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

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A Hebrew Twist on Thanksgiving

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Any day of thanksgiving is a confessional day—a day of expressing a short creed that sums up our entire existence: God gives, we receive. Thanksgiving as a day of confession becomes very obvious when we look at it from a Hebrew perspective.

The one statement you'll never hear from God in the Old Testament is "Thank you." He says, "let there be" and "bless you" and "I am who I am," but he will never express gratitude to someone for a gift bestowed.

The reason is obvious: no one ever gives God anything that he didn't already give them first. David expresses it quite succinctly: *"All things come from You, and of Your own we have given You"* (1 Chron. 29:14). The Orthodox liturgy, echoing David, puts it this way: "Thine of Thine own, we offer to Thee."

Like a toddler at the dinner table, trying to feed Dad with the very food that Dad has earned,

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REMEMBER:

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28

Politics is Important, But Politics is Not the Gospel

By Dr. Michael Brown
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Politics is very important. Politics played a role in the abolition of slavery and segregation and in the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Politics affects the economy, which affects everyday life. Politics affects national security, which can be a matter of life and death. Politics affects which judges are appointed to our courts. Politics can affect our



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purchased, prepared, and spooned onto his plate—so are we with God.

To say “Thank you” is, therefore, a distinctly human activity. Those two words summarize our position as receivers in the divine/human relationship. Indeed, even our language is a gift from heaven. We couldn’t even pronounce those two words “Thank you” unless the Logos, the Word himself, had placed them in our mouths.

Any day of thanksgiving is thus a confessional day—a day of expressing a short creed that sums up our entire existence: God gives, we receive.

Thanksgiving as a day of confession becomes very obvious when we look at it from a Hebrew perspective.

The Hebrew verb for giving thanks is *yadah* (יָדָה). Frequently, it also means to confess. And rightly so, because in the Old Testament, when Israel thanks God, often that thanksgiving consists of confessing, in detail, exactly what he’s done—and continues to do—for his people.

The Hebrew twist on thanksgiving, therefore, is that it often sounds not so much like “thank you” as “Here is what kind of God you are for us.”

For instance, Psalm 136 is a thanksgiving hymn. It begins with the Hebrew verb *yadah*, “*O give thanks unto Yahweh, for he is good, and his lovingkindness endures forever.*” Three more times in this psalm, the poet calls on us to “give thanks to God.” But what’s fascinating is that, between all of these calls for thanksgiving, verse by verse, we re-

hearse the work of God in creation and exodus.

To say that God “*made the heavens with skill*” (vs. 5) or “*spread out the earth above the waters*” (vs. 6) or “*smote the Egyptians in their firstborn*” (vs. 10) are all ways of saying Thank You. How so? Because each of these describe the God who acts on behalf of his people to give them gifts. Much like a creed rehearses who God is and what he does, so this thanksgiving psalm recounts what God did in creation and redemption as an epiphany of his love.

To thank God, Hebrew style, is to confess who he is. That confession alone is our way of describing the fact that he gives and we receive. He saves and we are saved. He loves and we are the beloved.

One final thought based on all this: Jesus truly is what (in Greek) we could call our Eucharist (which means “thanksgiving”). He is Thanksgiving for he embodies both divinity and humanity in one person. He is both God the Giver and Man the Receiver. We look at Jesus as the one from whom every good gift comes to us; the one who is the gift of the Father; and the priest who, representing us all, gives thanks to the Father for us and all creation. Indeed, so gracious is he that he even places his body and blood into us in the Eucharistic meal, thereby uniting us to God and filling us with his Spirit.

A blessed Thanksgiving Day to everyone, as we confess who God is, the gift we have in Jesus, and our ability to thank the Lord through his Spirit. ☆

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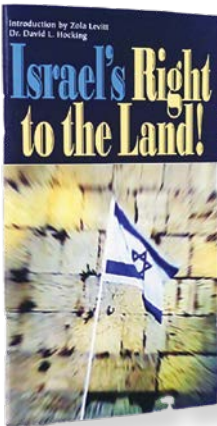
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Israel’s Right to the Land!
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Just as its title implies, this booklet answers head-on the question: “What right does Israel have to its land?” Featuring an introduction by Zola, *Israel’s Right to the Land!* pulls abundant evidence from the Scriptures, and directly addresses the 12 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 River Euphrates” — Gen. 15:18) by divine right!

Please see Zola’s article “Opening Eyes to the Truth” [on p.10](#).



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most fundamental freedoms and rights. Few things are more important than that. So, we dare not downplay what politics can do.

But politics is not the Gospel. Let's not confuse the two. **By highlighting the stark differences between politics and the Gospel, we can keep our priorities in the right place.**

Briefly, I'll contrast the negative side of politics with the positive power of the Gospel.

Politics says crush your enemies.
The Gospel says love your enemies.

Politics is a dog-eat-dog world.
The Gospel overcomes evil with good.

Politics changes laws.
The Gospel changes hearts.

Politics cannot save, deliver, or transform people.
The Gospel saves, delivers, and transforms.

Politics thrives on lies.
The Gospel thrives on truth.

Politics breeds personal vendettas.
The Gospel breeds reconciliation.

Politics is moved by polling and opinion.
The Gospel is moved by the fear of the Lord.

Politics is fueled by backroom deals.
The Gospel is fueled by prayer room appeals.

Politics operates in the power of the flesh.

The Gospel operates in the power of the Spirit.

Politics specializes in fear mongering ad campaigns.

The Gospel specializes in revealing God's love.

Politics impacts this world.

The Gospel impacts both this world and the world to come.

Politics is riddled with corruption.

The Gospel is marked by purity.

Politics exalts people.

The Gospel exalts Jesus.

Politics makes inflated promises.

The Gospel proclaims God's promises.

Politics is hollow.

The Gospel is holy.

You can probably add to this list, but here's the bottom line: Politics is important, but politics is not the Gospel.

So, let's get educated on the key issues, let's vote, and let's call our candidates to account. But **let's not look to politics to do what only the Gospel can do.** And let's make the Great Commission our greatest priority.

Put another way, if our slogan were "Make America Righteous," we know that neither the Republicans nor the Democrats could attain that goal.

Politics has its place; it's a very important place. But what the Gospel can do in a moment — save a sinner from death and judgment and give that person a new heart, delivering them from the kingdom of Satan and transferring them into the Kingdom of God — politics can never do.

It's really simple.

Let's keep the main thing the main thing. For followers of Jesus, the Gospel, not politics, must be the main thing. Always.

Let's resolve not only to vote but also to be kind to those who don't support our candidate — maintaining our fruit of the Spirit related to politics. —Kirsten ☆

Please see *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood on p. 36.*



Gazans: “Save Us From Hamas”

By Hugh Fitzgerald / JihadWatch.org



Hamas embeds its men and hides its weapons among civilians in Gaza. It holds them hostage as human shields against Israeli attacks, knowing that the Israel Defense Forces will withhold fire if civilians might be killed or injured in an attack on Hamas combatants. And if — as is unavoidable — some civilians are wounded or killed because of their proximity to the combatants and their weapons storehouses, Hamas uses those casualties for propaganda. The terror group is indifferent to the welfare of the people of Gaza. Hamas members even steal much of the humanitarian aid to use for themselves and their families, before it can reach its intended recipients — the people of Gaza.

It is dangerous to criticize Hamas, but more and more people in Gaza are sickened by what the terror group has inflicted on them. In their despair and fury, some Gazans have spoken up, despite the risks.

The Saudi Al Marsd [online news website] highlighted a Palestinian man who had been displaced from Khan Yunis. In a video on X that went viral, the man pled: “Save us from Hamas before the Jews. I appeal to every living conscience to watch. These are traders in our blood. Every day they trade in our blood. Our children and women are in the streets. Oh, conscience of the world, save us from Hamas before the Jews.”

Media outlets like Al Jazeera — the world’s largest Arab media outlet — often

ignore or censor criticism of Hamas. That’s because Al Jazeera is owned by the Qatari government, Hamas’s main financial supporter.

It takes great courage for a Gazan or a foreign volunteer to criticize Hamas. But the group’s indifference to civilian casualties has become too much for some Gazans. The doctors working on the front lines in Gaza — who’ve seen the suffering that Hamas has caused — have been the most outspoken. And the doctors, some of whom are foreign volunteers, are somewhat protected from retaliation by Hamas if they speak out against the terror group, because their services are understood to be so essential to the Gazans’ wellbeing, including the care they provide to wounded Hamas members.

One can understand why Al Jazeera doesn’t report on anti-Hamas sentiment in Gaza. But what explains the silence of the BBC, CNN, *The Guardian*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times* on those in Gaza who denounce Hamas as “scum”? Or their failure to report on the Kurdish volunteer doctor, Dr. Baxtiyar Baram, who claims that only 10% of Gazans now support Hamas? Go to it, Western media, or are you afraid that by exposing Hamas’ mistreatment of Gazans, you would help Israel — which, of course, would never be acceptable?

It’s time for the world to hear authentic commentary from Gazans, but Hamas must be eradicated for that to happen.

—David ☆





Many of you know that our youngest son, Ryan, spent three years living and working in Jerusalem. One activity that we really appreciate from his time there is that he can say Hebrew blessings for us before we eat. Although Jewish blessings are traditionally expressed after meals, we enjoy Ryan speaking ours before we eat.

