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"It's Nothing Personal" by Zola Levitt

I think that I may have made a mistake, and, if so, I want to apologize and ask your forgiveness. Or in any case, I'd like to hear from you about a certain issue. I refer to my commentary in the past few letters about our administration and its position toward Israel. I really would value your letters on this. Thanks.

I frankly am very disappointed with President Bush and his policies toward the Holy Land. It is not personal; those of you who have taken our publications over a period of time know that I complimented the President very highly at the time of the Persian Gulf War. I became discouraged with the Administration when we persisted in talking with the governments of Arab dictatorships which are sworn enemies of Israel, and even stooped to trying to deal with a pure terrorist like Yasir Arafat. But I still watched for any good results and held my peace. At the point where we denied loan guarantees to Israel and thus impeded the immigration of a million Russian Jewish people to their Promised Land, I drew the line. I am sorry my friends, but I must say with Isaiah:

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest (Isa. 62:1).

Even if people want to be removed from our mailing list and stop supporting this ministry, I cannot say nothing while our country simply curses Israel. We are not dealing with some worldly political entity when we put pressure on the Holy Land. It is God's country and the people there are His chosen people and if those things are not true, then I will stop trying to minister.

There are several issues folks have opposed about my political commentaries. The first of these is the loan guarantees. No matter how many times it is explained some people think Americans are being asked to pay money to Israel. That is not the case. We are asked only to co-sign loans the Israelis will make elsewhere in order that they get the lowest interest rates for those loans. There is no danger in co-signing with Israel. They are rated AAA and have always repaid their loans. If you watched our interview with Jeane Kirkpatrick in July you heard her verify that and give her reasons for supporting those loan guarantees.

It goes without saying, that literally a million people will have their suffering alleviated if only we would acquiesce to this reasonable request on the part of our best friend and ally in the world. In my view, holding out on this kind of help runs counter to the best American principles. On our Statue of Liberty, the legend reads, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breath free...." Israel is trying to resettle very unfortunate human beings in the very spirit and letter of that

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time-honored dream of democracy and we are simply preventing that nation from doing that. And worse, we seem to be withholding that crucial cosignature just to please the enemies of Israel in their never ending quest to undermine the land of Israel.

Obviously, resettling the immigrants forwards the progress of end times prophecy — in the end, "All Israel" as Paul puts it (Rom. 11:26) will be found in the Land and so the return of the Jewish people from the dispersion is critical to that fulfillment.

Readers have taken exception also to what they suppose is my own political position. I have particularly criticized President Bush's Israel policy but I think my comments on other issues are not much different than those of many others who find the President less than we hoped for. Obviously, we have many problems in this country — the economy being very important among those — drugs, crime, health care, the breakdown of the schools, etc. I have been very restrained on those subjects and have majored in the Biblical areas which are bound up with Israel. Also, folks have assumed that if I criticize President Bush, that I must support some other candidate, and that isn't true. Ross

Perot was my best guess at a good candidate. At the present, I don't have one. If President Bush would change his stand and support Israel, I would be back on his team immediately. Again, it is nothing personal.

Blindly approving of a President no matter what he does is not a virtue of either a Christian or a citizen of a democracy. Should a President's policies contradict the will of God, or of the majority of the citizens, then it is our duty to *disapprove*!!

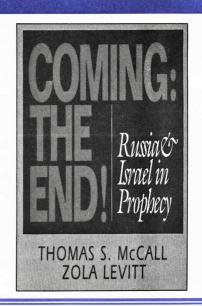
Some readers have informed me that all these things that are happening against Israel represent end times prophecy and I must not object, or I will be holding back progress toward God's will. That sort of reasoning implies the God of Israel would sell out His land and His people to facilitate the devil's plan for the tribulation period. I don't believe that. In reality, hatred of Israel will be worldwide in the tribulation period (Mt. 24:9) but it will be on the part of *unbelievers*. Believers in Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews, must never take a position in opposition to Israel. As the Lord Himself put it:

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me (Mt. 25:40).

