

Israel Judged by Another Standard Palestinians kill daily, yet issue no apologies

This article, by Charles Krauthammer, was sent to us by a reader after it appeared in the Valley *Times*, Pleasanton, California, on March 6, 1994.

The Jewish reaction to the massacre by a lone Israeli gunman in Hebron was instant and overwhelming. "There is no understanding, no forgiveness, and no atonement for this horrible act," said the president of Israel.

"I am shamed over the disgrace imposed upon us by a degenerate murderer," said the prime minister. In synagogues throughout the world, congregation and clergy offered expressions of contrition and regret.

Eight years ago, Palestinian gunmen burst into the largest synagogue in Istanbul, barred the doors to prevent escape, then murdered 22 worshipers. In how many mosques throughout the Palestinian world were expressions of contrition and regret offered? And how did the Palestinian leadership react? PLO spokesman Salah Khalaf said this: "We are against the murder of innocents, even if they are Jews."

Same old song

Four Islamic and Palestinian groups claimed "credit" for the attack. Which was the norm. After bloody attacks on synagogues in Copenhagen, Antwerp and Rome, various Arab groups rushed forward to claim the honor.

At a time when the world stands still to judge Israel, one is not supposed to make such comparisons. It is considered bad form to point out the double standard by which Israelis and Palestinians are judged.

Consider: On Feb. 18, Tsippora Sasson, 33 and five months pregnant, was driving home with her husband and two children, ages 6 and 9. Palestinian gunmen waiting in ambush attacked the car. They shot her once in the head, once in the abdomen. Hours later, she died.

This murder occurred seven days before the Hebron massacre. In The Washington Post it merited five sentences on page A45. The New York Times gave it three.

Yet there was nothing prejudicial about these news judgments. Ever since the PLO's pledge to renounce terrorism was consecrated by the Handshake on the White House lawn, **Palestinians have murdered an average of one Israeli civilian a week**. When something happens every week, it goes on the back pages.

Sound news judgment. But news judgment is one thing, moral judgment another. And it is a perverse moral judgment that because acts of Palestinian murder are so common, they should escape condemnation, indeed notice.

There is no balancing one death against another, one massacre against another. There is no excusing any murder. That is precisely the reaction of Israel to the murderer in its midst. And it is precisely not the reaction of the Palestinians — and of a self-righteous world to Palestinian murderers.

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Council remains mute

Mordechai Lapid and his 19-year-old son are shot by Palestinian gunmen. They bleed to death in the arms of a doctor named Baruch Goldstein. Such terrorism is routinely attributed to Palestinian rage or frustration. Or to the "cycle of violence," as if this absurd geometrical analogy explains anything.

Of course, it is not meant to explain. It is meant to excuse. But never Israelis. How appalled we would be — we should be — were a report on the Hebron massacre to begin with "Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli religious fanatic, a doctor recently unhinged when a friend and his son murdered by Palestinians died in his arms, today opened fire ..."

The U.N. Security Council — silent after synagogue attacks in Istanbul, Paris, Vienna, Antwerp, Copenhagen and Rome; mute at the murder of Sasson, the Lapids, and countless other Jews — prepares itself to reprove Israel over Hebron. The double standard is scandalous, yet accepted as a matter of course.

The Hebron massacre was the work of one deranged fanatic. He represented at most the fringe of a fringe. Meir Kahane, leader of the Kach movement to which Goldstein belonged, competed four times in Israeli elections. The most he ever got was 1 percent of the vote. Yet even that was too much for Israel. In 1988, Kach was barred, because of its racism, from ever running for Parliament again.

Palestinian terror is not the work of a *fringe.* It is mostly the work of Hamas, a Palestinian movement so popular that Arafat is wary of West Bank elections out of fear that Hamas would win. Nor, like Kach in Israel, is Hamas a pariah to the Palestinian mainstream. Four days after the PLO-Israel handshake in Washington, the PLO and Hamas negotiated a truce, consecrated in a "Document of Honor."

The partnership is cozy and convenient to both sides. The PLO does the negotiating, Hamas does the killing (with occasional freelancing by Arafat's Fatah Hawks).

