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Dear Reader,

As we approach the USA's 249th birthday, I recall these words from *America the Beautiful*: "God shed His grace on thee." Throughout our country's history, God has bestowed "grace upon grace" (John 1:16) on our nation. But will His good will toward us Americans continue? Though we can't presume upon His future grace, we Believers should seek to live in accordance with God's Word, and to help others to know and follow the Lord. Then, we can affirm the psalmist's words, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (Ps. 33:12).

In this *Levitt Letter*, the cover article considers one problem of a secularized America that continues to move away from its Biblical roots. You won't want to miss the BBB's recent "adventure" in Syria (8), the 25-year-old Classic Zola piece that reveals prophecy being fulfilled (10), or the story of a former radical Muslim who has become a staunch supporter of Israel (28). This issue also includes articles about Israeli innovation in science and medicine (26), the PA leader's preposterous claim that the Jewish Temples were in Yemen (34), and much more.

Please join me in praying that we Americans would be a people who honor and bless the Lord. In addition, please continue to *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* — "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!" (Ps. 122:6).



Greg, Editor
Zola Levitt Ministries

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Levitt LETTER

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

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American Jews Seeking a Secular America Made a Fatal Error

By Dennis Prager / BizpacReview.com

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Since World War II, most American Jews have believed that the more secular American society is, the more secure their status. This has been, as I have argued all of my life, a colossal error. Indeed, it may turn out to be a fatal error. With the outburst of unprecedented levels of anti-Semitism, American Jews are living the famous warning: "Beware what you wish for; you just may get it."

The primary reason American Jews have lived in the most Jew-friendly, even Jew-honoring, country in history is that most Americans have been Christian. But we must make a key distinction here. American Christians have been not just Christian, as Europe was, but Judeo-Christian. Nearly all the American Founders were either traditional Christians (i.e., believers in the Christian Trinity) or believers in God but not in the Christian Trinity. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin fall into this latter category. But **almost to a man, the Founders were Judeophiles.** Indeed, Jefferson and Franklin wanted the seal of the new United States to depict the Jews leaving Egypt.

In an 1808 letter, John Adams wrote about the Jews:

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God Blesses Those Who Bless

By Sara Lamm
TheIsraelBible.com



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As a fourth-grader, my favorite part of the school day came after morning prayers at my Jewish Day School. The student who led prayers that day chose the American patriotic song that we would sing at the end of the service.

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Why was this so exciting for me?

I loved the song *God Bless America*. There was something incredibly moving about the tune — how regal it sounded, along with the knowledge that God was always looking out for the place where I lived.

The song's composer was Irving Berlin, a Russian-born Jewish man. Born Israel Beilin in 1888, he fled religious persecution in Russia with his family, arriving in America at age five. His journey from struggling immigrant to cultural icon mirrors the promise of America that he celebrated in his music.

Berlin wrote *God Bless America* in 1918 while serving in the U.S. Army. In 1938, as war loomed in Europe, he revised and published the song. Its simple yet powerful lyrics captured the hearts of Americans, expressing gratitude for the nation's blessings and a prayer for divine guidance.

But there's a deeper meaning: God is indeed blessing Americans to stand up for freedom and justice. There is no place in the world more worthy to share in those values than the Land of Israel — the land that God blesses for all time.

Interestingly, the concept of blessing America is rooted in the Old Testament, particularly in God's covenant with Abraham. *"I will bless those who bless you And curse him that curses you; And all the families of the Earth shall bless themselves by you"* (Gen. 12:3).

This promise extends to Abraham's descendants — the people of Israel.

As Americans, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to align ourselves with this Biblical principle. By supporting Israel, we position our nation to receive God's blessings, just as He promised thousands of years ago.

These prophetic words highlight the spiritual significance of keeping God's land intact and supporting the nation of Israel. And this can be done by actively supporting the land promised to Abraham and his descendants.

This month, Americans will celebrate their independence. **Let's remember that our freedom and prosperity are intertwined with our commitment to supporting those whom we believe should share those same freedoms.** We are encouraged to pray for peace in Jerusalem: *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; May they prosper who love you"* (Ps. 122:6). By standing with Israel, you're not just supporting a political ally; you're fulfilling a spiritual mandate.

In light of recent challenges to Israel's existence, it's more crucial than ever for faith-based communities in America to unite in supporting Israel. This support goes beyond political allegiances — it's about aligning ourselves with God's eternal promises and seeking His blessings for both Israel and America. A powerful way to deepen our understanding of God's plan for Israel and strengthen our support is through dedicated study of the Bible.

As the fireworks light up the sky and the smell of grilled hotdogs and burgers fills the air, let's remember the deeper meaning behind the words "God Bless America." Our blessings as a nation are not just for our own benefit — they are part of a greater divine plan. By standing with Israel, we secure God's favor and fulfill our role in His ongoing story of redemption.

May God truly bless America, and may we continue to bless Israel by keeping God's land intact and supporting His Chosen People. ✨



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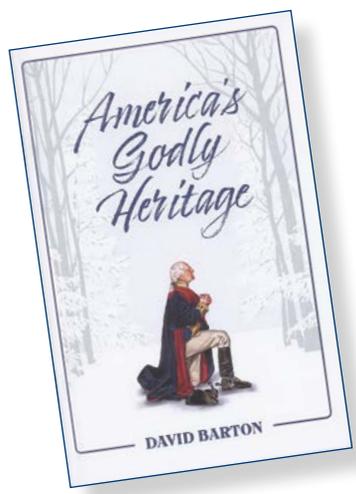
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America's Godly Heritage book

by David Barton

This book sets forth the beliefs of many well-known Founding Fathers concerning the proper role of Christian principles in education, government, and the public affairs of the nation. The beliefs of Founders such as Patrick Henry, John Jay, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Mason, and many others are clearly presented.

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They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth. The Romans and their Empire were but a Bauble in comparison of the Jews. They have given religion to three quarters of the Globe and have influenced the affairs of Mankind more, and more happily, than any other Nation ancient or modern.

I will insist the Hebrews have (contributed) more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations....

It wasn't just the Founders who appreciated the Jews' contribution to the formation of the great concepts of Western civilization. Mark Twain, while not a religious man, was raised in a religious Protestant home. In an 1899 essay in Harper's magazine, "Concerning the Jews," Twain wrote:

The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed; and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. **All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains.** What is the secret of his immortality?

The only inscription on the Liberty Bell is from the Hebrew Bible, specifically the Book of Leviticus, the third book of the Torah: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof."

Until 1800, you could not graduate from Harvard University without knowing Hebrew. The insignia of Yale University is in Hebrew, depicting the breastplate of the Jewish High Priest.

In a famous study published in the *American Political Science Review*, Donald Lutz, a professor of political science at the University of Houston, surveyed the political literature of the American founding. He noted that the Bible was cited more frequently than any other work or any other author. The Bible accounted for approximately one-third of the Founders' citations. The single most frequently cited work was Deuteronomy, the fifth of the five books of the Torah.

The late great Catholic theologian Michael Novak wrote that the roots of the doctrine that "all men are created equal lie in Judaism, carried around the world by Christians."

As American society and Americans individually become less religious — i.e., less Christian — the Jews become less significant. Yet, many, perhaps most, American Jews, have bought — and promulgated — the idea that Jewish security in America lies in secularizing, i.e., de-Christianizing, America.

As noted above, I have warned against this dangerous foolishness all of my life. As I said to John Anderson, the former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, on his podcast: "I say this as a Jew ... I don't romanticize Christianity when I say its death is the death of the West. I am rooting for Christianity's survival as much as you, the Christian, are."

Look around, my fellow Jews. Are you happy with the results of the secularization of America? Do you feel more secure? Or less?