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COMING: THE END! RUSSIA & ISRAEL IN PROPHECY

Zola's newest book, this is Moody Press's updated version of *The Coming Russian Invasion of Israel*. This study of the first upcoming end times prophecies is vital reading for all who believe the Scriptures. There is even a chapter on *A Strategy for Unbelievers* to tell those who do not believe how to cope with the Tribulation Period! Steadily updated, this basic book of prophecy analyzes the world situation in most enlightening and sometimes surprising terms. Called by Hal Lindsey, "a must for everyone who wants to know where we are on God's timetable."



A Look at the Book by Steve Ger

This is the third installment of our four-part study of God's New Covenant as revealed in the prophetic pages of Jeremiah 30-33. I am writing this in my hotel room in Jerusalem where I am co-leading Zola's summer tour of the Holy Land. With my Bible in one hand and a pen in the other, I look out my window and view this rugged, golden city, and I feel an overwhelming sorrow. Earlier today, I stood atop the Mt. of Olives, facing the Eastern Gate of the Temple Mount, and read aloud the Scripture where Jesus, standing in the same place, cried over Jerusalem, "O Jerusalem — if only you had known the time of your visitation!" This is my third trip to Israel, and it is still heart wrenching to know that the inhabitants of this city, so beloved by the Messiah, have yet to recognize the time of their visitation. There is a zeal for God in this city, but as Paul wrote almost two millennia ago, it is a zeal without knowledge — the true knowledge of Messiah (Rom. 10:2). However, as we will learn from Jeremiah this month, the Jewish people will not be ignorant of their Messiah forever. In fact, the thousands of Jewish believers living in Israel today attest to that fact.

Let's briefly review what we have studied together in Jeremiah, and then move on to his exciting conclusion.

In May and June we studied the first two of the five elements of the New Covenant as expressed in Jerimiah 30-33. These are the realization of the Covenantal ideal between God and His people and the preservation of His people, Israel, as a nation, in addition to His establishing them in a new Messianic kingdom. The three remaining elements are that God's law will be written on everyone's hearts, and therefore, all people will know God and have a personal relationship with Him, and finally, that when Israel repents, God will forgive and forget its sin.

There is a dark period in the history of God's Chosen People which must precede their bright future when God fulfills His promises to them. Prior to the ultimate restoration and fulfillment of God's New Covenantal promises to Israel there will be a period of great suffering. Jeremiah described this as the "time of Jacob's distress," and portrayed it as a period of dread, terror and destruction such as has never been experienced before (30:4-7). We commonly refer to this period as "The Great Tribulation." One can only shudder at the intensity of this coming period of tribulation for Israel (which

clearly will be much worse than the Nazi Holocaust), particularly in light of other Scriptural references (i.e. Zech. 13, Joel, Mt. 24, etc.). It is implied that this suffering will be God's means of again chastening the nation; yet once again God promises His presence and His mercy even to salvation (30:11). In fact, we know from Zechariah and from Paul in Romans 9-11 that after the Day of Jacob's Trouble the remaining Jewish people will call on their Messiah and "all Israel will be saved."

This leads to the third element of the New Covenant, which is that rather than on tablets of stone, as presented through Moses, God's law will be written on each individual's heart. The New Covenant will radically differ from the Mosaic Covenant in that righteousness will no longer be obtained through the regulation and observance of the law. Personal regeneration (new birth) will occur, and the law will be internalized as God Himself changes people's hearts (31:33; 32:39-40). The current crop of Jewish believers, more of whom are springing up daily, are a foretaste and a portent of things to come, an indication of the future national salvation of the Jewish nation following the Tribulation.

Praise God for His faithfulness!

This internalization of God's law will result in the next element, the universal knowledge of the Lord. As the law will be internalized through God's active restoration of each individual to a right relationship with Himself, all will know Him, from the greatest in the nation to the least. This will result in further blessings on Israel, material and spiritual (31:34; 32:39-40).