No apologizes issued

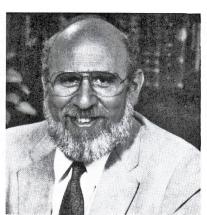
The PLO issued no apology for the murder of Tsippora Sasson. Hamas claimed credit. It distributed leaflets in Gaza pledging to "turn every day into hell for the Israelis." Sasson's murder was not some random spasm but part of an open, ongoing strategy of terror.

Hamas generally kills in ones and twos. Goldstein's atrocity had greater scope. For that he will surely occupy a circle in hell even lower than that of the killers of Tsippora Sasson.

But the world is not content to judge Goldstein. It is judging Israel because of Goldstein. Yet what, in fact, is the moral difference between Israeli and Palestinian terrorism? For Israel, it is a matter of shame. For the Palestinians, it is a matter of policy.

| 4-13-94 | Commuter bus bombed in Hadera, Israel; | 8-29-81 | Vienna Synagogue, 2 dead, 19 wounded | |
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| | 6 killed, 27 wounded | 7-80 | Jewish schoolchildren in Antwerp | |
| 4-6-94 | Car bombed in Afula, Israel; 8 killed, 52 wounded | | 1 killed, 7 injured | |
| 2-26-93 | World Trade Center bombed; 6 killed, 1,000 injured | 4-10-80 | Synagoge in Paris, 3 dead, 20 wounded | |
| 12-21-88 | Pan Am 103 bombing, several hundred killed | 4-22-79 | Nahariya, Israel, 4 dead, 4 wounded | |
| 9-6-86 | Istanbul synagogue, machine-gunned 22 worshipers | 1978 | Civilian bus hijacked in Israel, | |
| 9-5-86 | Pan Am jet hijacking, 22 Americans killed | | 37 dead including children, 87 wounder | |
| 1985 | TWA Flight 847 hijacked, 1 American murdered | 7-4-76 | Air France hijacking to Entebbe | |
| 12-27-85 | Rome's Fiumicino Airport, 12 dead, 74 wounded | 6-75 | Children's house in Israel, 3 killed | |
| | Vienna's Int'l Airport, 2 dead, 40 wounded | | including a toddler, 16 wounded | |
| 11-23-85 | Air Egypt hijacking, 59 dead, 23 wounded | 5-15-74 | Schoolchildren taken hostage in Ma'alot, | |
| 10-7-85 | Achille Lauro, elderly American murdered | | Israel, 25 murdered, 66 wounded | |
| 12-12-83 | U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, 4 killed, 20 wounded | | | |
| 10-23-83 | U.S. Marine headquarters, Beirut airport, | | TOTAL CASUALTIES = thousands | |
| | 241 Americans killed | | at a rate of 1 per week over 20 years | |
| 4-18-83 | U.S. Embassy in Beirut bombed, 63 killed | | | |
| 10-9-82 | Central Synagogue in Rome, toddler dead, 34 wounded | ISRAELI TERRORIST ACTIVITIES | | |
| 9-82 | Gunmen open fire in Brussels synagogue | | | |
| 10-21-81 | Diamond Centre in Antwerp bombed, 2 killed, | 2-11-94 | Hebron | |
| | 90 wounded | TOTAL CASUALTIES = 27 | | |

A NOTE FROM ZOLA



Dear Friends,

Here are some items that have come across my desk recently.

The disaster happening in Rwanda can teach us something about the Holocaust. *The New* York Times editorialized on July 20th: *The* heart constricts and the mind swirls in trying to grasp the enormity of the tragedy now gripping Rwanda. In the greatest mass flight of people in modern times, more than a million Rwandans surged within 48 hours into neighboring Zaire.

Actually, the greatest mass flight of people in modern times was the six million forced into concentration camps in World War II. But those people, six times the Rwandan total, did not get to flee; they were jammed by the hundreds into box cars, marched 1,000 miles in the dead of winter at gunpoint, or simply shot down wherever they stood.

The Times also felt that, ...nobody has ever dealt with so many uprooted people, driven by panic across frontiers to a remote, wholly unprepared provincial city. This isn't really true either. The Germans "dealt with" the six million Jews and millions of other "subhumans." They murdered every one of them.

