

Levitt Letter

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



The article below provides a superb analysis of our misinformed foreign policy. — Jeff

More Middle East Madness

By Victor Davis Hanson, Tribune Media Services

"The Palestinian people will never forgive the Hamas gangs for looting the home of the Palestinian people's great leader, Yasser Arafat." So Palestinian Authority spokesman Abdel Rahman recently exclaimed. "This crime will remain a stain of disgrace on the forehead of Hamas and its despicable gangs."



Looting? Crime? **Despicable gangs?** Excuse me. For years, Palestinian Authority-sanctioned gangs shot and tortured dissidents, glorified suicide bombing against Israel, and in general thwarted any hopes of various "peace processes." Of course, this kind of behavior is spread across the Middle East. Iran is grotesque. Iraqis discover innovative ways to extinguish each other. Syria assassinates democratic reformers in Lebanon. Teams of al-Qaeda and Taliban suicide bombers reportedly are ordered to the United States and Europe from Afghanistan.

Here's why much of the region is so unhinged — and it's not because of us or Israel.

The Middle East either will not or cannot make the changes necessary to catch up with what they see in the rest of the world. Tribalism—loyalty only to kin rather than to society at large—impedes merit and thus progress. Mere discussion of what is wrong can mean execution by a militia, government thug, or religious vigilante.

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So, Middle Easterners are left with the old frustration of wanting the good life of Western society but lacking either the ability or willingness to change the status quo to get it, and monotonously blame America or Israel—"Those sneaky Jews did it!" Interestingly though, Muslims flock to the West to enjoy a level of freedom and opportunity long denied at home. But no sooner have many arrived than they castigate their adopted continent as decadent.

What is America's response to this perennial Middle East temper tantrum?



In the last 20 years, we've sent billions in aid to the Arab world. We've saved Muslims from Bosnia to Kuwait. We've removed dangerous thugs in Afghanistan and Iraq, fostering democracies in their place. We've opened our borders to immigrants from the Middle East. We've paid billions of dollars in inflated oil prices. All the while, many in the West have wrongly blamed themselves for the conditions in the Middle East. It's past time for Middle Easterners to fix their own self-inflicted mess. In the meantime, the U.S. and its allies should help as we can—but first protect ourselves from them as we must. ★

Why 911?

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



For Americans, the number 911 means emergency. If for no other reason, the Muslims were clever to choose this date for their attack.

However, from an Islamic perspective, September 11th is invested with another meaning: it punctuates a long-forgotten battle that influenced all of Western history and had a particularly direct and profound effect on Islamic history. That date marks the start of the “Battle of Vienna,” when the Christian “West” dealt Islamic armies one of their most crushing and inglorious defeats.

Muslims had long eyed Vienna, given its strategic position in southern Europe to control trade routes from the Eastern Mediterranean to Germany. The Grand Vizier Kara Mustafa Pasha convinced Sultan Mehmet IV that the time was right to mobilize Ottoman armies and advance on the heart of Christian Europe. They officially declared war on August 6, 1682. The subsequent Islamic march on Europe began in 1683, on April 1—no fooling. Soon Vienna was besieged. At a time deemed appropriate, the Europeans counter-attacked and the decisive battle for

Christian Europe began. It happened on September 11, 1683—or as we’d say “9/11.”

Islam was sure of a victory. But thankfully, the victory went to the West. Utterly disgraced by the defeat, Sultan Mehmet ordered the death of his losing commander, Pasha. Some say Pasha was ordered to commit suicide; others say the Sultan’s troops executed him. No matter—the deed was discharged on December 25, 1683.

After the battle, many bags of coffee were discovered at the abandoned Turkish encampment. (Turks love their “Turkish” coffee.) With this captured stock, a coffee-house was allegedly opened in Europe—the first in Vienna. An innovative Capuchin friar, who was the confidant of Leopold I, the Holy Roman Emperor, added milk and honey to sweeten the harsh brew. By so doing, he is said to have invented what became known as “cappuccino” coffee.

Why 9-11-2001? Muslims wanted to re-assert their power on that date. Whatever they may have gained by so doing must be inventoried against the destruction of their terror base in Afghanistan and the overthrow of the vicious dictator of Iraq. I think we won again—and I’ll drink to that. ★

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Palestinians Back Iran Atomic Bomb

By Yaakov Lappin, www.ynetnews.com

Of 37 populations around the world, Palestinians rank first in their level of support for a nuclear-armed Iran, a new poll has revealed.

The survey, taken by the Pew Global Attitudes Project, found that 58 percent of the Palestinian public are in favor of Tehran acquiring atomic weapons, making Palestinians the only Middle Eastern population not opposed to an Iranian bomb.

“Most of the Muslim countries surveyed have negative or mixed opinions of Iran. Majorities among just three Muslim publics—in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the Palestinian territories—say they favor Iran acquiring nuclear weapons,” the survey said.

The poll added that “positive views of Iran have declined sharply over the past year in three Muslim countries—Indonesia, Egypt, and, especially, Turkey.” When it came to attitudes towards the U.S., Israelis and the “Palestinians” were placed, unsurprisingly, on opposite ends of the spectrum. Only six percent of Palestinians expressed support for the U.S.-led war on terror, the lowest of any population, while just 21 percent of Palestinians said they had positive feelings toward the American people, as opposed to American policies, the survey found.

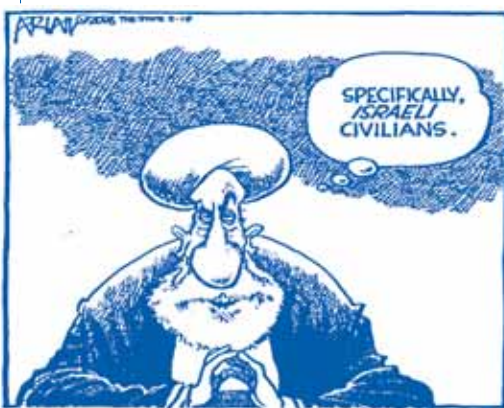
“America’s closest ally in the region, Israel, continues to have overwhelmingly favorable views of the U.S. Nearly eight-in-ten Israelis (78 percent) give the U.S. a positive rating,” the research found. [Editor’s Note: Approximately 20% of Israel’s citizens are Arabs.]

“More than three-in-four Palestinians, Turks, Egyptians, and Jordanians express unfavorable opinions of the U.S. In fact, the United States receives a lower favorable rating (9 percent) in Turkey—a NATO ally—than in any country surveyed,” the poll said.

It added that “one country in the region where attitudes toward the U.S. have actually improved is Lebanon,” where 47 percent of people held positive views of the U.S., a rise in recent years.

However, the fractured Lebanese society was deeply divided in its views on the U.S., the poll added, saying that Christians and Sunnis provided support for Washington, while Shiites were overwhelmingly anti-American.

The madness of the “Palestinians” is that by supporting the Iranian bomb they seem to be voting for their own extinction. Should the Iranians succeed in developing nuclear weapons, and should Israel be the target of those weapons—which seems the plan—then the Palestinians in the area would surely suffer immeasurably as well. Their indifference to their own future is striking, no doubt a testimony to a corrupt worldview that doesn’t honor life—not even their own. — Jeffrey Seif ★



L'Shana Tovah... May You Have A Good Year!

Shalom From Sandra



Lev 23: 23-25 *"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.'"*

When I was a child, I looked forward to the beginning of a new school year. I enjoyed getting new clothes and going to my favorite store to get my school supplies. At the store, bins were marked with the school grade and inside the bins were all the supplies I would need for my new grade. I liked seeing the new crayons, books, and rulers. Everything was new.

It was the start of a new year for me, the old year was over. My mistakes and triumphs were in the past and now I had a new year. It was mine, all mine, to make of it what I would. It was the promise of what I could do in my life. I grew up thinking that the "new year" really was in the fall—September, not January. The harvests were in, school was back in session, and the world seemed much more stable than in the summer months. It just made sense to me.

As I celebrate each new year, it gives me pause to think about what God may have in mind for me. *Rosh Hashanah*, the Jewish New Year, will begin this year at sundown on September 12th and it has many traditions that I can apply to my life. The bread served on Shabbat is a braided oval loaf, whereas on *Rosh Hashanah*, the loaf is round. It reminds us of a crown because *Rosh Hashanah* (*Rosh* is the Hebrew word for head) is the head of the new year: the crowning glory of all the holidays. The shape of the bread reminds me of the unending cycles of our lives. Life just keeps going.

At *Rosh Hashanah*, apples are cut up and eaten with honey. Tradition says that we want the first thing that touches our lips in the new year to be something sweet, not bitter. And isn't that what we want from life—the sweet, not the bitter? There is also the tradition of throwing our sins into a body of running water. Breadcrumbs—representing our sins—are taken and tossed in the water and washed away.

Of course, these are just traditions. Our real new year is with the Lord. *"For the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."* 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Did you know that the *shofar* (ram's horn) is blown 100 times at the *Rosh Hashanah* services? It symbolizes our need to stop and think about our lives. Can we make this year better?

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mation,
please see
page 18.*



I pray that you take this time to make this a new year for you, also. Put the past away and look to what God has in mind for you, declaring a re-dedication, if you will, of your life. God may be leading you to a new job, new church, or even a new ministry. Whatever it is, God's plans for you are endless. I just know that God is the unending cycle in our lives. It is a new year.

