

# LEVITT LETTER

“BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.” – ROMANS 10:1

After listening to U.S. politicians, Americans are sometimes surprised by the blunt, clear thoughts coming from the government of Israel. Below is an example of plain talk on a very important subject. – Zola



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# Stop Iran!

By David R. Sands,  
*The Washington Times*

**T**he United States and its allies must act to stop Iran’s nuclear programs — by force if necessary — because conventional diplomacy will not work, three senior Israeli lawmakers from across the political spectrum recently warned.

As a last resort, they said, Israel itself would act unilaterally to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear arms. Iran will not be deterred “by anything short of a threat of force,” said Arieh Eldad, a member of Israel’s right-wing National Union Party, part of a delegation of Knesset members visiting Washington D.C.



“They won’t be stopped unless they are convinced their programs will be destroyed if they continue,” he said.

Yuval Steinitz, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said the best hope was for the United States and other major powers to make it clear to Iranian leaders now that there was “no chance they will ever see the fruits of a nuclear program.”

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## Confessions of a Christian Arab

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*The following are the remarks of Brigitte Gabriel, delivered at a Duke University Counter-Terrorism Speak-Out*

“I’m proud and honored to stand here today, as a Lebanese speaking for Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East. As someone who was raised in an Arabic country, I want to give you a glimpse into the heart of the Arabic world.

I was raised in Lebanon, where I was taught that the Jews were evil, Israel was the devil, and the only time we will have peace in the Middle East is when we kill all the Jews and drive them into the sea.

When the Muslims and Palestinians declared Jihad on the Christians in 1975, they started

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# “Clear Off!”

By Lawrence Bartlett, [www.sify.com](http://www.sify.com)



John Howard

## Get out if you want sharia law, Australia tells Muslims

Muslims who want to live under Islamic sharia law were told on recently to get out of Australia, as the government targeted radicals in a bid to head off potential terror attacks.

A day after a group of mainstream Muslim leaders pledged loyalty to Australia at a special meeting with Prime Minister John Howard, he and his ministers made it clear that extremists would face a crackdown.

Treasurer Peter Costello, seen as heir apparent to Howard, hinted that some radical clerics could be asked to leave the country if they did not accept that Australia was a secular state and its laws were made by parliament.

“If those are not your values, if you want a country which has sharia law or a theocratic state, then Australia is not for you,” he said on national television.

“I’d be saying to clerics who are teaching that there are two laws governing people in Australia, one the Australian law and another the Islamic law, that that is false. If you can’t agree with parliamentary law, independent courts and democracy, and would prefer sharia law, and have the opportunity to go to another country which practices it, perhaps, then, that’s a better option,” Costello said.

Asked whether he meant radical clerics would be forced to leave, he said those with dual citizenship could possibly be asked to move to the other country.

Education Minister Brendan Nelson later told reporters that Muslims who did not want to accept local values should “clear off.”

Basically, people who don’t want to be Australians, and don’t want to live by Australian values and understand them, well then, they can basically clear off,” he said.

Separately, Howard angered some Australian Muslims by saying he supported spies monitoring the nation’s mosques.



## Stop Iran! continued

“Threats of sanctions and isolation alone will not do it,” said Mr. Steinitz.

Yosef Lapid, head of the centrist opposition Shinui Party in the Knesset, added that Israel “will not live under the threat of an Iranian nuclear bomb.”

“We feel we are obliged to warn our friends that Israel should not be pushed into a situation where we see no other solution but to act unilaterally” against Iran, he said.

Mr. Steinitz, a member of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s

ruling Likud Party, stopped just short of a direct threat to bomb suspected Iranian nuclear sites. Steinitz said Israeli officials estimate that Tehran is only two to three years away from developing a nuclear bomb and that time was running out for the world to act.

“We see an Iranian bomb as a devastating, existential threat to Israel, to the entire Middle East, to all Western interests in the region,” he said.

“Despite all the different circumstances, we see similarities to what happened in the 1930s, when people underestimated the real problem or focused on other dangers. For us, either the world will tackle Iran in advance or all of us will face the consequences.”

massacring the Christians, city after city. I ended up living in a bomb shelter underground from age 10 to 17, without electricity, eating grass to live, and crawling under sniper bullets to a spring to get water.

It was Israel who came to help the Christians in Lebanon. My mother was wounded by a Muslim shell, and was taken into an Israeli hospital for treatment. When we entered the emergency room, I was shocked at what I saw.

There were hundreds of people wounded, Muslims, Palestinians, Christians, Lebanese, and Israeli soldiers lying on the floor. The doctors treated everyone according to their injury. They treated my mother before they treated the Israeli soldier lying next to her. They didn't see religion, they didn't see political affiliation, they saw people in need, and they helped.

For the first time in my life, I experienced a human quality that I know my culture would not have shown to their enemy. I experienced the values of the Israelis, who were able to love their enemy in their most trying moments. I spent 22 days at that hospital. Those days changed my life and the way I believe information, the way I listen to the radio or to television. I realized I was sold a fabricated lie by my government, about the Jews and Israel, that was so far from reality. I knew for a fact that, if I was a Jew standing in an Arab hospital, I would be lynched and thrown over to the grounds, as shouts of joy of *Allahu Akbar* (God is great) would echo through the hospital and the surrounding streets.

I became friends with the families of the Israeli wounded soldiers: one in particular, Rina, her only child was wounded in his eyes.

One day, I was visiting with her, and the Israeli army band came to play national songs to lift the spirits of the wounded soldiers. As they surrounded his bed playing a song about Jerusalem, Rina and I started crying. I felt out of place and started waking out of the room, and this mother holds my hand and pulls me back in without even looking at me. She holds me crying and says: "It is not your fault." We just stood there crying, holding each other's hands.

What a contrast between her, a mother looking at her deformed, 19 year old, only child, and still able to love me, the enemy, and between a Muslim mother who sends her son to blow himself up to smithereens just to kill a few Jews or Christians.

The difference between the Arabic world and Israel is a difference in values and character. It's barbarism versus civilization. It's democracy versus dictatorship. It's goodness versus evil.

Once upon a time, there was a special place in the low-

est depths of hell for anyone who would intentionally murder a child. Now, the intentional murder of Israeli children is legitimized as Palestinian "armed struggle."

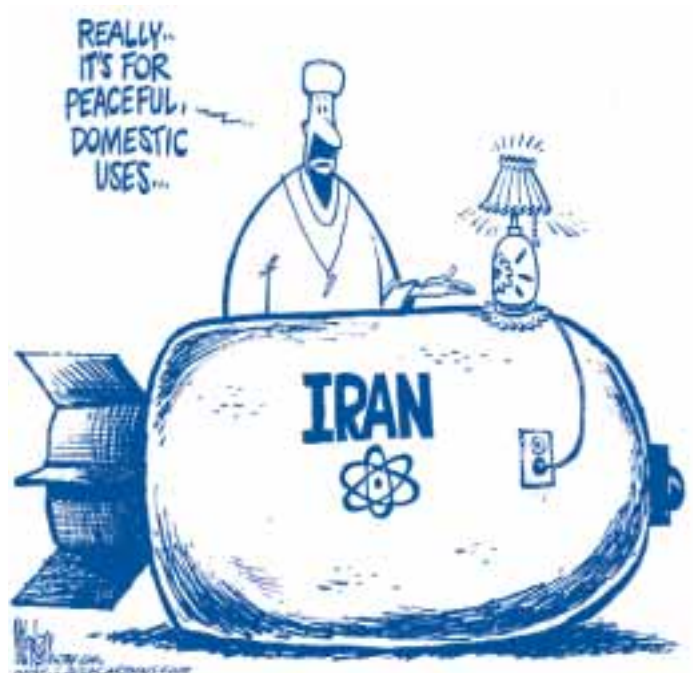
However, once such behavior is legitimized against Israel, it is legitimized everywhere in the world, constrained by nothing more than the subjective belief of people who would wrap themselves in dynamite and nails for the purpose of killing children in the name of God.

Because the Palestinians have been encouraged to believe that murdering innocent Israeli civilians is a legitimate tactic for advancing their cause, the whole world now suffers from a plague of terrorism, from Nairobi to New York, from Moscow to Madrid, from Bali to Beslan.

They blame suicide bombing on "desperation from occupation." Let me tell you the truth. The first major terror bombing committed by Arabs against the Jewish state occurred ten weeks before Israel even became independent.

On Sunday morning, February 22, 1948, in anticipation of Israel's independence, a triple truck bomb was detonated by Arab terrorists on Ben Yehuda Street, in what was then the Jewish section of Jerusalem. Fifty-four people were killed, and hundreds were wounded. Thus, it is obvious that Arab terrorism is caused not by the "desperation from occupation," but by the VERY THOUGHT of a Jewish state.

So many times in history in the last 100 years, citizens have stood by and done nothing, allowing evil to prevail. As America stood up against and defeated communism, now it is time to stand up against the terror of religious bigotry and intolerance. It's time to all stand up, and support and defend the state of Israel, which is the front line of the war against terrorism." ✦



# Ali Baba and the Forty Terrorists

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor



The term “caliphate” conveys, for many, if not most Westerners, allusions derived from old Aladdin movies, the book “1001 Arabian Nights,” or even Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov’s symphonic monument Scheherazade. “Caliph,” the word, similarly connotes some mythical Middle Eastern version of King Arthur’s Court, but with magical lamps and heroic thieves.

Oddly, it has been that way since the early 1500s, only decades after Spain, under Ferdinand and Isabella, drove the last Moorish caliph from their lands. California, in fact, was named by Spanish explorers of the era after a literary reverie penned by Garcia Ordonez de Montalvo who fantasized an antithesis to the Moorish occupation — a lost Muslim land ruled by peaceful, wealthy and beautiful Amazon women.

The true story of the caliph, or commander of the entire Muslim world, is quite different and far more recent.

The Ottoman Caliphate, surviving in a virtually unbroken line from Muhammad, ended only when the Sultan Abdul Mehmed VI, at the end of the first World War, signed the Treaty of Sevres. Because Turkey had joined with Germany, he was forced to accept conditions, granting parts of western Anatolia to the Greeks and a homeland to the Kurds, that infuriated his own hardliners. In 1924, the caliph Mehmed was driven into exile and his office officially eliminated.

While this may all seem an arcane history lesson to Westerners, I can assure you it is current events to many. There are still, after all, people alive today who lived under the caliphate. Moreover, the incredible advances brought about by science, globalization, market economies, and modernity, in general, have taken place largely in the Judeo-Christian West after the humiliation of the Ottoman caliph. For many Muslims, whose regimes prevented these modernizations, their reduced status is inextricably linked to the fall of the caliphate and is now seen as a conspiracy perpetrated on them by the infidel.

One event, the rebirth of Israel in lands once part of the caliphate, uniquely symbolizes the Ottoman disintegration and most infuriates Islamic supremacists. Known in Arabic as “the catastrophe,” it ended the Muslim ability to treat all Middle Eastern Jews and Christians as dhimmi, servants who could be exploited for any economic or psychological end.

The Christians in Lebanon also irritate the Muslims, but less so because they have never actually been in control of the country they share with powerful Islamic blocs.

Israel’s very autonomy mocks the myth of Islamic invincibility. It is the reason that Muslims intent on resurrecting the caliphate are unconcerned by the deaths of millions of Muslims at the hands of other Muslims, but are enraged to a demented apoplexy by any apparent insult by Jews.

A succession of Arab tyrants has promised to recreate a pan-Islamic caliphate and destroy the Jewish state, including Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden and Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. So powerful is this obsession that the Arab League issued fewer complaints about Iraq’s murderous invasion of Kuwait than it has about the Israeli security fence.