The Times feels that, Too much blood has flowed, too many Rwandans are homeless, hungry or orphaned, and too many think everything is now permitted in a disorderly new world. In reality, our new world, horrific as it is, is in no way comparable to the Holocaust of World War II. It sounds almost absurd to say it, but Rwanda, Bosnia, Cambodia, Desert Storm, Vietnam, Korea and all of the alleged violence in Israel taken together do not begin to reach the total of Jewish people murdered one by one by the Germans.

On the July 21st *New York Times* front page the following very tragic story appeared.

The bombing of the Jewish cultural center here [Buenos Aires] has torn a physical and spiritual hole in the heart of Latin America's largest Jewish population, leaving at least 37 people dead, 58 more missing and 100 years of archives destroyed.

For 50 years, the building leveled by Monday's bomb had been the center of 250,000 Jews, a group second in size in the Americas only to the Jewish population of the United States.

Today, marked with yellow Stars of David, Israeli rescue dogs sniffed rain-washed rubble, hunting in vain for survivors of an attack that now ranks as the worst terrorist episode in Argentine history.

In 1992, a car bomb destroyed the Israeli Embassy here, killing 30 people. Noting that no arrests were ever made in that case, Jewish leaders lashed out today at the Government, charging that the failure to solve the crime had allowed a terrorist replay.

"I am very furious at my Argentine people and my Argentine nation," said Rabbi Angel Kreiman-Brill, whose wife died in Monday's explosion. Standing amid the confusion of an information center improvised at the nearby Chagall Cultural Center, he comforted his 19year-old daughter, Marcella, who sobbed: "I want my mother. I want my mother."

The Jewish Mutual Aid Association, which meets in the building, suffered the loss of its entire archive of community records dating back to 1894.

I was actually surprised that this was given the bottom of page 1 since Jewish casualties are lucky to make the paper at all. Hebron, with half the casualties, was given the top half of the front page day after day. And the United Nations immediately issued sanctions and sent troops. Let's see if anybody cares about Argentina.

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A Note From Zola

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The suspicion, of course, is of the terrorists called Islamic Holy War which took responsibility for the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992. The Argentine government did absolutely nothing about that attack, although 30 people were killed (27 were killed in Hebron).

But, surprisingly, the "Party of God," with strong ties to Islamic Holy War, denied "any link to the Buenos Aires incident," even though they vowed to strike at Israeli interests around the world in June. The slaughter of these scores of people is in answer apparently to Israel's kidnapping a Party of God leader in May. It is odd that the Muslim terrorists did not go ahead and claim the "honor"; sometimes several groups of Arabs compete for credit in slaughtering innocent civilians.

But the blame may also lie with neo-Nazis who infest Argentina as they do Germany. Successive Argentine governments "systematically gave refuge to more than 1,000 Nazis who escaped from Europe after World War II," *The Times* specified, and they may have been trying to kill the members of a certain research team which hunts them down. The team normally met every Monday morning in that very building but the meeting happened to be cancelled at the time of the bombing. In any case, the Nazi files are kept elsewhere. The Jews are well aware of the hunger certain Germans have to continue murdering Jews.

Buried in the back pages of the same issue of *The Times* was the story of 19 passengers killed by a bomb on a Panama commuter flight. Twelve of the 19 victims were Jewish and four of those were Israeli (page 6).

On page 16, The Times reports, Puzzled over a series of 14 small fires at synagogues, yeshivas (schools) and other centers of Jewish activities during the last three months, the New York City and Nassau County police are investigating whether the fires were set by the same person and whether they were acts of bias.

My point in reporting on these three anti-Semitic incidents in the same day's newspaper is not merely to garner sympathy for the Jewish people (though they could certainly use the sympathy). Rather we should realize that anti-Semitism is as sure a sign of the end as the better known signs like famine, pestilence, earthquakes, etc. The Lord spent far more text on warning that Israel would be hated of all nations (Mat. 24:9) than he did on those calamities. The whole theme of the Antichrist's reign will be his invasion of Israel and his blasphemy in the Temple; and the culmination of the entire horrible seven years will be a vicious battle undertaken by the armies of almost the whole world in what is now a quiet, verdant, peaceful valley in northern Israel called Armageddon.

The Vatican has knighted Kurt Waldheim, active and cooperative Nazi in World War II and persona non grata in the U.S., Israel and 100 other nations. The anti-Semitism of the Church of Rome represents one of the most dependable forces against Israel in all history.