I also pray that you make Israel a part of your new year. Jeff and I would love to show you your home, Israel. Join us.

And please remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem,

Blessings, — Sandra

Celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles with us—see page 15.

A Widow's Two Mites

By Mark Levitt



Mark 12:41-44

And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she out of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Who would want to buy this run-down gas station in Lawn, Texas? Its fuel tanks and pumps were removed decades ago. Lawn's past claim to fame is that it is located 23 miles south of Abilene, which serves as a refueling spot on Interstate 20 halfway between Dallas and Midland/Odessa.

In Lawn's heyday, oil wells and farms drove its economy. When the bottom

fell out of the oil market in the '80s, and huge, corporate agribusiness squeezed family farms out of business, Lawn and hundreds of other small American towns all but faded away.

Just recently, a humble widow telephoned to offer this building's land as a contribution to our outreach. She seemed well educated and commented that her family had had money in the past. She hungered to give, and I could tell from her reverent demeanor that she was not merely prospecting for a tax deduction.

Our ministry accepts tax-deductible gifts in kind, such as stock, real estate, cars, fine jewelry, time-shares, etc. Every now and then, a *Levitt Letter* reader, with the best of intentions, offers to contribute an item that we can't liquidate. With raw land or a dilapidated building, local realtors easily evaluate its salability. Unfortunately, they gave this gas station two thumbs down. But that's not what this story is about.

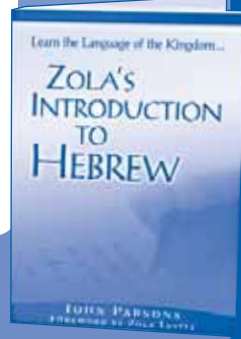


The widow on the phone had contributed significantly to our ministry in the past, probably out of her abundance. But this time it was "out of her want" that she "cast what she had." Even though the realtors deemed the property to be worth "two mites," this Believer's heavenly reward for this modest offering may surpass her rewards for all her past offerings combined. At issue when giving isn't how much one gives, but rather how much one has left after giving. In truth, some of the "biggest" gifts to God are quite small but are prized by Him because they represent a large proportion of the giver's resources. This woman's story was told not to stimulate giving, but to underscore the value that her love holds in God's economy. ★

ZLM Bulletin Board

100 Hebrew Lessons!

The August 1999 *Levitt Letter* described our Hebrew Lesson volunteer as follows: We asked for him; we got him—someone who really knows Hebrew and has a sense for what our readers would like to learn. **John Parsons** has been the one behind our unusually good Hebrew lessons. We are especially thankful for him because he is very computer literate and works well with our newsletter designer. Now, after just over eight years, we commemorate his 100th lesson, which you can see on page 18. For a book to learn Hebrew, you can't beat *Zola's Introduction to Hebrew*, offered on page 31, a masterpiece into which John poured blood, sweat, and tears. Visit John's website at hebrew4christians.com.



New! Free Music Selection

To hear a different song by Zola each day, just click on the play button toward the top-right corner at www.levitt.com. You also can subscribe to email notifications of when we post new *Levitt Letters* online, which will enable you to preview them significantly before the hard copies arrive by U.S. mail. You might also click on "*Levitt Letter Extra News*" (LLX) in order to read stories that we post between our regular newsletters.

Direct from the Koran: Proper Wife Beating

- Not in front of the children
- Keep it between man and wife/wives
- Don't cause bleeding, bruising or scarring
- Avoid hitting the face, breast, abdomen or head
- The rod must not be stiff, but slim and lightweight

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Mickey Mouse—Killed by the Jews



As part of a Hamas children's television program broadcast in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank on June 29, an "Israeli agent" beat and killed Farfur, Hamas's beloved counterfeit Mickey Mouse. www.pmw.org.il and several pages at www.youtube.com (just enter "Farfur" into YouTube's search engine) show Farfur's murder. The screaming, black "Israeli agent" fails to coerce Farfur into selling "Palestine" to the Jews while the mouse exclaims, "No, we will not sell our lands to terrorists! ... I am not handing [the legal documents] to criminals." After the agent beats and knifes Farfur to death, the dramatization's narrator, a girl of about ten, explains that, "Farfur turned to a martyr while protecting his land ... at the hands of criminals and murderers. The murderers of the innocent children. You saw that the Jews let Farfur die as a martyr." Note: see "Jihad Bee Replaces Terror Mouse" on page 14.

"Come Home!"

Zola's Tours to Israel:



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Methodists “Bordering On Anti-Semitism”

By Yaakov Lappin, www.ynetnews.com

The United Methodist Church's call to divest from companies linked to Israel “is bordering on anti-Semitism,” Anti-Defamation League Director Abraham Foxman said. Foxman furiously condemned recommendations made by the New England branch of the Methodist Church for its members to divest “from twenty companies identified as supporting the Israeli occupation in Palestine.” The recommendations were made by a “task force” of clergy and church members set up to implement a “resolution to end the Israeli occupation,” a statement by the UMC added.

Foxman said it was “sad that a religious institution whose job should be to reconcile continues to be biased and bigoted.” He added that in the past two years, “there has been a war perpetrated by Hezbollah, katyusha rockets, and terrorist acts. Now Hamas, that does not recognize Israel's right to exist and perpetrated violence, has gotten itself elected, and is in control of a million-and-a-half Palestinians. And the Methodists are still there to teach Israel a lesson.”

“My reaction is one of outrage to this biased decision, which borders on anti-Semitism. The facts show that any decent, fair-minded, spiritual, godly person would not come to a conclu-

sion to boycott the victim, the one that has been praying for peace, suing for peace, hoping for peace. To make Israel the target is just outrageous,” Foxman added.

The United Methodist Women's Action Network opposes Israel's supposed illegal occupation. Based in Washington DC, this activist group is a division of United Methodist Women. Their website is www.umwmission.org. Their April 23, 2007 resolution calls for “Steps Toward a Just Peace in the Middle East” and asks the U.S. “to end its uncritical use of military, economic, diplomatic and corporate power to support Israeli occupation of Palestinian West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem, and Syrian Golan Heights.”

Joan Peters, who has been a guest on *Zola Levitt Presents*, began as a pro-Palestinian spokesperson. She undertook intensive research to create her well-documented book *From Time Immemorial: The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict Over Palestine*. She had intended to prove that the Israelis should clear off the land, which she believed in her heart of hearts belonged to the Palestinians. To her surprise, her foregone conclusion was upside-down. She reversed course and, consequently, her 600-page book offers extensive proof that Israel is entitled to even more land than it presently possesses. *From Time Immemorial* won the National Jewish Book Award and is available at www.amazon.com — Mark. ★



Israel's Right to the Land booklet

Just as its title implies, this booklet answers head-on the question “What right does Israel have to its land?” Featuring an introduction by Zola, *Israel's Right to the Land* pulls abundant evidence from the Scriptures and directly addresses the twelve key issues that resolve this topic once and for all. Let's spread the Word on who owns the Land (“from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates” Gen 15:18) by divine right! Order on page 31.

Happy New Year! While I concede that most people expect that greeting on January 1st, I trust that, unlike most people, you understand that I am employing the Jewish calendar, not the Roman one.

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Jews celebrate the “New Year” in the fall—just after the summer harvest. In her column, Sandra shares perspectives on the Jewish celebration. For my part, I note it because, as is the case with New Year’s markers generally, the day provides an opportunity to look ahead and note what’s charted for the not-too-distant future.

I finished up the past year touring with our Summer '07 Zola Levitt Holy Land Tour, soon after which I journeyed to Turkey, Greece, and Italy, to film a forthcoming series that looks at the journeys of the Apostle Paul. Additionally, Sandra and I went to Budapest, Hungary, to participate in a world conference on Jewish evangelism. International ministry travel was complemented by a stateside trip to the annual conference of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America where I conducted an intensive continuing educational module for present and aspiring Messianic Jewish rabbis. Beyond all this, I kept busy traveling with my family and speaking at many, many congregations big and small, from West Virginia to California. The travel was pleasantly punctuated by interaction with you—our good friends and supporters.

Speaking of “friends,” I am thrilled by your friendly response to our present series *She Shall Be Called Woman*. Believing that the world needs to hear God’s helpful and hopeful vision for womankind, we labored to produce an upbeat television program and book.

On a much less-cheery note, let me state frankly that I anticipate trouble with a future series, a prophetic indictment entitled *A Bad Moon Rising—Lights Out For Christian Europe*, and I expect that it will cause me personal and professional grief. Because people discomfited and wearied by life prefer to hear pleasing words, and have grown accustomed to happy diversions when turning their attention to television, I am not sure how viewers will respond to television that doesn’t serve their make-me-feel-good inclinations. Nevertheless, I will put it out there—without apologies—and we’ll find out.

Politically incorrect at its core, *A Bad Moon Rising—Lights Out For Christian Europe* draws attention to Christian indifference and sloth in Europe, and to the spirited Islamic rise and conse-



quential “takeover” of once-Christian Europe. At present, enthusiasm for Mohammed’s vision outperforms the barely discernible Christian pulse still beating there. In Europe, Islamic birthrates greatly outnumber native Europeans’. There, anti-Semitism shares Islam’s rise. I wonder: Barring a revival, what will happen in Europe? Is this the demise of Christian Europe?