For privileged Westerners, blithely unconcerned with the barbarisms that afflict distant peoples in the Middle East and Africa, it has been a slow awakening. Things began to change when terrorists, dreaming of a new caliphate, hit New York, London, Madrid, Bali, and elsewhere, but the denial has been surprisingly persistent.

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## *“Thy Kingdom Come”*

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**The Judgment Seat of the Righteous.** Among the ruins of ancient Caesarea is where Zola teaches on how Believers are to be rewarded for the works we have done. We interview a Christian living in Israel, who is not working for temporal gain, but is looking toward heavenly rewards.

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**The Throne of Judgment.** From the Valley of Decision in Jerusalem, Zola teaches on the judgment of those who will live and die during the Great Tribulation. Today, the Christian Friends of Israel ministry blesses the brothers of the Messiah by helping Jewish immigrants as they return to the Promised Land.

**The Kingdom Begins.** Viewing the Temple Mount, Zola teaches on the beginning of the thousand-year reign of the Messiah on Earth. Zola and Dr. McCall talk about day-to-day life in the Messianic Kingdom.



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For four years, even as American and allied troops fought the troops of some future caliph, the official spin was that the coalition was engaged in a “War on Terror.” Such, of course, was fiction, but a fiction meant to mollify “moderate” Muslims who might be driven away if their religion were mentioned.

On October 6, 2005, in a speech originally scheduled for the anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, but postponed because of Hurricane Katrina, President George Bush stopped blaming terror and named names. For the first time in four years, he said the words “Islamic radicalism” and even “Islamofascism.”

Or course, he continually held out the olive branch to peaceful Muslims, but his speech showed a real understanding of the nature of the enemy, referring specifically to the caliphate when he said, “The militants believe that controlling one country will rally the Muslim masses, enabling them to establish a radical Islamic empire that spans from Spain to Indonesia.”

Further, he said of the Islamists that, “They blame the West, America and the Jews for their own failures” and pointed out that they are abetted “by elements of the Arab news media that incites hatred and anti-Semitism,” while working for a global “totalitarian empire.”

The president went out of his way, yet again, to say that the Islamic radicals do not represent true Islam. Though I think we must leave that matter to Muslims themselves, he nevertheless eloquently rejected the standard Muslim game of decrying terror, but blaming it on Israel.

The creation of the modern nation of Israel, in fact, must be seen in its true context. Faced with the Gordian task of creating practical nations from the vast and incongruous lands once held together by the armies of the Ottoman caliph, great regions of Asia, Europe and Africa were assigned, in sometimes arbitrary and probably ill-advised ways, new borders and names. Jordan was invented whole cloth, without regard for local wishes, to give a kingdom to the Hashemite dynasty that had once controlled Mecca and Medina, now part of Saudi Arabia. Syria and Iraq, as well, were European fabrications that imposed dictatorial national rule on many local peoples despite their brutally repressed protests.

Nitpicking the legalities and niceties of Israel’s birth and struggle to survive

outside this context is a sophistic and unfair exercise that needs to be ended. Israel is on the front lines of the ongoing war with those who are willing to massacre women and children of any race and religion to move forward their dark vision of a resurrected caliphate—with no magic lamps or beautiful populist princesses. It needs our support. ✪

## Apology

We received several letters criticizing my remark about Franklin Graham’s ministry being “well funded” and appearing on Fox News for their work in New Orleans. I apologize. Looking into my own heart, I think I had a moment of frustration over the fact that our man Robert was on the scene in New Orleans way ahead of Franklin’s ministry, and we sure didn’t get national television coverage for the effort. In fact, Franklin Graham is a sterling example of a Christian in action, helping and witnessing far and wide, and I am sorry for any negative innuendo I made about him.

Please know that any ministry really serving the Lord can do the same good works, and many do. We are short-handed because of having to support a national television broadcast along with normal missionary activities. But the important part of our work is that we do a great deal of it in Israel, which will really count for something in the days ahead (and in the Kingdom and in Eternity).

Thank you again for supporting our ‘Good News Fund’ and our “To The Jew First Fund” with which we are able to contribute in a small way to the Lord’s work. And again, I apologize for any offense to the great ministry of Franklin Graham. — Zola



# The Takeover Goes On

*The Dallas Morning News*

Raed Omar Sbeit recently stood before the Richardson (TX) City Council with a simple request: to open a center for young Muslims “to combat the campaign of terrorism.”

The Irving engineer said the Muslim American Society Youth Center would be modeled after the YMCA and would provide a place for men and women ages 17-30 to hone their leadership skills, practice their faith, receive academic tutoring and become good citizens.

The Muslim American Society has nine such centers around the country. The Richardson would be the first in north Texas. “After the London bombings our leaders called upon us to combat terrorism,” Mr. Sbeit told the Council.

Opinions about the group vary widely. *The Chicago Tribune* published an article last year linking the Muslim American Society to the International Muslim Brotherhood, an organization that has a violent history in the Middle East.

Richardson, a suburb of Dallas (the ninth largest city in America), was home to the Holy Land Foundation “charity group” closed by the FBI for raising money for terrorism. The new center is blocks away from that site. That’s

not enough to suspect their motives, but it does give food for thought.

I have not heard of any Muslim officials setting out “to combat the campaign of terrorism,” though some have said they deplored the deaths. One has to be suspicious of an enemy that has already attacked us, even for such a benign request as a youth center. It would be difficult to picture a Japanese or German center opening in a large American city during World War II.

Of course, Italian Americans, Irish, Jews, etc. have their own clubs or youth centers, and always have had. But these are assimilated Americans with no pretensions to win this land for their home country or religion. When I was a kid, I went to the YM&WHA (Young Men’s and Women’s Hebrew Association) in Pittsburgh. I remember that an American flag flew on the top of the building. It never occurred to us to promote anything for Israel. We were simply young Americans who were Jewish. It is reasonable to suppose that Muslims getting together in this country after we have been attacked repeatedly would not fly an American flag or see themselves as assimilated Americans. The difference is crucial.

I’m simply nervous about the idea of continual Muslim organization in America. In view of the fact that the announced goal of certain Muslims is a world takeover, the above planned youth center seems like part of the plan.

— Zola



# Israel: “An Ulcerating Tumor”

*Israel Today*

The new government of Iran is not only continuing with the country’s nuclear weapons program in defiance of the international community, it has also established a new military unit called the Volunteer Martyrs Command to carry out suicide attacks against the US and Israel.

This was revealed by the Iranian newspaper *Partw-e Sokhan*, which interviewed the unit’s commander, Mohammadresa Jafari. “We have already recruited 50,000 fighters said Jafari. “America and other NATO countries should be on the alert!”

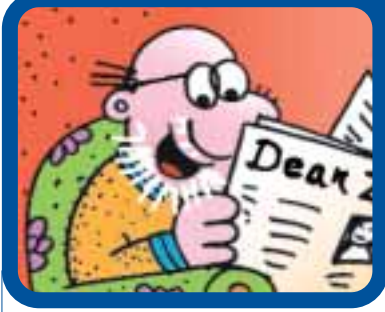
The paper said that one of the key supporters of the suicide operations is Iranian hardliner Ayatollah Yazdi, who is close to the new president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

“Americans and Israelis find themselves today in a very weak position,” Jafari said. “Nevertheless, we cannot ignore the threat that Israel poses. We cannot ignore the Palestinian problem. Resistance against Israel is not a mission that can be left to one nation or one group. Everyone must be active today with regard to Palestine. This is a duty.”

Jafari went on to quote the late Ayatollah Khomeini, who described Israel as “an ulcerating tumor that must be erased from history.”

For the sake of the Islamic revolution and for the realization of paradise,” Jafari said, “we will plan martyrdom operations, and we will carry them out.”





# Letters to Zola

Grove for my father, and surprised him by showing him the video footage of it. He was absolutely thrilled and overcome with emotion. He would dearly love to go back to Israel again, but couldn't manage the long flight from New Zealand, so a tree planted for him in Israel means so much. Thank you for the opportunity to do that!

## "In Remembrance of Me"

Dear Zola:

I have an old copy of your booklet *The Seven Feasts of Israel*. I don't understand why today's churches don't realize the significance of the feasts and educate their congregations about them.

Because of that booklet, our local church switched from leavened communion bread to unleavened, because in your booklet, you brought out that leaven represented sin. My mother, who was a Sunday school teacher, informed the deacons of our church, a fact that they would have never known if not for that booklet.  
— G.H.

Dear G.H.: It shouldn't be learned out of my booklet, but from Scripture itself. Any knowledge of Biblical feasts would indicate that the Lord used only unleavened bread on Passover, when He established communion. — Zola

## Unforgettable!

Dear Sandra & Tony:

This letter should have been written at least three months ago!!

How can we thank you for the wonderful tour to Israel in March! It was one of life's highlights! We really appreciated the fellowship of so many other Christians and the knowledge and wisdom imparted to us by you both and Zvi.

We have many great photos and video footage to remind us of our trip, and talk often of the great moments.

The morning spent on the Sea of Galilee was an unforgettable moment in my life. It will never fade from my memory!!

We planted a tree in the Zola Levitt

After leaving the tour, we spent another week traveling around. We went to Atlit, Akko, Carmel, Kibbutz Yisreel, and Jerusalem. We had a great time meeting up with NZers and Israelis we have gotten to know through the Jewish Community in NZ.

Our trip around Europe was wonderful. We spent time in Poland, and went to Auschwitz/Birkenau which, after spending time in Israel, had a greater impact on us.

It was amazing that we met some lovely Israeli young people on the banks of the Danube in Budapest. They were on leave from the army, so we proudly told them that we had spent a day doing volunteer work for the IDF!

This summer, we are having a large Jewish youth camp on our farm again, and are working with young people from the Jewish community to help make their stay here as pleasant as possible. It is a pleasure for us to have them here and enjoy serving them and showing Christ's love to them in a small way, and to be welcomed to join them on Shabbat, family days, concerts, etc.



Israel Today

ISRAELI HURRICANE RELIEF TO AMERICA. Returning the favor, Israel was happy to reciprocate for decades of American generosity.



Many thanks again for a wonderful tour. We have shared our experiences with many friends and family.

One day, we hope to return to Israel again and join in another tour!

Regards

A. & L. B.

## Dissolve the UN

Letter to *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir:

I'm sick of all the talk about reforming the UN. One can't reform what is inherently destructive. Many UN members are dictatorial regimes that deny basic rights to their citizens. Their goal is to hold onto power at all costs, which requires undermining liberty abroad, which is why dictatorships like Iran and Syria sponsor terrorism. Because the goals of a dictatorship are opposite to the goals of a free country, any attempt to reach a compromise rewards evil and punishes good.

The best way to end a dictatorship, apart from military action, is to shun and isolate it, letting it self-destruct. The best way to reform the UN is to dissolve it.

GLENN WOICESHYN, Calgary, Canada

## From Jaffa

This letter is from Trumpet of Salvation to Israel Ministry. It followed the recent appearance of Jacob Damkani on our program. — Zola

Beloved friends, Dear Zola:

Shalom, grace and peace be with you!

We want to thank you with all of our heart for the interview you did with Jacob. We knew exactly when you broadcast it — twice or three times even — as we received so many letters right afterwards — and they keep coming. This is a great blessing, especially since we do not have many friends in the United States. You made the number of

people who are willing to help, and to come to the streets of Israel, grow.

Thank you so very much. May the Lord continue to bless you richly as you faithfully serve Him!

Blessings especially to Zola — how are you feeling? On your homepage, I read about your operation. May you get new strength every day!