In our fast-paced world, we can easily overlook “saying grace.” But in this month dedicated to giving thanks, let’s remember not only to speak words of grace before we eat our meals, but also to be people who generously extend grace to others.

Speaking thankful words over a meal, however, can be much easier than extending grace to those who are difficult to love. Honestly, it’s challenging for me to show grace to someone when I know their wrongdoings or actions that have harmed people close to me. I am fiercely protective of my sons, daughters-in-law, and husband when someone’s poor choices hurt or offend them. So, how do I live out my faith, give grace, and

protect my loved ones? I’m still working on that.

I must remind myself every day that God has generously extended His grace to me. Though I often fall short — speaking ungracious words and thinking thoughts that are less than loving — God overlooks my faults with an unending love that is beyond anything that I can imagine.

Showing grace and forgiving others are characteristics that will distinguish us as Believers*. This is not always easy. Often, we hold on to grudges to use later to prove someone wrong or justify our feelings. Unfortunately, this “holding on” can eat us alive — affecting us spiritually as well as physically.

This Thanksgiving, let’s give ourselves the gift of releasing those who have hurt us. Let go of past grievances. Focus on the blessings God has graciously provided. Embrace today’s gift of life. Then, we can be thankful for freedom from the shackles of negative thinking and an unforgiving heart.

Happy Thanksgiving! ☆

*Therefore, as God’s chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves in tender compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and patience —
bearing with one another and forgiving each other,
if anyone has a grievance against another.
Just as the Lord pardoned you,
so also you must pardon others.*

COLOSSIANS 3:12–13 (TLV)

* “Believers” is short for “believers in Yeshua/Jesus as Messiah.”



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Jeff interviewing David Dolan on the Mount of Olives

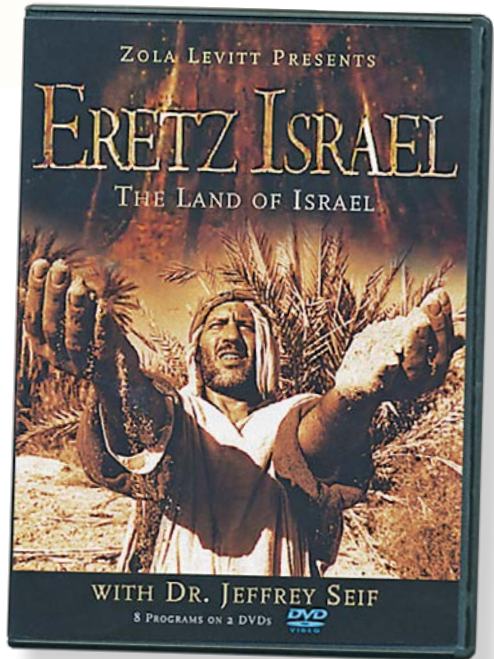
Entering the Promised Land Though the Patriarchs were long dead by his time, Moses picked up and ran with their living Land promises. At Jericho, the ancient Israelites began to contend for the destiny promised by God — their residency in the Land of Israel.

Fighting for the Promised Land The ageless mandate to lay claim to the patriarchs' promises was passed on to Joshua. The battle at Hazor secured the northern territories for Abraham's offspring.

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Israel Fulfilling Prophecy Jeff and David review the State of Israel's Biblical significance, its changing borders, and the Biblical timetable ahead.



The Pilgrims: Rebels for Jesus!

Caleb & Joshua Colson
The Bearded Bible
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From the beginning, God designed the harvest of crops to represent abundance, blessing, and celebration. Nearly every Jewish festival is linked to their agrarian societal seasons or their survival from near annihilation (e.g., *Purim* and *Hanukkah*). This is likewise true with the first American Thanksgiving. A group of radical, Separatist Puritans known as Pilgrims, who had escaped the persecution of a tyrannical state church, later celebrated God's divine intervention with an abundance of flavors!

As we considered the Pilgrims' actions of braving the Atlantic Ocean for the New World, we stumbled upon a PBS documentary that noted an excellent, contemporary comparison of their courage. The TV program stated: "The Pilgrims had the courage to make the equivalent of what would be a Mars mission today." That's hardcore! Why was the Pilgrims' drive so strong that they would risk not only their lives but also their children's lives to do what seemed impossible? The answer is clear: They refused to compromise their faith in God!

Not unlike the Jewish expulsion from England in 1290, the Pilgrims fled England because they refused to participate in the corrupt state Church. Imagine if the U.S. government mandated a single

religion, declared its moral principles and dogma, and decreed how citizens were required to worship. Tyranny, heresy, and perversion are not strong enough words to describe what would result in this country! But even after the Pilgrims emigrated to and could worship freely in Holland, they saw the depravity of society beginning to permeate their children's lives. This spurred their decision to risk their physical lives in order to save their offspring's eternal souls.

While many people may question the Pilgrims' specific doctrines, their brazen faith is undeniable. Their Judeo-Christian principles served as the building blocks of the U.S. Constitution and freedom of religion that Americans enjoy today. As with Abraham, whose faith was credited to him as righteousness (Rom. 4:3), God honored the Pilgrims' faith by sending divine appointments to prepare their survival in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Although storms blew the Mayflower off course from their intended target, these Believers discovered land that was already cleared and ready to grow crops. This territory was previously occupied by Native Americans who died during a plague. Supernaturally, a Native American named Samoset walked into the Pilgrims' village and spoke to them in English,



which he had learned from English fishermen in the north.

Six days later, Samoset brought Squanto, the last surviving remnant of the Patuxet tribe, whom an English slave trader had taken captive. After being later ransomed by Franciscan monks in Spain, Squanto received an education, learned the ways of God, and eventually returned to his homeland. Squanto became the liaison between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Confederacy. He taught the English settlers how to grow crops that were native to this land and how to survive the harsh winters. Isn't this like God to use catastrophe and sorrow to bring about good?

Modern Believers in America have never faced persecution like many Christians and Jews have suffered throughout history. Though our country was founded by trailblazers who risked everything to secure our freedom, liberty, and equality, such selfless sacrifice and active faith are lacking just a few hundred years later.

Therefore, we are sounding the call for God's people to do something different

from the Pilgrims who fled persecution. We want Believers to use that same active faith to face opposition head on! **Persecution is coming to Christians in America just as vicious attacks against Jewish people are now the norm.** Soon, we will see the prophetic manifestation of the Scriptures: apostasy of the Church (2 Thess. 2:3, 7) and persecution of true Believers (Rev. 2:9–10). Instead of keeping to ourselves and preaching to the choir, we want to make our voices louder! Instead of fleeing the world, let's face the lost in love.

Now is the time for the Gospel to go forth in truth and power! We are thankful for each of you who has made this mission your own by supporting us spiritually and financially. Please join us — both Jew and gentile, hand in hand — in fulfilling Messiah's Great Commission as time barrels toward a climactic conclusion. ☆

Caleb & Joshua



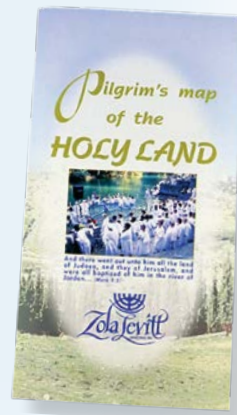
[Pictorial Map of Jerusalem](#)

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Please see the Classic Zola article "Opening Eyes to the Truth" on [p.10](#).





Opening Eyes to the Truth

by Zola Levitt
from 1994
30 years ago

Some days in the Lord's work are better than others. I recently had a wonderful exchange of views with an Arab friend concerning Israel, and, as with the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane, God sent an "angel" to strengthen me.

I was having lunch with a West Bank settler — today's most unpopular Israeli — when my Arab waiter, a seminary student who had served me many times, objected to the article "An Unrepentant Zionist" that I wrote in the previous *Levitt Letter*. That article clarified that I felt that the Land of Israel must go to the Jews and that the Palestinians caused virtually all of the trouble over there.

My friend, a Jordanian and thus "Palestinian" by association, **argued that my support of Israel was not appropriate.**

A Dallas Theological Seminary student, he takes the view that the Israel we see today is not a fulfillment of prophecy — a position held by liberals, Amillennialists, and others. My friend said that Israel would indeed have its covenant promises fulfilled, but only when the Lord returns. He added that what we see over there now is just some political entity, a result of the affairs of men.

The Dry Bones Vision (Ezek. 37) and 100 other passages clarify that the restoration of Israel is a lengthy and gradual process, and the spiritualizing of that nation is a God-given blessing before the Second Coming. But my friend's objections were on an emotional level, not theological. I have argued this elementary point with theologians, and it is easy to persuade them that what we see in Israel is indeed the major work of God in the world today, not just a sideline. But a Jordanian Arab — Christian or otherwise — is harder to convince.

The settler and I argued with him ineffectively about Israel being at least the Chosen People and that the land going to them was a Godlier thing than if it was going to pagans. But it was a standoff. **Since most Arab people, and many oth-**

ers, argue on emotional grounds about Israel, it is difficult to make headway on Biblical grounds with them.

The next day, my settler friend and I met with a Lebanese Christian, **Dr. Walid Phares**, with whom I was taping a program. Dr. Phares — President of the World Lebanese Organization and a professor of international relations — is



Dr. Walid Phares

very knowledgeable about the origins and history of Middle Eastern lands. He was extremely clear about the fact that Israel should go to the Jews, and that the surrounding lands, if he had his way, should return to their original holders before the Arab conquests beginning in A.D. 636. He showed a map of the Middle East prior to that date — clearly the Arabs were one very small people on a very large map. There were Persians, Copts, and Hebrews among a host of other nations who once held those territories.