In this prophetic series, I take on radical Muslims. My teaching segments are complemented by testimony from former Muslims and terrorists who have come to a faith in Jesus. Their testimonials are punctuated by invitations for Muslims worldwide to, likewise, receive Jesus. Our television networks and stations air these programs across the U.S. and throughout Europe. **We translate and broadcast them in Arabic and they go all over the Islamic world and on into Israel. I covet your prayers.**

After disseminating the prophetic *A Bad Moon Rising—Lights Out For Christian Europe*, Zola Levitt Ministries will switch gears and launch a different global initiative. In the teaching series entitled *In The Footsteps Of The Rabbi From Tarsus*, we will promote an entirely new way to see Paul.

Some see him as a “saint,” and respectfully refer to him as “Saint Paul;” others see him as a “sinner” and “traitor” and blame him for promoting an anti-Jewish, narrow, and sexist religion. I see him as a wonderful, liberating, born-again Jewish rabbi. Through our on-location series, I intend to cast a new and optimistic vision for the Apostle—and defend him as a Jewish spokesman and not a traitor to his faith and people. I am just about finished with a complementary new book on Paul, which surveys his writings and explores the Jewish roots of his teaching. I can barely wait to release it to you!

Lastly, later this year we will follow up with another prophecy-related TV series that looks at planet Earth’s last days’ wars. The series will focus on Ezekiel’s end-time predictions and show how

Russia, Iran, and Islamic powers closer to Israel will be drawn into a climactic showdown. I intend to complement the series with a book looking at all of the last days’ wars noted in Scripture.

In sum, as well as I can, I am keeping busy pursuing an ambitious vision for the new year and beyond! I feel Zola would want it that way. I deeply believe that you want it that way, too.

I know that you supported Zola well in the past, and am blessed that you have gotten behind me in the wake of his untimely departure. I believe that you do so because you appreciate what we do and how we still do it. Affirmed and appreciative, I intend to “keep the course” as long as God gives me breath to do it.

For as long as you render the support necessary to continue with the television production and airtime expenses that are instrumental to what we do, I’ll keep pressing on, expanding, and promoting a bold and distinctly Messianic Jewish version of the Gospel.

Happy New Year and blessings to you as together we serve the soon-coming King!

Shalom, — Jeff

Dry Bones COMPUTER PROBLEMS



Three Times a Victim

By Will King,
www.imagesofisrael.com



Will King

It's been two years since former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Disengagement Plan uprooted some 8,000 Jews and destroyed 25 communities in Gaza and northern Samaria, and the aftershocks can still be felt in Israeli society today. Many of the evicted settlers still have no stable home, job, or help from their government. Even worse, **their upheaval failed to bring about the promised peace and security for Israel.**

Ganit Farhan-Nave is a three-time-victim. As a young girl, she and her family were evacuated from Yamit in the Sinai as part of the 1982 peace agreement with Egypt. She moved to Eli Sinai in the northern Gaza Strip, from where she was evacuated in 2005 as part of Sharon's Disengagement. Now Ganit and her two young daughters live in Kibbutz Mefalsim just south of Sderot and suffer almost daily the threat of Kassam rockets launched from, among other places, her former settlement of Eli Sinai.

Ganit was 10 years old during her first evacuation. She recalls life in the Sinai as "freedom, lots of freedom. Everyone knew everyone, like a big family." After the destruction of her community,

Ganit said that she needed years of psychological treatment. "I didn't have any roots; I didn't feel any connection to any place. It was like a holocaust for a child, your world destroyed," she said.

In Eli Sinai she rediscovered a sense of community, "a big family." At the time of the Disengagement, Ganit was newly divorced with two young daughters. She was determined to protect her children from the same kind of emotional trauma she had suffered. Yet, despite her best efforts, Ganit says the Disengagement affected her older daughter who "has difficulty making friends, and has become more rude in her attitude."

After Ganit moved her family to Kibbutz Mefalsim she observed, "The Kassams are still falling, so what did we gain?" And now, after two years of renting an apartment at the kibbutz, she has been informed that a developer wants to build there and she may be forced to move yet again—difficult for a working single mother who still hasn't received her evacuation compensation from the government for the previous eviction.

With members of the Israeli government talking about giving away the Golan Heights for peace, Ganit provides the unique perspective gained as a victim of two previous evacuations meant to bring peace to Israel: "I don't believe that you have to give someone something to have peace with him. If one wants peace, then one wants peace without conditions—just do it." ★

Kassam rocket damage



Improved TV Show Quality

By Jerry Hodges, GM of Berg Productions, producer and syndicator of our TV programs

When Zola died and TBN dropped *Zola Levitt Presents* from their schedule, many viewers were unable to receive our programs. Even before that, several areas of the country were unable to receive our programs. Technology, however, is in the process of filling those voids.

The Federal Communications Commission, which licenses television and radio stations, has mandated that by 2009 all broadcast television stations must be broadcasting on the new digital airwaves. Most of our broadcast partners have installed digital transmitters and soon all television sets will have to be capable of receiving these signals. We at Zola Levitt Ministries are on the technological forefront of these advances because it makes economic sense for you and for us.

Here's the future:

First, going digital enhances our broadcast partners. For every current analog channel assignment, each station will be allowed five digital channels. That means they will be able to broadcast five times as many programs, and with improved digital (as opposed to analog) picture quality. Stations who choose to broadcast in High Definition will further improve the quality of their picture.

Second, many of the newer widescreen digital television sets are capable of connecting to your computer. If you have one of these new sets, you can receive programs, like *Zola Levitt Presents*, from the Internet (via your computer) and play them back on your television set. The picture looks as good or better than broadcast television, especially over a high-speed Internet cable connection.

Third, some television sets will have Internet capabilities built right in; watching programs over the Internet will be as seamless as watching cable.

And fourth, *Zola Levitt Presents* is already available on our website for downloading onto iPods, video-enabled cell phones, and other portable Internet devices.

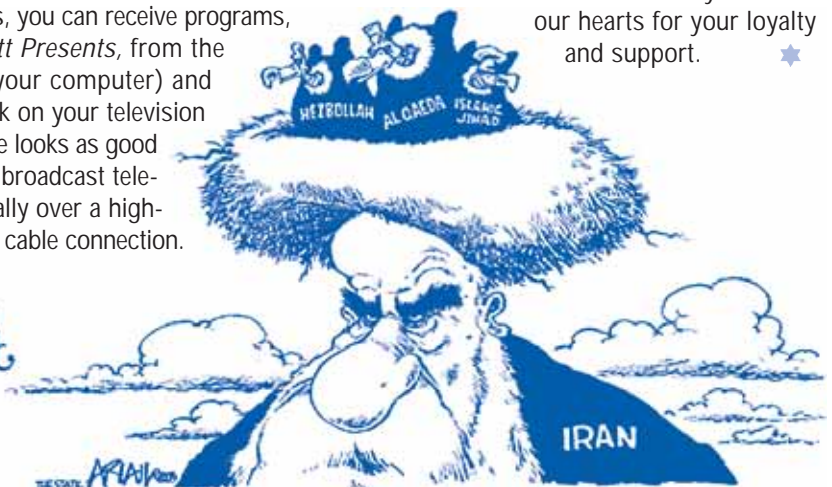
High Definition:

In anticipation of this change, four years ago Berg Productions began shooting *Zola Levitt Presents* in High Definition, so many of Zola's teachings are archived in HD. Although most of our broadcast partners haven't begun broadcasting in HD, in the near future it will be possible for anyone to download our programs into a computer in HD anywhere in the world where high-speed Internet connections are available. As High Definition DVD technologies become more affordable, we will offer our programs on HD DVD as well.

Distribution over the Internet will be our most cost effective and efficient method to get programming out to people who wish to view it. Our taking advantage of technology will make it easier for you to download our programs, and the quality—because it's in High Definition—will far surpass what you have been used to.

Everyone in this ministry knows that the God we serve is the only reason we do what we do. But your responding to the call of God to support this ministry in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ is never minimized. You, our supporters, deserve God's blessings for the work we do. We at ZLM and Berg Productions thank you from our hearts for your loyalty and support. ★

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PA Officials Pocket Millions in U.S. Aid Money

By Aaron Klein, www.WorldNetDaily.com

Mahmoud Dahlan, a strongman of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah organization, and one of Dahlan's top associates pocketed \$52 million in foreign aid—mostly assistance monies from the U.S. meant to bolster Fatah against Hamas.

Dahlan used part of the American aid to invest in construction efforts in Dubai, the PA Finance Ministry sources said. The information came as the U.S. is poised to send millions more in financial aid to bolster Abbas's militias in the West Bank against Hamas there.

Sources in the office of then-Palestinian Finance Minister Salam Fayyad [now Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority] said upon recently checking the accounts in which about \$60 million in U.S. aid was deposited, Fayyad was shocked to learn only \$7 million remained.

The sources said a Finance Ministry investigation determined Dahlan smuggled \$27 million and Dahlan's no. 2, Rashid Abu Shabak, former chief of the Palestinian Security Services, smuggled \$25 million into their own accounts.

Fayyad already reportedly obtained and confiscated from Dahlan \$7 million in smuggled aid.

Dahlan and Shabak were two of only a handful of Fatah officials who had access to the PA accounts in which American aid was stored. Both officials fled the Gaza Strip prior to Hamas's takeover of the territory and all U.S.-backed Fatah security compounds there last June.

The officials said the vast majority of aid smuggled by Dahlan and Shabak came from the U.S. They said about \$2 million was provided by Saudi Arabia.