The final element of the New Covenant is that Israel will, individually and collectively, repent as a nation and the Lord will forgive and forget its sins. Its iniquity will be forgiven and cleansed and its sins will no longer be remembered (31:34; 33:8). Of course, this is a result of the nation collectively, at one moment, recognizing its Messiah, Yeshua, Who will establish His millenial kingdom of righteousness.

But what does all this have to do with the Church? What part do we play — how do we partake in the New Covenantal blessings? In short, what exactly is the "Christian Connection"? That will be our final topic of study next month as we conclude our series on this essential biblical doctrine.

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In our May Bulletin Board announcement, Where's Your Beef, we sought a consensus from our readers on, "I'd contribute more to Zola Levitt Ministries if" Some of your answers were: "if I had more available to contribute," "if I were employed," "if we weren't already struggling."

We ask that you support us only if you are able. And if you are able, please help a little extra for those who can't. We are to "bear one another's burdens." Thanks.

LEVITT LETTER EXTRA

You could have read this month's cover article three weeks ago if you had subscribed to the Levitt Letter Extra. Actually, you would have received a much longer, more detailed article since the space limitations of this publication required a heavy editing hand. Zola writes a Levitt Letter Extra whenever world events warrant timely commentary. It is printed on a rush basis and mailed first class. If you would like to join those who are the first to receive Zola's insights on fast-breaking news, simply write "LLX" on the order form (pg. 7) and return it with your payment of \$25.00 per quarter.

THREE FEASTS TOUR!

For the first time we can offer you the experience of all three fall feasts! Join Zola as our group departs during the Feast of Trumpets (Sept. 29 - Oct. 8). Explore the ancient ruins of Masada, Caesarea, Armageddon and Jericho, enjoy the view from the Mount of Beatitudes and savor the fresh fish dinner served by Galilean boatmen as we cruise the Sea of Galilee. Study first hand the sites so important in the life of our Lord: the Jordan River, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple Mount, the Upper Room, the empty Garden Tomb, and others. Stroll through the Holy City when all traffic and commerce ceases in observance of Yom Kippur. Extend your stay for the Grand Extension -Eilat (Sept. 29 - Oct. 13) and travel the length of the Negev Desert to the famous beach resort of Eilat before returning to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. Or join the Grand Extension -Greece (Sept 29. - Oct. 13) for an idyllic cruise of the Greek isles and tours of Ephesus, Corinth, Mars Hill and Athens. Call 1-800-WONDERS for a brochure with all the details.



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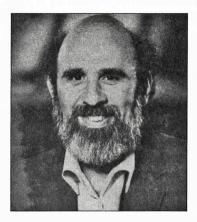
We're sending our Watchmen on the Wall a free copy of Zola's newest book, Coming the End! Russia & Israel in Prophecy (see pg. 2). We need Watchmen for these stations:

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If you can regularly monitor one of these station's airing of Zola Levitt Presents and report monthly to our syndicator, please write to Angie at Berg Productions, P.O. Box 814222, Dallas 75240. She will let you know when to begin this invaluable service to our Lord. Thanks.

A NOTE FROM ZOLA



Dear Friends.

Our summer tour of Israel was, as always, delightful, with wonderful weather, gracious, friendly people and delicious food. It is a constant joy to me to introduce the land of my heritage to new pilgrims. I wish everyone of you reading this now could join me in the Promised Land — in this lifetime. No one can help but be enchanted by this remarkable country and its resilient people. Passengers on our tours invariably remark on the contrast between the areas where the Israeli citizens live and those called *Palestinians* live. The industriousness and the love of the true owners for the land is glaringly evident.

I am happy to report that we are still receiving responses to our nationally broadcast special on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Your support allowed us to reach thousands of people who have never viewed "religious" programming. There is no way to tell you the number of people who were led to our Lord because of this program, but let me assure you that based on the phone calls and letters we have received, it was many times more than we are able to reach with our weekly program alone. Please accept our sincere apology if you were left holding or failed to receive the standard of service you so rightly expect from us. The offers of a videotape of the special for \$19, a videotape of the entire sevenprogram series for \$69 and a transcript of the special for \$9 are still valid.