Dr. Phares clarified that the Arab invasions had taken lands from the original owners. He added that he was a Phoenician and not an Arab. I found his view extraordinary, but Lebanese Christians generally support Israel's right to its land. Those who are Bible readers, it goes without saying, feel strongly about that. Other Lebanese have been discouraged by Palestinian terrorism



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in their own country; they do not really wish to border a Palestinian power and would rather have the Israelis as their neighbors. The South Lebanese Army, a Christian force that colludes with the Israeli Defense Forces above Galilee in southern Lebanon, is an example of the cooperation of Lebanese Christians and Israeli nationals.

As soon as I heard Dr. Phares' views, I asked if he would like to have lunch at my favorite Arab restaurant! He accepted, and soon my friend and I were back at our debate, but with the help of God's Arabic-speaking angel.

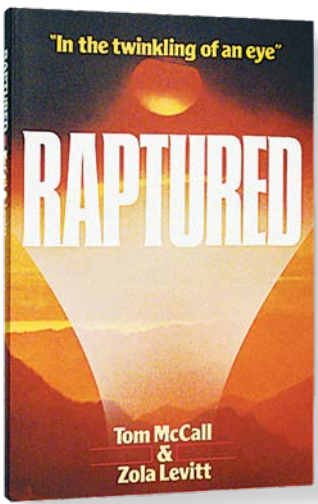
The Arabic language rang out as the two went at the subject. I could barely tell what was going on. As they talked, however, the young student seemed to be listening. He nodded his head, asked questions, and learned. The conversation went on for some time. (The two even met the next day and continued their dialogue).

I'd like to say that the young man then turned to me to order our *Israel's Right to The Land!* booklet and *Pilgrim's Map of the Holy Land*. Actually, we left on a warm note with handshakes all around and a lot of information exchanged. The whole incident left me with a very good feeling that people not knowledgeable about the vital importance of Israel, no matter where they come from, can learn



it. Many denominational churches typically know little about Israel and can't imagine why Biblical people would be so concerned about it. Naturally, if you had put the Bible away 50 years ago, you would have lost sight of the fact that this small nation is the apple of God's eye and is mentioned on almost every page. Slowly you'd begin to think that the American Church is God's major mechanism of dealing with the world today, a view now taught at Dallas Theological Seminary and in certain Christian magazines and churches. The foolishness called Replacement Theology — where the Church is now Israel and Israel is, I don't know what — infects a majority of American churchgoing people even as God acts day-by-day in restoring Israel before their eyes. ☆

Please see "["Palestine's' Inauthentic Flag"](#) [on p. 12](#) and "["Archaeology — A Big Problem for the Palestinian Cause"](#) [on p. 32](#).



Raptured book By Tom McCall and Zola Levitt

The Rapture of the Church — discussed in full with relevant Scriptures. The various views of when it might happen are evenhandedly debated as to which seems most correct. A doctrine not always understood by the Church, but one that will affect everyone on Earth — Believer and unbeliever alike.

Please see the letters from N.B. and S.R. on [p. 22](#).

“Palestine’s” Inauthentic Flag

Mark Levitt
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since 1988



credit: Wikimedia Commons



Soldiers in the Arab Army (c. 1917) with the flag of the Arab Revolt, also known as the flag of Hejaz

NBC News recently stated, “The Palestinian flag has become a symbol of solidarity for the suffering of the Palestinian people in the Israel-Hamas war.” Robert Spencer subsequently offered more insightful observations about the flag, including the following excerpts.* —Mark

It’s a ubiquitous symbol of “resistance,” as inauthentic as the Palestinian people themselves. It indicates that the Palestinians are a newly minted ethnicity — invented, in fact, by the KGB and Yasser Arafat in the 1960s to be a weapon against Israel.

Previously, it was the banner of the Hashemite Kingdom of Hejaz, which was established in 1916. In 1924, it became the flag of the Sharifian Caliphate in what is now Western Saudi Arabia and lasted until 1931. The Hejaz is in Arabia — not “Palestine.”

The designer of the flag was not a Palestinian but an English colonel named

Mark Sykes, who created it in 1917. There were no Palestinians in those days.



English Colonel Mark Sykes

What is known today as the flag of Palestine was never the flag of Palestine at all. The name “Palestine” historically refers to a region that was so named by the Romans after they expelled the Jews in A.D. 134. The Romans took this name from that of the Philistines — the Israelites’ Biblical enemies — who had long since died out. Thus, Palestine for the Romans (and everyone else) was just the name of a region, not of a people. And it had no flag.

Throughout history, there was never an independent Palestinian state. Arabs in the area never flew this flag.

In 1964, however, the Palestine Liberation Organization adopted the current Palestinian flag as its own. That year, the group also changed its name to the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), in recognition of the newly created nation-

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ality it was supposedly dedicated to “liberating.” There was no Palestinian nationality before the 1960s, when it was invented in order to reposition what was then universally known as the Arab/Israeli conflict.

Up to the invention of “Palestinians,”

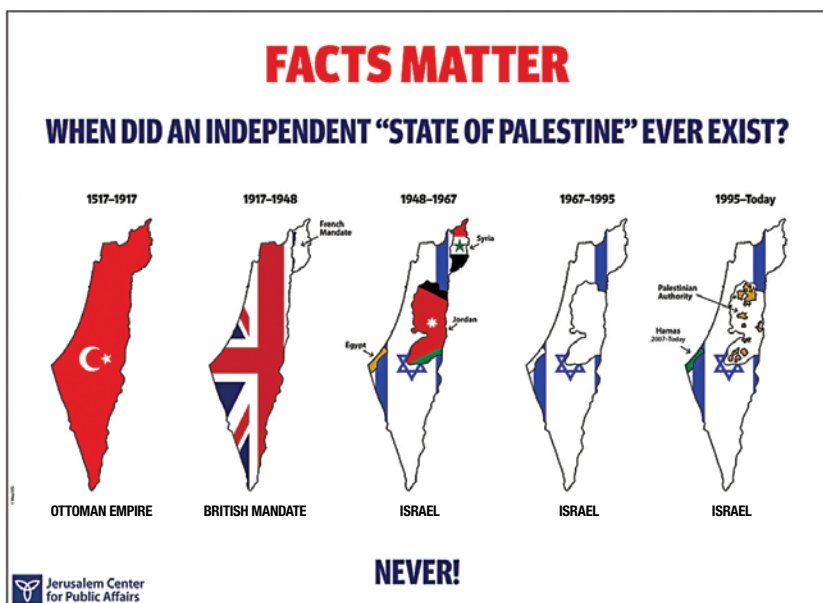
the Israelis were the tiny, besieged people amidst a huge number of hostile Arabs. After that invention, the “Palestinians” became the tiny, besieged people against the big, bad Israelis.

PLO executive committee member Zahir Muhsein asserted in 1977:

The Palestinian people do not exist.

The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel for our Arab unity. In reality, today there is no difference between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians, and Lebanese. Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct “Palestinian people” to oppose Zionism.

For tactical reasons, Jordan, which is a sovereign state with defined borders, cannot raise claims to Haifa and Jaffa — while as a Palestinian, I can undoubtedly demand Haifa, Jaffa, Beer-Sheva, and Jerusalem. However, the moment we reclaim our right to all of Palestine, we will not wait even a minute to unite Palestine and Jordan.



Now that Sykes' handiwork is the flag of the nonexistent nation of Palestine, anyone who wears it is making peculiar political statements. Someone committed to the cause enough to wear a Palestine flag around his waist as he attacks a synagogue is not just expressing pride in this fictional nation. He's also demonstrating solidarity with the Palestinians in their war against Israel, which, we must remember, they started — and wish to continue until there is a new genocide of the Jews. It is the banner of hatred, evil, and murder. That is why jihadis wave it with pride. ☆

Please see “Opening Eyes to the Truth” on p. 10 and “Archaeology — A Big Problem for the Palestinian Cause” on p. 32.

* Read the full article here: bit.ly/4dBcwPp



What is the Apostasy of the Last Days? Part 2

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In the New Testament, “apostasy” refers to those who forsake or abandon their faith in Jesus Christ and the revealed truth of God. Apostasy has increased since the first century, but Scripture reveals that there will be a great defection (“falling away”) in the Last Days. People will turn away from the Gospel and Biblical truth before the rise of the antiChrist and the subsequent return of Jesus Christ:

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition” (2 Thess. 2:3).

False teachers, false apostles, false christ, false brethren, and counterfeit Christians are responsible for the increase in apostasy. Such deceivers deny some or all historic essentials of the Christian faith as noted in God’s Word, including the deity of Christ, Jesus’ Incarnation and virgin birth, His sinless life, His death as an atonement to pay the penalty for our sins, the bodily resurrection of Christ from the dead, and His Second Coming.

Unfortunately, this selective belief in the Bible is the current reality in many churches, where members also reject the inerrancy of Scripture, the authority of Scripture alone, and salvation by faith alone in Christ alone. Apostates exist in every major Christian denomination, as

well as in many Christian colleges and seminaries.