North American Aliyah Hits 25-Year High

By Ezra HaLevi, www.IsraelNationalNews.com

North American *aliyah* (immigration to Israel) will reach a 25-year record high this year, with immigrants arriving on twelve flights this summer.

The number of Jews moving to Israel from North America has steadily climbed for the past five years, with 3,200 in 2006 and a 5-10% increase expected this year.

Some 70 percent of North American immigrants are under age 35 (40% under 18). The oldest immigrant so far this year is a 94-year-old from Miami, Florida. A 90-year-old survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp also made *aliyah* this summer.



Under the influence?



“To The Jew First” Mission Trip to Israel: Summer – 2007

By Anette Pearce, ZLM staff member

Donations from supporters of Zola Levitt Ministries allowed me to join the summer mission trip to Israel. I thank you.

On the plane to Israel, I sat next to a man from Nazareth who gave me a Hebrew lesson. I shared with him my experience in a Messianic congregation and how much I love Yeshua (Jesus). He listened and asked a lot of questions. I was excited about this, my first opportunity to witness.

As I witnessed, I told every Israeli I met how much I love them and their country. They welcomed me with smiles and hugs. Getting to know them as a people blessed me, and they always smiled and thanked me when I handed them literature about Yeshua.

One person in particular affected me—Sergei, our van driver. We had a small problem, Sergei and I: I spoke very little Hebrew and he spoke very little English. I did manage to learn that he immigrated from Russia in 1998 with his wife and two daughters, and we even got one of his daughters on the phone to try and help with our language barrier, but it didn't do much good. When I had my picture taken with him, he surprised me by wanting a picture of us taken with his camera. I was deeply touched.

When he dropped us off at the airport, I was determined to let this man know what an impact he had made on me; so I told him—in Hebrew!—that I loved him. I thank God for helping me find those words. In response he nodded his head and, with a smile, kissed me on the cheek. Then he turned his face for me to kiss *his* cheek! It was without a doubt a very Russian gesture. I do not understand how I could

love someone so much though we couldn't even carry on a conversation. After we parted, I felt as if I had left my best friend and would never see him again.

Israel changed me and I am grateful I could go there. I don't know if I will ever see again the people I met. But I know I will pray for them the rest of my life. I was blessed and will forever be thankful to ZLM's supporters who enabled me to share the Good News in Israel. ★



Anette at the Wall

FINAL JUDGMENT

Islam Offers Scales: Islam teaches that at the end of your life, Allah weighs your good works against your bad works on a scale. In general, if your good works are heavier, you get to paradise—*“Then those whose scales are heavy, they are the successful. And those whose scales are light are those who lose their souls, in hell abiding.”* Sura 23:102-103.

Christianity Offers Atonement: The Bible teaches that God's atoning sacrifice of Jesus is a permanent forgiveness for sin, replacing even the Jewish requirement for repeated sacrifice. Jesus permanently satisfied the need for atonement sacrifices by offering Himself once for all—*“Unlike the other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself.”* Hebrews 7:27

Christians are sanctified by the offering of Jesus' body once for all — *“And by that [God's] will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* Hebrews 10:10

Jihad Bee Replaces Terror Mouse

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook,
www.pmw.org.il

Hamas's Al-Aqsa television station recruited a new children's character to continue the legacy of its star martyr, Farfur—the Mickey Mouse look-alike who was beaten to death by an "Israeli" on the previous program.

The new character on the children's show *Tomorrow's Pioneers*, a bee named Nahool, tells the hostess he is Farfur's cousin and that he wishes to "continue the path of Farfur... the path of martyrdom, the path of the Jihad warriors... and in his name we shall take revenge upon the enemies of Allah, the murderers of the prophets..." The expression "murderers of the prophets" is an Islamic expression used by the Palestinian Authority's religious leaders to refer to Jews. Defining the Jews as the enemies of God is common in PA religious broadcasting.

There was worldwide outrage after Farfur and his hateful messages were spread on the Internet [Levitt Letter July '07]. The New York *Daily News* dubbed the character "Terror Mouse," while Walt Disney's daughter Diane described it as "pure evil." Without apparent regard for the sensitivities of their child viewers, the show's creators killed off the mouse character in a particularly violent way that allowed them to continue the show's rabidly anti-Israel messages. It is now clear that these messages will continue through the new Nahool bee character.

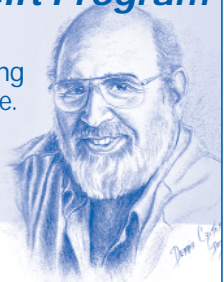
See Internet addresses on page 6 Bulletin Board for videos of Farfur's finale.



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Isaac Newton Calculated Date of Apocalypse

By Matti Friedman, Associated Press

Three-century-old manuscripts by Isaac Newton calculating the exact date of the Apocalypse, detailing the precise dimensions of the ancient temple in Jerusalem, and interpreting passages of the Bible lay bare the little-known religious intensity of a man many consider history's greatest scientist.



Newton, who died 280 years ago, is known for laying much of the groundwork for modern physics, astronomy, math, and optics. But in a new Jerusalem exhibit, he appears as a scholar of deep faith who also found time to write on Jewish law—even penning a few phrases in careful Hebrew letters—and combing the Old Testament's Book of Daniel for clues about the world's end.

Newton interpreted biblical prophecies to mean that the Jews would return to the Holy Land before the world ends. The end of days will see “the ruin of the wicked nations, the end of weeping and of all troubles, the return of the Jews’ captivity, and their setting up a flourishing and everlasting Kingdom,” he posited.

The Newton papers complicate the idea that science is diametrically opposed to religion. “These documents show a scientist guided by religious fervor, by a desire to see God’s actions in the world,” said an exhibit curator.

For his part, Albert Einstein weighed in noting that Newton’s religious writings provide “a variety of sketches and ongoing changes that give us a most interesting look into the mental laboratory of this unique thinker.”

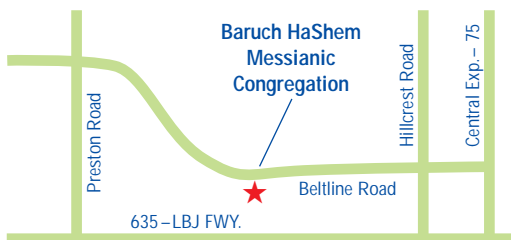
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Ted Pearce





Rice Calls Hamas “Resistance Movement”

www.WorldNetDaily.com

The U.S. State Department officially lists Hamas as a terrorist organization, but Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice apparently does not agree with that assessment.

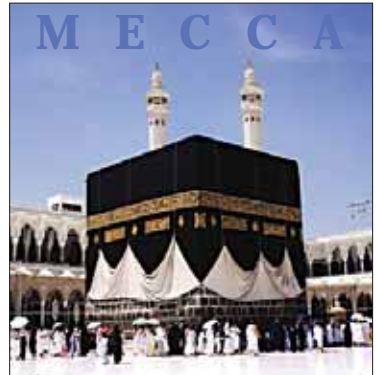
In an interview with the *New York Daily News*, Rice twice referred to Hamas as a “resistance movement.” Those remarks were left out of the resulting article, but did appear in a full transcript of the interview that later appeared on the State Department website.

The June 8 interview was not the first time Rice has afforded Hamas the more agreeable label while chatting with the press.

Five Big Lies Muslims Tell

By Stan Goodenough, Jerusalem Newswire

First of all, they have Mecca and Medina as their “holy” cities, and their Koran does not mention Jerusalem even once, indicating their claim to Israel’s capital as their “third holiest” city is fraudulent and aimed simply at stealing the city from the Jews.



Secondly, they adamantly assert that the “Palestinians” constitute a nation—although they have no national history—and that Israel has to give Judea, Samaria, and Gaza “back” to these “Palestinians” although those lands had never been under their rule.

Thirdly, they claim the Jews occupy Arab lands, when in fact the Arabs are the occupiers in the Middle East—Arabs belong in Arabia and have no right to Egypt, Syria, Jordan, or Lebanon. Judea, Samaria, and Gaza are not Israeli-occupied territory, but Arab-occupied territory.

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Fourthly, they proclaim that Islam is a religion of peace, when Islam was established by the edge of the sword; when Muslims are involved in almost every war on the planet; and when Muslims introduced terrorism as we know it today to the world, and are responsible for almost all terrorist attacks in the world.

Fifthly, they repeat *ad nauseam* that they want to live in peace with Israel when an overwhelming mountain of both factual and circumstantial evidence proves that their unaltered aim and goal is to destroy the Jewish state.

This was the thrust of blistering remarks made by one of the few Jewish leaders still courageous enough to withstand the flood of lies about the Arab-Israeli conflict that have been swallowed and championed as facts. Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) President Morton Klein assailed these core myths upon which the whole “Middle East Peace Process” is predicated in a speech in a Canadian synagogue.

Copy and send to everyone you know! – Sandra

Priest Drawn To Islam Loses Her Collar For A Year

By Janet I. Tu, *Seattle Times* religion reporter

The Rev. Ann Holmes Redding, a local Episcopal priest who announced she is both Muslim and Christian, will not be able to serve as a priest for a year, according to her bishop, who sees “conflicts inherent in professing both Christianity and Islam.”

“I understand that one of my options would be to voluntarily leave the priesthood,” Redding said. At this moment, though, she is not willing to do that. “The church is going to have to divorce me if it comes to that,” she said. “I’m not going to go willingly.”