With much love,  
Jacob and Elisheva  
Trumpet of Salvation to Israel, Jaffa, Israel

## An Arab Fence?

Dear Zola and staff:

I read in my local newspaper last week that the Egyptian army has had to rush troops to the border it shares with Gaza to stop the flow of Gazan Arabs into Egypt.

According to the article, the Egyptians plan to erect a permanent security barrier. Isn't it interesting that the international community of anti-Jewish rabble are up in arms when the Israelis build a fence to keep terrorists out of their own land, but so far there has been no objections made to the Egyptian plan to build a fence to keep fellow Arabs from moving from Gaza to Egypt?

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A friend of mine made the observation that he finds it significant that within two weeks of the forced Israeli withdrawal from Gaza (which was forced on the Israelis by the United States), which has rendered thousands of Israelis homeless, Hurricane Katrina rendered a proportionately similar percentage of the United States population homeless.

D.D.

## No Biz Like Show Biz

Dear Zola:

Seconddraft.org, an organization directed by Boston University Professor Richard Landes, has produced a very interesting short documentary (approx. 20 minutes) entitled "Pallywood," exposing Palestinians staging war scenes with fake victims and other carefully arranged fabrications. The Palestinians appear to be staging photo-op scenes for the purpose of disseminating bogus news videos that are sympathetic to the Palestinian cause.

In one segment, the Palestinians are shown staging a funeral. They accidentally dump the body off of its stretcher and the "corpse" gets up off the ground and places himself back on the stretcher. In another eye-opening segment, a Palestinian doctor in a hospital is shown instructing a patient and her husband how to lie about their baby's birth, to help their "Palestinian brother," the reporter. Even though the doctor himself delivered the woman's baby in the hospital, he instructs the husband how to convincingly relate the false tale that because of supposed delays imposed by the Israelis, the father had to deliver the baby in their car, while he was driving. It is apparent that the couple and doctor feel that it is their patriotic duty to lie for the "cause."

In another segment, Palestinians are seen at a Gaza junction, apparently staging fake "war scenes." Civilians are seen directing the movements of the gunmen and crowds. Palestinians are shown running, supposedly under Israeli gunfire, faking injuries, while bystanders watch or wander around in the open, just a few feet away, not appearing to be in any fear of the supposed Israeli gunfire.

Ambulances arrive, as if on cue, a few seconds later to take the "wounded" away. Gunmen are shown firing, supposedly at the Israelis, but when examined closer, we realize that they are simply firing into an empty building, just for show, to make it appear that they are in a firefight with the Israelis.

Anyone watching the raw footage or the actual filming of these scenes clearly must know that staged, bogus

scenes are being filmed. The faking of scenes for the news cameras is an open "secret" among the Palestinians. So why do the Western media continue to show video clips from such suspect sources? Journalists should carefully verify any video and testimony coming from the Palestinians. Video and photos from cameramen involved in past frauds should not be accepted.

The film can be viewed at the following website:  
<http://seconddraft.org/streaming/pallywood.wmv>

L.G.

## No Good News

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries:

I hate writing this letter. I want to thank you for keeping Believers informed as to what is taking place in the Middle East. But your *Levitt Letter* has become so full of negative news that I no longer read it. I find no fault with what you print in the *Letter*, but there is no good news or anything uplifting in it. From page 1 to page 32, there is no Bible teaching or anything that I find interesting.

I wish to have my name and address removed from your mailing list.

Thank you,

R.N.

Dear R.N.: I'm sorry the world is in such bad shape, but is it best to cover your eyes? Are you going to also give up the book of Revelation? — Zola

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## December 30 - Orlando

Join Zola and Sandra during the New Year's weekend at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, December 30 - January 1. Among the many fascinating replicas at The Holy Land Experience, our group will carefully study a model of Jerusalem from the time of Jesus. This makes a great visual, as Zola teaches about the 4000-year history of the City of God—the only eternal city! Ask Tony for details at (214) 696-9760 during the workweek or anytime at 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377).

## Thanking All Prayer Warriors

Several months after his coronary bypass surgery, Zola now walks two miles at a time! He's been following doctors' orders, losing weight, gaining stamina, and becoming his usually lovable old self. He had a potentially serious situation with a necrosis, an infection on his chest's incision. That has subsided thanks to a regimen of daily, painful scrubbing. When you see him now, as compared with four months ago, he clearly appears to have a new lease on life. Thanks, from the bottom of our hearts, for your prayers for him.

## Let Us Sell Your Gifts in Kind

If you own a valuable item that you would like us to sell on eBay, once it sells, we will pay you 30% of the net proceeds. On top of that, we will send you a receipt for contributing the other 70% to our work for the Lord. **Please send us items that you believe are likely to sell for at least \$500.** We plan to auction the items without reserve, which means sometimes we will receive only salvage prices. Please direct your questions to Scott at (214) 696-8844 or sphillips@levitt.com.



## Another "Adoption in Israel"

Yad Hashmonah is a cooperative *moshav* (village), situated on a summit of the Judean hills, in the same region as several settlements mentioned in the books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Luke. It was founded in remembrance of eight Finnish Jews killed by the Nazis.

To learn more, see

[www.bibleplaces.com/yadhashmonah.htm](http://www.bibleplaces.com/yadhashmonah.htm)

Our ministry wishes to financially assist Yad Hashmonah with building a new Heritage/Restoration Information Center, which will serve as a tool for pointing to the history, identity and faith of Jewish Believers.

**"Dateline" Review**

Dear Zola:

I pray this finds you doing great! I received your new book *Dateline Jerusalem*, and read it in one day. I couldn't put it down. It's the best I've read.

Please continue to teach and preach. You're my only truth program.

Best always,  
S.B.

**"God Is So Slick"**

Dear Zola:

You will be happy to know the last two *Levitt Letters* made it into a high school government classroom. I am 66 years old and work part time in a pizza café with several high school and college kids.

One girl named Randi needed some political cartoons for a paper she was working on. I immediately thought of you and the *Levitt Letter*.

She was thrilled, and her teacher loved them. She then read parts of your articles in class. God is so slick!

God bless you and keep up the good work!

In Jesus,

E.H.

Thank you so much for writing. As a former school-teacher, I was very heartened. Don't tell the ACLU — Zola

**Jeopardy!**

Dear Staff:

I have enclosed a letter I received from the game show *Jeopardy!* in response to a letter I had written them. I am still surprised they figured the average contestant would know that the Hebrew text included

Psalm 34. I thought you would find it interesting. I could only take their word for it.

From *Jeopardy!*

Dear Ms. C.:

Thank you for your letter regarding our clue about Psalm 34. We are always glad to hear from our viewers, but especially from such loyal viewers as yourself. We are very sorry to take so long to respond.

The clue referred to the Hebrew text of the Psalm, which is indeed an acrostic. Unlike Psalm 119, the letters are not set off from the text as in section headings, so that in the English version it is not apparent that it's an acrostic. We enclose a copy of the Hebrew text of Psalm 34 with the letters highlighted.

Thank you again for your kind words about the program. We hope that this explanation has been helpful and that you continue to watch and enjoy *Jeopardy!*

Sincerely, the *Jeopardy!* Writing Staff

May God bless you all!  
S.C. & D.C.

Dear S.C. and D.C.: Enclosed with *Jeopardy!*'s letter were two pages in Hebrew identifying a Hebrew acrostic, a kind of Biblical code, and not for beginners. I was amazed by the responsiveness and scholarship of this popular TV program. — Zola

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## Check Your Bible Maps

Dear Zola:

Would it be possible for you to draw a map in the *Levitt Letter* of the Biblical boundaries that God gave to Israel? I would also like to see the Biblical city names.

E.C.

Dear E.C.: A map of tribal lands with city names is available in many Bibles. The long term promise of God included Gaza, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and a large part of Iraq. This conditional Covenant was granted in response to obedience, and the Israelis did not qualify for all of it. Those lands will be delivered in the Kingdom, ultimately, *when all Israel will be saved* (Romans 11:26).  
— Zola

## Sharing the Gospel

Dear Zola:

For years, we have been told, across the board, not to talk to Jews about Jesus, because it closes them off to a possible friendship and it turns them off to Christians.

Real Believers (not the mainstream denominations) love Jews, are very interested in studying about them in the Bible, pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and respect them because they are so dear to God.

I heard a shocking thing on your September 17th show on the Church Channel. You repeatedly encouraged sharing the Gospel to Jews. Gentile Believers are taught that there is a veil over their eyes of understanding and thus, they are very resistant and resentful of witnessing. If witnessing is what we are supposed to do, HOW do we witness to a Jew who is in a state of blindness and is taught negative things about Christians and Christianity?

I have also always wondered why it was decided that any part of Jerusalem could be used by the Muslims. The Palestinians are pawns in a game and nobody mentions that their own Muslim “brothers” in surrounding countries refuse to take them in. There is a lack of information in this world. What do you think?

God bless you, — C.A.

Dear C.A.: As to the Jewish witness, many of our books and programs are devoted to it. Romans 1:16 tells us that the Gospel is to go “to the Jew first.”

A portion of East Jerusalem was returned to Muslim administration after the Six-day war in 1967 due to the two Muslim shrines on the Temple Mount. Although Israel had recaptured the Mount and all the rest of

Jerusalem, the Israelis had no appetite for provoking a religious war with a huge population of Muslims. The U.S. is beginning to appreciate the difficulties of that sort of war these days. — Zola

## “Islamic Hell”

Dear Staff:

I get many different reactions to the subject “Muslim Freedom.” After 9/11, I developed a burning curiosity about Islam and its teachings. I have come to the conclusion that Muslims, in general, are brainwashed puppets who are victims of 1,400 years of guarded indoctrination, programmed from birth to believe in a very narrow, hate-ridden ideology that has little, if anything, to do with truth or reality. They live under the wrath and fear of leaders who rise from the same background to become more fanatical and unforgiving in the enforcement of their belief system. The consequence of jumping the Islam ship is death and certain alienation for family and friends.

I have met former Muslims and even Muslim clerics who have escaped from their Islamic enslavement and bondage, which leads me to believe that there IS a way to free the rest from their life of Islamic hell.

However it happens, they learn what we already know, Jesus is the answer and well worth the sacrifice. One cleric asked, “Why did it take so long for someone to tell me about Jesus?” I cried when I heard that. “Muslim Freedom” will emerge as a movement once the Lord provides the way and it appears He is opening that door right now.

The *Levitt Letter* is the most accurate and comprehensive material I have seen that tells the Muslim story in “matter of fact” truth and clarity. In most media reporting, the message is diluted to become more politically correct and primarily is only seen and heard by an apathetic Christian audience.

My Pakistani Christian friend brings me Muslim newspapers, published right here in the US, both in English and Urdu, and they don’t beat around the bush about their agenda. We need to be reprinting their stuff in our newspapers and broadcasting that information on the airwaves. We are at war with their ideology and their programmed masses are their weapons of mass destruction. Reach their people with truth, Jesus, and we will disarm their weapons.

Zola and I have the same awareness and agenda concerning the Muslims and have many ideas on what to do. I greatly benefit from his wisdom and knowledge.

God Bless and protect, — F.H. 

Dear Friends,

For my *Note* this month, I'm going to deal with a question that comes up frequently in our computer correspondence and in churches where I speak. That question is about End Times Prophecy and the series of events that come about for the Believers. The following material was skillfully reduced for publication in this *Levitt Letter* by my son, Aaron, an excellent editor.

# A Note From Zola



## I. Glory

The Church seems to often focus on the future of unbelievers. The oncoming Tribulation Period, the actions of the Antichrist, and Armageddon are repeatedly taught, as if they are the Believer's main concerns.