While some apostates remain in the Church, others depart from it. Either way, apostates were never saved in the first place. Mark Hitchcock and Jeff Kinley emphasize this in their book, *The Coming Apostasy*:

Apostates are those who profess faith but rebel or fall away from it. They never possessed Christ and eternal life but simply professed faith. Apostates are consistently characterized by two things in the New Testament: false doctrine and ungodly living. Apostates believe wrong and behave wrong. They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him.

One of the first followers of Jesus — the false apostle Judas Iscariot — is a classic example of an apostate. Like all apostates, Judas followed Jesus Christ for a while. Ultimately, however, he betrayed the Lord for personal gain — thirty pieces of silver!

In these Last Days, it is critical for born-again Believers to pray for discernment and seek to combat apostasy inside and outside the Church. Believers must earnestly contend for the faith with the Sword of the Spirit — the Word of God (Jude 3–4; Eph. 6:17). ✨

*They went out from us, but they were not
of us; for if they had been of us,
they would have continued with us;
but they went out that they might be
made manifest, that none
of them were of us.*

1 JOHN 2:19



ZLM Bulletin Board



Remains of an exploded pager

Message in a Beeper

In September, exploding electronic devices killed dozens of Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon. Though Israel hasn't commented, many linked the explosions to the Jewish State. As Scott Pinsker noted in an article at PJMedia.com, Israel's actions sent a message to the terrorists: "We delivered you these pagers. We've been tracking your movements for months. We know where you are currently. We know where you go for your 'secret meetings.' We know who you've been meeting with. We know everything about who you are and what you do. If we want a drone to drop a bomb on your head, we'll do so at a time of our own choosing."

Do Israeli Lives Matter?

Captain Alina Pravosudova, 23, from Haifa, was killed battling Hamas terrorists who overran the Urim IDF base on October 7, 2023. Alina was a combat soldier in the search and rescue team of the Home Front Command. Her parents, Olga and Michel, immigrated to Israel from Ukraine in the late 90s, pursuing a better future. Alina, who loved ballet and Aikido, volunteered with Magen David Adom for four years. View more photos of Alina at: <https://bit.ly/3TS4R88>



Alina Pravosudova

credit: Family of Alina Pravosudova

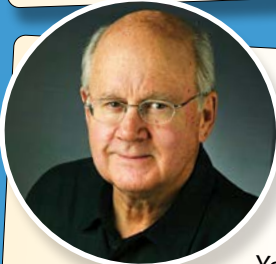
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Scott Burns

Be a "Now-ist"

Financial columnist **Scott Burns** wrote an article entitled, "Giving: Now, Later, or After?"

You can read its highlights on [pages 12-13 of the March 2022 Levitt Letter](#). Burns notes that "Someday Philanthropists" are usually over 70 with no pressing need to provide for immediate family. Some of them complain about the high taxes on their unneeded required minimum distributions (RMDs). Burns suggests that by making donations from your RMDs, the dreaded "taxable event" disappears.

"COME HOME!"

Zola Tours to Israel



See page 36 for details





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Hebrew Lesson

God's Faithful Afflictions

by John Parsons
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יִדְעֵתִי יְהוָה כִּי צָדֵק מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ וְאַמוּנָה עֲנִיתָנִי:

“I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.” —Psalm 119:75

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You afflicted me	and in faithfulness	Your judgments	that righteous	LORD	I know		

Read Hebrew right to left! ←

Affliction can sometimes feel like torture — like being abandoned by God, misunderstood by others, and disgusted with ourselves. The language of pain is intensely personal and often inexpressible. Ongoing affliction tempts us to blame ourselves, lose sight of God, and feel hopeless. It is a real struggle.

Simone Weil suffered personal affliction her whole life, but connected it to the deeper message of the Gospel. She learned that the walk of faith was not so much a search for a supernatural *remedy* from suffering but a supernatural *use* for it. Weil grew to accept and to endure her afflictions even though they haunted her daily life. She regarded suffering as the high calling to love and trust God despite her pain; she learned Paul's secret truth that *“when I am weak, then am I strong”* (2 Cor. 12:10).

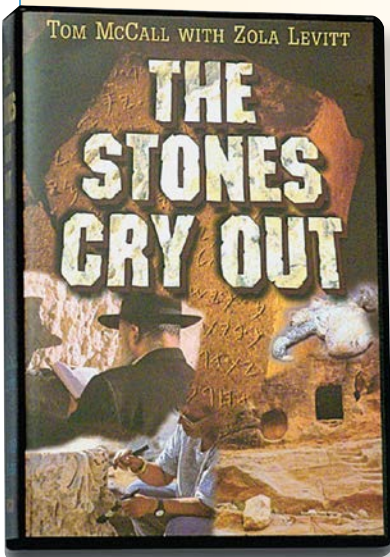
The challenge of ongoing affliction is simultaneously to affirm God's presence and His love amidst the “dark cloud of unknowing.” Faith is the struggle to trust that God works all things —

including our ongoing afflictions — together for our good (Rom. 8:28); it discovers that God's grace is always sufficient, even in our weaknesses (2 Cor. 12:9).

The aim of affliction is to ground us in the truth, namely, that we are not God, and that we must surrender ourselves to God's care, even in the wastelands and desperate moments of our lives. When we cling to this world — this life — and seek to make it of value apart from Him, we are living in a state of delusion and blindness. When we are truly humbled by affliction, we are set free from the futility of seeking to control the world, and the truth will make us free indeed.

For those whom God has chosen, the fires of affliction are purifying, refining fires, intended to separate what is precious from the dross. We glorify God in the fire when we can say, “Here I am, Lord, do with me as it seems good in Thy sight, for I know I shall not have one lash, but Thou will give me grace to bear under it.” Amen. ✨





The Stones Cry Out DVD Set

Twelve 30-minute TV programs (3 DVDs)

Archaeological discoveries continue to validate the Biblical record. To film “dig” sites and interview experts, Zola journeyed to Israel and Jordan. Just as our Lord said about this remarkable Land, *The Stones Cry Out*.

The Tunnel Zola walks the tunnel under the western edge of the Temple Mount. We get a journalist’s perspective of the Palestinian uproar that erupted when the tunnel was opened to the public in 1996.

A Tale of Two Temples An unearthed marketplace shows the Roman destruction of the Temple. Mount Gerizim to the north hosts the excavation of a Samaritan temple patterned after the Jerusalem Temple.

Rulers in Stone Caesarea, on Israel’s Mediterranean coast, has yielded first-century finds such as the first extra-Biblical reference to Pontius Pilate, and a full-size Temple replica. At Tel Dan, the “House of David” has been confirmed archaeologically.

The Jerusalem That Was Bible Lands Museum houses a model of Jerusalem as it would have looked in 586 B.C. In the City of David, we examine a four-room house, typical architecture for ancient Israelites.

Past and Future Destruction Ongoing excavations at Hazor have unearthed Canaanite idols and confirmation of the city burning as recorded in Joshua 11. The Valley of Armageddon holds prophetic archaeological significance.

Archaeology and the Scriptures In Jerusalem, Zola explains the history of the Citadel, also called “David’s Tower.” We talk with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Cities of the Past Zippori was a thriving cultural center in Galilee that probably influenced Jesus as a boy in Nazareth. Ekron was one of five prominent Old Testament cities of the Philistines.

Shadows from the Past A chamber of tombs, near the Garden Tomb but dated to the time of the First Temple, helps us understand burial customs of that day. We visit the Qumran cave where the first Dead Sea Scroll was found.

A Tale of Three Cities In Biblical times, a business relationship existed between three Jordan Valley cities: Beit Shean, Rehovot (west of the Jordan River), and Pella (east of the Jordan River). We visit excavations in each city.

The Rose Red City The ancient Nabataeans were famous for their skill in rock carving. Petra, their capital southeast of the Dead Sea, is the “rose-red city” known for its magnificent buildings carved into the native rock.

A Man Crucified On display at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, a man’s heel bone that was pierced by a nail is the first archaeological proof of Roman crucifixions in Israel.

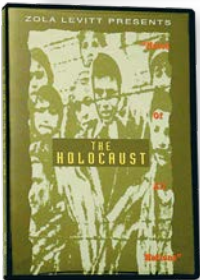
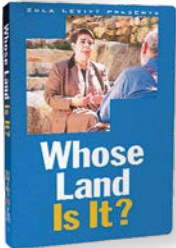
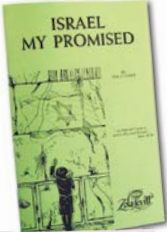
Truth from the Stones Zola discusses how the artifacts shown throughout this series illuminate Scripture, and how Believers can be encouraged when *The Stones Cry Out*.

Please see the Classic Zola article “Opening Eyes to the Truth” [on p.10](#).





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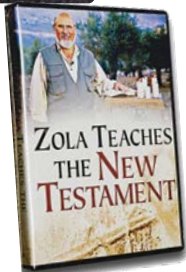
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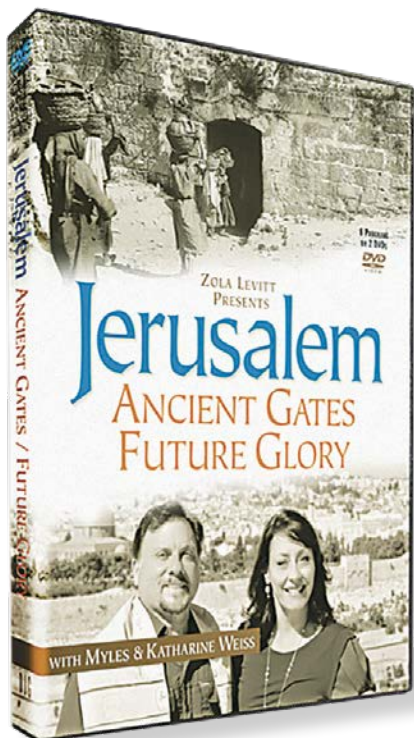
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The Dung Gate served as a passage for carrying refuse out of the city and leads to the Western Wall of the Temple Mount, Judaism's holiest site. Interview: Rabbi Marty Waldman.

