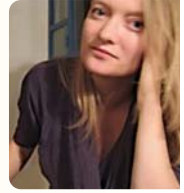
On January 12, Algerian-born feminist playwright and actress Rayhana, who appears in a show that examines the oppression of Algerian women and features “unflattering views of Muslim men,” was insulted by two Arabic-speaking males on a Paris street, doused with gasoline, and saved only by their failed attempt to set her aflame using a cigarette. The *Independent* (London, U.K.) reports that she was approached in the same area two weeks earlier by men who said, “We know who you are, you miscreant whore. This is a warning.”

Why such violence? As Ryan Mauro of WorldThreats.com explains, it boils down to the underlying frailty of the Islamist creed: “The fact that this ideology relies upon force... shows it lacks merit and will not survive the intellectual combat that comes with a free media, freedom of speech, freedom of religion,” etc.

So rather than succumbing to intimidation, let us follow the lead of Rayhana, who not only managed to stumble back to the theater, but performed her sold-out play that very night. ★

Ancient Israeli Remedy Could Be Anti-Cancer Vitamin

By **Karin Kloosterman**, (right) www.Israel21c.org



Inspired by an ancient text, an Israeli scientist has discovered an herbal antioxidant treatment that could turn out to be a vital treatment for cancer. Dr. Fuad Fares has been looking into the potency of ancient herbal treatments, and has discovered what he believes is a new family of antioxidants.

He's tested the secret compound based on an inedible plant that grows in Israel, and has found it shows excellent results in stopping prostate and colon cancer in mice, and in human cancer cells *in vitro*.

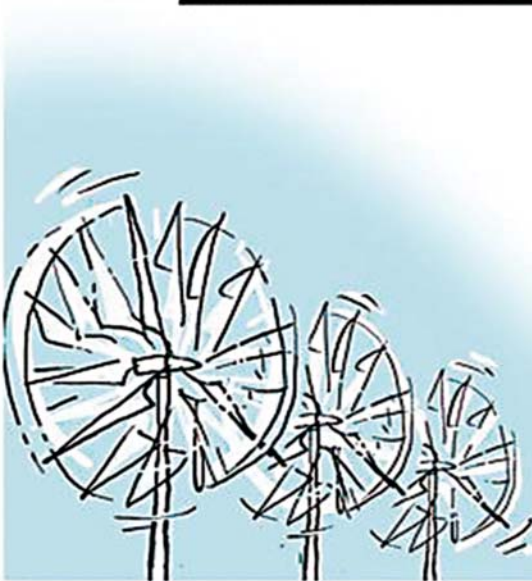
The plant was first described for its medicinal value in Arabic centuries ago—possibly in a book by Moses Maimonides, a famous Jewish doctor who wrote medical treatises in Arabic in the 12th century. Unable to disclose the plant's variety until further tests are made, Fares hopes that it produces an entirely new antioxidant molecule that can stop cancer in its tracks. It could be ingested as a food additive, or like a vitamin, he hopes.

The body of research in scientific literature on antioxidants to stop the spread of cancer is growing. Scientists know that antioxidants such as lycopenes, found in tomatoes, fight free radicals that can lead to cancer. They also know that glucosinolates, found in cabbage varieties, have anti-cancer properties too.

New tests on the mystery compound done at the University of Haifa lab, in the Carmel Medical Center in Israel, have been overwhelmingly good, and in the future it could be added to our arsenal for fighting cancer. ★

Note: please see “The Sunshine Vitamin” on page 21.

HOW WIND POWER WORKS



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I do my best to let the Spirit lead me in analyzing events and people associated with Israel, Middle East turbulence, and Jesus' Second Coming. I follow global anti-Semitism and the Church's near-abandonment of Israel. The institutional Church has lost sight of its Jewish roots—a source of sorrow and a teaching opportunity for our television broadcasts.

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



We speak to millions through television and tens of thousands via our teaching materials. But when you read the *Levitt Letter*, you are hearing *through* us, not *from* us. Basically, we listen to what others are saying around the world; we condense newsworthy pieces and complement them with our own writings.

People ask me, “Why is it still called Zola Levitt Ministries and the *Levitt Letter* when the founder went to be with the Lord years ago?” I tell them that Zola used it to showcase for his readers a wide range of views that they might otherwise miss. That much hasn't changed.

This issue is full of straight-talking, informative articles about society, the Bible, the Jews, and the Church—politically incorrect content you probably don't get elsewhere. At www.levitt.com, you can access archived articles, essays, and television programs, and links to other Jewish-related ministries. They are worthwhile.

I have been in Israel filming a brand new series, *For Such a Time as This*. It's based on the story of Esther, a heroine who was used by God to deliver Jews who were threatened by a wicked Persian leader. Frankly, the situation in her day reminds me of the situation in our day: Jews being bullied by modern-day Persia—the now almost-nuclear Iran—hellbent on Israel's destruction.

Hopefully you are anxious to hear this story and join me in exploring modern anti-Semitism. If you can, please consider sowing a donation into our missionary work now. The television airtime costs—millions annually—continue unabated despite the economic downturn, and we want to continue paying our bills on time.

And if you feel the Lord beckoning you to visit Israel this summer or fall, please call 1-214-696-9760 and ask for Tracie (see her story on page 27). She'll send you a colorful tour brochure and prepare you for an adventure that you'll remember for the rest of your life. It's not too late to sign up for the upcoming trips in June and October. Please see page 36 for details.

Your messenger,

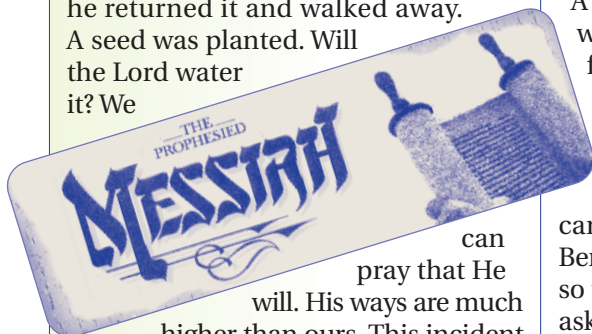


TJF Mission Report

By Harvey Zion

We left on Sunday, October 18th on our El Al flight to Israel. My seventh Holy Land journey (4th as a Believer), but just as exciting. When I return people always ask, "How was your trip"? My standard reply is, "Did anyone ever say their trip to Israel was lousy?"

My first opportunity to witness was to my seatmate, a secular Jew who was on a Young-Adult Tour of the Holy Land. We were both approached by Hassidic men to pray with them. I declined because I find it difficult to worship where Yeshua isn't recognized. However, I told them that I appreciated their praising God. I also told them I was a Messianic Believer and one of them responded that he had never heard of such a thing. I showed him our prophetic bookmark and, after perusing it with his two friends, he returned it and walked away. A seed was planted. Will the Lord water it? We



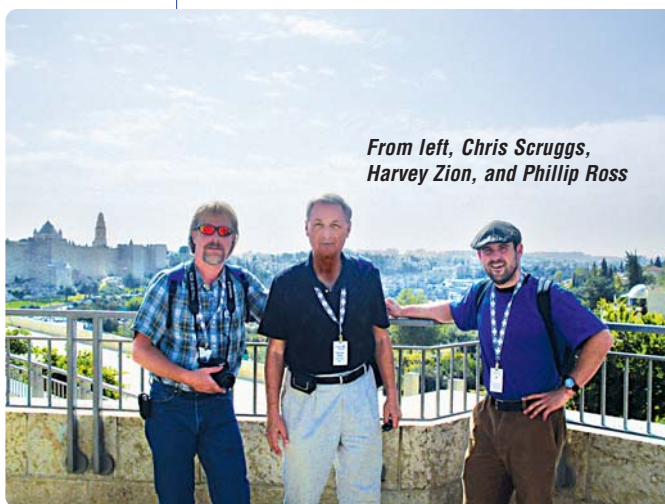
can pray that He will. His ways are much higher than ours. This incident did arouse the curiosity of the man beside me and we had a lengthy discussion about the info listed on the bookmark. He asked to keep it. Maybe he was the one the Lord wanted me to lead to Atonement.