Studying the Tribulation is very important, since it signals the culmination of God's plan and the return of our Lord. But it's more pleasant to think of those entering Heaven during that period, and later returning with God to populate His Kingdom on earth. The hallmark of Christianity is our bright future. What we see is not all we get. Earthly life is of little significance to those who have been promised the Kingdom to come. We're already living our eternal lives, and this is the worst part of them.

## II. The Rapture: What is it?

The Rapture of the Church is the moment when Jesus will come and take the Believers with Him to heaven. This promise of Christianity distinguishes it from worldly religions. Buddha and Mohammed won't be making another appearance. Cults last about as long as their founders exist. But followers of Christ are assured deliverance to come — true deliverance of the Chosen People to the Promised Land.

It's sad that there are churches which haven't disclosed the Rapture to their members. Liberal churches which have put away the Bible, losing the prime promise of Jesus, and they live on in a pathetic "Christian ethic" — a meaningless and powerless copy of life in Christ. But those aware of the Rapture and awaiting Jesus' return will live in a new Kingdom in an ongoing eternal life.

"Rapture," borrowed from the Latin Vulgate Bible, appears in the King James as "caught up" (I Thess. 4:17). Verses 16-18 contain the prime promise of Jesus' return. Verse 18 isn't quoted often, but should be, for what is more comforting than knowing we'll go beyond this life and "ever be with the Lord"?

On His last Passover night, Jesus indicated His departure from the Church, promising to return again:

*Let not your heart be troubled:*

*ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (John 14:1-3).*

After His resurrection and forty days with His Disciples, Jesus rose to His Father, repeating His promise (Acts 1:9-11). In these final forty days, the Lord taught not so much how to behave, as about witnessing to all men in preparation for the Kingdom to come (Acts 1:9).

The men in verse 10 were angels, come to assure the Disciples that in just the manner they had seen the Lord ascend — into Heaven — He would return. Thus, the Lord will not return "in a spiritual way" or "in your heart," but literally in the manner that He left, bodily and miraculously.

In the same way Jesus spent His last moments on earth, we also should focus on the Kingdom to come, which starts with the Rapture. We learn more about the Rapture from 1 Cor. 15:22-23. Everyone "born of Adam" dies, but those in Christ will be resurrected. It also indicates that we have an order, which ties in with "the dead in Christ will rise first." Jesus' number was one, and He is called the "first fruits" as He is the first man permanently resurrected. First fruits is the third Jewish feast, Resurrection Sunday, which we have come to call "Easter." Referring to it as "first fruits," we realize there is a second, third, etc. We're all numbered, and will rise in that order in the Rapture. The dead in Christ, having lower numbers, will rise first.

We will undergo a mysterious metamorphosis: we will be outfitted for eternal life, as our present bodies won't do for that (I Cor. 15:51-53). Death is the common fear of all mortals — except for the true Believer. Paul exults in the face of death in verses 55-57. After the Rapture is accomplished, we're ready for the exciting events of our seven years in heaven, as the Tribulation Period takes place on earth. (The Rapture is more fully covered in

my books, *Raptured*, with Dr. Thomas S. McCall and *The Signs of the End*.)

### III. Heaven

Once we're in Heaven with Jesus, we have important matters to transact. We are not issued wings and harps, but instead have a momentous conference with the Lord — aimed at preparing us for our wedding. We, the bride of Christ, shall become the Lord's wife.

The first event is a review of our earthly lives (II Cor. 5:10). Each of us meets individually and privately with the Lord at this "Judgment Seat" in order to evaluate our lives on earth. The emphasis is not on our sins, which are forgiven, but on our works. Believers are saved "unto good works", and have responsibilities as disciples of Christ. If not for our appointed tasks on earth, we could have gone to Heaven the moment we were saved. As it is, we will or will not have accomplished certain assignments, according to our gifts.

Paul expounds on the standards in the Judgment Seat of Christ, and how our works are reckoned (I Cor. 3:11-13). He writes that no foundation for this life can be laid outside of that in Christ. (Good works done outside of Christ by unbelievers are not relevant to this Scripture because unbelievers won't be going to Heaven. Those works, plus sins, are presented at the Great White Throne of Judgment, after the Kingdom.)

Paul next divides our works into two categories, "gold, silver, and precious stones," and "wood, hay, and stubble" — two very different rankings of quality. Jesus will test all of our works with fire. The analogy is clear, as fire certainly shows the difference between works of gold, silver, and precious stones, and those of wood, hay, and stubble. That is the real purpose of the Judgment Seat.

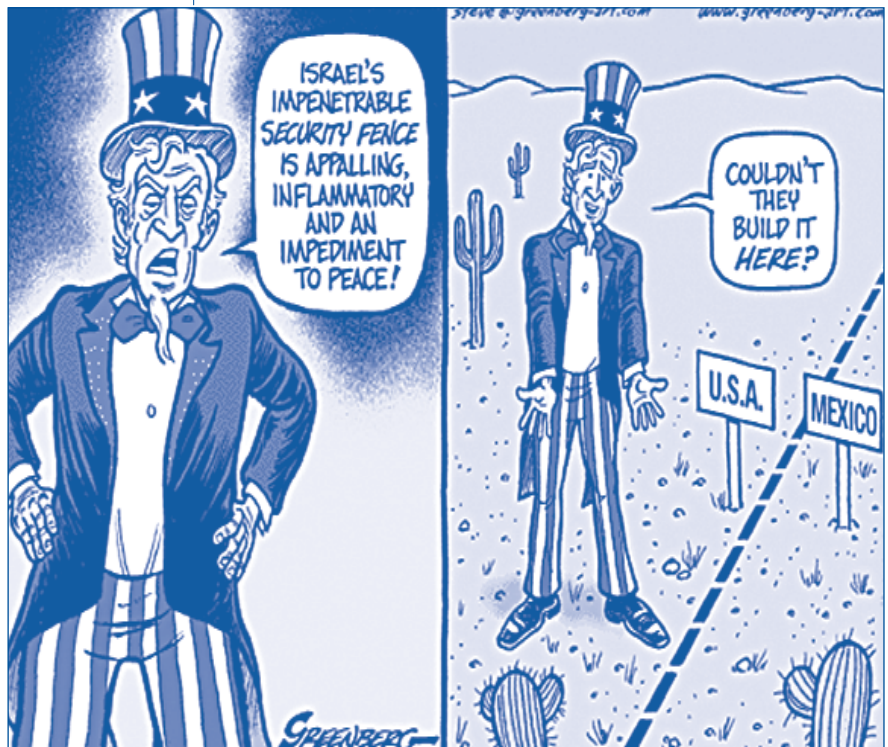
Each Believer has a life of great variety to present to God, and we are not always sure ourselves just which of our works are of high value in Heaven. We recall from the Gospels the story of the man who prayed, fasted, and thanked God that he was not like the poor beggar who lay on his face at the back of the synagogue, while the beggar plead to God, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." As the Lord explained, it was found that the beggar's humility and plea for mercy were the real gold, silver, and precious stones, while the hypocrisy of wood, hay, and stubble belonged to the sup-

posedly righteous man in the front.

Paul then states our rewards for the works that survive the fire (I Cor. 3:14), jewels for our crowns. The rewards of the Christian come at the end of this life, in Heaven, not on the earth. Paul also says we shall suffer loss for our works of wood, hay and stubble in verse 15. We note the phrase "but he himself shall be saved." God is clear that salvation is a free gift, not an earned prize; we cannot lose our salvation by bad works or sins, which were forgiven when we believed in Christ. We will suffer loss of our rewards, in effect, for our bad works, but we won't fall back out of Heaven. Peter thought the heavy net of fish he had "caught up" might break, and some fish fall back in the water (John 21:11). But the Lord had selected the fish on this occasion, and none were lost once they were caught up.

The fire does not consume the Believer, for God has fire that does not totally burn up, such as the Burning Bush and the Lake of Fire. The fire is only to purify away the bad works, as fire sterilizes bacteria in foods. The Judgment Seat of Christ is to prepare us as a spotless bride for our Lord (II Cor. 11:2). If we still had the memory of bad works we had done in our lifetimes of service, we would have, as it were, a guilty conscience, and would not be the pure virgins the Lord requires. The Judgment Seat is the final preparation for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Just as earthly brides adorn themselves in finest garments, so we will go before the Lord cleansed of all bad works, forgiven, and in that sense, as perfect as He is Himself.

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It surprises many Believers that we will then be, in our purity, equal to Christ. But that is our destiny, the Scripture is clear. Christ could not marry less a bride than He Himself, and we shall reign with Him in the Kingdom as the Queen on the earth.

This, then, is true Christianity, a transcendence of this worldly life, state, body, mind, and all worldly labor — we trade it all for eternal bliss in the presence of God Himself in Christ Jesus.

*(To be continued in the next issue)*

It is not too early to make your reservations for our **Spring Tour**, which I plan to lead personally. The **Deluxe Israel Tour** will run from March 19-30, and the **Grand Israel/ Petra Tour** from March 19-April 2.

For a tour information folder, please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during regular business hours, or for a free brochure on all of our tours call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime.

If you are looking for a family getaway, our tour at **The Holy Land Experience** in Orlando, Florida is a wonderful opportunity. Join Sandra and me, December 30, 2005-January 1, 2006 for a very informal time at this “must see” Orlando theme park. We look forward to seeing you there!

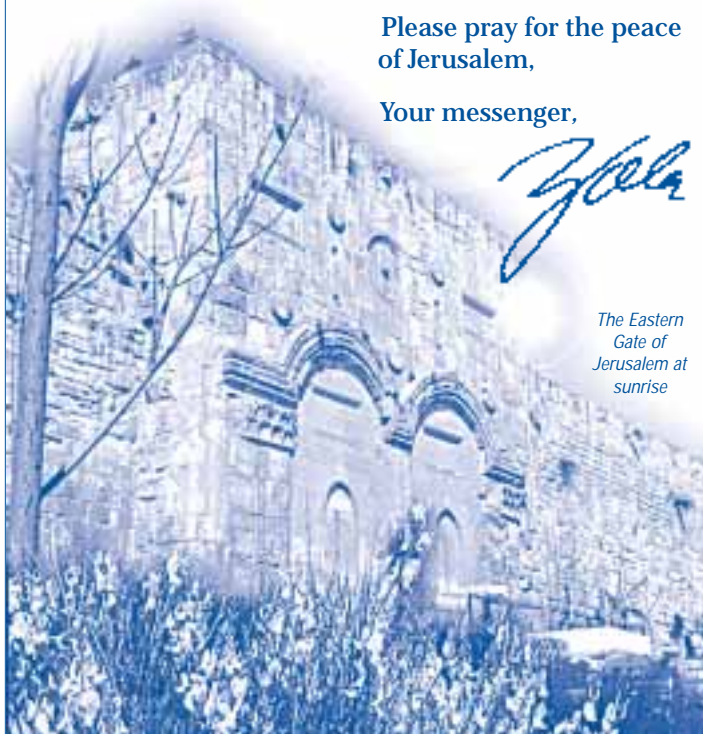
Sandra and I intend to stay in the Clermont, Florida area near Orlando during January and February. Churches are welcome to contact Cynthia at 214-696-8844 or at [zolaspeaks@levitt.com](mailto:zolaspeaks@levitt.com) for speaking engagement scheduling information.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem,

Your messenger,



*The Eastern Gate of Jerusalem at sunrise*



## “The Lone Soldiers”

By Will King, [www.newsinIsrael.com](http://www.newsinIsrael.com)



Will King

As the latest surge in Palestinian violence has dragged on for the past several years, Israel has become increasingly isolated in the world for taking the necessary tough measures in order to secure her citizens. While the Gaza disengagement did garner substantial political credit for Sharon and the state, nations were still quick to point out the ongoing “occupation” and unbearable poverty in Judea and Samaria, the “West Bank.” It has been during these tough past years that Israelis have found out who their friends are and who is willing to stand by them, and discovered that many of those friends are Christians.