But she also doesn’t completely rule it out, saying: “God will guide me over this year.” Redding’s bishop in Seattle, the Rt. Rev. Vincent Warner of the Diocese of Olympia, who accepts Redding as an Episcopal priest and a Muslim, said the bishop’s decision is a good compromise.

“It’s a good way to have a timeout and provide an opportunity for Ann to continue to teach [though not at any Episcopal facility]... and at the same time take a look at her relationship both with the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith and Islam,” Warner said.

Some see Redding’s announcement as another sign that the Episcopal Church was veering too far away from Scripture, doctrine, and tradition. The Episcopal Church, which is the U.S. branch of the worldwide Anglican Communion, is already embroiled in deep conflict with the Communion over scriptural interpretation on issues such as homosexuality and the ordination of women.

She is living in absolute fantasy. Though giving her a “time out” to reflect seems to reflect that her church is attempting to come to terms with her and is responding. I wonder if she should not simply be given a “kick out.” In any case, I wonder why members don’t give a “walk out,” as this obviously isn’t a serious Christian fellowship. Today’s Church is way too weak, and its failure to discipline its own ranks contributes toward its undoing. — Jeffrey Seif



“I’m not going to go willingly.”

When Moderate Muslims Fight Extremists

By Jonathan S. Tobin, www.jewishexponent.com

Muslims who believe their community must integrate into liberal Western societies—who oppose the use of terrorism, and who support democratic values as well as the rights of women—do exist.

So, where are they? Given the level of intimidation enforced by Islamist imams and their political fellow travelers, few are willing to step forward to challenge the radicals.

This issue takes center spotlight in a documentary commissioned by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting titled *Islam vs. Islamists* that was slated to be shown on the national PBS *Crossroads* series.

The film—written, directed and narrated by documentary filmmaker Martyn Burke—portrays the vicissitudes of genuine Muslim moderates who support Western freedoms and oppose terror. It also details the lengths to which radicals have gone to suppress their Muslim critics. *“PBS spiked the film”*

But if you look for this one-hour film on your local PBS station, where other films in the *Crossroads* series have aired since April, you’ll search in vain. PBS spiked the film, though it aired other films which sympathetically portrayed CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) without allowing their critics a say. The taxpayer-supported network has not broadcast a film that lets other Muslim voices be heard.

One of those voices belongs to Dr. Zuhdi Jasser, a Phoenix physician who grew tired of hearing people ask why Muslims were not speaking up to denounce those who murdered in the name of his faith, and took action. For his troubles, a local Muslim newspaper that shared an office with CAIR



portrayed him as a dog tearing apart the body of Islam. Imams likewise denounced this doctor whose only sin was to claim that Islam really was a “religion of peace.”

“still room for genuine moderates”

As a recent survey by the Pew Research Center shows, it is by no means a foregone conclusion that the radicals speak for all Muslims. Their poll of American Muslims shows that the vast majority are assimilating into society and well appreciate the benefits of living in freedom. However, 60 percent either denied it or refused to answer when asked whether Arabs or Muslims had anything to do with September 11, 2001.

This shows that there is still room for genuine moderates like Jasser to find supporters among the majority of American Muslims. But with Saudi-funded Wahhabi imams deployed in mosques, and networks such as PBS allowing the voices of moderates to be drowned out, the terrifying drift toward radicalism among Muslims in the West will continue. ★

Hebrew Lesson

The Comfort Of Hope By John J. Parsons



וְקוּי יְהוָה יַחְלִיפוּ כֹחַ:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...
— Isaiah 40:31

Isaiah chapter 40 is all about *comfort*, not in the sense of pleasurable ease that leads to mindless contentment, but rather in the giving of strength to those who are afflicted and weary. Despite the menace of Babylonian captivity and exile, Isaiah foresaw Israel's future restoration and salvation. God comforted those trusting in Him to persevere despite the seeming defeat: His Kingdom will one day be established upon the earth.

In our verse, the subject is "they that wait," a participle that comes from *kavah*, which means to trust or hope. The Hebrew word *tikvah* (hope) comes from the same root. Originally, *kavah* meant to "twist" or "weave," as strands of a rope, making a tool capable of holding a heavy load securely.

There are many today with false hope, assuming that their good deeds or religious observances will make the burden of their lives secure. But the object of the participle here is *Adonai*. Only those that put their trust in Him are given the promise of renewal.

Notice that the word "renew" here comes from *chalaf*, meaning to change or come to life again. Job used this word when he said that even a tree cut down will put forth a second growth (Job 14:7), and he looked forward to the time when his "change" (*chalifah*) from mortality to immortality would come (Job 14:14).

Those who trust in the Lord are renewed in strength—*koach*. *Koach* expresses the ability to endure and cope with the various trials of life. As Christians, we have been given the Comforter to help us in our infirmities until the time of our redemption is complete. In this hope we are saved (Rom. 8:24), and through this hope we are equipped with garments of praise and the armor of light (Rom. 13:12).

Zechariah calls God's people "prisoners of hope" and summons them to look forward to God's liberation (Zech. 9:12). Like Israel, we live in a time of affliction and spiritual warfare, but we do not lose heart and understand that our momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison (2 Cor. 4:16-5:6).

Wait on the LORD, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. ★

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Letters to ZIM

For Zion I Will Not Be Silent—Count Me In!

Dear Mark,
When I read "For Zion I Will Not Be Silent. U.S. Rabbis Arrested" in the July '07 *Levitt Letter*; I wished I had been in town and could have been a part of the protest. So, when I read your commentary at the end stating the "presence of gentile Believers will mean so much more than assurances 'that our prayers are with you,'" I agreed wholeheartedly! Please include me as a candidate to travel to the next sit-in protest and follow through with all that it involves. A.V.

...and Me!

I am a grafted-in, gentile Believer in Yeshua who greatly cherishes the Jewish heritage of her faith. I was furious when the UN accepted Iran after Iran's blatant declaration to obliterate Israel. I would gladly come to any protest in New York City regarding the presence of Iran on the UN. I'll bet that protests held one after another by an increasing number of people would have major impact. So what if I get arrested? I would consider it symbolic of my taking part in Israel's sufferings through the ages. After all, their sufferings ultimately reflected the suffering of the Messiah for our sakes. J.F.

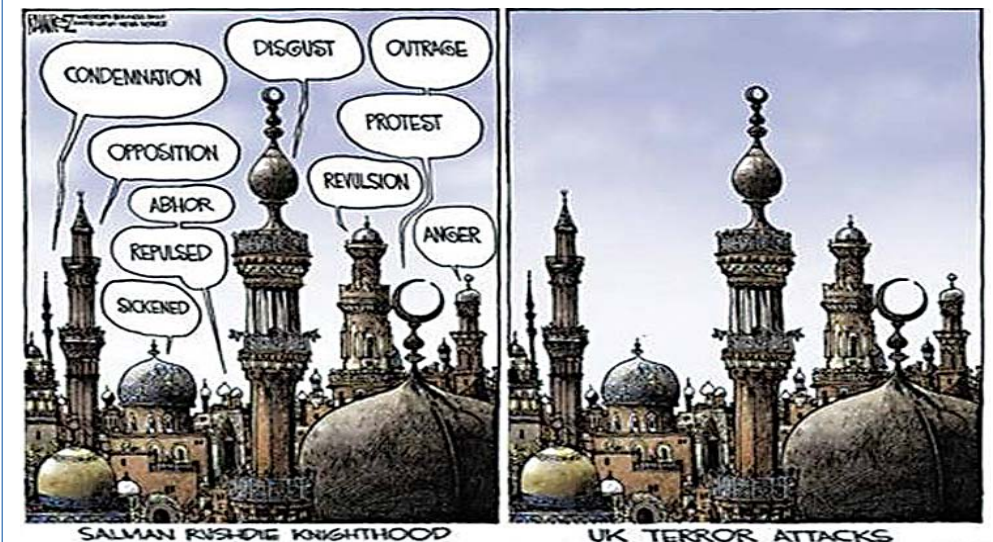
...and Me!

I am a Christian willing to travel to New York City and possibly be arrested for the next sit-in. However, I would need a few days notice. Shalom, M.D.

...and Me!

I would like to volunteer to travel to the next sit-in protest and be arrested for this worthy cause protesting Iran's membership at the United Nations. C.B.

Duly noted, everyone ...remember to bring your toothbrushes! — Mark



...a Different Point of View

Dear Mark,
In reference to the story “For Zion I Will Not Be Silent. U.S. Rabbis Arrested” and your comment, it is heartening to know that American Jews are not silent in the face of threats to the State of Israel. However, I urge you not to encourage Christians to take part in protests that involve unlawful actions.

Several years ago, I was trapped for several hours in a government building by protesters, some of whom were in wheelchairs! As a caregiver for a family member, I was very sympathetic to their demonstration, but eventually I worried about getting home safely. At that point, I became angry.

Calling attention to a problem by peaceful demonstration is part of our freedom. But breaking the law, disrupting other people’s lives, and causing police and security resources to be deployed, in my opinion, are not activities that Christians should take part in or be proud of.
Sincerely, M.

Dear M.—

I don’t condone breaking the law or wasting policemen’s time. Jeff regularly volunteers with a local police force and fire department. And he approved the article to which you refer. Isaiah 62:1 does not say, “For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent unless I’m told to clear the way.” Why keep silent about Iran remaining a UN member despite its vow to destroy Israel, a fellow UN member? Why not join in the outcry (read: lack of silence) initiated by The Coalition for Jewish Concerns, www.amchacjc.org?