I ask you: Is it not obvious that when more Americans attended church every Sunday, America's Jews were far more secure? ☆

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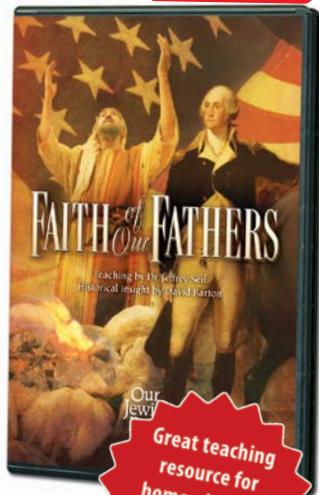


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Last month, we considered passages from the Gospels and Acts that promote Zionism — the belief that the Jewish people have a right to their ancestral homeland, the Biblical Land of Israel. This month, we continue exploring how the New Testament supports and thus challenges Believers* to be Biblical Zionists. — Editor

Among Them, With Them

“You, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them...” (Rom. 11:17b).

The Church was not birthed to replace Israel but to join God’s cultivated Jewish olive tree by bringing in the wild gentile branches for God’s miracle work of ingrafting, “contrary to nature,” as Paul explained the divine horticulture (Rom. 11:24).

Romans 11:31 teaches that *“...through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.”* I am touched to realize that after centuries of my Christian forebears inflicting curses upon the Jewish people, I can be a vessel of God’s mercy for the healing of Jewish hearts.

Rejoicing with His People

“Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: ‘For this reason I will confess to You among the gentiles, and sing to Your name.’ And again He says: ‘Rejoice, O gentiles, with His people!’” (Rom. 15:8–10).

Paul’s exhortation comes from Deuteronomy 32:43. This verse indicates that “His people” Israel are rejoicing regardless of their suffering, for God will provide *“atonement for His land and His people.”* God also commands gentiles to rejoice with His people. What kind of gentile might rejoice? Christian Zionists naturally,

especially as they make pilgrimage to join in the Biblical feasts and other celebrations amid restored Jewish sovereignty in the Promised Land.

Eyes on Israel

“Observe Israel after the flesh...” (1 Cor. 10:18a). Paul instructed gentiles to learn from the nation of Israel. Sadly, some Church leaders led our heritage out of the illuminating Hebrew olive grove down the tunnel of Greek philosophy, Roman polity, and Western conformity. The Church has suffered for this, and Israel has suffered even more. The gap between us grew so cavernous that a “Christian” Europe hosted a Holocaust, and today, anti-Semitism is again at an all-time high.

Still, a remnant of the Church, not unlike the remnant of Israel, has persisted, prayed, and produced leaders who have helped the Church return to a place of learning alongside Israel.

Building Bridges

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation” (Eph. 2:13–14).

Note the two bridges referenced in this passage: first, the bridge between God and man; second, the bridge between Jew and gentile. Seeing both of these wounds healed was important enough to the Jewish Apostles that they devoted much of their writings to the matter. They preached the Gospel of reconciliation between God and man while wrestling with the reality that Jews and gentiles are destined for true fellowship.

Christian Zionists engage in closing both chasms through bridge-building efforts.

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

All Israel, All Nations

"And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: ... Judah ... Reuben ... Gad ... Asher ... Naphtali ... Manasseh ... Simeon ... Levi ... Issachar ... Zebulun ... Joseph ... Benjamin. After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands" (Rev. 7:4-9).

It doesn't take a Zionist to figure out that **the twelve tribes mentioned in this Scripture are not the Church**. While Replacement Theology teaches that Christians are the promised Israel instead of the Jews, Revelation 7 makes it clear that *"the children of Israel"* (v. 4) have the *"seal of the living God"* (v. 2). John sees all Israel represented in the Kingdom of Heaven! This is cause for praise to the living God — the God of Israel — for His covenantal keeping power.

After the Apostle beheld the redeemed sons and daughters of Zion, he observed the overwhelming spectacle of gathered nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues. How great is God's salvation, brought in through the Jews (John 4:22), to the Jew first and also to the gentile (Rom. 1:16)!

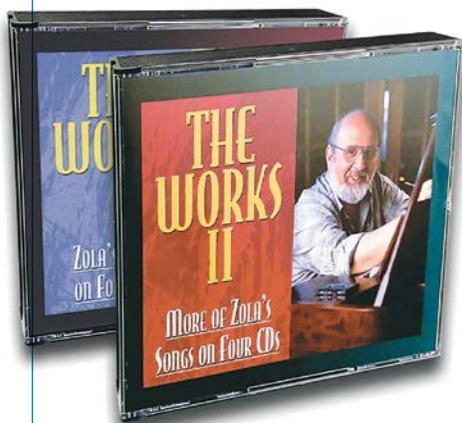
Biblical Zionist

I first heard the term Christian Zionist at seminary from a lady who had volunteered with Bridges for Peace. Initially, I was put off by her claim because it seemed contradictory for a Zionist to have anything to do with peace. I assumed that a Zionist had to be a radical Jew who hates Arabs.

I couldn't reconcile a Christian being a Zionist until I made the effort to get to know the real Israel and the real Jewish people, and to study what God says on the matter. That's when I found that **the key to being an authentic Christian Zionist is being a Biblical one**. Alongside our Jewish friends and colleagues, may we endeavor to live and serve worthy of God's call to Zion. ✨



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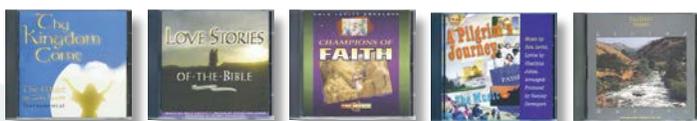
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MISSION DAMASCUS!



Most people wouldn't want to visit a city that is guaranteed to be destroyed soon (according to Isaiah 17). But that was the very reason God sent us into one of the most volatile countries in the world: Syria.

Or so we thought.

Civil war began in Syria back in 2011, during the "Arab Spring." Although President (dictator) Bashar al-Assad was considered moderate and secular, he ruthlessly retaliated with extreme prejudice against the Islamic State (ISIS) and other factions who threatened his power. This resulted in the second deadliest conflict in the 21st century, in which over half a million people died. But after radical, Sunni jihadist rebels HTS conquered Damascus in December 2024, God spoke to us with His mission to journey to that war-torn nation.

It's a blessing to work with other like-minded Believers. **By now, our Israeli producer Louie doesn't blink twice when we come to him with a daring request.**

"Louie, we feel the Holy Spirit wants us to go to Syria." His reply: "No problem. When?" This is the level of faith our Arab-Christian friend has developed over the years. We've all seen God move in amazing ways during our productions. But this time, because of Louie and our crew's Israeli citizenship, Josh and I would have to attempt Operation Damascus alone!

Double-take: Damascus!

Weeks before our departure, the news of the massacre of Alawites and Christians in Syria shook the world. Most people would reconsider their plans at this point, but this tragedy was merely God's confirmation of the importance of our mission to Damascus.