The New York Times ran Arafat's picture as the top photo on the front page July 2nd. When before has a terrorist, who is the leader of less than the population of a standard American city, been accorded such importance? In a flub that shows that Arafat doesn't really understand his own PLO party line, he made reference to "the first free Palestinian Land." He must have gotten his lies mixed up. The official PLO lie is that "we've always been here" and so there has supposedly been a free Palestinian land since antiquity.

On July 3rd, Jewish commentator Bob Simon, CBS, showed an anti-Israel bias when covering an impassioned demonstration in Jerusalem to those chancing broken bones

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Letters to Zola

Dear Zola,

I am a Christian and a descendant of David. I was attracted to your ministry because of your teachings on the Bible and ancient Middle Eastern religious history. I donated to your ministry during that time.

But as you began to concentrate on Israeli politics and governments, plus the PLO, I began turning elsewhere for my religious training. You mentioned several times on your TV programs that some of your followers were complaining about the program contents relative to politics. You said you felt compelled to continue despite the complaints. That is your option, of course as long as you realize you are losing some of us. I don't mind a few programs on politics but now it is every program. I am very sympathetic to Israel and have been there studying several times. But politics is not the reason I listened to It was your on-site religious history you. teachings exclusively. And, after you return to that format, I will return to watching your TV programs and sending donations. So, my good friend, it is your decision. I am delighted your surgery was so successful. Shalom, B.S.

This Letter to the Editor was sent in by a reader.

The Wall Street Journal carried an article which cited **a poll of 1,000 Palestinians and other Arabs: None wanted genuine peace with Israel.** Those who supported the peace process did so only with the view of weakening Israel for a final united military assault. Faisal Husseini, leading PLO figure in Israel, usually described in the media as a "moderate," declared one month after the signing of the Declaration of Principles, "Everything you see and hear today is for tactical and strategic reasons. We have not given up the rifle."

Also one month after Arafat shook Rabin's hand in Washington, the PLO Fatah hawks declared, "... we will escalate our attacks everywhere against the (Jews), we will continue to make them swim in their own blood."

Martin Broschowitz, N. Woodmer, New York

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Dear Zola,

I just finished watching your program that aired on the Family Channel tonight, and I have to take issue with your interview of Dr. Sharrosh.

During his comments, Dr. Sharrosh said that "God's word demands that we speak the truth in love."

And yet, when he said that one of the signs of Jesus' second coming was the return of the Jews to the land of Palestine, you said nothing. But the Jewish people are <u>not</u> returning to the land of <u>Palestine</u>; they're returning to the land of <u>Israel</u>. And the difference is more than mere semantics.

And I've watched you do show after show, interviewing Messianic believers and settlers, and you or they nearly always bring up the topic of the ownership of the Land. But I can't recall any programs you've done with your Arab guests ("Christian" or otherwise) in which you discuss the ownership of the Land. According to "Arab Christians," who owns the Land?

As a television personality and as a tour host, you know and deal with scores of Arabs, most of whom probably claim to be Christian. But my own experience with "Arab Christians" (such as those at the Bethlehem Bible College) is that they believe the Bible <u>until</u> it comes to the issue of the Land.

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I would like to suggest that you do a program with Arab Christians in the near future and deliberately discuss the ownership of the Land.

As I read the Bible, and as I think you read it, the wording is crystal clear: God gave <u>all</u> of the Land of Israel to the <u>Jewish</u> people, through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, etc. — not through Ishmael. And yet, even as I write this, the whole world seems divided on the issue of the Land.

But, if (and/or when) "push comes to shove," it won't be the Messianic believers who'll be caught in the middle <u>or</u> the Biblebelieving Christians — the group that will have to choose loyalties will be the "Arab Christians." And if (or when) that time comes, which way will they go? Will they side with the Word of God, or will they side with the word of Arafat? Is the issue of the Land one that Bible-believing Christians and Messianic believers will have to "agree to disagree" on with Arab Christians? Is it an issue over which, indeed, we <u>can</u> "agree to disagree?"

Sincerely, T.I. 🔀

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Dear Zola,

I hope you are recuperating well. I hope that you will return to God and leave the path of confusion you have chosen.