Our most productive day in my opin-

ion, not necessarily in His, was the one we spent in Safed, the city on the hill across the Galilee from Tiberias.

I remember Ruth—a transplanted American, born "Ellen"—who moved there fifteen years ago after her conversion to Judaism after searching other religions. We encouraged her by explaining she was going in the right direction and gave her the tri-fold handout with the Messianic Prophecies. I feel with further study she will become Completed.

Another great day was in Independence



Park not far from our hotel in Jerusalem.

A *Yeshiva* (Jewish school) graduate who was visiting with friends after arriving for *Sukkot* a few weeks earlier listened to Phillip and Chris, Messianic gentile Believers, about their views. He is a descendant of Israel's priestly tribe and therefore can bless others with the Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26). He did so to each one of us individually, and asked Chris to bless him. Chris did and, might I add, in perfect chant.

There was much more and I could go on and on. Any trip to the Promised Land is special and exciting. I'm still there in my heart and thoughts.



Bookmark (shown) available with purchase or donation.

ISRAEL'S CONTRIBUTIONS IN SCIENCE

The End Of The iPhone?

More device than phone, the First Else is an all-Israeli challenge to the iPhone that promises to change the cell phone game and even potentially shift its center to Israel.

In the 1990s, the center of the cell phone world was in Finland, home of Nokia. Then the action moved to California, where Apple's iPhone set the standard for the new generation of smartphones. And now the center may shift to Israel, because Else, a subsidiary of Israeli company Emblaze, has developed one of the most innovative cell phone devices to hit the market in a long time.

Meet the First Else, described by Else CEO Amir Kupervas as a "game changer" in the world of cell devices. The First Else outsmarts any existing smartphone (including the iPhone and various Android offerings) and will be available in the U.S. and Europe by mid 2010.

Kupervas says that the First Else is more device than phone. As a result, the First Else sports an impressive array of hardware features, including near high-definition video and a battery that lasts at least 50 percent longer than those used in many cell devices.

The First Else was born and bred in Israel, and is growing up there, as well. Israeli startups in the cell phone business are known for their major contributions to products made by multinational companies. For example, key components of Motorola's cell

By David Shamah
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phone technology were developed in the company's Israel-based research labs. But Else is not developing its device for anyone else—instead, it intends to see the product through, proudly proclaiming it an Israeli product.

Some of the First Else's game-changing features are its patented



"sPlay" interface, which facilitates control of just about every function on the phone with just your thumb. This includes back-end data integration, which connects all the diverse data on your device and presents it at the appropriate time—so when a friend calls, you get all the relevant information about the person, such as voice and SMS messages, calendar entries, even the photos where you've tagged him or her.



Ancient Prophecies Fulfilled, Says Rabbi

www.WND.com

When scientists revealed in 2008 that an analysis of rings on stalagmites from a cave near Jerusalem showed that the climate of the region got drier shortly after the Roman dispersion of the Jews in A.D. 70, it was no surprise to Rabbi Menachem Kohen of Brooklyn.

In his book, *Prophecies for the Era of Muslim Terror: A Torah Perspective on World Events*, he had explained the dramatic climate change that took place when the Jews were forced from their homeland.

Rabbi Kohen wrote that the land suffered an unprecedented, severe, and inexplicable (except by supernatural causes) drought that lasted from the first century until the twentieth—a period of 1,800 years coinciding with the forced dispersion of the Jews.

Kohen saw the cataclysm as a miraculous fulfillment of prophecy found in the book of Deuteronomy—especially chapter 28:23-24.

“And thy Heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from Heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.”

A year later, University of Wisconsin geologists analyzed the chemical composition of individual rings that formed the stalagmite growing up from the floor of the Soreq Cave near Jerusalem between 200 B.C. and A.D. 1100. Geologists concluded the climate was drier in the eastern Mediterranean between 100 and 700 A.D., with steep drops in rainfall around 100 and 400 A.D.—a period of waning Roman and Byzantine power in the region.

Researchers from the Geological Survey of Israel and Hebrew University in Jerusalem helped with the study, which appeared in an issue of the journal *Quaternary Research*. The scientific study was tied to research into global warming.

Before the Jews entered Canaan, it was described in the Bible as a land flowing with milk and honey. If you read what Israel's climate and natural landscape was like from the time Joshua crossed the Jordan right up until the time of Jesus, it sounds like a heavily forested land. There were amazing crops raised by the people who inhabited the land when the Jews arrived.

For 1,800 years, it hardly ever rained in Israel. This was the barren land discovered by Mark Twain. So-called “Palestine” was a wasteland—few lived there. Beginning in 70 A.D. and lasting until the early 1900s—about 660,000 days—no rain.



A survey of rainfall charts in Israel, beginning in the early 1800s leading up to through the 1960s, also confirms that the severe drought ended when the Jews began to return. The heaviest periods of rainfall during that 150-year period came in and around 1948 and 1967—the years of Israel's independence and its most stunning military victory.

You might remember our interview with Rabbi Kohen in our series *Ezekiel and the MidEast “Piece” Process*, which is described on page 17. —Jeffrey Seif



The True Face Of Israel



Israel is not used to receiving praise from the international media or from former Democratic U.S. presidents. But that is exactly what happened in the wake of the devastating earthquake that wiped out many lives and buildings in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince on January 12th.

Although it is a very small country in a turbulent part of the globe, Israel was among the first in the world to provide substantial aid to poverty-ridden Haiti. And it was not just badly needed monetary assistance or relief supplies, but direct hands-on help from some of the most experienced medical and rescue teams on Earth.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu swiftly ordered a delegation of 236 highly skilled Israelis to the Caribbean island country. Included were 40 doctors, 24 nurses, and a 12-man army search-and-rescue unit highly experienced in freeing victims buried in rubble.

The delegation took an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) field hospital along with them. Able to treat up to 500 patients a day, it included two fully equipped operating rooms, an x-ray lab, and even a well-stocked pharmacy. During the two weeks the Israeli medical team labored in the stricken city, the portable hospital treated over 1,100 Haitians, performed some 319 operations, and even delivered 16 babies.

The international media flocked to the generator-powered temporary hospital for a very practical reason—many were only able to send out news updates because an Israeli *Ofeq* spy satellite had been repositioned over Haiti to help doctors and rescue per-



Haitian newborn girl

sonnel communicate with colleagues back home. Providing the only reliable Internet link in the early days of the disaster, the satellite let the world get a real-time look at the destructive aftermath of the powerful earthquake.