Israel soon realized the need for an official government body to coordinate Christian aid, encourage tourism, and, most importantly, to facilitate dialogue between Israel and her Christian supporters. In January of 2003, just over two years after the beginning of the latest *intifada*, the Israeli government established the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus (CAC). In addition to the reasons outlined above, an official booklet for the CAC says that it, “...is intended to increase awareness, both in Israel and the international community, to Israel’s appreciation for the many and varied contributions that its Christian allies have made to the wellbeing of the people of Israel in their day-to-day lives.”

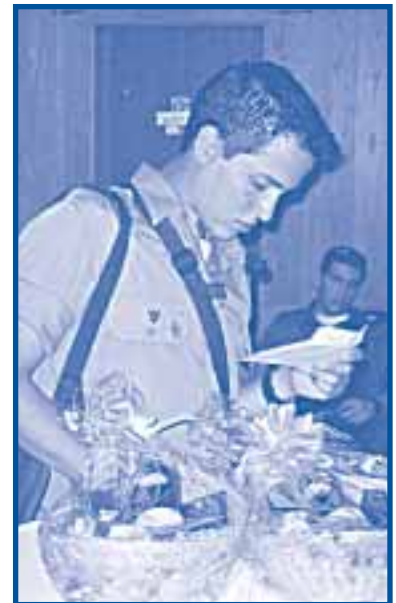


Photo: Will King

The *intifada* has helped to educate a lot of Israelis that not all Christians are soul-seeking missionaries, crusaders, or out to get them in any way. Israelis are starting to realize that just as there are differences between the many varied forms and sects of Judaism, so too are there differences within Christianity, and they are interested to learn who these Christians are that so earnestly love, support, and encourage them through their most troubled times.

Knesset member Yair Peretz of the Shas party is co-chair of the CAC and head of the Knesset Social Lobby. He has dedicated much of his time to helping some of Israel’s



poorest and most underprivileged citizens, and has recently turned to Christian supporters from abroad in an effort to seek more funding and support for his charitable and very worthy causes. Working in close cooperation with Israeli attorney and Christian Believer Calev Myers, MK Peretz has just established a new non-profit charity to help "lone soldiers." Christian support has already made an impact.

Lone soldiers are generally people that have made *aliyah* to Israel by themselves; they have no family members in the country. Soldiers in the IDF are paid next to nothing and therefore usually rely on their parents for financial help, a place to sleep, eat and do laundry on the weekends, and the love and support necessary to serve in the IDF. Immigrating to a new land is already difficult, but the army years can be especially hard for these new immigrants without a family support base in the country. MK Peretz and his organization seek to help these lone soldiers during the holiday seasons with gift baskets and coupons to department stores and supermarkets.

Just a few days before Yom Kippur, MK Peretz organized an event at Tel Aviv's *Beit Chiyal* (soldier's house) to recognize the lone soldiers and give them their holiday baskets. In addition to the soldiers, on hand were Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin, Deputy Defense Minister Zeev Boim, and representatives from the companies that donated items and coupons to the soldiers. Calev Myers also delivered a thank you to the many Christians who donated to help the soldiers. He received warm applause from the soldiers and dignitaries present. The festive evening was a great success with soldiers treated

to good food, stand-up comics, an IDF chorus, and, of course, their holiday baskets.

The coupons that the soldiers received help ensure that they can buy some basics like food and clothing during the holidays. It is hoped that the organization will continue to grow and be able to provide these lone soldiers with help throughout the year, not just during the holidays. As a former American soldier, I can tell you that soldiers always need food and clothes, and the knowledge that strangers are willing to give and support you is a great comfort and encouragement. As someone who has moved to Israel alone, I can tell you that help from family or an outside source is a must for the basic needs, as well as for the support and encouragement necessary to live alone in a foreign place.

The organization does not yet have a website, but for general information or how to contribute, please send email to [lonesoldier@newsinisrael.com](mailto:lonesoldier@newsinisrael.com). Thank you to the Christian donors who have already supported this great cause. The soldiers salute you. ✪

## A Parallel Case

By Zola Levitt

On October 20, Bill O'Reilly on Fox News made the point that Mexico's leading source of income is the money sent back to its citizens from illegal aliens who find work in the United States. It is otherwise unable to support its population.

This was the case in "Palestine" before Arafat's terrorism of the 90s. The Palestinians worked in Israel, and, in most cases, turned in a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, and that is what supported their economy. They were (and still are) among the most well-off Arabs in the entire Middle East, including the oil nations.

But when Arafat fomented his terrorism, and finally the intifada, the Israelis naturally refused to employ Palestinians, and the Palestinian economy has since utterly failed. The unemployment rate is 40%. These are people who had every chance to cooperate with democracy, as so many American immigrants have over our two centuries, and yet, instead, they have chosen to try to seize the land by murdering innocent civilians. ✪



## Palestinians Killing Palestinians

By Amos Harel, *Ha'aretz*

For the first time since the start of the intifada, more Palestinians have been killed in internal violence since the start of the year than those who have died in clashes with Israel, according to an official report.

In the report, the Palestinian Authority's Interior Ministry cited 219 deaths as a result of inner-Palestinian violence compared to 218 deaths at the hands of Israeli security forces over the course of the first nine months of this year. The statistics reflect the relative calm in the territories vis-a-vis Israel as well as the increasing anarchy in PA-controlled areas.

The ministry, which oversees the PA's security services, argued that the data speak to the dangers inherent in the deteriorating security situation within the PA. It called on all the factions within the PA to support efforts in enforcing the law.

The PA added that the security services are trying to cope with two main challenges in establishing law and order — crime and domestic violence within families, and the activities of armed groups and factions in the territories.

### A Touchy Subject

By Amihai Zippor, [www.infoisrael.net](http://www.infoisrael.net)

Pakistan has agreed to accept indirect aid from Israel to help in the recovery effort from the devastating earthquake that killed 54,000 people. The aid will probably be delivered through a third party, such as the UN.

"The fact that there is a channel of communication is a sign of the times," said Foreign Ministry official Mark Regev.

The *Financial Times* reported that Israel offered assistance immediately after the quake hit, but was only answered on October 15.

Direct aid may be a touchy subject for a country with no official diplomatic ties with Israel and one in which the population is against Pakistan's recent thawing of relations with Israel.

On September 1, Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom met his counterpart, Khurshid Kasouri, in Istanbul. Two weeks later, at the UN General Assembly, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf shook hands with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and spoke at a dinner hosted by the American Jewish Congress.

At that event, Musharraf said Pakistan had no direct

conflict with Israel though full diplomatic relations would only happen after an independent state of Palestine is established.

A general warming of ties with Arab and Islamic countries has been occurring since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and northern Samaria. However, full recognition is still far off.

However, Israel's offering aid to countries without diplomatic relations is not new. The Jewish state routinely offers aid to any country that needs it, even if that country is one of its staunchest enemies, such as Iran. After a devastating earthquake there several years ago, Israel offered aid, but was turned down by the Islamic state.

This short editorial was sent by one of our viewers. It came from his local newspaper. — Zola

### "It Will Be Chaos"

*For radical Islamists, it's all about world domination.*

It's not about Israel. It's not about the Palestinians. It's not even about George W. Bush.

Muslim violence is about itself, and nothing else. It's about a violent, virulent strain of Islam as bent on world domination as the communists ever were.

It's not restricted to the Middle East and the maddening politics there. It's in the Philippines and Thailand — and Indonesia, where yet another bombing on Bali has left 22 dead and more than 100 injured.

Three suicide bombers targeted crowded popular restaurants in coordinated attacks that had all the earmarks of Jemaah Islamiah, the al-Qaida-linked Muslim extremist group responsible for other attacks, including the 2002 Bali bombing that killed more than 200.

So what is behind it all, if not the oft-cited Palestinian "cause"?

"If they refuse to be under Islam, it will be chaos," said Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, in prison for the 2002 Bali bombing. "If (Westerners) want to have peace, they have to accept to be governed by Islam."

Some well-intentioned souls in the West, particularly in Hollywood, want to sell the idea of Muslim violence as a freedom fight by the Palestinians and — what? — sympathy pains by other Muslims?

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Bali belies all that. The truth, as the radical Indonesian cleric so candidly

admits, is that this is a war for the soul of the planet. It's an attempt by radical Muslims to drive out unbelievers one resort, one restaurant, one innocent diner at a time, if need be.

## What a Palestinian State Would Look Like

By Cinnamon Stillwell, [www.chronwatch.com](http://www.chronwatch.com)

Since Israel's disengagement from the Gaza Strip, the Palestinians have basically been left to their own devices. The world has gotten an eyeful of just what a much-anticipated Palestinian state might look like, and it's not a pretty picture.

The dust hadn't even settled after the last of the Jews had been removed from Gaza when Palestinians resorted to form. Looting and demolishing buildings they might otherwise have been able to reside in, the Palestinians displayed the sort of destructive and dysfunctional behavior they've become known for. They soon graduated to burning down synagogues, a time honored tradition from the days of Nazi Germany. In a final orgy of idiocy, they tore apart the expensive greenhouses that altruistic Jews, among others, had foolishly purchased for them in the hopes that they would actually produce something. Who needs food when you can destroy a greenhouse instead?

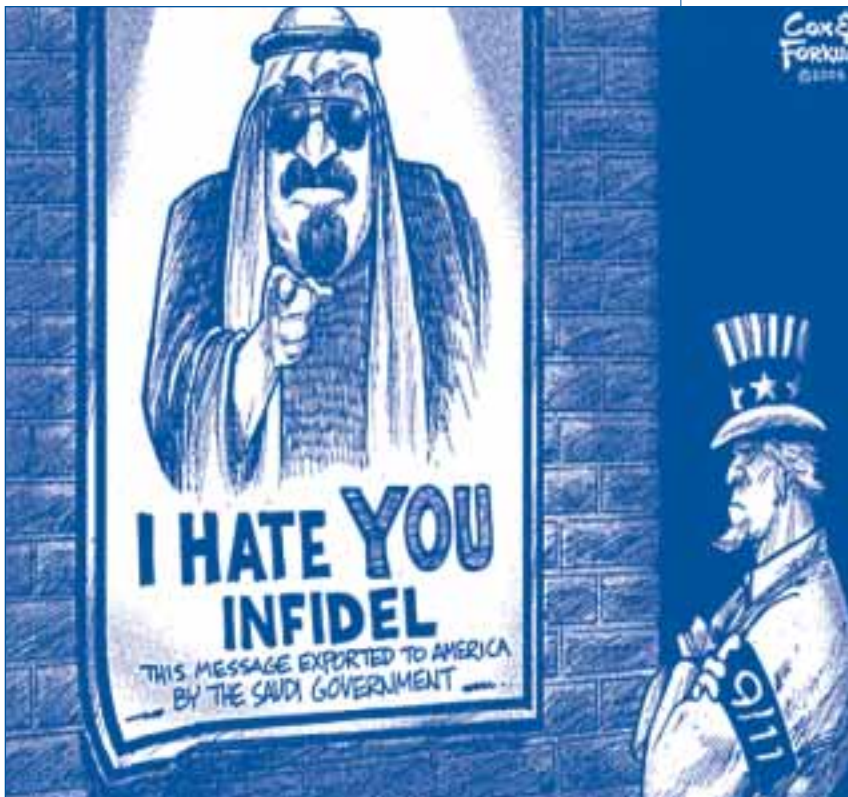
## Israel Developing Hurricane Technology

[www.israelnationalnews.com](http://www.israelnationalnews.com)

Israel is on the forefront of developing solutions to mitigate the damage from hurricanes such as Katrina, which lashed the southeastern United States recently.