God chose the Jews to keep and maintain His word, His Laws and His Torah. It is a total loss of faith to ignore His word and become a Christian.

God warned us about false prophets, yet you have chosen to follow one. Christians are lost and confused. They believe in Santa Claus and virgin births. Paul made up the story of the virgin birth when he tried to spread Christianity to pagans like the Romans.

The Romans had many stories about gods having sex with humans to create special people. The idea of God sending His child to earth through a woman is foreign and repulsive to Judaism, but it made it easier for Paul to sell Christianity to the Romans.

Why do you think Christians teach their children stories about Santa Claus, Easter Bunnies and angels? Such fantasies make it easier for children to accept the virgin birth fantasy. <u>The virgin birth story is just a</u> fantasy.

As an educated Jew, you must know that there was no prophecy in the Bible about a "virgin birth." Christians purposefully mistranslate the Hebrew word for "maiden" to "virgin." There is a word in Hebrew for "virgin," but it was not used in the passages that Christians call the "prophecies." The word is "maiden" and that changes the whole story, doesn't it?

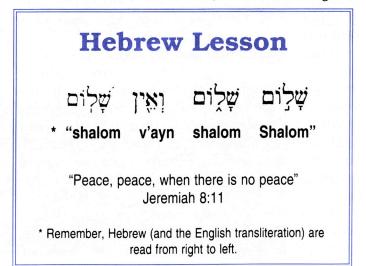
But let's not confuse our misguided Christian friends. Most of them cannot read Hebrew and therefore must trust their leaders who have no interest in sharing the truth with them. Their only interest is taking money from the congregation. To do this they must keep the people ignorant. This is easy because most Christians base their lives on faith and faith alone. They trust that Jesus lived because they want to believe what they are told. They are basically uneducated in the areas of History, Hebrew, and Holiness.

Jesus was a man. He was not God. Jesus was a Jew ... like me ... and like you before you converted. Shame on you!

I doubt if I'll see this letter to Zola in the Levitt Letter. Your Friend, a Real Jew

On your age-old argument about the word "alma," indeed, maiden or young woman can be meant. But then the verse would read, "...the Lord himself shall give you a sign, Behold, a "young woman" shall conceive, and bear a son..." Now, what kind of a miracle would that This sort of birth happens every day. be? Surely you don't consider that it would be a sign from heaven. The rest of your arguments are pure fabrication, and I have no answer. Your hostility to a daughter religion is surprising to me. Surely you don't think that Christianity, the dominant faith in the world for 2,000 years, is about Santa Claus, Easter Bunnies, and the like. The only part of your letter that seems sincere and valid is where you say, "Jesus was a Jew ... like me," at least admitting that the Founder did exist. I was taught as a child that Jesus was entirely mythical like some Greek or Roman god. But I found the truth by reading the New Testament. Rather than caricature Christianity as you have, I would challenge you to read the New Testament, too. If you then wish to attack the faith of the Jewish disciples and Jewish apostles, not to mention the Messiah himself, you can do so at least on Biblical grounds.

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and arrest for protesting the disastrous peace process. Simon applied the term "recycled demonstrators." There has been no previous situation in 4,000 years of Israeli history in which the Chosen People gave up one inch of their God-given land without a fight. The demonstrators can't have been "recycled."

Please know that we have the honor of taking Nekha Gurievsky with us on our tour in September. Nekha is a native of Romania from where she and her family fled the invading Nazi forces in 1941. They were caught and placed in a Ghetto where they experienced unspeakable horrors at the hands of the Germans. The cost of our basic tour is \$2,699 and any help that you can give toward this endeavor would be very much appreciated. Your donation to the Zola Levitt Ministries Survivors Fund is tax-deductible. Thanks.



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the house of God on Earth are clearly explained. Please order from page 11. You may also wish to order the *Tribulation Temple* teaching cassette.

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We read this in *The Dallas Morning News*, Sunday, June 26, 1994:

Dear Abby: In a recent column, a reader complained about the amount of money he was expected to give to the church. Perhaps this piece will provide an answer to that question. I regret I don't know who the author is, but I hope you feel that it's worth sharing.

Bob Whitmore, Eugene, Ore.