The Zion Gate, that leads to the Jewish and Armenian Quarters of the Old City, was a focal point in the history of the modern Zionist movement. David Parsons of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) explains the end-times connection between Jews and Christians.

The Jaffa Gate opens to the West and symbolizes the Gospel going out to the gentiles. Interviews: Tom Hess (Jerusalem House of Prayer for All Nations) and faith-filled Holocaust survivor Phillip Meyers, founder of Immanuel Tours.

The New Gate, as its name implies, is the most recent gate and gives access to the Christian Quarter of the Old City. It provides a picture of God's heart for unity. Interviews: David Parsons (ICEJ) and Jan Willem van der Hoeven of the International Christian Zionist Center (ICZC).

The Damascus Gate points toward Syria's capital as a window to the North and to the Muslim world.

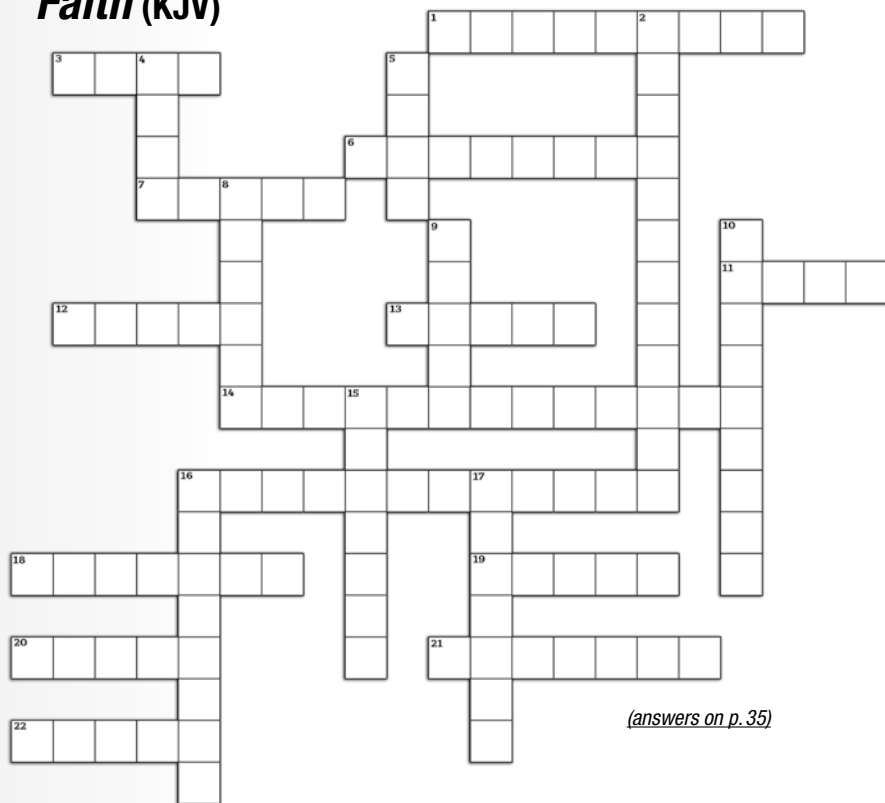
Herod's Gate dates back to the time of Herod the Great. The historical site of many attacks, it represents today's ongoing spiritual battles. Interview: Rosemary Schindler.

Lions Gate, also known as "Saint Stephen's Gate," is where the Israeli army entered to re-take possession of the Old City in 1967. Interview: David Dolan with Colonel Shimon Cahaner.

The Eastern Gate has been closed since Byzantine times in a Muslim attempt to thwart the Jewish Messiah's Second Coming. The Eastern (or Golden) Gate will open again when the King of Kings returns. Interview: Tommy Waller of HaYovel.



Faith (KJV)



(answers on p.35)

Across:

1. I am _ with Christ ... (Gal. 2:20)
3. Now the _ shall live by faith ... (Heb. 10:38)
6. ... the faithful God, which keepeth _ ... (Deut. 7:9)
7. For by _ are ye saved through faith ... (Eph. 2:8)
11. O _ the LORD, all ye His saints ... (Ps. 31:23)
12. Through _ we understand ... (Heb. 11:3)
13. ... faith, if it hath not _, is dead ... (James 2:17)
14. ... his faith is counted for _ . (Rom. 4:5)
16. All Thy _ are faithful ... (Ps. 119:86)
18. The Lord is my _ ... (Lam. 3:24)
19. For we walk by faith, not by _ : (2 Cor. 5:7)
20. Now faith is the substance of things _ for ... (Heb. 11:1)
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22. ... Thy faith hath saved thee; go in _ . (Luke 7:50)

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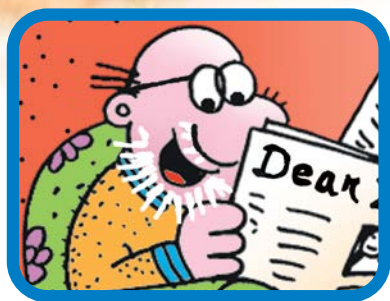
2. ... Thy _ reacheth unto the clouds. (Ps. 36:5)
4. I will _ of the mercies of the Lord for ever ... (Ps. 89:1)
5. ... Well done, _ and faithful servant ... (Matt. 25:23)
8. ... Jesus the _ and finisher of our faith ... (Heb. 12:2)
9. ... thy faith hath made thee _ . (Matt. 9:22)
10. A faithful man shall abound with _ ... (Prov. 28:20)
15. So then faith cometh by _ ... (Rom. 10:17)
16. For ye are all the _ of God by faith ... (Gal. 3:26)
17. ... If ye have faith as a grain of _ seed ... (Matt. 17:20)

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Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
— PSALM 103:2 NIV





Letters to ZLM

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Tribulation and Rapture

From N.B.: Many people are saying now that we Believers will go through the Tribulation or at least part of it. They claim that the Pre-Trib Rapture was invented just a couple of hundred years ago. Now I don't know what to believe. I'm on a wait-and-see plan.

Dear N.B.,

The modern Church's teachings are easily swayed by the current environment. COVID swerved half of the Church into the "through the Trib" doctrine. However, Polycarp — who was a disciple of John, one of Yeshua's original disciples — taught a pre-tribulation Rapture. Many other Church fathers from the first century also taught this. But we don't blame you for your "wait-and-see plan."

— Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

From S.R.: What do you say to our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world who are being slaughtered? Is the Rapture just going to be for the West? Many saints are definitely going through Tribulation now!

Dear S.R.,

Those Believers around the world are accurately described in Revelation 2:8-11 as the persecuted church in Smyrna. God encourages them to remain faithful even unto death, for they will receive a great reward. However, the Lord does promise an ultimate redemption from the coming Tribulation in Revelation 3:10 — "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the Earth."

— Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

Zola Tours

From J.G.: I am a single, 71-year-old and want to go on the Zola Tour next spring. I'd rather not pay the extra money for a single ticket. Will they match you with a roommate?

Dear J.G.,

We would love for you to go with us, and YES, you can economize by possibly being paired with a roommate. Contact our travel manager, Sandra, to join our waitlist and get the information you need: 214-696-9760, travel@levitt.com, or levitt.com/tours. — David

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The Abomination, Third Temple, and The End

From J.F.: In Matthew 24:15, Yeshua said that the Prophet Daniel spoke of the abomination of desolation. For this to happen, doesn't there have to be a Third Temple? **If so, does this mean that the Temple must be built before Yeshua returns for us?** Also, Matthew 24:14 states, *"This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."* Have we not done this yet? What nations still haven't had the Gospel preached to them?

Dear J.F.,

Yeshua's reference to Daniel's prophecy of the abomination is a very important clue. Satan attempted to fulfill this moment through Antiochus IV Epiphanes. In the second century B.C., he polluted Zerubbabel's Temple by erecting an idol to Zeus in the Holy Place and by sacrificing pigs on the brazen altar. Thus, the second and final fulfillment through the Beast must occur in a rebuilt Temple as well. This Third Temple must house a Mercy Seat (aka Ark of the Covenant) so that Satan can sit in the Holy of Holies and declare himself to be God (2 Thess. 2:4). Also, the Third Temple must be built before Yeshua's Second Coming. However, **the timing of its construction — before or after the Rapture — is up for debate.**

The Gospel has yet to reach the entire world. There are lost tribes (e.g., in the Amazon) that have not heard the Gospel of Yeshua. Unfortunately, we as Christians have not taken the command of the Great Commission seriously enough. There are many documented cases (from Iran Alive Ministries) of Yeshua testifying of His divinity as He appeared to many Iranians. We have also heard from Mario Murillo about his efforts to lead Americans to Jesus. He noted that he has spoken to teenagers and gang members who had never heard about Jesus. We've got our work cut out for us! — Blessings, Joshua and Caleb



Praying for the Lost

From S.S.: I just read Kirsten's recent newsletter article about the Father's immeasurable love for every one of us, no matter who we are or where we come from (*September 2024 Levitt Letter, p. 6*). I appreciated that so much. I have been praying Luke 6:27-28 to teach my heart not to read news with an us-versus-them perspective that I know the Lord does not have. And then, after reading about Kirsten's eldest son and his wife being restored, I am in joyful tears and reminded to pray more for the lost.