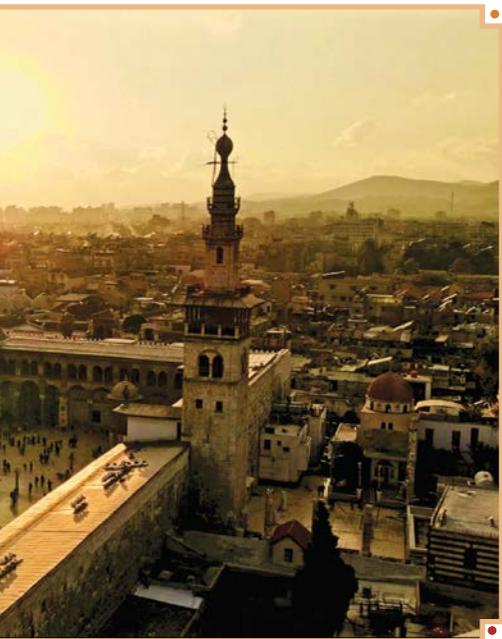
After two weeks in Greece and Israel, we had planned to cross the border into Jordan, intending to drive to the Jaber Border Crossing and enter Syria on foot. But Satan did his best to thwart our plans. First, the Jordanian government harassed us. Then, our pre-arranged cab driver showed up at the wrong border (two hours away), causing a five-hour delay that nearly jeopardized our entrance into Syria. Thankfully, God knew that the only way that we could successfully enter Syria was with His intervention of many divine appointments, including a Jordanian smuggler who assisted us in passing nearly 15 checkpoints until we finally entered the country.

The BBB take Damascus!

Our hired film crew in Syria faithfully awaited our arrival. None of them spoke English except our "fixer." All in their 20s, these young Syrians exhibited a sacrificial and creative work ethic as we taught about the destruction of Damascus within the city's borders. Most impor-

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The Great Mosque at dusk in Damascus, Syria

Caleb & Joshua Colson
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tantly, we declared how Yeshua Himself appeared to Rabbi Shaul on the Road to Damascus with a radical directive: take His Gospel of salvation to the gentiles!

After we completed filming, our curious crew had a lot of questions about America and the world. Even with the regime change, the Syrian people cannot leave their country. **Around 90% of the nation lives below the poverty level.** Because of scarce energy resources, people in Damascus experience forced power blackouts during most of the day. While the people are hurting, they are desperate for acceptance and love. We took every opportunity to witness to our crew about the message of Paul and Yeshua, and why Damascus is important to God. This was literally the first time they had heard a Gospel message. Although a small population of Christians lives in Damascus, the government forbids these Believers from sharing the Gospel, under penalty of imprisonment or worse.

Outpouring: Damascus!

We didn't understand God's full-reasoning for sending us to Syria until we were driving back to Jordan. It's not time for Damascus to fall! It's time for grace and love to be poured out on the Syrians. We know the future of the Psalm 83 War, the Oracle of Isaiah 17, and the War of Gog and Magog, but this is not that time. Although

Peter and the disciples experienced the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on *Shavuot* in Jerusalem, it was Paul who started preaching the Gospel in Damascus after his dramatic conversion!

Time has become cyclical again. Just as Joel 2:23 declares there would be a former rain, there must also be a latter rain. This final outpouring of the *Ruach Ha'kodesh* (Holy Spirit) is a dual fulfillment of Joel 2:28-29, which was also fulfilled 2,000 years ago, according to Peter (Acts 2:14-21). We believe that the Syrians, the Persians, and the entire Middle-East will take part in this Great Awakening! God will do this in order to bring His Jewish People to jealousy, so that one day, the whole House of Israel will be saved!

For too long, Syria has been placed on the sidelines of the Christian missionary priority list. But the fields are white to harvest; now is the time to share God's love! We pray the Holy Spirit moves as many who can to act. ✨

Love, Caleb and Joshua

Caleb & Joshua



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Prophecy Being Fulfilled

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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, U.S. President Bill Clinton, and Yasser Arafat at the Oslo Accords signing ceremony on September 13, 1993

At the time of this writing, Yasser Arafat has completed a trip through Europe, including Russia, looking for support to declare his new state. I don't know if he will do that on September 13, but if he does, it will be another of those Palestinian propaganda initiatives. One has only to spend some time in Israel watching the Israelis and the Palestinians living their daily lives to conclude who really owns the Land, who loves the Land, who works the Land, and who ought to have the Land.

An unsaved Jewish friend reminded me that 25 years ago, I told him that there would be some unholy alliance against Israel headed up by Russia (the invasion of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38 and 39). He reminded me that Arafat meeting Putin, the "president" of Russia, may lead to such excessive anti-Semitism as an actual invasion of the Holy Land.

God's will is clear on that. He gave Israel to Abraham and his seed after him through Isaac, Jacob, etc., down to the modern Jewish people. His promise of restoration of the Jews to Israel does not depend on their behavior or even their faith. It is simply an immutable, everlasting promise He made to His friend,

Abraham, and of course, it is still in force. In fact, we are living in the generation that saw the fulfillment of this breathtaking prophecy of some 3,500 years ago. **Deuteronomy 30, among many other passages, cites God's intention of restoring His Chosen People to the Promised Land, and that was given during the Exodus!** A 3,500-year-old promise is not to be taken lightly!

And who would have guessed that our modern Church would be so far out of step as to fail to see this amazing fulfillment, even as it happens before our very eyes?! I mean, after all, what are the odds that the Jewish people without God would ever even have survived this long, let alone be restored to their ancient land? How likely is it that God is really working through the American Church, or your denomination or mine, or a body of churchmen, however sincere, when He has always worked through Israel and promised to do that until eternity?

And I guess it doesn't stop there, because eternity will create a new Heaven, a new Earth, and a new Jerusalem! When our tourists arrive in the Holy City, I tell them in my first talk that they're looking at a city that will never perish, not ever, not for eternity!



Our seminaries and our churches teach it otherwise. Israel is of little importance in a majority of churches and in the large seminaries, and this ministry has belabored that point, I know. But frankly, this will be a lifelong mission of mine because I am a Christian, not because I am a Jew. A Christian is

- a Believer in the Jewish Messiah, who is on His way to Israel for a 1,000-year stay in the Kingdom to come;
- one who is passionately interested in his future homeland and the land of the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and the Messiah;
- a respecter of the Chosen People, whom God loves, and takes their part when they are embroiled in political discourses, election campaigns, and every other worldly situation, from anti-Semitism to all-out war;
- one who has a ready answer to the Lord's provocative question in the judgment of the sheep and the goats at the beginning of the Kingdom: "How did you treat my (Jewish) brothers?" (see Matt. 25:40);
- one who is most skeptical of the unbelievers' posturing at "peace conferences" and the like.

President Clinton is simply not believable, and Yasser Arafat obviously doesn't want peace. The exasperated Israelis can't seem to give away enough to appease their myriad antagonists, and the whole peace process is at a standstill, and well and good. It would never have led to peace in any case, but I hope we can stop pretending for now. Once Clinton is out of office, I think all of this rushing about and negotiating will die off. It is increasingly clear that the Arabs don't want land for peace, they just want the land — all of it.

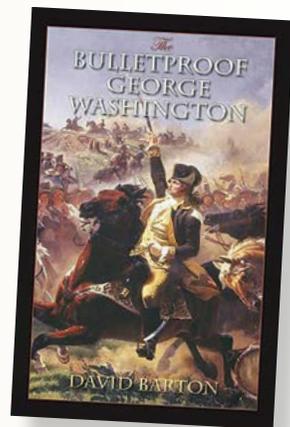
I don't mean to sound disheartened about all this since, truly, it is what is to be expected in End Times prophecy. The chapters of Ezekiel discussing the "dry bones" vision and the Russian invasion read as one continuous story, implying that, once the Jews are back in the land, the trouble starts, and indeed it has. **We are rapidly approaching the moment when Jerusalem will become the "burdensome stone" and the "cup of trembling"** that Zechariah holds it to be at the end. It does seem like the whole world is burdening itself with the problem of Jerusalem (as if there really were a problem), and nobody can seem to solve the dilemma (whatever the dilemma is). ☆

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“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.” – Jeremiah 31:3

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cha'- sed me-shakh-teekh al-ken' a-hav-teekh' oh-lahm' ve-a-ha-vaht'
I have drawn you in kindness therefore I have loved you with the love of eternity

Read Hebrew right to left!