"Evil Aggressor"

In the process, many journalists couldn't help notice the highly skilled and compassionate scene before them. Was the field hospital, and its tireless team, really from the country and People so often labeled as "evil aggressor" by many around the world? More than a few positive stories were subsequently filed about the heroic Israeli effort.

Meanwhile, the IDF Search and Rescue force dug furiously through the rubble of the decimated United Nations headquarters building in Port-au-Prince, despite the UN's frequent position among Israel's harshest critics. All told, the Israelis rescued four people from the earthquake's wreckage.

Four members of Israel's ZAKA volunteer group—Orthodox men who often scrape up the remains of slain Jews following terror attacks—were rushed to Haiti from Mexico where they were on the scene of a helicopter crash that had taken several Jewish lives. Along with Mexican volunteers, the small team worked in Haiti with little sleep for 38 hours, freeing eight students trapped in a collapsed university building.

Later, the UN's envoy to Haiti, former President Bill Clinton, told Israeli President Shimon Peres that "We all thank Israel from the bottom of our hearts." The world had witnessed the true face of the Almighty's ancient and modern Chosen People. ★

He Is Risen!

We are in the season of Passover and Resurrection Sunday. Please watch our programs on Passover and First Fruits. Passover, the most basic Bible study of them all and the occasion when the Lord instituted the Last Supper, is almost like secret information to be passed on by Messianic Jews to the Christian community. I remember when Dallas Baptist University asked me to do a Passover demonstration. The president at that time was so fascinated that he immediately appointed me to teach a course called “Christ in the Old Testament,” and I did that for two years. I can promise you that there are several classrooms full of students out there somewhere who know their seven feasts, their tabernacle types, and are capable of demonstrating a full Passover in all its glory. What witnesses they must be compared to the politically correct and woefully unknowledgeable graduates of today.

You may notice that I do not use the term “Easter” in reference to Resurrection Sunday. That term is just incorrect and doesn’t accurately appear in Scripture at all. Easter is the name of Ishtar, the Babylonian goddess of fertility. The Babylonians held a fertility festival every spring, putting on new outfits as the trees were budding, and worshipping the things in nature that represented fertility: the rabbit, the egg,

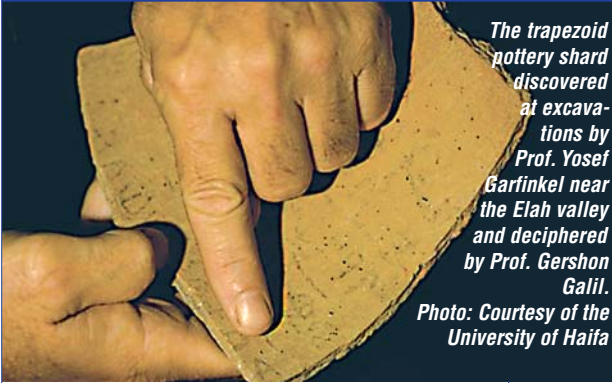
etc. They played with eggs and painted them, I presume. When we think about it, what we call an egg hunt is actually an attempt at pregnancy!

How all this pagan foolishness got mixed up with our Lord’s Resurrection is one of the amazing calamities of incorrect doctrine. Fertility and resurrection are entirely different, of course. Every plant and every cockroach is fertile, but one obtains resurrection only from belief in Jesus Christ.

First Fruits is the biblical name of Resurrection Sunday, and we should use it. It reminds us that if there is a first, then there must be a succession of numbers in the resurrection, and indeed, 1 Corinthians 15:23 states, “...every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming.” Evidently we all have a number in the upcoming resurrection at the time of the Rapture: “The dead in Christ shall rise first” (1 Th. 4:16). Obviously, they have lower numbers.

The above lesson is part of the Passover and Seven Feasts studies, which are obtainable through this ministry. The knowledge is valuable. Its basis is in Israel, of course, where it has been commonly understood for thousands of years. There’s something about that place that really increases one’s comprehension of spiritual things. ★





The trapezoid pottery shard discovered at excavations by Prof. Yosef Garfinkel near the Elah valley and deciphered by Prof. Gershon Galil.

Photo: Courtesy of the University of Haifa



Kingdom Of Israel Existed In The 10th Century B.C.

By Shalhevet Zohar, www.JPost.com

A breakthrough in the research of the Bible has shed new light on the period in which the Bible could have been written, testifying to Hebrew writing abilities as early as the 10th century B.C., the University of Haifa announced recently. Prof. Gershon Galil of the Department of Biblical Studies at the University of Haifa recently deciphered an inscription dating from the 10th century B.C., and showed that it was a Hebrew inscription, making it the earliest known Hebrew writing. This breakthrough indicates that at least some of the Scriptures were composed hundreds of years before the dates previously believed, and that the Kingdom of Israel already existed at that time. The 10th century B.C. was the period of King David's reign.

The inscription itself, which was written in ink on a 6" x 6.5" trapezoid pottery shard, was discovered a year and a half ago at excavations that were carried out by Prof. Yosef Garfinkel at Khirbet Qeiyafa near the Elah Valley. Though it was dated to the 10th century B.C., it was not immediately clear whether it was written in Hebrew or another local language.

Prof. Galil's deciphering of the ancient writing testifies to its being Hebrew, based on the use of verbs particular to

the Hebrew language, and content specific to Hebrew culture and not adopted by any other cultures in the region. "This text is a social statement, relating to slaves, widows, and orphans," Prof. Galil explained. "It uses verbs that were characteristic of Hebrew, such as *asa* ("did") and *avad* ("worked"), which were rarely used in other regional languages. Particular words that appear in the text, such as *almana* ("widow") are specific to Hebrew and are written differently in other local languages."

The deciphered text:

- 1 you shall not do [it], but worship the [Lord].
- 2 Judge the sla[ve] and the wid[ow] / Judge the orph[an]
- 3 [and] the stranger. [Pl]ead for the infant / plead for the po[or] and
- 4 the widow. Rehabilitate [the poor] at the hands of the king.
- 5 Protect the po[or] and the slave / [supp]ort the stranger.

Once this deciphering is confirmed, Prof. Galil added, the inscription will become the earliest Hebrew inscription to be found.



We filmed at this very archaeological site, just days after the discovery. It can be viewed in our television series, *The Warrior King*, which is offered on page 18 and archived for free viewing at www.levitt.tv. —Jeffrey Seif

Muslims Surgically Enhanced To Explode

By Joseph Farah
www.WorldNetDaily.com



Agents for Britain's MI5 intelligence service have discovered that Muslim doctors trained at some of Britain's leading teaching hospitals have returned to their own countries to fit surgical implants filled with explosives.

Women suicide bombers recruited by al-Qaeda are known to have had the explosives inserted in their breasts under techniques similar to breast enhancing surgery. The lethal explosives—usually PETN (pentaerythritol tetranitrate)—are inserted during the operation inside the plastic shapes. The breast is then sewn up.

Similar surgery has been performed on male suicide bombers. In their cases, the explosives are inserted in the appendix area or in a buttock. Both are parts of the body that diabetics use to inject themselves with their prescribed drugs.

The discovery of these methods was made after the London-educated Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab came close to blowing up an airliner

on Christmas Day with explosives he had stuffed inside his underpants. Hours after he had failed, GCHQ—Britain's worldwide eavesdropping “spy in the sky” agency—began to pick up “chatter” emanating from Pakistan and Yemen that alerted MI5 to the creation of the lethal implants.