Dear S.S.,

Rejoicing with others is such a gift. Thank you for your encouragement and magnanimous heart. — Kirsten

Nova Music Festival Massacre

From T.H.Y.: This was horrible. I'm still praying for the hostages to be returned. But why did they have a big Buddha statue there?

Dear T.H.Y.,

Unfortunately, not all Israelis believe in the God of Israel. In fact, many Jews are secular. The actions of many of those attending the festival were not Biblical, which only magnifies the tragedy that so many of them perished without choosing Yeshua as their Savior. — Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

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Tone Down the Humor

From J.A.: Thank you for your television program. I've been a fan of ZLM since the Zola days! But showing the YouTube videos of Josh and Caleb doesn't seem to coincide with the atmosphere of *Our Jewish Roots* (*OJR*). The guys are awesome when they're serious and not constantly joking around; but unfortunately, that's pretty rare. Joking about the Bible and its characters isn't befitting of the program that Zola created. Keep the guys, but maybe tone down the continual joking. Seems sort of like fraternity brothers. God bless and thank you.

Dear J.A.,

Thanks for the suggestion. During our first year as hosts of *OJR*, our producers felt the need to introduce us properly by bringing everyone up to speed on our previous online teachings. While these programs won't always be the norm, we find that most viewers gravitate toward our Biblically inspired humor as we address difficult subjects. We believe that the Father created humor in order to instill joy in His children and bring a merry heart for healing. After 20+ years in ministry, and being raised in a missions-focused household, this is our natural God-given and God-directed way of communicating the Gospel of Yeshua.

There will only be one Zola Levitt, and likewise one Joshua Colson and one Caleb Colson. We can only be who God made us to be. **Coincidentally, we believe that using levity in our teaching is a subversive way to teach important topics that would normally offend** some Believers and non-believers alike. Rest assured; we always allow the Holy Spirit to direct us in the moment that it's time to become serious. — Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

Signs of the End (1993) – #3 Reaction from those in Israel on YouTube

From B.B.: This program is another example of where 30- to 40-year-old *Zola Levitt Presents* TV programs mesh perfectly with your modern *OJR* programs. This series is still so relevant and historic. Let's all support *Our Jewish Roots*. Whoever pulled these episodes from the vault, thank you!



Dear B.B.

We totally agree! Zola was accurate for his time while also being Biblically on point about what is happening now. When you see such consistency, you know that someone was speaking and teaching accurate Scripture. — Kirsten

Help with Jewish Evangelism?

From P.M.: Can you recommend an organization that focuses on evangelism of Jewish people? God is burdening my heart so much to contribute as much as I can. I want to see as many as possible be redeemed to Yeshua, so they can escape the time of Jacob's Trouble!

Dear P.M.,

Check out Jews for Jesus (JewsForJesus.org). They are still the best at what they do! — Blessings, Joshua and Caleb ☆





Signs of a Scam

Scammers often pressure or threaten you to give them money immediately — **they want you to act quickly before thinking clearly.**

- **Transactions involving gift cards or cryptocurrency are scams.** Also, beware of “friends” offering to teach you about cryptocurrency.
- Beware of **messages with flawed English**, typos, or punctuation errors. Look for words such as “kindly” or “Okay,” or messages with inappropriate slang for the context.
- **Never confirm your address** to have a package delivered. A scammer wants you to sign on to their fake postal service or UPS web page.
- Beware of **a call supposedly from a family member who claims that they’re in trouble** or have been kidnapped and need money. First, confirm their identity. There’s almost NO chance that it’s real. **Set up a code word** with family members so they can quickly verify their identity.
- When buying or selling, be cautious if someone wants to **move to another chat platform like WhatsApp or Telegram.**
- Beware when someone urges you to **lie about why you are withdrawing money** or buying gift cards.
- If **someone threatens you** and claims to be a crime lord, it’s bogus. While it’s terrifying, you must block and ignore them.
- Be wary of a call from someone claiming to be from the police, FBI, or IRS and saying that **they will arrest you unless you send them money.**
- If a pretty **stranger sends you a friend request on Facebook**, she’s not real. Friending her will lead to a scam.
- Beware if Microsoft or an anti-virus company calls claiming that your **computer is infected**, and they’ll fix it for a fee. No one will ever call you about this! Never let a stranger access your computer remotely.
- Beware of anyone claiming to have **compromising photos or videos** of you who threatens to send those to your contacts unless you pay. Ignore these scams. **Many teens have committed suicide over this!**
- When someone offers to **pay you for the rights to use your image or artwork** in a project, this will become a fake-check scam.
- Beware of **work-at-home jobs doing simple tasks for a good salary.** This task scam will become a fake-check scam.
- If it **feels like a scam**, it probably is.

If you fall for a scam

People of all ages fall for these tricks. You’ve been violated by experts who con people daily and can be extremely convincing. Don’t be ashamed. Instead, follow these tips:

1. If you sent money and think that you were scammed, don’t send more money for any reason. The person will keep asking for more but usually won’t follow through with any threats. They want to maximize their gain with the least effort. Block and ignore them.
2. Beware of Recovery Scams — someone claiming that they’ll recover your lost money for a fee. This scam only victimizes the victimized.
3. Report any theft to your local police or the FBI.

Visit [reddit.com/r/Scams/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Scams/) to discover more scams and how to avoid becoming a victim. ☆



Portable Power from Flexible Solar Panels

By Abigail Klein Leichman
Israel21c.org



An Amazon logistics center in France features a unique solar pavement that generates electricity to charge employees' electric bikes and scooters. The lightweight, flexible solar panels, manufactured by Israel's Apollo Power, are also scheduled to be installed on the roof of the Amazon building.

"The basic technology of solar cells is very thin silicon wafers," explained Apollo CEO and co-founder **Oded Rozenburg**. Because those wafers are very fragile, they are coated with glass, which makes them heavy and expensive. Thus, most solar panels were mounted only on structures that could support their weight.

This limitation continued until **Eran Maimon**, studying at Tel Aviv University, **invented a photovoltaic paint that eliminated the need to envelop silicon wafers in glass**. Maimon, chief technology officer and co-founder of Apollo, is an expert in solar energy, physics, and mechanical engineering.

Because Apollo's panels withstand extreme weather and vehicle vibrations, they offer continuous unplugged charging. "I think this is the future of cars — to charge themselves from the sun while driving, in traffic, and while parked," noted Rozenburg.

The company has a long-term agreement with the Volkswagen AG Commercial Vehicles group to supply panels for their vehicles. Fleets of buses and trucks in Israel, the U.S., Germany, and elsewhere also use Apollo products.

"We laminate our solar

panel to the roof of the vehicle — it can be electric or diesel — to maintain the battery and save money on fuel." Apollo testing has shown a fuel savings of 5-8% on vehicles with their solar panels.

Because Apollo's panels have received both UL (North America) and IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) certification, they can connect to the electrical grid in many countries.

Rozenburg added that Apollo's biggest market is roofs with load limits that can't support standard glass solar panels. Beyond industrial applications, the panels can be installed on the plastic roofs of greenhouses, enabling land to produce both food and sustainable energy. Apollo has worked with an Israeli greenhouse for the past two years.

Commenting on the durability and efficiency of Apollo's panels, Rozenberg noted: "We guarantee 25 years of performance, as durable as glass. And our cell reaches 17.5% efficiency, very close to glass panels, while our competitors' cells are getting 5-10% efficiency. Also, our panels are competitively priced with glass panels." ☆



Apollo panels being installed on a greenhouse roof

credit: Rami Zmiegari

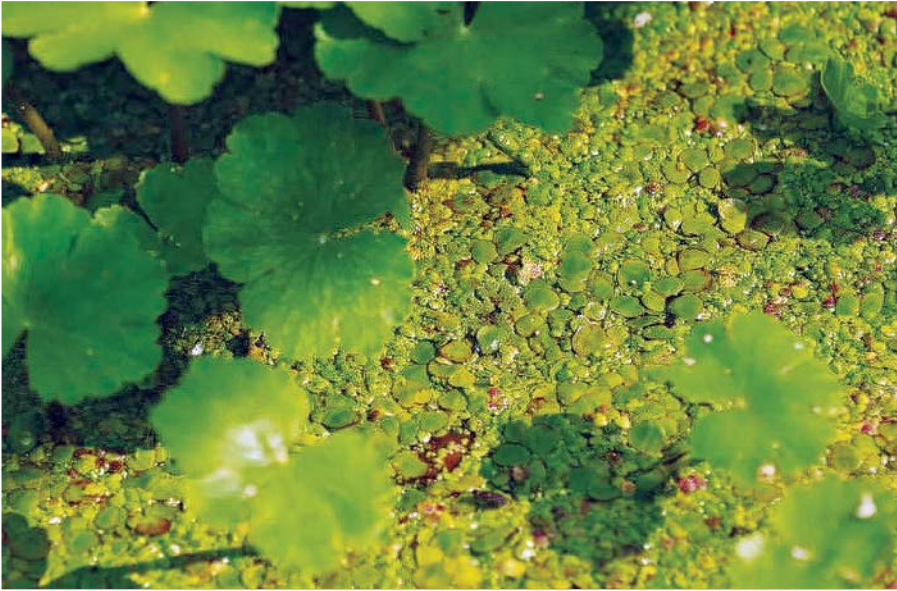


Apollo CEO Oded Rozenberg with the flexible solar panels



Aquatic Plant Lowers Blood Sugar Levels in Diabetics

By Hana Levi Julian
JewishPress.com



credit: Hollie Adams

Mankai, aka duckweed, growing in a canal in London

Israeli scientists have discovered that an aquatic plant may benefit people with Type 2 diabetes. A recent clinical trial showed that **consuming Mankai — also known as “duckweed” — following meals can significantly lower blood sugar levels in patients with diabetes.**

High blood sugar, especially after meals, poses significant health risks for individuals with Type 2 diabetes. This condition is often worsened by insulin resistance, which reduces the effectiveness of insulin in muscles and the liver. Chronic high blood sugar can damage blood vessels, adversely affect the peripheral nervous system, and increase the risk of severe complications including heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, and blindness.