“And this is the confidence that we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He surely hears us. And if we know that He hears us regarding doing His will, we know that He will give us what we ask of Him” (1 John 5:14–15).

It might seem obvious to you, but Yeshua wants us to believe in Him; He wants us to trust in Him, He wants us to know His heart and to respond to Him “with all our heart.” This is breathtakingly amazing and wonderful news, is it not? Not that God demands that you obey Him (or else), but that He profoundly wants your love? That He desires your attention? Your communion? The Scripture promises us that if we sincerely ask Him for this very thing — that is, to fulfill His desire for us to know His heart and to be in love with Him — then we may have confidence that He will enable us to do so.

It’s not about our will to believe or to love Him, for we cannot find the heart to do so apart from His grace. *“The LORD did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because of your greatness, but because the LORD loves you” (Deut. 7:7–8).* God loves you with an “everlasting love,” and it is by means of this love that He draws you to know Him. *“Come to Me, all you who are heavy of heart, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28).*

We are able to love God because of His great love for us; our love is teshuvah to His call to be His beloved. We love Him because He first loved us, which is to say that our love must first come from Him.

Lord, I ask you to let me know Your love by the grace of Your heart. Your love is the agency and means to be able to love, for apart from You I can do nothing. And because it is Your will —Your desire — that I love and trust You. I ask that You enable my heart to do these very things. For how else can I know the depths of Your heart and love You as You have called me to do? How can I know You apart from You?

But something holds me back — a sense that You are too high and exalted for me to draw close to You. Are You not, O Lord, high and lifted up? Who can approach the blinding light of Your glorious presence? Can I take fire from the altar and bring it into my breast without being burned? It’s ironic that the more I imagine Your unapproachable glory, the more I realize my need for Your intimacy and simplicity within my heart. O Lord, You have Your own language that is beyond anything I can conceive; Your thoughts transcend everything that I might imagine. Yet You also speak the language of men; Your words make contact with our frailty and finitude; You have made Yourself know the language of our lament.

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I praise You that Your love and Your exaltation come together in the person of Yeshua, who emptied Himself of all regal power and glories to reach out to touch the lowliest of lepers. Though You are so high and lifted up, You deign stoop so low — to the utter depths, the very dust of death itself — to deliver the outcast from the hell of their exile.

And so, I find comfort that it is Your good will, O Lord, to seek and to save the lost, to heal the broken of heart, and to draw even the uttermost into the warm

embrace of Your love. It is Your heart that says to all who know the pain of their hunger for love, “Come unto Me...”

Yea, it is Your will, O Lord, for us to know You and the beauty of Your love, and therefore to surrender ourselves to Your presence and receive Your blessing, as it is written: “I am my beloved’s and His desire is for me” (Song 7:10). And since it is Your will and desire, O precious Lord, for us to belong to You, please assure us to know ourselves as Your very own. Amen. ✨

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Low-Hanging Fruit

Mark Levitt
ZLM Director
since 1988



According to [gemini.google.com](https://www.gemini.google.com), *low-hanging fruit* “refers to the easiest, most obvious, or readily achievable goals, tasks, solutions, or opportunities. The expression implies that these things require minimal effort or investment to obtain or accomplish.”

The “fruit hanging lowest on a tree being the easiest to harvest” concept can pertain to optimal starting points for solving problems or embarking on long-term projects. It applies to business opportunities, personal productivity, and health — such as drinking more water and taking daily walks.

My wife and I, married for 36 years, tease about earning and losing points with one another. During these years, I have discovered where to score surefire points for relatively little effort. Tucking her in with kind words at bedtime goes a long way. So does seeing her off when she leaves the house and then welcoming her home and helping her unload her vehicle when she returns.

With financial stewardship, avoiding extravagances has paid handsomely over the decades — particularly expenses generated by *miswanting*, which cause “buyer’s remorse.” *Miswanting* includes inaccurately predicting the pleasure we’ll experience from attending an event or acquiring a possession. It’s remarkable, for example, how infrequently people actually use their flashy cars and boats before listing them for prices that

reflect significant depreciation relative to miles driven or hours enjoyed on the water.

The low-hanging fruit in updating my estate plan lies in leaving 10–20% of my retirement accounts to tax-exempt organizations like this ministry. Did you know that since the SECURE Act of 2019, most non-spouse beneficiaries who inherit 401(k) and IRA accounts must withdraw (and pay taxes on) the entire balances within 10 years of the original accountholder’s death? Moreover, if the original account owner was already taking required minimum distributions (RMDs), most beneficiaries must continue taking annual RMDs. To save income tax on RMDs, simply have them sent directly to your favorite tax-exempt organization.*

A beneficiary in the 24% federal income tax bracket typically would pay to the IRS \$24,000 of his \$100,000 inherited conventional IRA or 401(k). Whereas, if that same \$100,000 came to our ministry, which is tax exempt, we would be able to use the entire amount to feed God’s sheep without owing a penny to the IRS. And you’d still be rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar’s (Matt. 22:21).

This savings opportunity pertains to those who are receiving RMDs that they don’t need and who wish to donate 100% to their favorite charities rather than giving 76% to the charities and 24% to the IRS. Imagine the lost opportunity for someone who receives a \$10,000 RMD, pays \$2,400 income tax on it, and donates \$7,600 — instead of donating all \$10,000 to a non-profit like ZLM.

Beyond that, designating ZLM as a beneficiary of financial accounts doesn’t require changing your will. It’s as simple as signing a form from the bank or brokerage firm. Now that’s low-hanging fruit! ✨

* Rather than offering tax advice, this article is intended to inspire readers to ask their accountants how to donate before-tax income.



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Remembering Black Shabbat

Chosen People Ministries produced a 13-minute video to honor the memory of those who endured Hamas's unprecedented massacres in Israel on October

7, 2023. Through firsthand photos, videos, and detailed accounts, this video captures the brutality Hamas unleashed as well as the bravery and resilience Israelis showed in the face of tragedy. Though it's graphic, you may want to share it with others who haven't fully grasped the gravity of October 7, so as to preserve the victims' memory and their stories.

<https://youtu.be/eGMTWW7kRUw>

Dognapped on October 7

Israeli soldiers miraculously rescued a pooch in April 2025.



credit: YouTube screenshot

Billie, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, was kidnapped from Nir Oz kibbutz on October 7, 2023 and somehow survived for 18 months. Apparently, she heard IDF soldiers speaking Hebrew near her hiding place in Gaza and ran out to greet them. A vet later identified her via microchip as belonging to Rachel Dancyg, the ex-wife of Alex Dancyg, who was captured by Hamas and killed in captivity. A spokesperson for Nir Oz noted that many of their dogs and cats were kidnapped and murdered on October 7. He added that 14 of the 59 human abductees remaining in Gaza are from Nir Oz.

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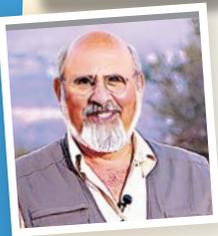
Pamphlet of the Month

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Zola Tours to Israel



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What Place Does Tradition Have in the Christian Faith? Part 1

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The word “tradition” refers to a long-standing custom or practice that is passed down from generation to generation.

As such, religious traditions refer to the beliefs, practices, and doctrines that have been circulated among churches or the Christian community for some time or throughout its history.

All teaching within a church or denomination must be subject to the supreme authority of Scripture. Therefore, if a tradition contradicts the Word of God, it must be summarily rejected.

Church tradition comes from many sources: statements from the early Church fathers, the writings of Bible scholars, theologians, and church leaders, creeds, and formal confessions of the early Church councils. The seven ecumenical councils — from the fourth through the eighth centuries A.D. — clarified and elaborated on the orthodox doctrines of the Christian faith.