A hand-picked team was appointed by Jonathan Evans, the head of MI5, to investigate the threat. He described it as “one that can circumvent our defense.” Top surgeons who work in the National Health Service confirmed the feasibility of the explosive implants.

In a report to Evans, one said: “Properly inserted the implant would be virtually impossible to detect by the usual airport scanning machines. You would need to subject a suspect to a sophisticated X-ray. Given that the explosive would be inserted in a sealed plastic sachet, and would be a small amount, it would be all the more impossible to spot with the usual body scanner.”

Explosive experts at Britain's Porton Down biological and chemical warfare research center told MI5 that a sachet containing as little as five ounces of PETN when activated would blow “a considerable hole” in an airline's skin which would guarantee it would crash.





Fear No Evil

By John J. Parsons

לֹא־אִירָא רָע כִּי־אַתָּה עִמָּדִי

I will fear no evil, for You are with me (Psalm 23:4)

לֹא־	אִירָא	רָע	כִּי־	אַתָּה	עִמָּדִי
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
lo	ir-ra'	ra'	ki	at-tah	im-ma-di
not	I will fear	evil	for	You (are)	with me

The emotion of fear profoundly affects the way the brain processes images and messages. Fear colors the way we see and hear things. And since the mind and body are intricately interconnected, fear is the root cause of many physiological problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, clinical depression, and other ailments. Left unchecked, fear can be physically *deadly*.

Most of our negative emotions come from fear, including anger, frustration, and rage. On a spiritual level, fear and worry can cause people to question God's love, to doubt His promises, and so on. The devil knows that frightening people causes them to be unsettled, off-balance, and therefore vulnerable to all sorts of sickness, manipulation, and deception. Living in fear is a form of slavery (Heb. 2:15).

Logicians call illegitimate appeals to fear the "appeal to the stick." When someone plays on your fears, it's wise to discern whether there's any basis in reality for the supposed threat, or if the appeal is simply a rhetorical scare tactic intended to persuade you to accept some sort of conclusion. Unscrupulous people (such as advertisers and politicians) regularly use fear to manipulate public opinion, of course, and they're only too glad to tell you exactly *what* you should fear. They are delighted to prey upon your anxieties and then offer you a supposed "remedy."

The war for truth began in the Garden of Eden, when Satan lied to Eve by saying that she wouldn't die if she disobeyed God (Gen. 3:4). Satan cunningly played on Eve's fear of being deceived to persuade her to disobey. Fear, then, is the emotional center of sin and the opposite of faith. The fearful are referred to as the "unbelieving" and those who "love and make a lie" (Rev. 21:8, 22:15).

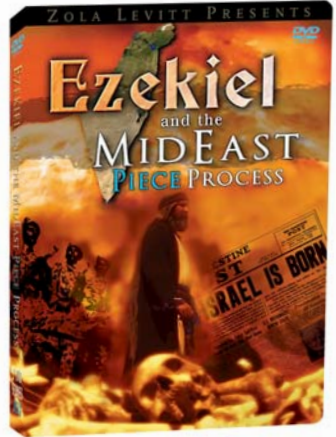
God repeatedly tells us *not* to be afraid—not of man, nor of war, nor of tribulation, nor even of death itself (Rom. 8:35-9). Indeed, the most frequent commandment in Scripture is simply *al-tirah*, "Be not afraid." But how do we overcome our fear? By *trusting* that God is with us... He will never leave nor forsake us, even if we are faced with difficult circumstances. The antidote to fear is heartfelt faith in God's love (1 John 4:18). God saves us from our fears (Psalm 34:4, 2 Tim. 1:7). **When we trust that God personally cares for us, we find comfort and courage to face life without fear.**



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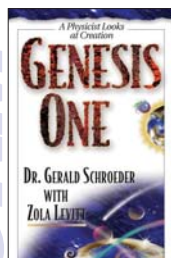
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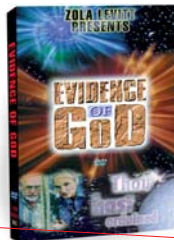


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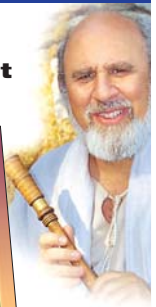
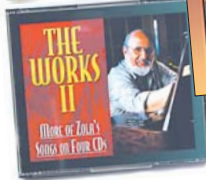
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a note
from mark

The Sunshine Vitamin

Patrick Cox, who used to write a *Levitt Letter* column, is one of my favorite commentators. His newsletter, *Break-through Technology Alert* appears at <http://agorafinancial.com/author/patrickcox>. Israeli researchers join Patrick in commending moderate exposure to sunshine and vitamin D3 supplementation to stave off a vast array of major diseases. Below is a condensation of his recent article, “Sunshine, Vitamin D, and Death by Scientific Consensus,” which you can read in its entirety at <http://wp.me/pieUD-xl>.



Patrick Cox

The “scientific consensus” that has held sway for four decades regarding both exposure to the sun and vitamin D has collapsed. Most people in America and Europe are seriously vitamin D deficient, and the implications are staggering.

Simply put, unless you are one of the few people with optimal serum D levels, such as lifeguards and roofers in South Florida, you can cut your risks from most major diseases by 50 to 80 percent. All you have to do is get enough D (about 4,000 IU daily). If researchers on the cutting edge are right, the benefits of raising your serum D levels to about 40 ng/ml are enormous. If they are wrong, the risks are trivial.

Even the National Institutes of Health now look for a face-saving way to change positions on vitamin D. Dr. Michael Holick, the researcher most responsible for this radical change in thinking, has described the current state of widespread vitamin D deficiency as a “silent epidemic.”

In the early 1900s, it was demonstrated that summer midday sunshine prevented rickets. If you’re of baby boom age, your mother undoubtedly told you to “go outside and get some sun.” That’s why.

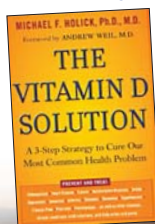
Every single cell in the body has a D receptor, even stem cells. D is a critical nutrient without a natural food source. It is so important biologically that early humans could manufacture D even during famines.

The incidence of melanoma skin cancers goes down significantly with sensible exposure to UVB-containing sunshine or vitamin D3 supplementation. So do hypertension, cardiovascular disease, stroke, type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, peripheral vascular disease, multiple sclerosis, dementia, autoimmune diseases, and even viral diseases such as H1N1 and AIDS.

Many of the benefits of D, incidentally, appear within months. Hypertension and bone density respond quickly. And many of those who experience body pains and muscular weakness are relieved quickly. Depression, irritable bowel syndrome, and various other maladies can respond extremely quickly to the sunshine vitamin. ★

The best sources of the latest information about vitamin D and sunshine are Holick’s website www.vitaminDhealth.org and his book (in which ZLM has no stake), *The Vitamin D Solution: A 3-Step Strategy to Cure Our Most Common Health Problem*.

NOTE: Dr. Holick is a professor of medicine, physiology, and biophysics at the Boston University School of Medicine. He is also director of the General Clinical Research Center, the Vitamin D, Skin, and Bone Research Laboratory, and the Biologic Effects of Light Research Center at the Boston University Medical Center.





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V.B. (OH): I have been watching your videos for about a month and have learned more about the Old Testament and history in this last month than I have learned in the past 2 years. I feel as if a door to truth and understanding has been opened and missing pieces are filling the picture. Thank you and may God bless you and your ministry.