We are currently working on a new series specifically addressing Israel's claim to its land titled, *Israel: By Divine Right!* We have taped a great deal of footage, but need funding to cover more location video and, particularly, post-production expenses. Please prayerfully consider helping us complete this project. It's really you, and not us, who will make this programming happen. Thank you sincerely for all of your good help in the past.

This week Dr. Thomas McCall and I will be appearing on the radio talk show hosted by Probe Ministries. We are looking forward to the opportunity to expose and refute the misguided theology and obvious anti-Semitism expressed earlier on this program. We will present the true case for Israel belonging to the Jewish people and the real meaning of God's promise to Abraham and his seed (Gen. 17:8). You may rest assured that whenever we hear of defamation of Israel or the Chosen People we will be there as soon as possible with the Biblical truth.

And by all means, consider joining me for a very special fall tour when you will experience all three fall feasts in one trip! We will depart on the second day of the Feast of Trumpets (if the Rapture does not occur on the first day) and will be in Jerusalem on the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year. We are offering two optional extensions: (1) if you chose the Eilat excursion, you will be in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, or, (2) you may wish to continue on to Greece for a luxury cruise of the Greek islands of Patmos, Mykonos and Rhodes and tours of Ephesus, Corinth, Athens and Mars Hill. Write or call Karen or Linda immediately (214-690-1876) for all the details.

Again, thank you for your support and please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Your messenger,

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Beautiful and useful, this lovely Jewish calendar provides the dates of all the biblical feasts and sabbaths. Learn the names of the



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We must not forget that our Messiah is a full blooded Jew, a native Israeli and will reign on the throne of David in Jerusalem. Opposing the American Christian community to the State of Israel, is spiritually not a good thing. It lines up the church with the world instead of with God's handiwork.

Other readers have told me to "get back to the Bible" and quit talking about worldly things, but frankly as we near the end of the age, the Bible requires that we be very cognizant of the things going on in the world around us:

For when they shall say, Peace and safety: then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness (I Thes. 5:3-6).

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It is particularly required of the church to watch the goings on with Israel and learn from them since Israel has been provided as a sign, especially for those of us at the end of the age:

Now all these things happened unto them (the Israelites) for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come (I Cor. 10:11).

Obviously I still teach Passover, the Seven Feasts, the Old Testament types and shadows and all the rest of the magnificent Bible lessons that are the trademark of this ministry. But I would be remiss to omit obvious contemporary signs of the end if I can understand them. Of those who teach much is required, the Scripture says, and I think one requirement for today is a sharp eye to world events. When I discuss "politics" in context with Israel I am teaching the Bible.

I will say this much: I am a person whose feelings occasionally run away with his thoughts and I may over-express myself. I really do not mean to defame any man and if my language is over-done then I do apologize and I will try to correct that. Where I have been sarcastic or hostile I will change and try to say things in a more palatable way. But having said all that, I cannot change my views about the importance of Israel to the Church and in prophecy and I cannot learn to love and support those whose actions thwart the purposes of the Lord.

I really very much recommend that those of you who are interested in contemporary events and how they play into the biblical prophecies should consider the Levitt Letter Extra. This publication is sent out by first class mail to any of our subscribers for \$25.00 per quarter and it reports on major events just a day or so after they happen. We are really asking only for the printing and postage costs for this newsletter which contains no advertisements, order blanks, announcements, etc. It is pure hard news commentary and, I hope, a good attempt to reconcile what the Bible forecasts and what we are seeing happening in our world today, And in the Levitt Letter Extra I can take more space to express myself adequately on a host of topics. You can order the Levitt Letter Extra through our address on page 7. Thanks.

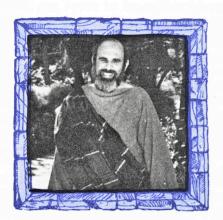
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