Some traditions support unbiblical teachings supposedly passed down from Christ and the Apostles, which many people consider as important as Scripture. But no extrabiblical tradition has an equal standing with God’s Word.

Regarding Church tradition, we must follow the Apostle Paul’s mandate: *“Do not go beyond what is written”* (1 Cor. 4:6). This refers to what is revealed in the Word of God. Paul’s prohibition applies to the claim that unwritten “sacred tradition” was formed outside the Biblical Canon during the New Testament period. Christ and the Apostles mentioned no special exception

for following unwritten traditions. For them, only Scripture was God’s authoritative Word.

Whether in Judaism or Christianity, history has shown that when people consider religious tradition as equal in authority to God’s Word, eventually that tradition will supplant or surpass Scripture. This was the error of the Pharisees, who challenged Jesus and His disciples for not washing their hands before eating (Matt. 15:1–9; Mark 7:1–13). While these Jewish leaders considered anyone who did not wash their hands as unclean before God, Scripture does not support this. Thus, Jesus referenced Isaiah 29:13 as He rebuked them: *“Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men’”* (Mark 7:6–7).

Jesus stated that the Pharisees had made the Word of God ineffectual when they elevated tradition above Scripture (Mark 7:13). Later, He clarified that impurity is an internal matter of the heart and soul (Mark 7:14–23); it has nothing to do with external, ceremonial rites of washing and eating.

Sadly, most major branches of Christianity have affirmed that their traditions, which are not Scripturally-based, are equal with Scripture.

Next month, we will consider not only the dangers of tradition but also some positives of tradition. ✨



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“Do not go beyond what is written.”

1 CORINTHIANS 4:6

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Jesus' Birth Dr. Jeffrey Seif takes us through the drama of Jesus' miraculous birth as described by Isaiah the Prophet. Isaiah foretold that the Messiah would come as a "root out of dry ground" and that "His name shall be called Immanuel, meaning God with us."

Jesus' Rejection "He was despised and rejected by men." Jeff explains that the theme of rejecting God's anointed is not new to Isaiah. On location at an ancient Jewish synagogue, we learn that the Messiah who was rejected shall one day be vindicated. Zola teaches Jesus' prophetic fulfillment of Isaiah 53 (from *The Prophesied Messiah* series at levitt.tv/media/series/VMST).

Jesus' Condemnation At the Church of the Gallicantu, Jeff explores the story of Jesus' arrest and condemnation by the unbelieving Pharisees and Pilate. Thought to be the location of Caiaphas' house, the Gallicantu is where Peter denied the Lord three times before the rooster crowed.

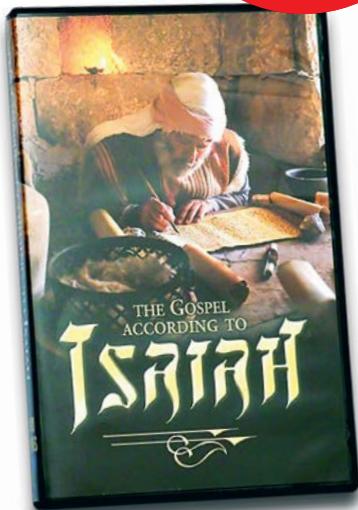
Jesus' Death How can a Jewish Messiah be "numbered with the transgressors?" In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jeff reports on Jesus' suffering as foreseen by Isaiah to fulfill a final blood atonement for the entire world. We see a dramatic exploration of Jesus' sacrifice for sins, and Zola playing "For His Name's Sake."

Jesus' Resurrection The concept of resurrection from the dead did not originate in the New Testament. Isaiah prophesied that Jesus the Messiah would conquer death and the grave. Witness a celebration of Jesus' miraculous fulfillment of prophecy. In addition, Zola and Dr. Michael Wise discuss Messianic prophecy from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Holy Spirit Jesus told His disciples, "You are the light of the world." At the Temple Mount's Southern Steps, Jeff teaches the prophetic nature of the Holy Spirit as fulfilled by Jesus and spread to all Believers like a fire from on high. Zola plays special music from our series *Tell It On the Mountains*, now available for free viewing at levitt.tv/media/series/VTM.

Rebounding from Devastation At the ruins of a first-century estate, Jeff explores the prophecy of Jesus as the Deliverer. God sent the Messiah to set the captives free and heal the broken-hearted. **Discover the Hebrew meaning behind the Lord's Prayer**, and enjoy an enlightening interview with Zola and Ra'anana Gissin, a former senior advisor to then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Summary Atop the Mount of Olives, Jeff reviews the entirety of Isaiah's prophecy concerning the Jewish Messiah's birth, rejection, death, and resurrection. Nevertheless, Jesus' active role in prophecy will not be completely fulfilled until He returns to Jerusalem to rule and reign for 1,000 years.





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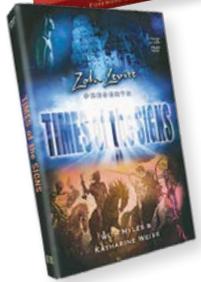
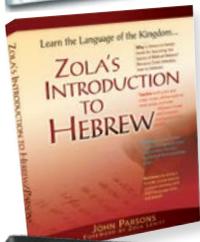
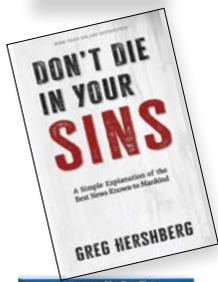
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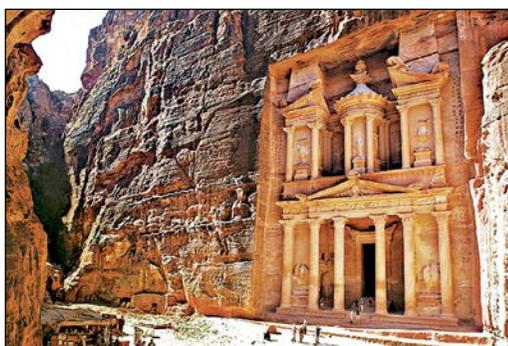
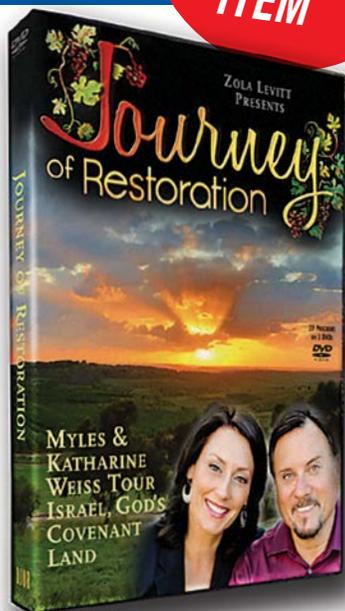
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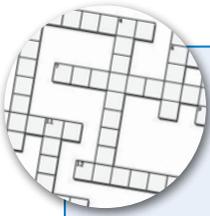
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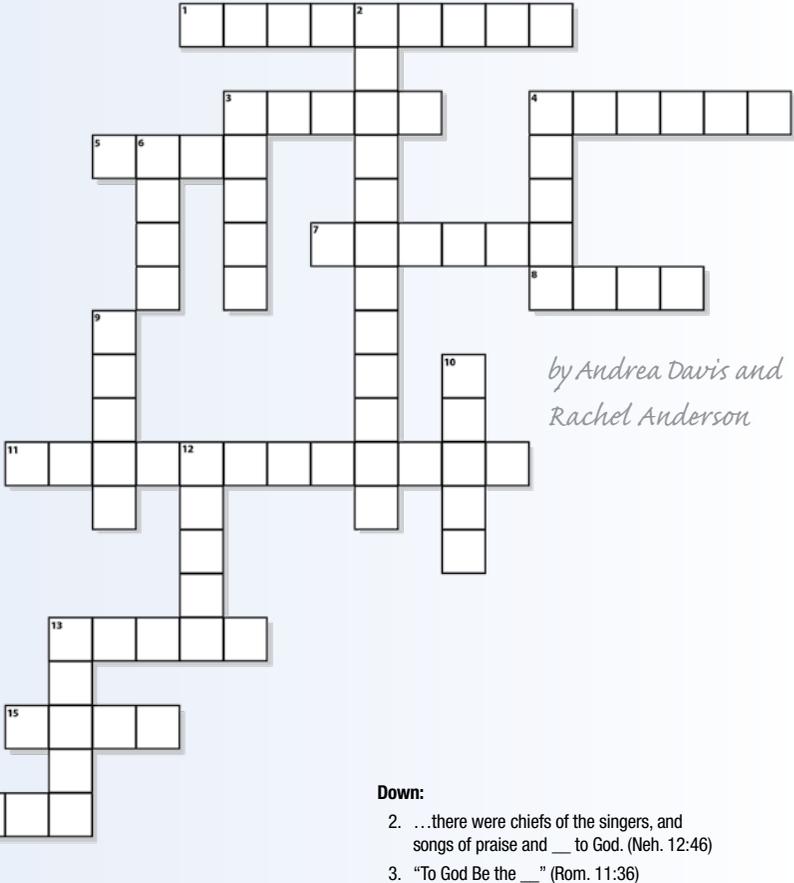
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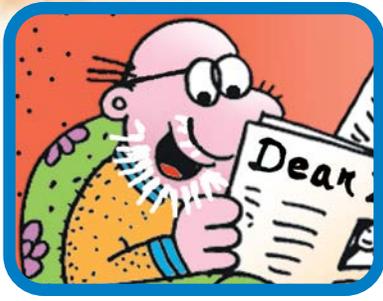
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3. "How ___ Thou Art" (Ps. 8)
4. "If My ___ Will Pray" (2 Chron. 7:14)
5. "It is ___ with My Soul" (Hab. 3:17-18)
7. Psalms 120-134 are known as the "Psalms of ___"
8. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to ___ praises... (Ps. 92:1)
11. "Great is Thy ___" (Lam. 3:23)
13. "When I Survey the Wondrous ___" (Gal. 6:14)
15. ___, ___, ___ is the Lord of hosts... (Isa. 6:3)
16. "Christ the Lord is ___ Today" (Luke 24:6-7)