Rev. R.H.: We are missionaries in Bolivia, South America. Thank you SO much for making the show downloads free. We have a difficult time getting good teaching material as we do not have a budget for the high-priced teachings of many ministers. THANK YOU!

K.C. (PA): I enjoy and am blessed by your television broadcasts. When my friend told me about this ministry, I was happy; after listening to your program for a few months now, I thought I should donate some money to help get *all* God's children home to Him!

Thank you, K.C. Because of people like you, we can make those "free" videos available to people like Rev. R.H. (above) in Bolivia. You and all our other supporters should take his upper-case THANK YOU personally. —Mark



What's In A Name?

Dear Jeff,

Someone asked me why saved Jews call themselves “Messianic Jews” when all Jews are Messianic—looking for their Messiah. Shouldn't they call themselves “Christians” after they come to Christ? Can you give me a good answer for them? —Yours, L.M.

Hi, L.M.—

Not all Jews are looking for a coming Messiah. And not all Believing Jews call themselves “Messianic Jews.” I don't think it really matters what people call themselves, but I praise God when Jewish people associate themselves with Jesus. —Jeff



Does Blood Call Us Out?

Dear Jeff,

I was raised in a very strong Bible believing home. Yet, from my childhood, I have had a keen interest in the Jewish faith and customs—no reason for this, just something that interested me.

I spent the past 35 years on a quest for my genealogy with success on most of my lines, while some have remained sparse. But to my surprise, I just learned that my 5th great grandmother was Jewish!

I am thrilled to death! Rachel S. was born 1764 but was raised by a gentile family, as she was orphaned young. She married an Irishman, and they settled in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, from which a small army of descendants has sprung.

Makes you wonder if the blood calls out to us, for there was previously no reason for my interest in Jewish culture! I even have a *menorah* and a *mezuzah*, both of which I had long before I learned of Grandma Rachel!

I must tell you how I love your show. You have no idea how much I have learned about Israel from it and the *Levitt Letter*.

Sincerely, K.F.P. (OH)

In God's Name

Dear Brother Jeffrey,

What Name will they use to offer sacrifices in when the Temple is rebuilt? Am I wrong to think that Orthodox Jews are waiting for the Name to be revealed? Will that be when the abomination of desolation is revealed? L.S.

Dear L.S.—

It's my understanding that the High Priest would utter the *Tetragrammaton* (a Greek word for the four letters for the Name of God in Hebrew, YHWH) on the Day of Atonement. Let me refer you to a website where you can get all sorts of Temple-related questions answered from an Orthodox Jewish perspective: <http://www.TempleInstitute.org>. —Jeff



Our TV program producer, Ken Berg, creates a rare Jewish trumpeter.

“Zai Jian” (Good Bye, Y’all)

Dear Zola Ministry,

I thank ya’ll for sharing the Gospel of *Yahushua* [Jesus] with me and believe ya’ll to be fine folks. When I ordered an Israeli flag from ya’ll’s ministry, ya’ll sent me an Israeli flag that was made in China. It pains me to do this, but I must now part ways with ya’ll unless you repent of funding an enemy that will one day set out against *Elohim’s* [God’s] People.

Your Brother, W.B.F. (TX)

Dear W. B. F.—

According to the “Israeli High Tech and Investment Report,” China is Israel’s number two trading partner. Our small ministry is powerless to tell Israelis where to have their products manufactured. Your slamming the door in my face because of this put a smile on my face... All the best to you. —Jeff

Good Work On A Shoestring Budget

Dear Dr. Jeff and ZLM staff,

I’ve been impressed with the quality of filming. I watch a lot of PBS stuff. They have the big bucks to film with while you guys do a great job on a limited budget. I’ve shared your magazine with several families in my church (Baptist) and it has been well received. I feel blessed to have stumbled upon your program many years ago. Keep up the good work. P.J. (MI)

Dear P.J.—

Thanks for the encouragement and for telling your friends about our ministry. Believe me, we need all the friends we can get. For that matter, I need a new replacement friend right now to take the place of the one I lost (above) because we sold him a product made in China. —Jeff

Where’s The Humor?

Jeff, are you all out of Jewish humor? Sure have missed it. T.M. (IL)

Dear T.M.—

It’s back! Check out page 33. Thanks for letting us know that you like this feature. We’ll try to make sure it appears regularly. —Editor

You Make Israel Come Alive!

Dear Jeff,

The show has morphed over time into a wonderful learning tool of Bible stories and prophecy. Your show and magazine make Bible places and people come alive and make them mean much more now.

Thanks, P.K. (MI)

ARGYLE SWEATER By Scott Hilburn



Being In The Modern Culture, Not Of It

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,

I'm sending my tithe to you and buying a book from you, though I think you'd be more blessed if you gave your materials away for free. There are a few things I think you need to change in your ministry: (1) Stop using the pagan calendar, (2) Stop using pagan days of the week. (3) Stop using the word "Bible" and start calling them "Scriptures." May *Elohim* continue to bless you and teach you all the truth. —W.B. (MI)

Dear W.B.—

We give our TV programs to millions for free, and we pass along many Bibles to prisoners. Also, 1,700 prisoners receive our "free" *Levitt Letters*. As for giving away the books, music, and teaching materials, when the U.S. government donates the postage for sending them, and the printer donates the paper, ink, and labor, we'll be in a better position to give away books. Until then, please know that small donations are greatly appreciated. I'm particularly blessed by your support despite your disapproval of our using modern language and working with the modern culture. Thank you. —Jeff

Fighting Al-Qaeda In Prison

Dear Jeff,

This newsletter is an extremely useful tool in fighting terrorists. I'm doing time in a federal supermax prison and can tell you firsthand that al-Qaeda is determined to recruit future fighters from behind prison walls. I love using your articles to promote healthy debate. Respectfully, R.O. (CO)

Glad to help, R.O. Blessings to you in your ministry. —Jeff

Blessing Through Her Grief

Dear Dr. Seif,

Please accept this check as a love offering to you and Zola Levitt Ministries in memory of my precious daughter, L. C. McD. The *Levitt Letter* is the only publication I read from cover to cover the moment I receive it. God and you are doing a wonderful job and I pray you will continue to do so, Blessings, E.M. (TX)

Dear E.M.—

I think that burying a child is life's worst insult. I know that it hurts, but can't really imagine how it hurts. Your wanting to be blessing in her name, even amidst it all, is touching. My heart goes out to you and the family. Thanks for the gift. Shalom —Jeff



The Lord Can Use Any Amount For His Work

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,

You're keeping this college kid informed of issues in the Middle East and Israel that are rarely covered in the secular media. I want to thank you for that, and for all you're doing for Christ our Savior. My parents told me about you guys. They used to watch Zola all the time when I was younger. I'm sorry we only have a dollar to give at this moment, but I know the Lord can use any amount for His work. —In Christ, S.F.R. (GA)

Dear S.F.R.—

Please extend my regards to your parents. Thanks for the encouragement and thanks for the buck. Needn't apologize for the amount, though, given that it's not the amount that counts, as much as the prayers and cares. Yours —Jeff

Looking Forward To “Esther”

Dear Jeff,

I feel you're called to challenge a sleepy generation to take a stand for Jesus. I believe with you that this is the time to tell the story of Esther. God is raising many Esthers to pray for the Land of Israel and the Jewish people. I'll be praying for the funds for this very important program to come forth. Sincerely, L.J.S. (OK)