The *Tnufa*, ["Momentum,"] committee, which is headed by Chief Scientist Dr. Eli Opper, has approved a preliminary research and development program aimed at advancing the development of an innovative technology for barriers against floods like the ones that followed Hurricane Katrina, according to a *Globes Business* report. The technology will make it possible to speedily build anti-flood barriers of any length and height necessary to protect a population center from the kind of massive flooding that destroyed thousands of homes in New Orleans.

The committee has also approved a preliminary R&D program for the development of a small personal water purification system, to be used by those stranded during disasters. Many died of thirst or from drinking contaminated water following hurricane Katrina. "The recent events in the US lent urgency to these plans," said *Tnufa* director Jacob Fisher. "The *Tnufa* committee has approved \$350,000 for 16 preliminary R&D programs. Six of the programs are in the life sciences, three are for information systems, and seven are for consumer products or in other fields."



## The High Cost of Terror

*Israel Today*

The Palestinian terror war has cost both Israelis and Palestinians over a million jobs and billions of dollars. A recent survey by the Portland Trust revealed the 1.16 million new jobs could be established in the Palestinian territories if they lived peacefully with Israel.

An increase in Palestinian jobs would bring some \$5 billion into the Israeli economy each year, the same amount that's lost to combating terror. The Palestinians lose approximately \$850 million annually. Some 40 percent of Palestinians are unemployed, with more than half of the population living under the poverty line.

The Portland Trust supports economic development to advance the peace process.

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*USA Today*, a constant critic of Israel, ran two stories about this vaccine on October 8, both on its front page and the editorial page. They did not mention in either story that Dr. Barr is an Israeli. — Zola

**Israeli Doctor Develops Cancer Vaccine**  
[www.israel21c.com](http://www.israel21c.com)

An Israeli-born doctor, Eliav Barr, stands at the head of a team from pharmaceutical giant Merck which announced recently a vaccine that is 100% effective in preventing cervical cancer and precancerous changes linked to two types of common sexually transmitted viruses.

Senior director of Clinical Research, Merck Research Laboratories' Dr. Eliav Barr, originally from Haifa, made the dramatic announcement about the genetically engineered vaccine Gardasil, saying, "This is the first time we have been able to state that administration of the vaccine is going to have an effect on cervical cancer."

While more testing is required, Merck plans to seek US Food and Drug Administration approval to sell Gardasil by year's end.

The following was enclosed in correspondence from one of our tour passengers. — Zola

**Bringing All to Salvation**  
 By Os Guinness, *The Call*

Arthur F. Burns, was chairman of the United States Federal Reserve System, ambassador to West Germany, and economic counselor to numerous presidents from Dwight D. Eisenhower to Ronald Reagan. When he spoke, his opinion carried weight and Washington listened.

Arthur Burns was also Jewish, so when he began attending an informal White House group for prayer and fellowship in the 1970s, he was accorded special respect. No one in fact knew quite how to involve him in the group and, week after week when different people took turns to end the meeting in prayer, Burns was passed by out of a mixture of respect and reticence.

One week, however, the group was led by a newcomer who did not know the unusual status Burns occupied. As the meeting ended, the newcomer turned to Arthur Burns and asked him to close the time with a prayer.

Some of the old-timers glanced at each other in surprise and wondered what would happen. But without missing a beat, Burns reached out, held hands with the others in the circle, and prayed this prayer: "Lord, I pray that you would bring Jews to know Jesus Christ. I pray that

you would bring Muslims to know Jesus Christ. Finally, Lord, I pray that you would bring Christians to know Jesus Christ. Amen."

**Who Brews?**

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee every morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it's in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says..... "HE-BREWS"

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# Why This Jew Loves Christmas

Irwin N. Graulich, [www.opinioneditorials.com](http://www.opinioneditorials.com)

I am a religious Jew who simply loves Christmas. In fact, any Jew or non Christian who somehow gets “offended” because the majority religion in America makes such a big public splash about their biggest holiday is a total fool. A crèche on a public or private lawn is a beautiful sight. It means that people have gone to the trouble of sharing lovely visuals with all of America, expressing the beauty of their heritage and its spiritual message to humanity.

The Jews who keep *kvetching* [complaining] about manger scenes at city halls and Christmas carols in public school are more than likely to be the ones “uncomfortable” with their own Jewishness. These are the same malcontents who were so disturbed with the Mel Gibson film, predicting pogroms in New York and Los Angeles.

Even otherwise fine men like Rabbi Marvin Hier, Abe Foxman and Rabbi Shmuley Boteach reacted incorrectly and contributed to *The Passion's* success with their buffoonery and ridiculous public relations tactics, all of which truly embarrassed God and Torah Judaism. Mel Gibson probably blessed them with “Hail Mary’s” each week as he counted the profits from his film’s \$500 million gross.

The band of Christmas complainers are an example of the leftover 1960s generation of selfish narcissists who are constantly offended by everything from the God word in school to anyone holding the ideal of heterosexual marriage. What this anti-God crowd does not realize is that the more one believes that a divine Creator monitors our behavior and judges us, the less we will need the courts and judges to do so.

Personally, I sang religious Christmas carols in my classroom in PS 164 in Brooklyn, which included the word, ready for this folks, “Jesus.” Amazingly, I did not convert and am probably more Jewish today than most people who attended full time Jewish day schools. Remarkably, saying the “J” word did not affect me.

Attention all Christians. I would like to publicly thank all of you for the gorgeous Christmas decorations on lawns, the powerful Christmas music and spirit, the beautiful Christmas trees in our White House, and those

incredible Christmas windows along Fifth Avenue. If not for your brilliant religious marketing skills, Chanukah would probably have gone the way of Shavuot, a more significant Jewish holiday which few Jews celebrate because there is no popular Christian holiday surrounding it.

In all probability, it is the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree that has made the large Chanukah menorah near Central Park even possible. American Christians have taught Jews the valuable lesson that it is okay to be public with your religion as long as it is not coercive or obnoxious. The secret is making it into a beautiful event that can be shared by all Americans, where you are truly “lighting up” the lives of so many individuals.

Of course, the government should not favor any one specific religion. The Founders wanted a secular government, as per the Constitution, but longed for a religious society. The concept of separation of church and state, which is not even mentioned in the Constitution, has come to mean the removal of God from every area except home and place of worship. Now isn’t that a stupid idea!



Bing Crosby & Danny Kaye in White Christmas

While American Christians have learned the importance of promoting God, it is non-Jewish Jews and atheists who are at the forefront of the campaign to remove the “G” word from our classrooms and the public sphere.

Although America’s money says “In God We Trust” and the president is sworn in on a Bible, there are some secularists and atheists who still wish to hold onto their sophisticated scientific belief that hydrogen and oxygen actually created the world. I say God bless them!

Making a religious holiday into a spectacle is the American Christian forte. Walk down any Main Street or shopping mall during this holiday season and you will see more smiles on children and adult faces than at any other time. However, we can certainly go overboard when a “Holy Day” becomes exclusively a “shopping holiday.” That is the danger in removing Christ from Christmas.

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There are Christians all over America who spend a tremendous amount of time and money putting up decorations for the public to enjoy. Wouldn't it be a great idea for Jews and other fellow Americans to knock on their doors and thank them; or even give them a bottle of wine or small gift of appreciation. That is the spirit of America where we truly share our multiculturalism.

American Christianity is quite different from any other Christianity in history. Without it, Judaism and Israel could pretty much close its doors for business. Jews should be saying a daily blessing for American Christians, especially Evangelicals aka the "Christian Right." The Judeo-Christian partnership upon which America is founded is a critical bond for both groups.

But the rootless, aka the "secular left," hate the rooted with a passion. They would like everyone to be rootless just like the ACLU, university professors and themselves. Secularism is selfish because it means that the government has a duty to you, whereas religious means you have a duty to society. Look around and see that it is mostly Jewish Jews who honor Christians and non-Jewish Jews (ignorant of Judaism) who fear and complain about them.

So on December 24th, this Jew will think of that wonderful song, "I'm Dreaming of A White Christmas." This simple tune (written by a Jew, Irving Berlin – ed.) should conjure up untold pleasures in the hearts and minds of most thinking people. Therefore, I say thank you to every American Christian for sharing your passions and may I wish each of you, "A Merry Christmas...and to all a good night!"



## "Teaching Both Sides"

By Zola Levitt

In the *TIME* Magazine issue of October 24, there appeared a small news brief called "Teaching Both Sides." It says,

"Israeli and Palestinian professors have drafted booklets setting the two groups' competing histories side-by-side, asking students to draw their own conclusions. The Israeli and Palestinian Ministries of Education have yet to sanction the texts, but backers hope that schools — on both sides — will quietly start using them."

Amazing. The two histories don't really "compete." The "Palestinians" are Arabs from various and sundry countries, most of whom simply crossed the borders in the 20th century, and were not actually regarded as an distinct people until the Israelis declared independence in 1948.

But granting them the lineage back to Mohammed, they would now be about fourteen centuries old, and their on-again, off-again presence in Israel would be questionable for most of that time.

By way of contrast, Abraham came to Canaan, the previous name of Israel, in 2,000 BC and, other than the 400 years of slavery in Egypt, the Jews have maintained a continuous presence in the Land until now. Indeed, many were dispersed over long periods, but there always were Jews there.

Most significantly, the Jewish people continue to worship the same God and pray the same prayers as they did in the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Arabs, before Mohammed, were pagans, worshipping multiple gods depending upon where they came from.

In short, the Jewish history is 4,000 years, definitely certified in Scripture, and the Arab history goes back a maximum of 1,400 years. The "Palestinians" date from 1964. \*

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# "I am Not Familiar with Israel"

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*New U.S. ambassador to Israel not "familiar" with Israel, but speaks fluent Arabic*



Richard Jones

Richard Jones, the newly-appointed U.S. ambassador to Israel, arrived in the country last September, ending the four year term of former ambassador Dan Kurtzer.

A short while after landing at Ben-Gurion Airport, Jones arrived at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem to formally present his credentials to Chief of Protocol Yitzhak Eldan. The following day Jones presented his credentials to President Moshe Katsav and officially begin his term as ambassador.

Upon arriving in Israel Jones said his dream is that regional peace would be achieved during his term.

"I am not familiar with Israel, but I plan to study the country as soon as possible," he said. "This is my fourth term in the region, and I come with a desire to learn."

During the Foreign Ministry ceremony, Eldan advised Jones, who speaks fluent Arabic, to learn Hebrew.

"I promise to learn the language," Jones responded.

Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Danny Ayalon hosted a farewell party for Jones in Washington prior to his departure for Israel. Some 200 people, including former ambassadors to Israel, U.S. government officials and Jewish community leaders were on hand to congratulate Jones on his appointment.

"The American ambassador to Israel is not only the senior diplomat, he is also a friend and a family member,"

Ayalon said during the event.

"I hope that during your term, concrete steps will be taken toward peace and the Road Map."

Jones, who arrived in Israel with his wife and two of his four children, said recently that following Israel's withdrawal from Gaza the ball is in the Palestinian Authority's court and it must prove itself by improving the lives of the Palestinians and eradicating terror.