Down:

2. ...there were chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and ___ to God. (Neh. 12:46)
3. "To God Be the ___" (Rom. 11:36)
4. "As the Deer ___ for the Water" (Ps. 42:1)
6. "Turn Your ___ Upon Jesus" (Ps. 123:1)
9. Then ___ spoke to the Lord the words of this song... (2 Sam. 22:1)
10. So ___ came with Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song... (Deut. 32:44)
12. speaking to one another in psalms and ___ and spiritual songs... (Eph. 5:19)
13. "___ Him with Many Crowns" (Rev. 19:12)
14. Sing to the Lord with the _____. (Ps. 98:5)

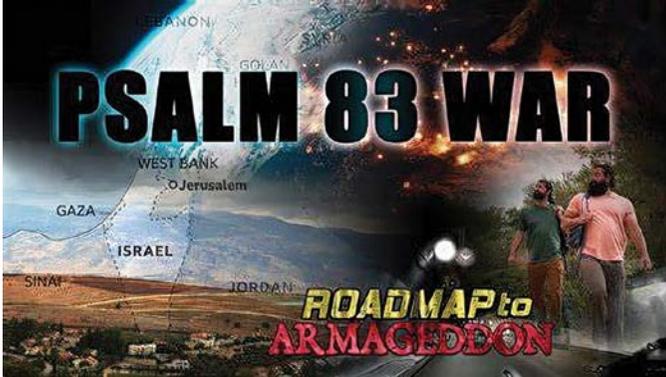
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Psalm 83 War

From J.B.: From what I've learned, the Rapture is not supposed to have any warning signs. Do you believe that the war described in Psalm 83 will take place before the Rapture? Personally, I find it more convincing that the Psalm 83

War would occur after the Rapture. Could you please share why you think that the war in Psalm 83 will happen before the Rapture? Thank you so much for your insight.

Shalom, J.B.,

Although we cannot attest to [the Psalm 83 War](#) occurring before or after the Rapture, one inevitability is certain — it [must occur before the War of Gog and Magog](#). The Psalm 83 nations that immediately surround Israel's boundaries must be subdued in order for the Gog and Magog coalition to launch their ground invasion into Israel.

We also see a relatively peaceful moment for Israel at the beginning of Ezekiel 38, which leads to the conclusion of those Psalm 83 nations getting the beatdown. It is important to note that some Bible scholars believe that Psalm 83 was fulfilled with Israel's war for independence in 1948. Others believe that it is a slow-burn fulfillment over an extended period of time. All we can do for now is reach the best possible conclusion with the information God gives us in His Word. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

God's Chosen People?

From X.S.B.: You say that God stays with His Chosen People. Really? They've been kicked out of their homeland, made into slaves, and to top it off, six million of them were expeditiously murdered less than a century ago. Many experts, including myself, think this number is a total exaggeration. Nevertheless, many did die. But in all seriousness, can you really say that they are the Chosen People? [To me, they are more like the cursed people.](#)

Dear X.S.B.,

Zola used to say that when God chose the Jews, Satan chose them as well. In light of Genesis 12:3, please contemplate what has happened over the millennia to those who have cursed the Jews. And bear in mind that on Judgment Day, even anti-Semites will sit before the King of the Jews. —Mark

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New Teaching Series?

From J.B.: Shalom! I have an idea for a new teaching that I feel would be perfect for Joshua and Caleb — teaching on 1 and 2 Chronicles. It seems like these are the only books that no one at ZLM has ever addressed, yet there are so many Believers who don't know about these books. These books are very important because they are a record about the two divided Kingdoms — how this happened and why HaShem punished them.

Dear J.B.,

We love your excellent idea to teach about 1 and 2 Chronicles. In fact, the sins of Israel and Judah, as well as their original rebellion that split the Kingdom, is a point we addressed in our series, *Josiah and the Last Reformation*. This is a necessary focus that we will address in the future. Until then, check out Dr. Jeffrey Seif's series, *Kings and Kingdoms* (levitt.tv/media/series/DKAK), which roughly follows the trail of the Books of Kings and Chronicles. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

Dateline Jerusalem

From R.M.: Thank you for your *Dateline Jerusalem* series. [See levitt.tv/media/series/DDJ] ZLM has been a blessing to me for the past 35 years. The Bearded Bible Brothers are reaching a younger generation of people, which is a good thing. May your program reach many non-believing Jews and Muslims in the Middle East. Blessings on ZLM.

Shalom, R.M.,

Thank you for your 35 years of faithful viewership. Our mission hasn't changed from Zola's vision — declare the Gospel of Yeshua to our Jewish people first and then to the gentiles. For this reason, God has continued to bless Zola Levitt Ministries for over 45 years. And we truly believe that we will continue this mission until Yeshua returns. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb



Sarah Liberman, our Sabra in Israel

From B.S.: I particularly enjoy Sarah's writings in the *Personal Letter*. But what is a Sabra?

Dear B.S.,

A Sabra is a Jew who was born in Israel, whereas *Olim* are Jews who have made *Aliyah* (immigrated to Israel). —Editor



Red Heifer Updates?

From T.M.: Can you be certain of any updates on the red heifer? I know Jesus will come when He is ready. Only He knows.