Godly Recycling

Dear Jeff,

When I go see my doctor, I always take my *Levitt Letter* with me [to leave in the waiting room] so people can read it and take it home with them if they'd like. God Bless You, L.C. (WI)

Thanks, L.C. I appreciate your heart. —Jeff Seif

Only 24 Hours In A Day

Dear *Levitt Letter*,

I have written twice in the past year to Jeff Seif and he has not answered my letters. Why won't he answer when I write? I'm an indigent inmate at present and can only support you with prayers. I plan to help financially once I get out. By God's Grace, —M.H. (FL)

Dear M.H.—

Our small staff personally answer requests, and many biblical questions are answered on our website and through past, present, and future programs. It would be easier for you to develop a relationship with an in-house chaplain at the institution than with a distant television personality. Know that I mean you no disrespect, and I apologize for not being there for you to the extent you wish. Yours —Jeff ★



Jewish hospitals

The Trip of a Lifetime

By Tracie Robbins

When I accepted the job as travel manager for Zola Tours a year ago, I felt very blessed to have found work. Traveling to Israel three times a year—part of the job—didn't seem like a big deal. I had graduated from Dallas Seminary and worked in para-church ministry for 10 years, always finding special joy in ministry work.

However, as I shared the news of my job, people would say, "It's always been my dream to go to Israel." This happened so often, I began to be embarrassed—especially given my career path—that I had never even *considered* going to Israel. I guess that, with my close relationship to the Lord, I never felt "something is missing here."

From the moment I set foot in Israel, something stirred in me that wouldn't have happened had I not traveled there. I began to develop a joy and an intimacy in my relationship *with* God and a confidence *in* God that I never knew was possible. The day I touched the Western Wall in Jerusalem, a power and a peace came over my life and heart that mere words can't convey. Now I know why, even in the face of death, Paul could so easily say, "I know in whom I have believed, and

am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day" 2 Timothy 1:12.

Zola always said, "A trip to Israel is worth 10 years of Sunday school." I'd like to add to that—and I am neither kidding nor exaggerating: I would trade, in one second flat, my 5 years at Dallas Seminary for 10 days in Israel! Would you be willing to trade 10 days and a few dollars to experience God in the Holy Land? Think about it, because it could be the absolute joy of your life; and I would love to experience it with you.

Tracie Robbins is the Travel Manager for Zola Tours and is the person to talk with about your desire to travel to the Holy Land.



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Iran's Supreme Leader Thief



Khamenei

By Benjamin Joffe-Walt
www.TheMediaLine.org

He is the leading cleric in one of the most successful Islamic movements in the world. A man with a poor, unpretentious background, he came to be fluent in both Persian and Arabic and has translated many poems and religious texts. Ayatollah Ali Hoseyni Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader since 1989, was thought to be a religious man leading by example with an unadorned, pious life.

Then recently, some former confidants of Khamenei began posting articles and videos presenting evidence that the ayatollah's life may be a bit more profligate than he would like his followers to believe, with photos of his various villas contrasted in online slideshows with photos of poor Iranians suffering in a serious economic recession.

Mohsen Makhmalbaf, an exiled Iranian opposition leader, gathered testimony from Khamenei's former confidants and Iranian intelligence agents, publishing Khamenei's daily schedule, his personal interests, palaces, and business operations, **citing the supreme leader's personal wealth at \$30 billion.**

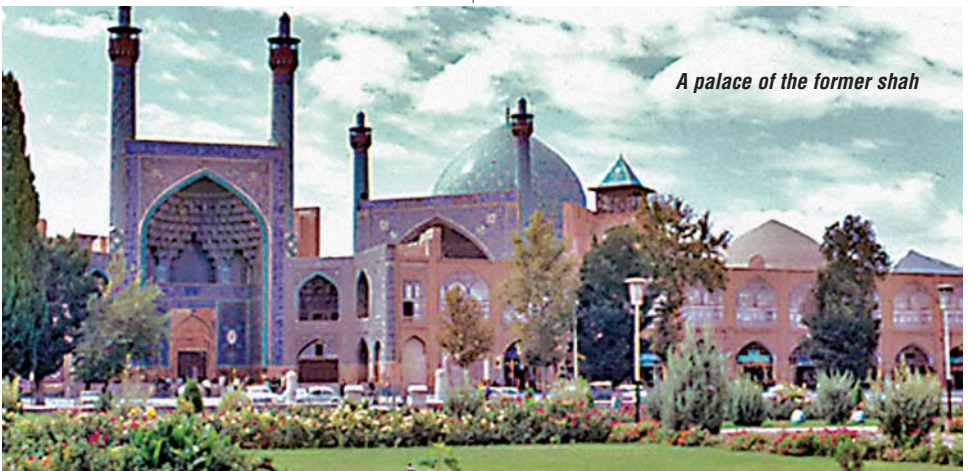
The revelations—replete with pipe collections, rings, horses, caviar, and flying hospitals—caused such embarrassment to the supreme leader's

image that recently Khamenei felt compelled to publicly deny the accusations that he leads an extravagant life.

"It's definitely embarrassing to him," Potkin Azarmehr, an Iranian blogger supportive of the Green movement said. "This is a man who goes out of his way to portray himself and his family as living a simple lifestyle and who admonishes his political opponents for living lavish lifestyles. If it's proven that he himself leads an extravagant lifestyle you can imagine how embarrassing it would be to him."

The supreme leader is said to have an immediate protection team of 200, with another 10,000 guards under his direct control. "The close guards, who consist of 200 individuals and who witness the trips and the life in the palaces, each possess a home which is worth at least one billion tomans [\$1 million]," the report read. "Those who consider Khamenei to be pious and who lead austere lives themselves are not permitted to enter the first ring of guards, lest they become conflicted."

Khamenei is said to own a number of properties and to use all of the deposed shah's palaces. ★



Muslim Lawyers Will “Burn Alive” Anyone Who Represents Murdered Christian

By Fareed Khan, www.AsiaNews.it

Because of the threats posed by the powerful Lahore Bar Association—an umbrella organization of city lawyers—no Christian or Muslim lawyer is ready to take on the defense in the murder of 12-year-old Shazia Bashir, it was reported by The Pakistani Christian association that deals with legal assistance.

The girl, of Christian faith, died on January 23 as a result of violence—even sexual—at the hands of her employer, a wealthy and powerful Muslim lawyer in Lahore. The alleged murderess, Chaudhry Mohammad Naeem, is a former president of the Lahore High Court Bar Association. The girl, just 12 years old, had worked as a maid in the home of Naeem in the previous six months.

The Center for Legal Aid Assistance and Settlement (CLAAS) denounces that access to the courtroom where the court hearings were held against the accused was denied, because a group of Muslim lawyers (*top right*) “prevented” entry. The association fighting—for free—for the rights of the poorest, most marginalized groups has been threatened by thousands of lawyers—friends of the murderer—that promise to burn alive anyone who wants to represent the victim in court.

M. Joseph Francis, director of CLAAS, asked members of civil society, and political and religious leaders to rise up and take steps to “condemn this new form of terrorism” by lawyers who “should ensure justice.” The Pakistani newspaper *The News* reported that on February 4, the police conducted the accused to the courts amid “tight security. And, as usual, officials prevented journalists and relatives



Lahore lawyers



Young Martyr for Christ



of victims to come into the hall for ‘security reasons.’”