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# “Honoring” the Chosen People

By Zola Levitt

An article in The National Weekly Edition of *The Washington Times* was entitled “Jordan’s King Reaches Out to Jews, Hits Radical Islam.” That sounds encouraging, but the world has trusted the King of Jordan before — the present king’s father — and it cost Israel three different armed assaults and 58 synagogues blown up in Jerusalem.

The former king also used Jewish gravestones to lay roads, build urinals, etc. The present king — like the dictator of Syria — is the dictator of all the people and all the land in his country as bestowed by his father a few years ago.

In his speech given to a gathering of American rabbis in Washington DC, His Majesty taught, “Muslims from every branch of Islam can now assert without doubt or hesitation that a *fatwa* calling for the killing of innocent civilians — no matter what nationality or religion, Muslim or Jew, Arab or Israeli — is a basic violation of the most fundamental principles of Islam.”

The boy-king goes on to admit that, “The relationship between Jews and Muslims has been very difficult in recent years.” Those recent years must include from the 7th century to this day, and difficult is hardly an adequate word for bloodthirsty hatred on the Muslim side. But the king encourages us to “take bold strides toward mutual forgiveness and reconciliation.” I guess the Jews (or Israelis) should forgive the Muslims for the constant bloody murder of innocent civilians and the Muslims should forgive the Jews for living and breathing. Jews, in fact, do not issue *fatwas*, nor do they intentionally kill innocent civilians.

The newspaper certainly gave a lot of space for a twelve-minute speech, but the remarks were “met with standing ovations from the rabbis.” “He’s taking the lead for the moderate approach in the Islamic tradition,” said Rabbi Marc Gopin, in a rather amazing statement. Personally, I’ve never seen “the moderate approach.” I’m more familiar with the World Trade Center approach and the attempt at global takeover.

The article continues, “At home (in Jordan)... the king encounters massive anti-Semitism. According to a July poll by the Pew Research Center... 100% of Jordanian respondents said they either had a ‘very unfavorable’ or ‘somewhat unfavorable’ view of Jews.” (One doesn’t often see a poll today with a 100% response on one side.) “There are no known Jews living in Jordan,” says the



King Abdullah of Jordan during a royal visit to DC.

reporter Julia Duin... Thus, King Abdullah, 43, decided to present his reconciliation effort in Washington rather than his home country.”

After all, one cannot utter the slightest suggestion of reconciliation with Jews, even if one happens to be the king of his country. A look at Jordanian history would show that that country, created in the 1920s, has prospered greatly by the lucky accident of living next to the modern and helpful Jewish state of Israel. ★

## Promoting Disease and Abortion

By Zola Levitt

A front page story in The National Weekly Edition of *The Washington Times* states, “The American Civil Liberties Union on September 21 began a campaign to urge officials in 18 states to reject abstinence-only sex-education programs.”

“Many abstinence programs contain false or misleading information, discriminate against homosexual youth, and promote religion,” ACLU leaders said, “The effort began as Maine announced that it had become the third state to reject Federal abstinence education funding, because of new rules that conflict with state policy.”

P.S. I’m not aware of any real harm that abstinence does. It works every time it’s tried. I practiced it for years with no ill effects.

In my mind, youth who practice abstinence would never encounter AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases of all sorts, abortions, or broken hearts. I’m not aware that living in a Biblical way has ever hurt anybody.

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# Punishment for Sin?

By Zola Levitt

Some of our readers and some pastors, and finally a U.S. Senator, have declared that Hurricane Katrina, with its destruction of particularly New Orleans, was the Godly retribution for sin.

Famine is increasing in the world because of increasing populations and poverty throughout the third world. As far as pestilences go, we have exotic diseases brought on by pollution and nuclear accidents and the like. In addition, the avian flu is in the news with predictions of the deaths of 150 million people if the pestilence really breaks loose and we are unable to keep up with it with vaccines or treatments. Dog flu is spreading across the country. Experts say the flu, which can be deadly to pooches, is spread at kennels and other places dogs gather. There's no vaccine for the dog flu, but experts are working on it.

In view of the combination of prophecies heading to fulfillment (when I am asked about the signs of the end in Matthew 24 these days, I say that they are all "birth pains"). I can only say, "Look up, your redemption draweth nigh!"

There are two possible cases in assigning motives to God. The first is to understand that we are in the Age of Grace, and sin in itself is not punished. The Scripture says that God is "winking at sin" now (Acts 17:30). If that were not true, there would certainly be no Germany left in this world, no Russia, no Cambodia, and no Islamic fanatics. It defies logic to imagine that a calamity like, say, the tsunami in Indonesia, which killed a quarter of a million people, was a Godly retribution, although that was said at that time. It just seems as though we cannot assign sin to victims anywhere on the basis of some Godly action. Were the people at the World Trade Center sinful, or was it a matter of sin in any way?

The second case, however, in considering God's motives, would be a matter of scheduling in the End Times. Since the Lord said there would be famine, pestilences and earthquakes in diverse places (Matt. 24:7), we can expect that these things would start up and get worse. In

fact, the Lord's analogy was travail or labor pains, which have the characteristic of beginning slowly and building in intensity until the actual fact of the delivery. Likewise, the Tribulation period will start at a given time, but phenomena like famines or pestilences, or natural disasters like earthquakes, build up slowly according to certain conditions.

Therefore, if the End Times are right around the corner, we should not be surprised by the large hurricanes that hit Florida last year, or the tsunami, or Katrina, or anything coming up. As a matter of fact, these should continue to get worse as the Tribulation draws near. In the other case, if the Tribulation is a long way off, I simply don't think we can judge the sinfulness of any people or the actions of God in the Age of Grace other than as pertains to the situation in Israel, and other Biblical considerations which have continued through the Church Age and toward the End Times.

It might seem odd to give an either/or proposition, but that is given in Scripture in respect to the timing of, say, the Rapture. We are taught that we are to live as if the Rapture were in fifty years, or that it could, as a matter of fact, be immediately, before you finish reading this paragraph.

With all the famine in the world, the natural disasters and the oncoming pestilences, I stop to reflect on how I teach the lesson called "The Signs of The End." It is derived from the Lord's remarks in Matthew 24 in answer to His Disciples' question, "What is the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?" I realize that my teaching has changed from saying that we should look out for upcoming

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# “Nothing to See Here. Move along.”

By Michelle Malkin,  
www.jewishworldreview.com

October 12 marked the fifth anniversary of the bombing of the USS Cole. Seventeen American sailors were murdered in the attack. They were casualties of a war with radical Islamic terror that America hadn't yet declared and which the mainstream media still refuse to acknowledge today.



Too many of us were blind in 2000 — unable or unwilling or simply too uninterested to connect such blood-stained dots as al-Qaeda's 1993 World Trade Center bombing attack, the 1996 Khobar Tower bombings, the 1998 African embassy bombings, and the attack on the Cole. After Sept. 11, 2001, all of our eyes should have been pried wide open to the evils of Muslim extremism that exist among us in both organized and freelance form.

The watchdogs in the national press, however, insist on clouding our vision.

Since 9/11, I've reported on the media's reluctance to highlight the convicted Washington D.C.-area snipers' Islamist proclivities and journalists' refusal to call Egyptian gunman Hesham Hadayet's acts of murder at the Israeli airline counter at Los Angeles International Airport on July 4, 2002, "terrorism."

Middle East scholar Daniel Pipes noted how quickly the media sought to whitewash the bloody bus-hijacking by Croatian illegal alien Damir Igric a month after 9/11. Although the incident "echoed similar attacks by Palestinians on Israeli buses," Pipes observed, the "media attributed the violence to post-traumatic stress syndrome."

National Guardsman Ryan Anderson (a.k.a. Amir Talhah), a Muslim convert who allegedly attempted to pass sensitive military information to al-Qaeda over the Internet, rated barely a blip on the media radar screen.

Similarly, press accounts have downplayed the disruption of terrorist cells on American soil: The Lackawanna Six were just nice Muslim boys led astray. The Virginia Jihad Network was just a group of weekend paintball enthusiasts. Those indicted imams in Lodi, Calif., are

just misunderstood "moderates." Terror suspects deported on immigration charges are just victims of discrimination.

Now, many of my readers wonder why the MSM won't touch the strange and troubling story of the University of Oklahoma bomber, Joel Henry Hinrichs III. On Oct. 1, Hinrichs died on a park bench outside the school's packed football stadium when a homemade bomb in his possession exploded. The Justice Department has sealed a search warrant in the case. The university's president, David Boren, is pooh-poohing local media and Internet blog reports of possible jihadist influences on Hinrichs. The dead bomber was, we are being told, simply a depressed and troubled young man with "no known ties" to terrorism.

Never mind that, according to local news reporters, the bomb-making material found in Hinrichs' apartment was triacetone triperoxide — the explosive chemical of choice of shoe bomber Richard Reid and the London 7/7 subway bombers.

Never mind the local police department's confirmation that Hinrichs had attempted to buy ammonium nitrate a few days before his death.

Never mind the concerns of Oklahoma University student journalist Rachael Kahne, who told me this week in a call for the media's help:

"I've been working on this story since the night it happened, and have been stonewalled at every turn. . . . Minutes after the explosion, police busted into a student's apartment and arrested four Muslim students who were there for a small gathering (the president of the Muslim Student Association assures me this was in no way a "party"). Among those arrested [and later released] was Fazal Cheema, Joel Henry Hinrichs' Pakistani roommate. I was baffled when I heard this. I didn't know how police would be able to identify who Hinrichs was, where he lived, who his roommate was, and then find where his roommate was in a matter of minutes. Something isn't adding up, and I've been wracking my brain for the past week trying to figure out what happened here. OU isn't saying anything more than the typical PR spin, and the FBI won't talk."

Nothing to see here. Move along. Islam is a peaceful religion. Stop asking so damned many questions.

Such is the attitude of the national media, which seem to believe that 'tis better to live in ignorance and indulge in hindsight later than to offend the gods of political correctness.



examples of these phenomena to simply cataloging them since they're all here with us now.

On October 8, a major earthquake hit near Islamabad, Pakistan with over 54,000 dead. Famine is a persistent problem in the third world, and the Lord's prophecies have more immediacy as we go. It is becoming almost impossible to stay up to date with a monthly publication.

No one knows how much in the way of famines, pestilences and earthquakes it takes to make a Tribulation period, but if it comes very soon, it should surprise no Bible reader.

Mud slides in Central America precipitated by the arrival of Hurricane Stan have wiped out numerous

people in several countries and Hurricane Wilma has caused another huge evacuation. It's getting so that between *Levitt Letters* we cannot even list the number of natural disasters the world is experiencing because they happen even as we go to press and during the printing and mailing process.

It's interesting to note that we have apparently read the prophecies correctly and that they are being fulfilled. In almost 35 years of teaching prophecy from an inherent Biblical perspective, nothing has disappointed me or been other than expected through that time span. Any Bible reader should now be looking up, "for your redemption draweth nigh."

# HebrewLesson

## The Time Is Imminent

By John J. Parsons



### Hebraic Insight:

*Chazak v'ematz!*

Though the time appointed by God for the Messianic redemption of Israel is a heavenly kept secret (Mark 13:32), there are certain signs called *chevlei mashiach* — the "birth pangs" of the Messiah — that indicate that the time is indeed imminent.

Most of these birth pangs indicate peril and danger, including "distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves," and "men's hearts failing them for fear, and with foreboding of what is coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25-6). In addition, the moral depravity of mankind will be unmasked, showing us clearly that "men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:2-3).