Mankai — known for its high protein, dietary fiber, and antioxidants — is a popular food in Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries. It is also a favorite food of ducks, fish, cattle, quail, and other animals.

The study involved 45 participants with diabetes and glycosylated hemoglobin (A1c) levels between 6.5 and 8.5%. Those who drank a Mankai beverage after din-

ner had an approximate 20% reduction in post-meal blood sugar levels, lower peak sugar levels, and a faster return to baseline levels. About two-thirds of the participants experienced this reduction — comparable to the rate of some medications.

Prof. Amir Tirosh from Sheba Medical Center, one of the researchers, noted that **“incorporating Mankai into the diet can enhance blood sugar control and provide beneficial nutrients that support overall health.”** Prof. Iris Shai from Ben-Gurion University also participated in the study. She commented that the results highlight Mankai’s potential as a “valuable tool for diabetes management,” and added that the findings merit further investigation.

Mankai grows naturally in water and is also cultivated under controlled conditions. In previous medical research, the plant has shown promise for improving vascular and brain health along with reducing abdominal and liver fat. Studies also suggest that the plant may help lower post-meal blood sugar levels in individuals without diabetes. ☆



The UN's Plan to Get Rid of the State of Israel

By Alan Joseph Bauer
Townhall.com



Credit: Lewis TsePai Lung / Stock

UN logo

When I was a kid, my mother told me never to put money into a UNICEF collection box. She said that they give nothing to Israel. I was around six years old then, so I understood little beyond cookies and baseball cards. But years later, I learned that this “aid” organization, as well as others including Oxfam and Doctors Without Borders, actively discriminates against Israel in its activities.

The United Nations represents the pinnacle of the failed effort to create transnational governance. The UN is generally associated with scandal, failed missions, and bloated budgets. It allows despicable countries like Iran, Cuba, and Syria to sit on human rights or women's rights committees. The UN has taken a keen interest in Israel, with more resolutions directed against that country than almost all others combined. **The UN has a three-point program to get rid of Israel as a nation-state:**

1. Inflate the number of Palestinian refugees to overwhelm the number of Jews living in Israel.
2. Provide all forms of support to Palestinian terror groups to help them inflict destruction on Israelis.

3. Rally the countries of the world against the Jewish state.

The UN, through its criminal UNRWA organization, has performed an extraordinary demographic sleight of hand. Of the millions of refugees who have had to leave their homelands in the past century, only those who actually left were classified as refugees. My grandparents and parents were refugees from Nazi Germany, and the former received some level of restitution from the post-war Federal Republic of Germany. I am not a refugee, and however hard I might try, nobody would accept my trying to be called or treated as one.

Not so with the Palestinians. Of the 720,000 Palestinian Arabs who left their homes in 1948 — either because of the encouragement of the approaching Arab armies or under threat from the winning Israelis — perhaps 10,000 are living today. But not according to UNRWA. They count all descendants of those refugees as refugees themselves. So, **a Palestinian grandchild born in Beverly Hills is considered a refugee of “Palestine,” despite having never been there and having no desire to move there.**



The purpose of the UN counting only Palestinian offspring as active refugees is simple: They want to explode the number of people who might move into Israel in some type of peace agreement, or are dissatisfied Arabs ready to fight the Jews. **There is no other case in history** where anyone other than those who left a land against their will were classified as refugees. All refugee numbers go down over the years, except for those of the Palestinians.

With about 10,000 elderly Palestinian refugees, Israel could safely allow them to settle in some Arab villages in the country. But with the number now at 2 million and growing, **any "right of return" would be for Israel a "right of suicide by treaty."** By continually increasing the number of people who can claim rights against Israel, the UN works to undermine any potential agreement that would keep Israel as a Jewish state. The "good" Palestinian Authority (PA) absolutely refuses to recognize Israel as a Jewish state — to keep alive the option of flooding it with third-generation "refugees."

The next prong of the UN attack, again run through UNRWA, is to play an active role in supporting Hamas and other terrorists in their killing and maiming of Israelis. Before October 7, 2023, there were rumors of the UN aiding terrorists; after Israel entered Gaza, the proof was overwhelming. Many Hamas terrorists also worked for UNRWA. This agency provided money, facilities, equipment, food, and logistics to help Hamas terrorists run Gaza and work their terror against Israel.

UNRWA complained recently about one of their schools that Israel bombed. Israel quickly listed the nine terrorists killed in the action, three of whom were active UNRWA employees. Hamas logistics centers were found either in or under UNRWA schools and offices. The Israel Defense Forces discovered UNRWA bags and equipment where hostages were recovered. **UNRWA is the SS branch of the UN behemoth.** The agency's task is to exploit Palestinian numbers to weaken Israel and to provide support to Palestin-



credit: Emanuel Fabian / TimesOfIsrael.com

A Hamas data center discovered in February 2024 underneath UNRWA's headquarters in Gaza City

ian terrorists to kill, wound, and capture Israeli civilians and soldiers.

Finally, the UN works to whip the nation-states of the world against Israel. During the height of the second intifada, the PA's observer to the General Assembly introduced a bland resolution asking to protect Palestinian children during the conflict. It passed easily. The Israeli ambassador at the time then switched "Palestinian" with "Israeli" to demand the protection of Israeli children. The resolution was overwhelmingly voted down.

Countries that receive assistance from Israel routinely join UN votes against the Jewish state. Countries that have no business with Israel are radicalized to become grossly anti-Semitic. It would seem that the UN was created only to attack Israel, as most of its resolutions condemn Israel. At the beginning of the Russia-Ukraine war, Israel was not in a hurry to help Ukraine since that nation had often voted against Israel on important resolutions.

Israel should kick out not only UNRWA but also any UN bodies from the country. **The UN has dedicated itself to uprooting and destroying Jews.** No decent country should be a part of this effort in any way.

As a child, I collected money for UNICEF without realizing their anti-Semitism. Now, if only the news media would expose this organization's deceitful practices! —Kirsten ☆

Please see " 'State of Palestine' takes seat at UNGA" on [p. 31](#).





SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Experts used 3D technology and high-resolution videos to restore the shattered jar.

Boy Breaks Ancient Jar at Haifa Museum

By Gavriel Fiske / TimesOfIsrael.com

A five-year-old accidentally broke a rare Bronze Age clay vessel on display at the Hecht Museum in Haifa in August. His father explained that the curious boy "slightly" tugged on the large jar, causing it to fall and shatter. The man added that he was "in shock" when he saw the damage.

In a statement, the museum explained that the **Canaanite jar was dated to 3,500 years ago**, predating the reigns of King David and King Solomon in Israel. It was likely used "for the storage and transport of local supplies, mainly wine and olive oil."

Because the Hecht Museum makes archaeological finds accessible to the public, many of its artifacts have no barriers to prevent people from touching the discoveries. Despite the accident, the museum stated that its tradition of open displays will continue.

The jar had been on display at the museum's entrance for decades. Since the incident, a professional team restored the jar.

Dr. Inbal Rivlin, the museum's director, invited the family to return to the museum to see the restored jar and receive a guided tour.

The Hecht Museum, located on the campus of the University of Haifa, is a training facility for archaeology students at the university.

Amid War, Volunteers Save \$50M in Israeli Produce

By Etgar Lefkovits / JNS.org

Volunteers have saved Israeli agricultural products valued at \$50 million since the start of the war against Hamas, even amid major damage to the country's agricultural sector.

Hundreds of thousands of volunteers from Israel and around the world have helped rescue over 35,000 tons of produce, according to Leket Israel, The National Food Bank, an Israel-based charity. Nearly one in two Israelis volunteered in the first months of the war, while both Jewish and Christian volunteers from other countries came to help hard-hit Israeli farmers harvest



These volunteers from the African Students Organization in Israel picked tomatoes.

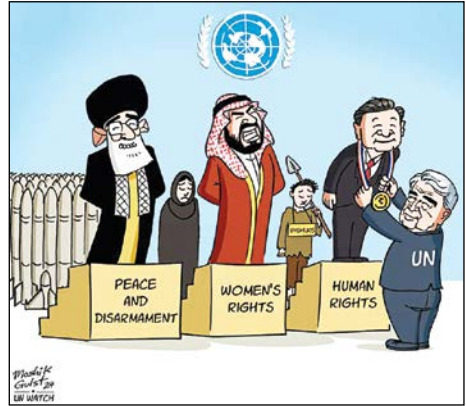


their crops. The price of fresh produce in Israel still increased by as much as 18% during the first six months of the war.