You might prefer this idea for the coalition’s next demonstration: mobilize demonstrators who will step aside as instructed by the police, and continue demonstrating as nearby and noticeably as possible without getting arrested.
—Mark

Day of Prayer

The International Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem, instituted with the endorsement of hundreds of Christian leaders from around the world, representing tens of millions of Christians, will be held annually on the first Sunday of every October. Groups and ministries as diverse as the Newsboys, Mission America, AGLOW International, the Foursquare denomination, and Christian Arabs, are responding to the Middle East crisis by rallying globally around the common cause of prayer for the peace of Jerusalem. For more information, visit <http://ew.us.churchinsight.com/Group/Group.aspx?id=1000001667>

Raising a Voice of Conscience for Endangered Jews

Rabbi Avi Weiss is the national president of Amcha—The Coalition for Jewish Concerns, based in Riverdale, NY. The group holds prayer vigils “For Israel & Jews in Danger Worldwide” at the Isaiah Peace Wall across the street from the United Nations at 1st Avenue & 43rd Street. For dates and times, visit www.amchacjc.org. To see Rabbi Weiss’s 41 Principles of Spiritual Activism, such as “Speak Out Because It’s Right, Not Because It’s Popular” and “Speak Out Not Only for the Living, But Also for the Dead,” visit www.amchacjc.org/principles.html.

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Spreading Terror

Dear Zola whatever,
I just caught the end of your show, describing that Muslims are all terrorists and evil. After that misguided interpretation of your Bible, I see that you further spread your message of hate by distributing DVDs “Ask for Death.”

My interpretation of your organization: YOU are terrorists; better-funded terrorists. You are paid by the public to spread the word of hate to people about the “Evil Middle East.” You encourage your youngsters to take up arms and send them to kill the people of the Middle East. So what is the difference between the evil Muslims and your “volunteers”? Your terrorists have curly sideburns and wear beanies.

You see, there are two sides to every story. You should think about that before spreading your propaganda, because the things you said can be compared to that of Hitler.

I. Hussein

Dear Mr. Hussein—
Thanks for writing. However, I humbly submit that you are mistaken. Our “Ask for Death” CD (see pg. 32) is an informative piece, featuring video footage of Palestinians indoctrinating their children to become homicide bombers—it’s not a call for our fellow Christians to be terrorists. For a similar scene of the Palestinians suffering their children to blow themselves up in order to reach paradise, please visit <http://support.tjci.org/site/PageServer?pagename=WeeklyarticleinEnews4>.

Contrary to what you say, our ministry is not nearly as well funded as Fatah or Hamas. Oh, the good we could do if we were! — Mark

Just Discovered Your Website and ARCHIVES!

Dear Staff,

I want to thank everyone at Levitt Ministries for making the weekly program and archives accessible through the Internet! I just found the website and learned of Zola’s passing. Unfortunately, I no longer have cable TV. But from now on, I will be a regular viewer on the website.

K.L.

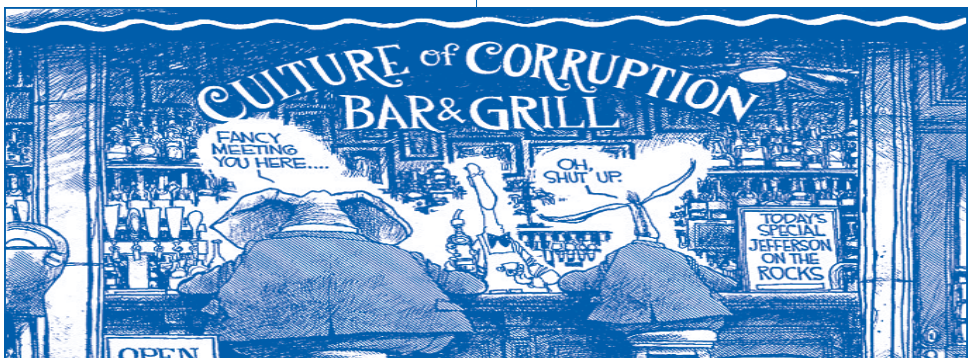
Israel: By Divine Right

Dear ZLM,

I have just listened to the first couple of podcasts of *Israel: By Divine Right*. I didn’t think Zola’s teaching could get any better until I heard this series, not to say that every teaching isn’t the best. I looked in the online catalog for a video or DVD of the series but am disappointed to see none is offered. I need to see the faces of the people talking and see the land too. Zola’s ministry has changed my life and made me a better-educated Christian. — B.C.

Dear B.C.—

We offer bootleg copies of our video series entitled *Israel: By Divine Right* (\$49 + \$7 s/h). The packaging is nothing fancy, but the content certainly is there. — Mark



The Holy Spirit Can Work Through Bookmarks

Dear ZLM Staff,

One day, I saw an old rabbi praying. This had a powerful effect on me as I reasoned, “I can stub my toe and curse God, but this man has had millions of his people killed and still prays to God with great passion.” I knew there had to be something to it. I had been trying out different religions, but they left me hungry because they never changed my life in a profound, practical way.

I started reading Torah and I felt a power, a strength and I became a follower of Judaism. A Christian friend and I went back and forth over the Messiahship of Jesus; and he’d say, “Keep reading the Hebrew Scriptures — they prophesy Him.”

I saw a *Zola* show and called in for the free offer at the end. When the staffer answered, I didn’t remember what the item was, but she said she would send me something anyway. One of the items she sent was a bookmark called the “Prophesied Messiah.” All the pieces fell into place—the evidence was past the point of denial—and I placed myself in the hands of the Messiah, Jesus.

I always wanted to thank Zola and staff from the bottom of my heart for the gift that was instrumental to my salvation,

Thank You
J.L.



Walid Shoebat

Dear ZLM:

I just wanted to say thank you for having Walid Shoebat. I think Zola was one of the first Evangelists to notice this remarkable individual. So far, he has been 100% right about what is going on. Yet what amazes me is the slightly different perception he gets when he reads verses from the Bible. You all get better every week.

R.B.



Will King interviews Benjamin Netanyahu for our TV show.

New Format a Winner

Dear Jeff and Sandra,

A very hearty shalom to you both. Hey, the new site is great! I love the new look, video is easy to access, since I watch most programming on the Web. Love it. M.H.

Great job, All!

I just want you to know I think your program format, and the new designs for the website and newsletter are wonderful! Your plans for taking this ministry around the world are just what is needed at this time in history. Keep up the good work. I know it isn’t always easy. Jeff and Sandra make a great team, and I love the way Zola’s teachings are always included. D.F.

Just got your July issue. The new format looks good. By not having to jump around to “continuing” pages, the issue is indeed an easy read. Please do more on the NT through Jewish eyes and culture. Also, thank you for continuing to send, even though I am unable to contribute in cash. I will still remember you in my prayers.

B.A.

Shalom,

I could use 50 July *Levitt Letters*. I like the new format.

Thanks, —R.C.

Dear R.C.—

You’re taking us up on a recent offer to send bundles of *Levitt Letter* overprints for distribution at churches, among friends, in waiting rooms, etc. We’re happy to send nominal quantities for free just as long as you’re sure to pass them out quickly while they’re still current. Thanks for doing this! —Mark

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Dear ZLM,
Thank you for the new, narrower format of the *Levitt Letter*! I love it. It fits easier into my purse—I read it on the bus in the mornings.
Shalom,
B.T.

Politically Incorrect News from the Middle East

Dear ZLM,
While browsing the Internet I came across the following information. I found this at mfa.gov.il (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs): Despite the volatile security situation in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army is continuing its efforts to provide a response to humanitarian needs in the Gaza Strip. Throughout the day the following aid shipments were transferred from Israel into Gaza through the Sufa crossing with the coordination of the Gaza District Coordination and Liaison Office: 146,000 liters of milk; 733 tons of animal feed; 150 tons of flour (additional 292 tons were donated by international organizations); 473 tons of sugar; 581 tons of animal feed; 319 tons of straw; 327 tons of sugar; 164 tons of flour; 5 tons of semolina; 143,000 liters of oil; 134 tons of rice; 27 tons of seedlings; 32 tons of salt; 30 tons of baby formula; 24,000 liters of hypochlorite (a water purifier) and much, much more.

This came from *The Jerusalem Post's* website: Israel's stalwart commitment

to political equality for women was on display at a recent swearing-in ceremony for 36 new judges, 25 of whom were female. They were welcomed to their new offices by two other high-ranking women—Acting Israeli President Dalia Itzik and Supreme Court President Dorit Beinisch. **Israel is the lone country in the Middle East where women enjoy full political rights.**

A.J.W.

ZLM Fans

Dear ZLM,
I love the *Levitt Letter*. While there isn't a subscription fee, per se, nothing is free. I think it has been too long since I helped, so please accept this check.
Thank you,
M.W.

Dear Sandra and Jeff,
I thank God that He had you two waiting in the wings when Zola went to be with Him. I watch you whenever and wherever I can catch you and I love your newsletter!

"In Praise of Resistance" [June '07 *Levitt Letter*] made me stand up and shout. I agree with you totally. I'm 73 and live on Social Security but, it is a pleasure to send these monthly checks to you. I split my tithe between two Jewish related outreaches and finally feel my tithe is well spent.
Love to all, —J.C.