As followers of the LORD Jesus, we must cling to the truth that "all

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Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28), and we must take hold of the command given to Joshua: *chazak v'ematz*, "Be strong and of good courage!" Just as Joshua was promised that the LORD would be with him as he went in to possess the land, so we must remember that the LORD has promised never to leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20), even in the midst of tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword (Rom. 8:35). We can be assured that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:39). *Maranatha*, Lord Jesus!

## No Pigs Allowed

[www.thesun.uk.co](http://www.thesun.uk.co)

Novelty pig calendars and toys have been banned from a council office — in case they offend Muslim staff.

Workers in the benefits department at Dudley Council, West Midlands, (U.K.) were told to remove or cover up all pig-related items, including toys, porcelain figures, calendars, and even a tissue box featuring Winnie the Pooh and Piglet.



Bosses acted after a Muslim complained about pig-shaped stress relievers delivered to the council in the run-up to the Islamic festival of Ramadan. Muslims are barred from eating pork in the Koran and consider pigs unclean.

Councilor Mahbubur Rahman, a practicing Muslim, backed the ban. He said: “It’s a tolerance of people’s beliefs.”

**Aren’t the Jews offended, too? They copied their rules from us, after all. — Zola**

## Israeli Doctors Treat Iraqi Kids

*Israel Today*



Five Iraqi children with congenital heart defects were recently brought to Israel’s Wolfson Hospital in Holon, near Tel Aviv. Dr. Tzion Hourii, chief of children’s intensive care and head of

Save a Child’s Heart (SACH) traveled to Iraq to make the arrangements.

Since 1995, SACH has brought more than 1,000 children from all over the world to Israel for heart surgery. Every third patient is a Palestinian from Judea, Samaria or Gaza! The treatment is free, with staff donating their services.

For more information go to [www.saveachildsheart.com](http://www.saveachildsheart.com)

## Arabs Question Suicide Terror

*Israel Today*

In an article in the Jordanian newspaper *Al-Dustour*, Dr. Huda Kukhoury claimed that suicide attacks stem from American intervention in world affairs. He pointed to the American occupation of Iraq and U.S. support for Israel’s occupation of the Palestinians as examples.

Kukhoury expressed the popular perception in the Arab world that the massacre of civilians by Islamic “militants” is justified by American and Israeli military actions.

But in the same paper, author Layla al-Atrash expressed the opposite view. While she criticized US hegemony in the Middle East, she said Arab nations must begin a painful process of self-examination and fight the sources of terrorism in their societies.

“Everyone from the political leaders to the public at large fears terrorism and wants to eliminate it.” Al-Atrash wrote. “No one knows when he will be gripped by the invisible hand of terror or when he will get into its line of fire.”

She described terrorism as a “disease born of fundamentalism,” and warned Arab states to reverse the trend before they wind up like Iran.

## “American Heresy”

*Israel Today*

The Palestinian Authority (PA) is continuing to allow incitement against the US on the airwaves, despite receiving \$50 million in American aid for infrastructure and housing. The following sermon was broadcast on the PA-run Voice of Palestine Radio, shortly after the aid deal was signed by Palestinian and American officials.

“Anyone who closely watches the nature of our world today can see that the heretical countries — first and foremost the US — have greatly succeeded in tearing our Islamic world apart, intending to weaken it, disperse (its citizens) and plunder its resources,” said Yusuf Abu Sneina, a preacher at the al Aksa Mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. “It is terrorism and there’s no choice but to fight it.”

# ISRAEL

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## Terror Victim Perseveres

*Israel Today*

A Palestinian terrorist sought to destroy the lives of many in the bombing of the Frank Sinatra Café at Jerusalem's Hebrew University in 2002, but he couldn't extinguish the hopes of Seho Chang, who was critically wounded in the attack. He remained in a coma for four weeks and underwent intense medical treatment for burns.



*Israel Today*

But Chang, a Presbyterian minister from South Korea, persevered. He returned to classes at the university and just completed his Master's degree in Biblical Studies. He plans to stay at Hebrew University to pursue a PhD.

Chang is married and the father of two children. Despite his injuries, he serves as the keyboardist for his Messianic congregation's worship team.

In the future, Chang hopes to return to Korea and teach Biblical Studies at a seminary.

"I believe that God wants me to be here to get my degree," he said. "He gives me the courage to stay. "This is a special country!"

## Is it True? *Israel Today*

*'Israeli Jews are suffering less than Israeli Arabs because there have been fewer victims on the Jewish side.'*

According to a Haifa University study, every fifth Israeli Jew has lost a family member or a close friend in a war or terrorist attack. Among the Jews, the actual percentage was 22 percent; among Israeli Arabs the percentage was 11 percent.

In other words, every fifth Israeli Jew lost a relative or friend to war or terrorism compared to every tenth Israeli Arab. That's double the victims on the Jewish side. Nevertheless, each one who has lost his life to war or terrorism is one too many, whether Jew or Arab.

Still, this breakdown is important to dispel the misconception that Arabs have suffered more than Jews since the State of Israel was created in 1948. Misconceptions are often spread through ignorance, but they are used to damage Israel's image and stoke anti-Semitism.

## Checkmate! *Israel Today*

For eighteen months, the small Messianic Jewish community in the southern Negev desert town of Arad has experienced ongoing harassment at the hands of the local ultra-Orthodox *Gur Hassidim* [pious ones of Gur].

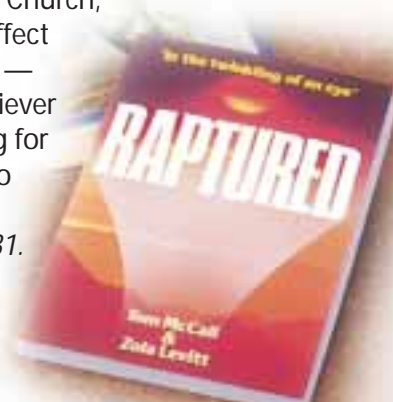
Recently, a chess club owned by local Believers, where they handed out Bibles and Messianic literature, was burned to the ground. After the incident, one of Israel's biggest newspapers featured a two-page spread that stated if the police do nothing to curb the violence, lives could be lost.



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# Blah, Blah, Blah,...

By Ryan Jones, [www.jnewsire.com](http://www.jnewsire.com)

President George W. Bush declared October 20 that the dream he shares with the Arab world of birthing a Muslim state on the ancient Jewish lands of Judea, Samaria and Gaza is closer to reality today than ever before. He vowed to use America's considerable influence to help "realize [that] shared vision."

Speaking at a joint press conference in Washington, Bush heaped praise on visiting Palestine Liberation Organization chief Mahmoud Abbas, despite the latter's refusal to honor his primary peace commitment to disarm and dismantle anti-Jewish Palestinian terrorist organizations. For Israel he had a warning: You will be "held to account" for any actions that hinder Washington's "peace" efforts and burden the lives of the Palestinian Arabs.

Bush also admonished Abbas, telling him that "the way forward is confronting the threat that armed gangs present to the creation of a democratic Palestine." He said it is time for the Palestinian Authority to "earn the confidence of its neighbors by rejecting and fighting terrorism."

The tone of his remarks indicated the president had accepted Abbas's assertion that the Palestinian Arabs are "committed to peace," and that his regime has already taken steps to impose the rule of law.

But Abbas made it clear that his policies do not include the forced disarmament of those dedicated to Israel's demise. "We are following a policy I believe is successful," he said. "All [terrorist] organizations accepted the [temporary] truce." Likud Member of Knesset and Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Yuval Steinitz, however, warned that if Abbas did not act in accordance with signed agreements, he could find himself isolated in his Ramallah headquarters, like Yasser Arafat before him.

"Either he fights terror and disarms the organizations, or Israel will behave toward him as it did toward his predecessor and isolate him in the Muqata," the Itim news agency quoted Steinitz as saying. Steinitz reacted with fury to an editorial published earlier in the day that Abbas had penned for *The Wall Street Journal*, in which he accused Israel of acting to strengthen the more radical elements of Palestinian society in an effort to see his rule fail.

"It's clear that there is no end to audacity," Steinitz said. "The man, who is personally

making it possible for Hamas and the other terror organizations to hold onto their weapons and prepare for another round of bloodshed, is accusing Israel of strengthening them."

In the editorial, Abbas claimed to have created "a climate of peace" since his assumption of power in January and suggested the only thing preventing regional harmony were the obstacles "Israel has created." ♦

## Don't Kiss. Don't Eat.

*US News & World Report*

Sadly, it's all bad news for women going to Saudi Arabia. Updated August 27, the State Department Saudi Arabia Post Report is a laundry list of don'ts for women, despite the president's push for women's rights in Muslim nations. According to the State Department, women are basically told to stay in hiding: Wear long dresses and sleeves, don't hold hands or kiss in public, and never drive — it's against the law. Forget grabbing a dinner unless you're with a guy; many restaurants don't even allow women, the report says. Here's what really stinks: There are lots of high-end fashion stores, but no fitting rooms and no refunds are allowed — only exchanges.

When the president visits his longtime friends in Saudi Arabia, will he take Laura? — Zola



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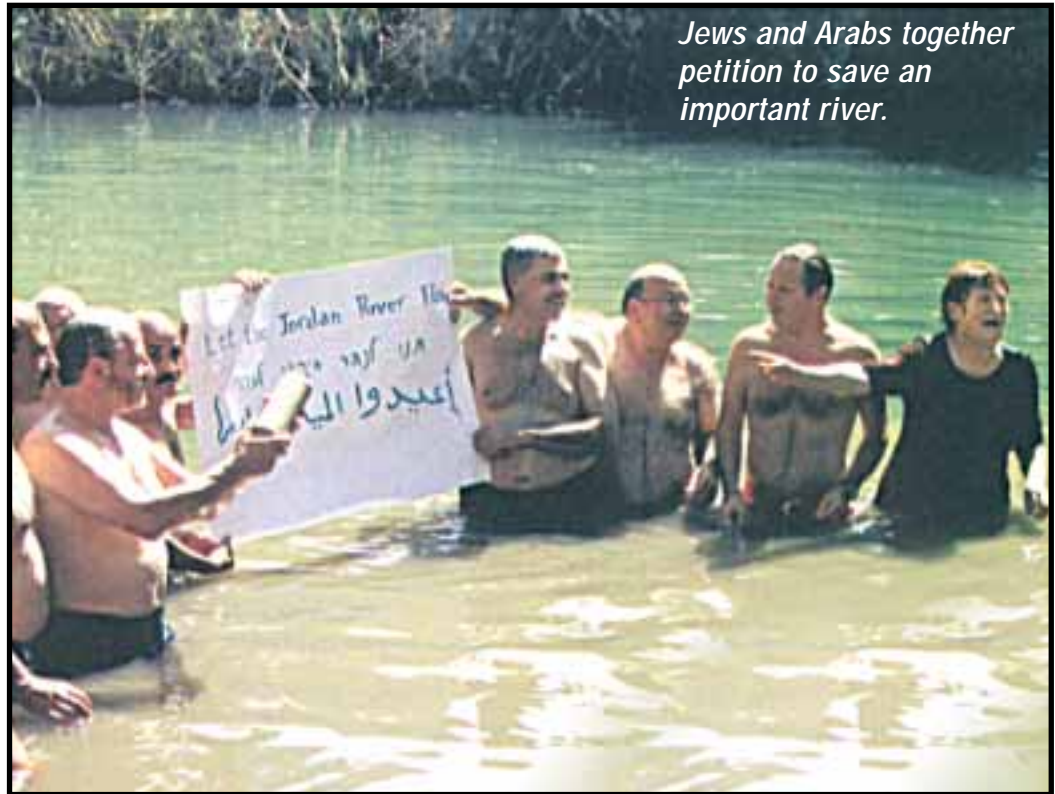
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