Shalom, T.M.,

We are in direct contact with those who are preparing for the Red Heifer ceremony in Israel. Let's just say that it will be soon. But thankfully, these ashes have absolutely no connection with Yeshua's return. —Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

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Bearded Bible Brothers

From R.N.: What happens if one of you decides to shave your beard? Will you be the Bearded Bible Brother and split up?

Dear R.N.,

LOL! Neither of us has yet to completely shave his beard over the past 20 years. Thankfully, there are always beard wigs for the facial hair impaired!

—Blessings, Joshua and Caleb



**WHAT?
SHAVE OUR
BEARDS!**

Blessed by the Levitt Letter

From J.C.: I am an inmate who greatly appreciates your keeping me informed, and I wanted you to know how you bless me and those around me. As I receive each edition of your *Levitt Letter*, I take it to the dayroom with my Bible to do a correspondence course. Often as I sit at the table, other inmates will stop by to assist me. At times, I have had as many as 50 others helping me complete each crossword puzzle. Thank you so very much for the puzzles and *Levitt Letters*. You bless us! May He continue blessing your work and ministry.

Shalom, J.C.,

We are blessed to hear how you share the *LL* with your fellow inmates. Andrea, our office manager, creates the crossword puzzle for every edition. (Andrea was assisted by Rachel Anderson in this month's puzzle.) Although most of the world has gone digital, it is for people like yourself that we continue to champion the printed news-letter. Even if the words bring just a single soul to Yeshua, your sharing our *Levitt Letters* is worth it! We pray that the Holy Spirit brings you peace and leads you to the knowledge of all truth (John 16:13) through your studies.

—Blessings, Joshua and Caleb

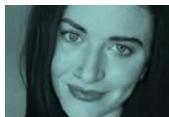


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Pulitzer Prize goes to Gazan who Discredited Hostages, Disputed Bibas Family Murders

by Mathilda Heller
JPost.com



One of the winners of this year's Pulitzer Prize — Palestinian poet Mosab Abu Toha — disputed whether the Bibas family was murdered by their captors and argued that Israeli hostages should not be called hostages.

Abu Toha was awarded the prestigious prize in May for a series of essays in *The New Yorker* about the suffering in Gaza, where he was born and raised.

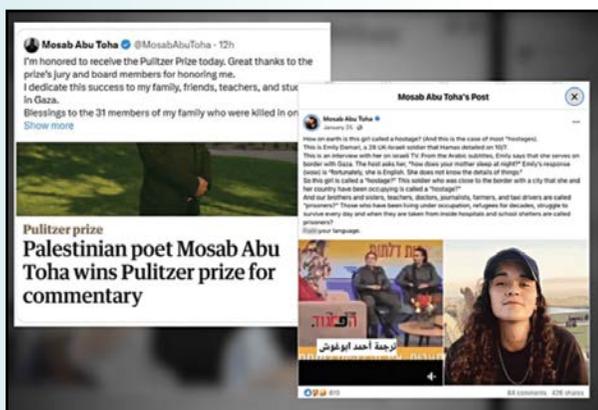
HonestReporting researched Abu Toha's social media history, which it claims is "virulently" anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. The watchdog then shared these posts with Fox News Digital, which reached out to Abu Toha, *The New Yorker*, and the Pulitzer Prize organization for comment.

In his social media posts, Abu Toha "specifically disparaged female Israeli hostages, questioned their hostage status, and implicitly justified their abduction," HonestReporting reported.

On January 24, 2025, Abu Toha posted a picture of then-hostage Emily Damari, saying, "How on earth is this girl called a hostage? This soldier who was close to the border with a city that she and her country have been occupying is called a 'hostage'?"

Emily Damari was shot in the hand on October 7 and lost two fingers. She was held hostage in Gaza for 471 days before being released in the January 2025 hostage deal.

On February 3, 2025, Abu Toha made a similar post about Agam Berger. "These are the ones the world wants to share sympathy for, killers who join the army and have family in the army! These are the ones who CNN, BBC, and the likes



(right inset) In a Facebook post, Mosab Abu Toha denied that Emily Damari should be classified as a hostage.

humanize in articles, TV programs, and news bulletins."

Furthermore, after then-IDF spokesman Daniel Hagari told the BBC that Kfir, Ariel, and Shiri Bibas were shown by forensic evidence to have been murdered by their captors, Abu Toha said, "shame on BBC, propaganda machine."



Gil Hoffman

Gil Hoffman, executive director of HonestReporting, called for the prize to be rescinded:

"The Pulitzer Prize is the top award in journalism and should not be blemished by

bestowing it to a man who repeatedly twisted facts. Abu Toha justifies abducting civilians from their homes, spreads fake news, and calls lighting a menorah on Hanukkah anti-Semitism. That doesn't sound prizeworthy to me."

Ofir Akunis, the Consul General of Israel in New York, stated that "these posts are an absolute disgrace, and this man should be condemned for his comments, not given a Pulitzer Prize. Reading these posts should make any decent person absolutely sick to their stomach." ✨

credit: Screenshot / HonestReporting



Israel's War with Hamas Brings Cutting-Edge Medical

After being shot in both legs by a Hamas sniper in Gaza, Israeli reservist and New York native Aaron Bours is among the many soldiers pioneering the use of cutting-edge rehabilitative technologies that have been a result of Israel's war with Hamas.

Bours moved from Long Island to Israel as a teenager to join the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and ended up staying in the country.

Just two weeks into his service — shortly after Hamas's attack on southern Israel — Bours was shot while trying to rescue his commanding officer, who was killed at the scene. He barely survived, crawling to safety while dragging his smashed leg.

From the initial fear of amputation to transitioning to a wheelchair and then crutches and now to a cane, Bours credits Israel's medical professionals and technology for his recovery and saving his legs.

Israel's war in Gaza has spurred a wave of healthcare innovations that are reshaping both mental and physical recovery for soldiers and civilians. At the forefront of Israel's rehabilitation push is Sheba Medical Center, the Middle East's largest hospital.

Video-Game Therapy

At Sheba's new Immersive Rehabilitation Room, Bours, who lost over three inches of bone in his right leg, mimicked a monkey catching bananas. The space projects real-life scenarios onto walls and floors embedded with sensors.

"I broke a sweat like I hadn't done in many months. It's fun, so the results are that much better," Bours said of the workout.

Therapists design these patient-customized scenarios to prepare them for civilian life. "What we aim to do is practice daily

activities, and this technology allows us to bring the outside world into the therapy room," noted Maya Ehrlich, a Sheba rehabilitation psychologist and coordinator. While video rehab technology existed prior to the war, its use has been expanded for wartime rehabilitation.

credit: Aaron Bours



credit: Aaron Bours



Maya Ehrlich and Aaron Bours



credit: Sheba Medical Center

Three-dimensional printing enables the rapid production of customized prosthetics and implants.

Advanced 3-D printing

Another key wartime development is in the realm of three-dimensional printing, which now enables the rapid production of customized prosthetics and implants. This technology also existed previously, but it has been integrated into hospitals to create prosthetics in hours rather than weeks.

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At Sheba's 3D Center, a precisely designed skull model was manufactured to help surgeons reconstruct the facial structure of IDF officer Omri Rosenblit, who was severely injured in Khan Yunis when a building collapsed on him. The technology also helped restore his vision.



Left: Bours in the Immersive Rehabilitation Room

Below: Prof. Leon Kaplan performs robot-guided minimally invasive spine surgery to remove a bullet from an injured IDF soldier.



credit: Hadassah Hospital

In another case, a 3D-printed personalized implant (PSI) by Synergy 3DMed helped reconstruct the shattered skull of a military dog injured during a Gaza operation. Surgeons fitted the piece of the missing skull seamlessly — much like completing a puzzle — resulting in the dog's full recovery.