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Peace Unto You, “O, Hypocrites from the Synagogue of Satan”

Dear Sandra and Jeffrey,
Peace be unto you. I take personal offense to your implication that Muslims do not serve the same God as Judeo-Christian Believers. I am a Muslim-American and I can totally speak for Muslims when I say that we do serve the same God as Christians and Jews claim to. If you know Hebrew, the word “Eloh” is what the word “God” translates as. Arabic is a sister language to Hebrew and translates the same word “Allah” (Which was spelled “Ilah” when it was originally translated). You seem like hypocrites to me because you are quick to question our faith, yet no one questions yours.

What about the Jews, who outwardly reject Christ just as they did 2,000 years ago? There are some bad Muslims in the world as there are in other faiths, but at least we accept Jesus as Christ. When he returns, the Jews will reject him now just as they did then. I doubt you have the courage to put this info on your show, but it would not surprise me because you seem like the synagogue of Satan anyway. However, I would love to see you prove me wrong. Peace be unto you.

Sincerely yours,
I.M. Ali

Thanks for writing, Mr. Ali. I don't agree with you. First, I do not believe that “Allah” is the same God as the Person noted as “I” in the Old Testament and revealed in the New. Secondly, I do not believe that Muslims “accept Jesus as Christ,” though I acknowledge that He is represented in Islamic literature—but in a way that contradicts the New Testament's revelation. Your comments about all the Jews rejecting Jesus then, as in the future, speaks more to your own disdain for Jews than it gives a reasoned accounting of what happened in the New Testament era. Thanks again for writing, Mr. Ali. Get rid of your hate and write again. — Jeffrey Seif

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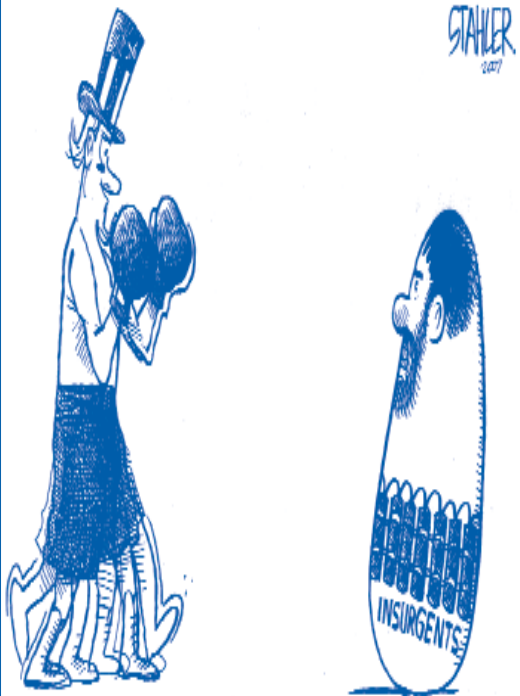
Dear ZLM,
I recycle all your magazines by giving them to the provincial pastors in the jungles of the Philippines. They seldom get Christian reading and are using them to save and rededicate souls. I even let a Muslim from Abu Dhabi read one. He then questioned me about my faith in Jesus. Perhaps God will use Zola's old magazines to reach him. — L.W.

Quiet Supporters Speak Up

Dear Dr. Seif,
We have been quiet supporters since meeting Zola when he was just a skinny musician, never dreaming he would go on to do such great things through the power and guidance of Yeshua. We have observed you this past year (not with a judging eye) and are pleased to witness your handling of this part of our Lord's work which has been placed in your hands.

We will continue quietly supporting your efforts with prayers and contributions toward the fulfillment of God's plan here on Earth.

Yours in Yeshua, — K. & S.W.



Papal Primacy or Bible Primacy?

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.



The Associated Press recently reported that Pope Benedict XVI has reasserted papal primacy, indicating that the Roman Catholic Church is the only true church because it has apostolic succession. The Pope's teaching is that the Catholic Church can trace its successive line of bishops from the Apostle Peter to today:

“Christ established here on earth only one church,” the document said. The other communities “cannot be called ‘churches’ in the proper sense” because they do not have apostolic succession—the ability to trace their bishops back to Christ’s original Apostles.

Protestant and evangelical churches have not concerned themselves with succession, but rather with adherence to the doctrine of the Apostles in the inerrant Word of God, the Bible. The question then is do we follow papal primacy or Bible primacy?

To follow papal primacy we have to accept all of the following underlined points:

1. Peter was the supreme Apostle. The Lord Jesus did call Simon Peter (*petros*, pebble) because he recognized Jesus as the Christ, and upon that confession of faith in the Rock (*petra*), Christ said He would build His church (Matt. 16:18-19). Peter recognized the Rock, but he was not that Rock.

The Lord also gave Peter the keys of the Kingdom. Peter was indeed the first to evangelize the Jews, Samaritans and gentiles, but having opened these doors, his unique role was over, and the emphasis shifted to Paul and John. Paul did not recognize Peter as being a superior Apostle. In fact, Paul rebuked him when Peter deviated in practice from the doctrine of grace both knew to be true (Gal. 2:11).

2. Peter went to Rome. There is no biblical evidence that Peter ever was in Rome. He was in Jerusalem and Antioch, and he wrote a letter from Babylon (I Peter 5:13). Those who believe Peter was in Rome say that he used Babylon as a code word for Rome, but this is speculation. However, the Scriptures never say that Peter was in Rome. The idea that Peter was in Rome comes from the traditions of some of the church fathers, which may or may not be accurate. This is slim evidence upon which to base a doctrine as to what is or is not a true church.



3. Peter passed on his apostolic authority to the succeeding bishop of Rome. There is no biblical evidence that Peter passed on his apostolic authority to a successor. Indeed, the testimony of Scripture is that when the Apostles died, their apostolic authority ceased. All authority from then on was in the completed canon of the Scriptures: nothing was to be added, and nothing was to be taken away (Rev. 22:18-19).

4. The Roman bishops were recognized as supreme. There is no indication that the churches around the Roman Empire recognized the successive Roman bishops as supreme. There were centers of Christian learning and influence in Alexandria, Caesarea, Asia Minor, and even France during the first Christian centuries that did not defer to Rome. In the fourth century, when Emperor Constantine was converted and wanted to call a Church Council, he did not have the Roman bishop convene a Council in Rome, but rather they met in Asia Minor (Turkey), which was then one of the major centers of Christianity.

5. Papal edicts. Papal primacy brings along with it much unscriptural baggage. There are layers upon layers of tradition about salvation, sanctification, purgatory, the saints, and indulgences that have no biblical basis but have been added by papal edicts in one form or another.

6. The denial of salvation by grace through faith alone. The Catholic teaching on salvation is a confused mixture of grace and works that is unscriptural, along with the institution of priestly ceremonies as means of grace, which can only be distributed by the church authorities.

7. Corruption of the Lord's Supper. The papal traditions have corrupted the Lord's Supper into a superstitious belief that the bread and the wine are actually transformed into the body and blood of Christ by the chanting of the priest, through a process known as transubstantiation. They see this as a recurring sacrifice on the church altars, and anyone who does not receive the elements from the priest is considered outside of the Church. This gives the priests the power of heaven or hell over the people, and is a total perversion of the remembrance of the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ through the partaking of the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine in the Lord's Supper.

8. The deification of Mary. The papal edicts have also gone so far as to almost deify Mary, to whom the Catholics pray and consider to be the co-redemptrix with Christ. They even believe that Mary was born without sin, and for this they have coined a new term, the Immaculate Conception. What a corruption of the simple and beautiful story of Mary, a Jewish descendant of King David

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(through Nathan), who needed a Savior herself, but she was used by the Lord to give birth to the promised Messiah through the Holy Spirit.

On the other hand, to follow Bible primacy, we must accept what the Bible teaches about itself:

1. Jesus rebuked Temple priests for being unscriptural. The Sadducees were a priestly sect of Judaism who ruled in the Temple and claimed their authority by genealogical succession from the Tribe of Levi. Yet Jesus rebuked them, not for straying from their succession, but from the Word of God. He said they were in error because they did not know the Scripture or the power of God (Matt. 22:29).

2. The Apostle Paul taught that Scripture was the minister's authority. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul explained that all Scripture was inspired by God (God breathed), and was capable of supplying the minister of the Gospel with all the authority and equipment he needed to do his work of evangelism and teaching.

3. The Scriptures were a check even on the Apostles. The Jewish people in the Berean synagogue were com-

mended for "searching the Scriptures daily" to see whether or not the teachings of the Apostle Paul were accurate (Acts 17:11). Even the proclamations of the Apostles were subject to the Scripture. Churches founded by the Apostles sometimes went astray and had to be corrected, such as the Galatian and Corinthian churches, so just having an association with the Apostles did not guarantee spiritual authority or truth. The Old and New Testament Word inspired by the Holy Spirit was the only arbiter of truth.

4. The Reformation rediscovered Bible primacy. The Reformers of the 16th century rediscovered the doctrine of Bible primacy, and rejected the traditions of the Catholic popes. The flaming byword of the Reformation was *sole fide, sole scriptura*—only faith, only the Scriptures. To go back to papal primacy would be to undo all the great work of the Reformers and to return to the dismal Dark Ages in which Bibles were chained to the desks of the monasteries.

Thus, we must conclude that the churches which are true churches are not those that adhere to some hierarchy, but those which most closely adhere to the plain truth of the Word of God.