Nearly a third of Israel's agricultural land lies in frontline areas — about 22% near the Gaza border and 10% on the northern border with Lebanon.

More than 20% of produce was wasted as a result of the war, the study found, compared to less than 10% before the war broke out.

"The war has caused severe damage to Israeli agriculture and its consequences will be felt for many years to come," said Gidi Kroch, CEO of Leket Israel. "Strengthening local agriculture is not only an essential economic need but a necessary condition to ensure food security and strengthen national resilience for Israel's citizens."



In May, an overwhelming majority of the UNGA asserted that Palestinians deserved full membership. This move has been blocked by the U.S., which along with Israel asserts that recognition of Palestinian statehood must come through a peace agreement.

Now, the Palestinians can submit proposals and amendments, and sit among

member states. They are still unable to vote or be a member of the Security Council.

"This is not merely a procedural matter. This is a historic moment for us," said Egyptian Ambassador Osama Mahmoud Abdelkhalek Mahmoud.

Israel denounced the resolution's adoption. "Any decision and or action that improves the status of the Palestinians, either in the UN General Assembly or bilaterally, is currently a reward ... for terrorism in general and

the Hamas terrorists in particular," noted Jonathan Miller, Israel's Deputy Ambassador to the UN.

The Palestinians have had "non-member observer state" status in the UN since 2012. Full membership would require a vote by the General Assembly and a Security Council recommendation.

The U.S. vetoed a Security Council recommendation on the matter on April 18. ☆

credit: Screenshots / UN TV / TimesOfIsrael.com



Riyad Mansour, Palestinian ambassador to the UN, addresses the UN Security Council on August 8, 2022.

"State of Palestine" takes seat at UNGA

TimesOfIsrael.com

Palestinians took a seat among member states at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in September, a new right accorded to delegates from the Palestinian Authority (PA) despite it not being a full member of the body.





Archaeology — A Big Problem for the Palestinian Cause

By Moshe Phillips
JNS.org



Israeli archaeologists in Jerusalem recently found a 2,700-year-old stone seal near the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Only a few inches in diameter, it's a big deal for Zionism — and another blow to the Palestinian Arab cause.

The discovery highlights the importance of the continuing work by archaeologists who have spent years sifting through tons of debris that were dumped outside Jerusalem's walls by the Islamic authorities who control the mosques on the Temple Mount.

That debris comes from renovations undertaken by Islamic officials on the Temple Mount Plaza, the holiest site in Judaism. In callous disregard for the sanctity of the site, Islamic authorities have discarded the debris from the renovations as if it were garbage.

There's been a lot of talk in recent months about the "status quo" on the Temple Mount. U.S. State Department officials and angry pundits treat the "status quo" as if it's holy. They seem to forget that just because something has been the "status quo" for a while doesn't make it right. For many years, apartheid was the status quo in South Africa, just as racial segregation was the status quo in the American South.

The archaeology question is the never-talked-about aspect of the Temple Mount "status quo." The Islamic officials on the Mount have been exploiting their privileged status to bury — literally — the voluminous evidence of the site's Jewish roots.

Why do Islamic authorities want to hide the rubble from the renovations? Because the Israeli archaeologists going through the discarded debris continually find pieces of the past that reconfirm the thousands of years of Jewish history in



credit: Eliehu Yehudi / City of David

A 2,700-year-old stone seal inscribed in paleo-Hebrew with the name *LeYeho'ezer ben Hosh'ayahu* — "For Yeho'ezer son of Hosh'ayahu"

the Holy Land. The project's work began in 2005 under the auspices of Bar-Ilan University, and their **discoveries confirm that the Arab connection to the country is recent and weak.**

The newly discovered stone seal, from the First Temple Period, doesn't have any inscriptions referring to "Palestine." It doesn't refer to any indigenous Palestinian holidays, nor does it bear any ancient Palestinian symbols — because none of those things exist.

The writing on the seal is Hebrew, not Arabic. The name written on it is a Jewish name, not an Arab or Muslim name: *Yeho'ezer ben Hosh'ayahu*. That name is very similar to the name of one of King David's warriors mentioned in the Torah. It's not similar to the name of the warrior of some "Palestinian" king — because there never was such a thing.

It's also very similar to a Jewish name mentioned in the Biblical Book of Jeremiah. It's not similar to any names mentioned in the Koran. As a matter of fact, the city of Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Koran either. Isn't that fascinating? Despite all the platitudes we hear about how Jerusalem is the city of three ancient



faiths, “Jerusalem” does not appear a single time in the Koran.

Filip Vukosavovic of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) noted that the seal, which dates to about 700 B.C., was used by someone who “held a senior position in the Kingdom of Judah’s administration.” Note that this was the Kingdom of Judah, not the Kingdom of Palestine.

Some 1,400 years after the creation of that seal, in the seventh century A.D., the Muslims of the Arabian Peninsula invaded and occupied the Land of Israel. The Muslim occupiers, however, never called the country *Palestine*.

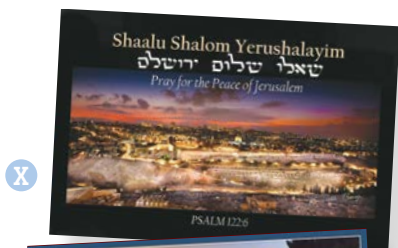
The black stone seal, which archaeologists described as “one of the most beautiful ever discovered in excavations in ancient Jerusalem,” was found near the Temple Mount’s southern wall. Altogether, the archaeologists of the Temple Mount Sifting Project have uncovered

several thousand items related to the Biblical period. And none of those items — not one — refer to “Palestinians.”

No wonder the Islamic religious authorities treat the debris from their renovations as garbage. They know that every scoop of dirt can reveal additional evidence that the rightful owners of Jerusalem and the Land of Israel are the Jews.

The Islamic officials on the Temple Mount would like to hide the past. Fortunately, however, Israel’s archaeologists have come to the rescue — that is, the rescue of Jewish national history. In the course of fulfilling the noble scientific purpose of archaeology, they are reaffirming the deep roots of the Jewish people in the Holy Land. ✨

Please see “Opening Eyes to the Truth” on p. 10 and “Palestine’s Inauthentic Flag” on p. 12.



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Jerusalem Magnets

These pro-Israel collectibles are priced for you to acquire by the dozen (or hundred) to share far and wide. Half the fun is discovering new surfaces on which to adhere them for others to discover. Fridges, microwaves, file cabinets, safes, doors, toolboxes, and more. All three photos are Ken Berg originals, shot with the keen eye of a Believer and television producer who has frequently visited Israel for more than four decades. Full color; 4.5" x 3". Beautiful!

X “Shaal Shalom Yerushalayim”

Y “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem”

Z “The Lord is King Forever”



N.Y. Imam: “Take Out” Pro-Israel Professor at Columbia

JNS.org



credit: Columbia Business School

Columbia University Associate Professor Shai Davidai

An imam based in the city of Utica in upstate New York called on students to “take out” pro-Israel Columbia University business school Associate Professor **Shai Davidai**.

“If you’re able to take out somebody like that and make an example, that might shut up a hundred more,” Imam **Tom Facchine** asserted. His comments came during an August webinar titled “Islamic Political Activism,” which was hosted by the Columbia University branch of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP).

Columbia’s SJP later noted that Instagram removed the video and permanently banned it from its platform, according to *The College Fix*, which

covers higher education and campus news.

Professor Davidai posted the segment with Facchine to his X account: “That Shai Davidai guy:

How do we get him in trouble? How do we create a situation in which he’s in jeopardy.”

Facchine, 35, was born in New Jersey and educated at Vassar College. He **left Christianity and became an atheist, and later a Marxist, before converting to Islam** in 2010, according to the *New York Post*.

The university launched a probe of Facchine’s comments with outside security experts, who concluded that his rhetoric “did not create conditions that require enhanced security measures,” the school’s vice president of public safety Gerald Lewis told Davidai, the *Post* reported.

“**I will not be silenced — I know I’m speaking the truth.** It feels like they put a target on my back with the explicit goal to take me down, to get me fired, to make up complaints about me,” Davidai stated.

Davidai entered the spotlight in October 2023 for his viral video blasting Columbia for failing to protect Jewish students against terrorism-supporting mobs, and for not banning pro-terrorism organizations on campus. He swore that he would never send his daughter to Columbia. ★



Imam Tom Facchine

credit: YouTube screenshot



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A cheerful heart is good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22

Don't Remind Him

A pious man who had reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to synagogue. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after many years of faithful attendance, the rabbi went to visit him. The man was in good health, so the rabbi asked, "After all these years, why don't we see you at services anymore?"

The old man looked around and lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, rabbi," he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I reached 95, then 100, then 105. So, I figured that God is very busy and must have forgotten about me ... and I don't want to remind Him."



Answer Key for November 2024 Crossword (p. 21)

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| ACROSS: | | | DOWN: | |
| 1. Crucified | 14. Righteousness | 2. Faithfulness | 15. Hearing | |
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| 6. Covenant | 18. Portion | 5. Good | 17. Mustard | |
| 7. Grace | 19. Sight | 8. Author | | |
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By Michael L. Brown, PhD



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Please see Dr. Michael Brown’s article “Politics is Important, But Politics is Not the Gospel” [on the cover.](#)

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