Shazia Bashir’s family could not access the court not once but three times—a strange fact, regarding the judiciary in Pakistan. Police officials explain that it would “not be possible” to prevent clashes and violence were “Shazia’s relatives and representatives of minorities to enter the courtroom.”

Meanwhile Ashgar Ali, heading the investigation, requested the accused appear before the courts and an extension of the terms of custody for six days. The magistrate added that the murder weapon has not yet been recovered and the accused could provide the names of accomplices, who participated in the torture and murder of the 12-year-old Christian girl. The court, however, has only partly accepted the request, ruling only four days in jail. ★

SELECT BRIEFS



Tasteless: Ad With Dog Wearing Nazi-Era Jewish Badge *Associated Press*

An Austrian dog magazine has pulled a flyer that showed a pit bull wearing a yellow star after protests from the country's Jewish community.

Wuff magazine's flyer—handed out on streets to oppose a proposed new license for some breeds—showed a pit-bull puppy wearing a yellow star with the word “bad” inscribed in it. It was seen sitting next to a Labrador puppy. A headline above it read: “What differentiates us?”

Wuff publisher Gerald Poetz said that the magazine did not intend to make the link with the persecution of Jews, who were forced by the Nazis to wear the yellow star. It has since replaced the symbol with a red badge, carrying the bad inscription.

Jewish community official Raimund Fastenbauer maintained that the original flyer was tasteless and suggested it was done to attract attention.

Forty Million For The Palestinians

By Gary L. Bauer



The federal government announced recently that it will donate \$40 million of your tax money to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to assist the Palestinians. A recent report commissioned by the

European parliament disclosed that the UNRWA labor union had selected Hamas, the Palestinian terror group, to oversee UNRWA's Gaza facilities. As a result, Canada announced recently that it would no longer fund the UN agency. We shouldn't be funding them either. Not \$1 of your money should go directly or indirectly to jihadist groups like Hamas. If the national government is looking for some money to apply to the gargantuan budget deficit, this \$40 million is an easy place to start.

Netanyahu: Ezekiel 37 Fulfilled In Israel

By Tzippe Barrow, www.CBN.com

Speaking on the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in Poland, Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones.



“The Jewish people rose from ashes and destruction, from a terrible pain that can never be healed,” Netanyahu said at the ceremony.

“Armed with the Jewish spirit, the justice of man, and the vision of the prophets, we sprouted new branches and grew deep roots. Dry bones became covered with flesh, a spirit filled them, and they lived and stood on their own feet, as Ezekiel prophesied:

“Then He said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ Therefore prophesy and say to them, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.’”

Netanyahu often quotes Scripture in his speeches. From his youth, he has been a student of the *Tanach* (the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament), which records the history of Israel and its People.

Experts say archaeological excavations in Jerusalem and throughout the country continually verify the authenticity of the Hebrew Bible, which all Israeli children study as part of their school curriculum.

*Note: please see the description of our television series **Ezekiel and the MidEast "Piece" Process** on page 17.*

Airport Body Scanners Violate Teachings of Islam

By Susan Jones, CNSNews.com

A group of Muslim scholars says it supports airline safety, but it is “deeply concerned” about the use of airport scanners that show nude images of the human body.

“The Fiqh Council of North America (FCNA) emphasizes that a general and public use of such scanners is against the teachings of Islam, natural law and all religions and cultures that stand for decency and modesty,” the group said in a February statement posted at Islam Online.

“It is a violation of clear Islamic teachings that men or women be seen naked by other men and women,” FCNA explained. The group noted that Islam emphasizes modesty, considering it part of the faith. “The Koran has commanded the believers, both men and women, to cover their private parts” and to be modest in their dress.

While exceptions can be made in cases of “extreme necessity,” FCNA indicated that passenger body scans do not rise to that level. FCNA is asking for changes in scanner software so the machines will produce only body outlines. In the meantime, the group says Muslim travelers should choose pat-down searches over scanner images—in cases where searches are necessary.



The Fiqh Council of North America is an affiliate of the Islamic Society of North America, which advises and educates its members and officials “on matters related to the application of *sharia* (Islamic law) in their individual and collective lives in the North American environment.”

The Council on American-Islamic Relations also issued a news release endorsing FCNA’s statement on the use of body scanners. ★

What *chutzpah!* (What nerve!)



THERE ARE TIMES when the *Zola Levitt Presents* archives show Zola teaching on camera. Some viewers have commented that they dislike the frames or columns that appear on the sides. Those side frames are there because the original video was recorded in an older format: “standard definition” had a more square-shaped picture than the “high definition” that we use today. Classic footage of Zola fills the new format’s screen top to bottom, but not left to right. The side frames or columns occupy that otherwise empty space.



Israel's Fifth Medical School To Open

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, www.JPost.com

Israel's fifth medical school—to be established in Safed by Bar-Ilan University—will open in the fall of 2011, according to an announcement in the cabinet recently.

Bar-Ilan University president Prof. **Moshe Kaveh** said at the meeting in Jerusalem that he already has agreements with northern hospitals to provide clinical teaching facilities to medical students in Safed. In addition, 50 physicians and scientists and their families are planning to move to the Galilee to work at the medical school, and others will come on *aliyah* or return to Israel to join the faculty, he said.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who holds the Health portfolio, said he would head a ministerial committee established to follow the progress of the new medical school, which joins those affiliated to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba.

Also on this ministerial committee will be Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz, Minister for the Development of the Galilee and Negev Silvan Shalom, Education Minister Gideon Sa'ar, Minister for Minority Affairs Avishay Braverman, and Deputy Health Minister Ya'acov Litzman.

Shalom said he dreams of 300,000 new residents coming to the Galilee as a result of the new medical school and other projects. In addition, medical infrastructure and research facilities in the periphery will be established and expanded. ★



Class of 1959

The Steady Erosion of Women's Rights in Egypt: A Photographic Story

By Phyllis Chesler, www.PajamasMedia.com

These photos speak volumes about the politicization of the Islamic veil. In the 1950s, Cairo University graduates were not veiled. By the twenty-first century, the veiling of educated women was fully underway.



Class of 1978



Class of 1995 above, & Class of 2004 below



Do You Want To Go To Heaven?

Father Murphy walks into a book store in Brooklyn and approaches the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to Heaven?" The man says, "I do Father."
The priest says, "Then come with me."

Then the priest asks a second man, "Do you want to go to Heaven?" "Certainly, Father," the man replies.
"Then come with me," says the priest.

Then Father Murphy walks up to little Moishie Zeigler standing in the back and says, "Do you want to go to Heaven?"
Moishie says, "No, thank you Father."

The priest says, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to Heaven?"

Moishie says, "When I die, yes. But it looks like you're getting a group together to go right now."



Know Your Customer

A disappointed soft drink salesman returned from his assignment in Israel.

A friend asked, "Why weren't you successful with the Israelis?"

The salesman explained, "When I got posted in the Middle East, I was very confident that I would make a good sales pitch in rural areas. But, I had a problem: I didn't speak Hebrew. So, I planned to convey the message through three posters..."

First poster: A man lying in the hot desert sand—totally exhausted and fainting.

Second poster: The man is drinking our cola.

Third poster: Our man is now totally refreshed.

We hung these posters everywhere."

"That should have worked," said the friend.

The salesman replied, "But, I didn't realize that Jews read from right to left."