Christians Must Accept Islamic Rule

By Aaron Klein, www.WorldNetDaily.com

“Christians can continue living safely in the Gaza Strip only if they accept Islamic law, including a ban on alcohol and on women appearing in public without proper head coverings,” said an Islamist militant leader in Gaza. The militant leader went on to say that Christians in Gaza who engage in “missionary activity” will be “dealt with harshly.”

The threats came two days after a church and a Christian school in Gaza were attacked following the Hamas terror group’s seizure of power in the territory. “I expect our Christian neighbors to understand that the new Hamas rule means real changes. They must be ready for Islamic rule if they want to live in peace in Gaza,” said Sheikh Abu Saqer, leader of Jihadia Salafiya, an Islamic outreach movement that recently announced the opening of a “military wing” to enforce Muslim law in Gaza.

Jihadia Salafiya is suspected of attacking a UN school in Gaza after the school allowed boys and girls to participate in the same sporting event. One per-

son was killed in that attack. “The situation has now changed 180 degrees,” said Abu Saqer.

“Jihadia Salafiya and other Islamic movements will ensure Christian schools and institutions show publicly what they are teaching to be sure they are not conducting missionary activity. No more alcohol on the streets. All women, including non-Muslims, must be covered at all times while in public,” Abu Saqer said. “Also, Internet cafes, pool halls, and bars must be closed,” he said. “If their activity continues, we’ll attack these things very harshly.”

Abu Saqer accused the leadership of the Gaza Christian community of “proselytizing and trying to convert Muslims with funding from American Evangelicals. This missionary activity is endangering the entire Christian community in Gaza,” he said. He claimed there was “no need” for the thousands of Christians in Gaza to maintain a large number of institutions in the territory.

About 2,000 Christians live in the Gaza Strip, which has a population of over 1 million. Abu Saqer said Hamas “must work to impose an Islamic rule or it will lose the authority it has and the will of the people.” ★

Let me be clear: this is what happens in every country where Islam rules.
— Sandra



Religion's Role in Jails

By Justin Webb, news.bbc.co.uk

It's a unique achievement: encouraging religious organizations to help provide prisons' basic social services. The White House has doled out millions of public dollars to these groups—many of them representing Evangelical Christians. But an effort is on in the courts to stop the practice.

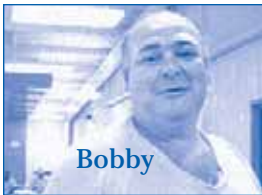
In the “InnerChange Freedom Initiative,” Evangelicals take over wings of prisons around the nation and set up special courses for chosen inmates.

Supporters say it reduces repeat offenses; opponents say it is Evangelism paid for by the state. So far the courts have sided with opponents and the issue is expected to go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

So, I visited a prison to find out what prisoners themselves make of the fuss.

Bobby, in for second-degree murder, tells me his life has changed utterly thanks to the InnerChange program at Tucker Correctional Facility, near Little Rock, Arkansas.

Before, the slightest disagreement would have led him to violence. Now



Bobby

Bobby says he wants nothing more than to contribute to the community. Violence is a thing of the past. It sounds miraculous—and many supporters would happily use that word.

The prisoners pledge their allegiance to Jesus, the Bible, and to their new selves. This is unashamedly an Evangelical Christian setting—but there is more to it than prayer. A class entitled “Authentic Manhood” teaches the inmates how to treat women and children, things they never learned from their abusive fathers. The teacher explains the aim of the good husband:

to be a leader of the family, but to earn that leadership, not demand it. The prisoners nod; they seem to get it. Chris agrees: “If I was to get into a relationship, I would know how to treat her—I know how to provide now.”

What, then, is the problem?

Opponents object to a religious test that gets you from the violent misery of the main cellblocks and into the InnerChange wing of the prison.

The man who runs InnerChange says that this is a misunderstanding. He denies that there is a religious test, saying, “We have non-Christians here and they are welcome to stay.” To sign up for InnerChange, inmates must agree to core values—but those values are not exclusively Christian. They include integrity, responsibility, productivity, and community.

Carl speaks for the others when he says moving here, out of the main prison, was a struggle. He remembers being hugged by the inmates when he arrived and wondering if he should hit them. Now he believes closing the unit would be a catastrophe.



Carl

Even if not closed, in the future the programs may have to rely on charity.

The InnerChange inmates at Tucker have a simple message for the outside world: whoever funds it, whatever arrangements are made to keep it legal and constitutional, please keep the program.

For them, it is salvation. ★



Follow The Word


By Zola Levitt, June 1996 *Levitt Letter*

In May 1996 Zola mentioned the views of a fellow ministry leader and received letters from *Levitt Letter* readers who were afraid that Zola had prejudiced his readers against the other ministry. Zola's response 11 years ago is good advice today, especially when we remember that the antiChrist "by peace will destroy many." (Dan. 8:25)

It is not my desire to turn people away from the [ministry in question], which has a lot of solid Bible teaching. But I do want to sound a warning note that Christians should not swallow "whole" the teaching of any man, whoever he is, without checking it against God's Word. No man, other than Jesus Christ Himself, has all truth, knows all things, understands all Scripture—and that of course includes me. I've made many mistakes and repented of many wrong ideas. We all need to understand that there is no paragon, there is no man that we worship or follow 100%.

Another thing we need to keep in mind is that today's media is image-driven. Not every image conveyed through television or radio is an accurate depiction of a person, object or event. TV is about making impressions, and not everything you see and hear is going to be true. Mediocre men are cast as great statesmen. Everyday people of no particular greatness become rich and famous.

A prime demonstration of image-worship was the recent auction of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's estate cast-offs. Items sold for thousands of times their true value. It was all about image. Worship of JFK's ash-tray and worship of a ministry leader are equally faulty. Idolizing Hal Lindsey, Billy Graham, Zola Levitt, etc., would be crazy.



We make paragons out of media people, whose only credentials often are that they look good or have good reading voices. Yet they are in a position to decimate whole countries, such as the U.S. or Israel, to start wars, to elect presidents, mainly because of an image created by image-makers. If we watch the media's reports on the Middle East, we come away with the idea that Israel is the bad guy, unless we keep in mind the tremendous media bias that skews the truth. Weak-minded government officials and even seminary professors turn against Israel, and we are currently watching that democracy being dismantled in favor of an Arab dictatorship.

The bottom line is that you can't believe everything you see or hear — not on television, not with televangelists, and not with Zola Levitt. The way to discernment is to be like the Bereans, who "received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Do not follow a man, follow the Word.



Canadian Passports Won't Say "Israel"

Michal Lando, *The Jerusalem Post*

A 19-year-old Canadian citizen born in Jerusalem requested that the minister of foreign affairs list Israel as his country of birth on his Canadian passport. His request and appeal were rejected by the Canadian Federal Court of Appeal. The ruling emphasized that Canada's refusal to recognize Jerusalem as part of Israel was consistent with the UN's stance on the issue.

The judges wrote that a passport is no more than a travel document showing proof of citizenship and "there is no evidence that the absence of a country name beside Jerusalem hinders the ability to travel in any way." ★

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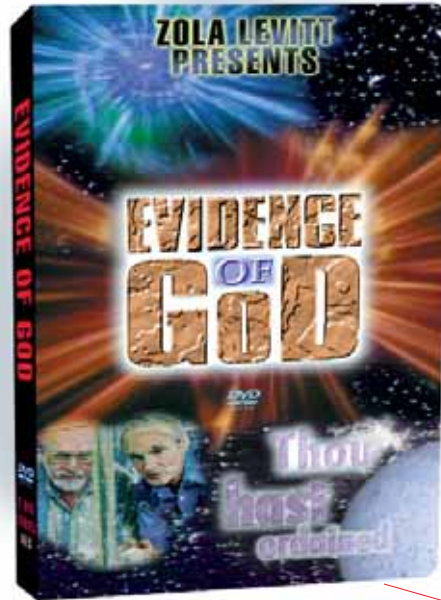


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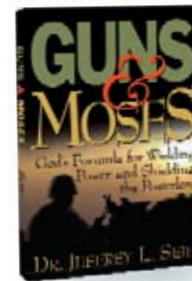
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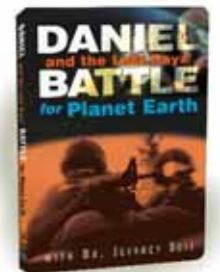
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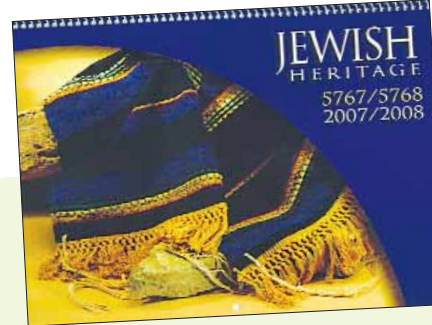
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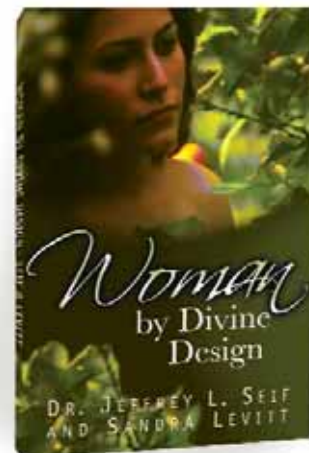
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