Dear Bob Whitmore: I do. And thanks for sending it. — Abby

IS THE CHURCH COSTING TOO MUCH?

Last Sunday, another golfer sank the last putt on the 18th green and received a check for \$50,000 for four rounds of golf, plus an automobile for himself and one for his wife. This week, the papers reported that a certain popular singer will receive \$100,000 per week for her current singing engagement. Americans spend annually more on dog food than on church contributions. It is not unusual for an individual to pay more for his country club membership than he gives to the church. Is the church costing too much?

Let me share an experience with you. On June 2, 1940, a little girl was born to us. She cost us money from the moment she was born. As she grew from babyhood to girlhood, she cost even more — her dresses and shoes were more expensive, and we had to have the doctor through all those childhood diseases.

She was even more expensive during her school and teenage years. She needed long dresses to go to parties. When she went to college, we discovered, along with other parents, that all college expenses are not listed in the catalog. Then after graduation, she fell in love and married. She was married in a church wedding and that, too, cost a lot of money.

Then, five months after her marriage, she suddenly sickened and within a week she was dead. She hasn't cost us a penny since the day we walked away from her grave.

As long as the church is alive, she will cost money. And the more alive a church is, the more money she will cost. Only a dead church, like a dead child, is no longer expensive.

Think it over. Is the church costing too much?

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Letters to Zola

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Dear Zola!

Blessings from Israel! I am just now doing my correspondence after returning to Israel and getting settled in an apartment with an office.

Thank you for promoting The Mountains of Israel on your show. I received a letter from someone who bought a book from you. He liked it so much that he used it as a basis for an article. The message is getting out. Yesterday a person told me that Jewish friends (not believers in Yeshua) have found it a blessing. I'm praying that a Hebrew edition will soon be possible.

You probably know that here in Israel most of the Arab Christian ministries teach replacement theology. Some ministries use only the New Testament. In writing The Mountains of Israel, I realized how dangerous it is for Arabic people to try to take the Lord's land. Eventually the Lord will break out against them as He did when King David was fighting against the other Philistines (see Isaiah 28:21 and 2 Samuel 5:17-25). I cannot know this and not tell it to Arabic Christians.

Therefore, I have started a ministry to send English Bibles (New and Old Testament) to English speaking Arabic people. I am offering a Bible correspondence course in which I will give the entire story. I feel that God will be very displeased if someone in the church doesn't make an effort to communicate to Arabic Christians that this is God's land and cannot be taken from Israel.

I am aware that to do this is like holding a lightening rod in a storm, but I must.

Please forgive me for asking for something in a thank you letter, but do you know anyone who would be willing to support this project which I call Hope for the Nations? I am enclosing information.

I'm also sending a copy of a program for a conference which was held at the First Baptist church in Washington DC, apparently James Baker's church. It was a conference on Christianity in the Middle East. Even though

several speakers are Palestinians from Israel, there is not one mention of Israel in the entire program.

Notice Jonathon Kuttab in the program. He was in Cairo with Arafat when the agreement was signed. The strangest thing happened in the airport when I arrived in Israel. Jonathon, who I had never heard of, came over to me and helped me take my luggage out and load it into my friend's van. In return I gave him a copy of The Mountains of Israel.

Later I saw Jonathon's name in one of those typical Palestinian books that slander Israel. That book and another like it, both filled with errors and omissions, were published by Zondervan, that used to be one of the most respected Christian publishers.

Later I attended an ecumenical conference at Tantour in Israel. Jonathon Kuttab was there. He remembered seeing me at the airport. In the dorm I shared a bathroom with the cousin of Hannan Ashrawi, who when she saw me with copies of some of the Palestinian books, told me that they are in every library in the United States, especially in Seminary libraries. There is a real battle going on, and I for one am just realizing the extent of it.

During the conference I mentioned some historical facts that are omitted by Palestinians in their arguments. Of course I knew Palestinians would not like what I said, but there were people from all over the world there, who do not know the facts, and someone has to have the courage to speak the truth. Afterwards a very large Palestinian man asked to talk with me. He intended to frighten me (even running his finger around his neck at one point) but the Lord was with me.

I am very grateful for your help with The Mountains of Israel and I will appreciate any suggestions you may have for Hope for the Nations. Best Regards,

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