Perceptions of Jews By Renowned Gentiles



John Adams, the second president of the United States, in an 1809 letter to Judge F.A. Van Der Kemp: "...I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations. If I were an atheist of another sect...I should still believe that chance had ordered the Jews to preserve and propagate for all mankind the doctrine of a supreme, intelligent, wise almighty sovereign of the universe, which I believe to be the great essential principle of all morality, and consequently of all civilization... They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this earth. The Romans and their Empire were but a bauble in comparison to the Jews. They have given religion to three quarters of the globe and have influenced the affairs of mankind more, and more happily than any other nation, ancient or modern."

For Bigots, Israel Can Do No Right

By Alan M. Dershowitz, www.FrontPageMag.com



As most objective observers throughout the world marvel at Israel's efficiency and generosity in leading the medical aid efforts in Haiti, some bigots insist on using these efforts as an occasion to continue their attack on the Jewish state.

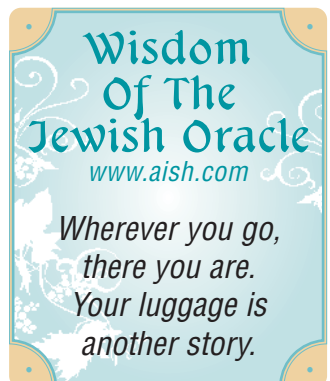
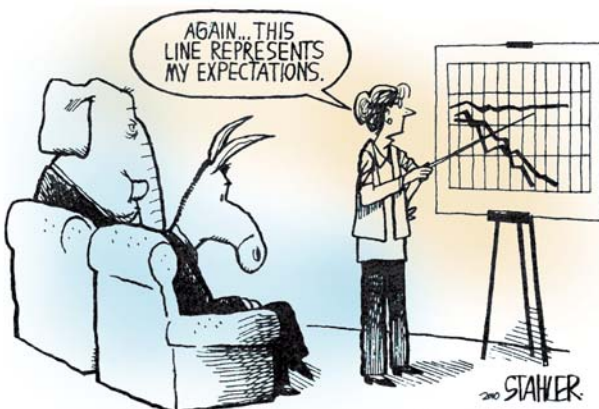
The hard-right neo-Nazi website ReportersNotebook.com features a blog entitled The Zionization of Disaster Relief. It accuses Israel of "exploiting the suffering of poor, defenseless Haitians on behalf of Israeli Triumphalism." It complains that Israel is rendering medical aid to Haiti only to deflect attention from its crimes against the Palestinians. The hard left, even in Israel, complains that Israel should not be sending medical assistance to such a faraway place. Instead it should be sending it to nearby Gaza.

Even *The New York Times*, in an otherwise thoughtful analysis of the controversiality of the aid among some Israelis, failed to note the difference between Israel sending its limited resources to faraway Haiti and to nearby Gaza. **Haiti is not at war with Israel.** Haiti has not pledged itself to Israel's destruction. Haiti has not fired 8,000 rockets at Israeli civilians. Gaza, on the other hand, has a popularly elected government that has done and continues to do all of the above. Moreover, there is no comparison between the tens of thousands of Haitians who have died from a natural disaster, and the people of Gaza who suffer far less from what is, essentially, a self-inflicted wound.

Nor do the perennial enemies of Israel emphasize the comparison between tiny and resource-poor Israel, on the one hand, and the enormous and resource-rich Arab and Muslim nations, on the other hand. While Israel digs deeply into its treasury and manpower to send medical assistance a quarter of the way around the world, **Arab and Muslim nations are generally missing in action when it comes to relief efforts.** This is true not only in Haiti, which is a Catholic nation, but it was equally true when tsunamis and other natural disasters devastated Muslim nations.

To answer those who argue that Israel is sending this aid to Haiti for its own selfish reasons: All nations have interests; and all act, at least in part, out of self-interest. But, Israel is doing far more in Haiti than would be required to satisfy its self-interests. It is sending more aid per capita than any country in the world. It is doing it with extraordinary efficiency and real impact. Isn't it at least possible that the millennia-long Jewish tradition of *zedakah*—that is charity based on justice—is at least part of the explanation for Israel's generosity?

So continue to criticize Israel when it fails to live up to generally applicable international standards, but praise it when it exceeds those standards in rendering aid that has saved and will continue to save many lives. ★



Hurtling Down the Road to Serfdom

By John Stossel, JewishWorldReview.com

Government is taking us a long way down the Road to Serfdom. That doesn't just mean that more of us must work for the government.



It means that we are changing from independent, self-responsible people into a submissive flock. The welfare state kills the creative spirit.

F.A. Hayek, an Austrian economist living in Britain, wrote *The Road to Serfdom* in 1944 as a warning that central economic planning would extinguish freedom. Hayek meant that governments can't plan economies without planning people's lives. After all, an economy is just individuals engaging in exchanges. At the beginning of *The Road to Serfdom*, Hayek acknowledges that mere material wealth is not all that's at stake when the government controls our lives: "The most important change ... is a psychological change, an alteration in the character of the people."

This shouldn't be controversial. If government relieves us of the responsibility of living by bailing us out, character will atrophy. The welfare state, however good its intentions of creating material equality, can't help but make us dependent. That changes the psychology of society.

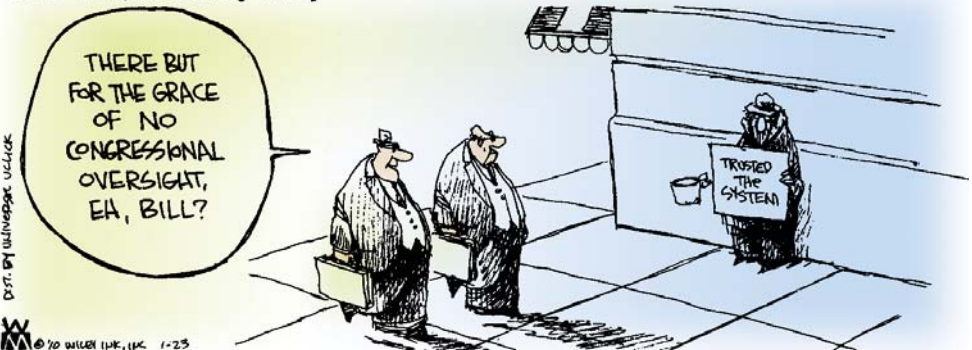
According to the Tax Foundation, 60 percent of the population now gets more in government benefits than it pays in taxes. What does it say about a society in which more than half the people live at the expense of the rest? Worse, the dependent class is growing. The 60 percent will soon be 70 percent.

Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin seems to understand the threat: He's worried that "more people have a stake in the welfare state than in free enterprise. This is a road that Hayek perfectly described as 'the road to serfdom.'"

Arthur Brooks, who heads the American Enterprise Institute, says statism is becoming the "central organizing power in our economy," and that the battle between free enterprise and statism will shape our futures. He remains optimistic because a recent poll showed that 70 percent of Americans want free enterprise. In that same poll, 54 percent of Americans said government should exert more control over the economy. Brooks discounts that, claiming people forget their "core values" during crises.

But he asks the right question: Do we want a culture of takers or makers? Ryan and Brooks say most people want "the American idea": freedom and self-responsibility. The choice is crucial. If we continue down the Road to Serfdom, our destination will be a poorer society, high unemployment, stagnation, and complacency. ★

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—Jeff