Robots and AI

Surgical robotic technology also isn't entirely new but has been updated in a groundbreaking way at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem after the Hamas attacks.

Doctors used a robotic guidance system invented by an Israeli subsidiary of

Medtronic PLC to remove a bullet lodged in a soldier's sacrum — the bone at the base of the spine — avoiding paralysis, nerve damage, and lead poisoning. The minimally invasive procedure took just 90 minutes, only a fraction of the time required for traditional surgery.

Artificial Intelligence powers Aidoc, a medical imaging system transforming real-time emergency care by quickly identifying and prioritizing critical trauma cases. It played a key role in saving a 23-year-old Nova massacre survivor who was shot in the eye, with the bullet lodged in her brain. Aidoc mapped the bullet's path in seconds and sent a push notification to an endovascular surgeon, enabling him to prioritize her treatment and save her life.

Kemtai is an online workout tool that transforms physical therapy by turning any device with a camera into a personal trainer. The AI-driven platform tracks key body points via smartphone or laptop cameras, offering real-time feedback on exercise form and technique. The technology helps medical providers monitor injured soldiers' progress and adjust treatment plans remotely.

Another innovation is EyeCon, currently being tested at Rambam Medical Center in the northern city of Haifa. Comprising a headband, earphone, and camera, EyeCon is helping bring soldiers out of comas by enabling them to communicate through eye gestures like blinking. The system uses EEG electrodes to monitor brain waves and eye muscle activity, translating these signals into prompts that allow patients with limited consciousness to express their needs and ultimately help pull them back into consciousness.

After five months as an inpatient at Sheba, Bours is now home with his wife, whom he married shortly before October 7, 2023. Despite his journey, Bours refuses to give in to self-pity. "We're a survivalist nation," he said. "We have to be because otherwise we'd die." ☆



From Islamic Radicalism to Israel Advocacy



credit: Ehanan Miller/Times of Israel

Kasim Hafeez outside of Jerusalem's Old City in 2012

Born in 1983, **Kasim Hafeez** grew up in Nottingham, England in a Muslim family of Pakistani origin. His community was not particularly radical; it mostly consisted of new immigrants from Pakistan who were hardworking, devout Muslims. But anti-Semitism did exist, even in his own household.

For example, Hafeez recalls his father praising Adolf Hitler. He says political mobilization among Muslims surged after the publication of *The Satanic Verses* in 1988 and the war in Bosnia in the early 90s. Influenced by radical propaganda in his teenage years, he embraced anti-Israel and anti-Semitic views, later joining the Islamic Society at the University of Nottingham, where uncontextualized images of Israeli military actions fueled further hatred.

For him, Israel was a symbol of oppression — a narrative reinforced by the media as well as community teachings. This early indoctrination painted a picture of Israel that was far removed from reality. By the early 2000s, he was saving money for a plane ticket to Pakistan where he aspired to join a terrorist training camp.

One day, Hafeez walked into a bookshop. While exploring novels, one particular

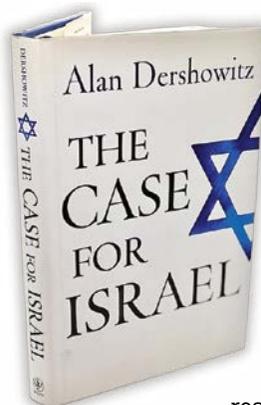
title caught him off guard: *The Case for Israel*, by Alan Dershowitz.

"What case?" he thought. "Is this a joke?"

He picked up the book, not out of any intellectual curiosity, but to easily disprove the claims of what he thought was "Zionist propaganda." As he looked through it, he encountered arguments he never heard before, which were in total contradiction to his belief system.

Since the claims in the book had academic sources and direct references, he decided to fact check everything, hoping to expose what he thought had to be straight-out lies.

The more he researched and gained a better understanding of historical truth, the more he fell into despair and depression, as a crisis of faith lingered within him. After two years of internal agony, Hafeez decided the only way to confirm his longstanding belief that Israel was some type of evil apart-





Instead of a land solely defined by conflict, he witnessed a vibrant, diverse society with thriving communities, varieties of ethnic and religious groups living side by side in harmony, innovative technology, and a commitment to democracy.

heid state would be to actually visit the country itself.

Desiring to challenge the pro-Israel views he had internalized, Hafeez journeyed to Israel, which was nothing short of revelatory. What he encountered was a country that defied the caricatures he had been taught. Instead of a land solely defined by conflict, he witnessed a vibrant, diverse society with thriving communities, varieties of ethnic and religious groups living side by side in harmony, innovative technology, and a commitment to democracy.

In conversations with locals — from entrepreneurs to street vendors, from Jews to Arabs, religious and secular — he discovered a multifaceted country that defied the narrative he had been taught from his youth. Where was the evil? Where was the racism and hate? He didn't know what to think since all he encountered was kindness from normal Jewish people coexisting with their Arab neighbors.

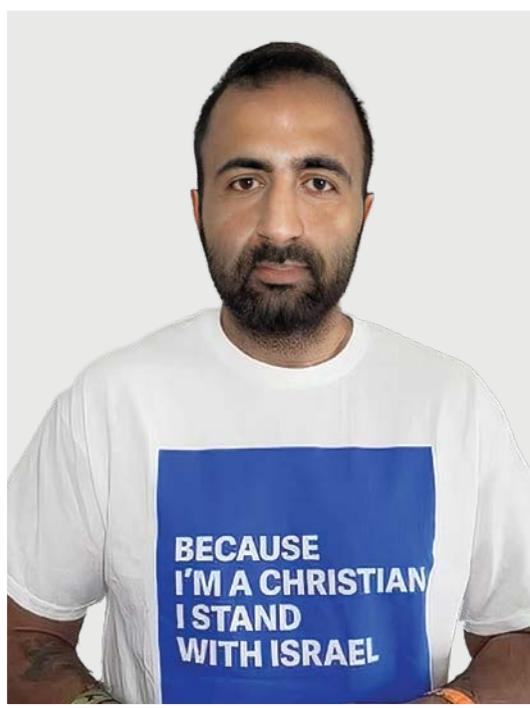
By touring the country, he discovered Israel's rich history, from ancient sites to modern innovations, which painted a picture of resilience, creativity, and deep

roots. He started to understand that Jews were originally from this land and all they wanted throughout history was to come back home, something that for him, transcended both religion and politics. By the end of his trip, he found himself touching the Western Wall full of tears in his eyes and a newfound love of the Jewish people in his heart.

Kasim Hafeez began speaking publicly about his transformation shortly after his 2007 visit to

Israel, which alienated him from much of his family and community. Over the following years, his career as a public speaker evolved as he toured university campuses and international forums, sharing his personal journey from radical views to staunch support for Israel.

Since the Hamas attack on October 7,



Kasim Hafeez, who now works for Christians United for Israel, became a Believer over 15 years ago.

2023, Hafeez has intensified his efforts by engaging in high-profile interviews and talks, emphasizing Israel's democratic values and the importance of basing opinions on factual, firsthand experiences. His public addresses continue to counter prevailing misconceptions and inspire a more nuanced understanding of the conflict. ✨

credit: Kasim Hafeez / Instagram screenshot





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SELECT MEDIA BRIEFS

Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders displays the "Judea and Samaria" legislation

Arkansas Bans Agencies from Saying "West Bank" JNS.org

Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, a Republican, signed legislation in April to prohibit the state's agencies from using the term "West Bank."

"It is the intent of the General Assembly to: (1) Refer to the land controlled by Israel from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of 'Judea and Samaria', with the land south of Jerusalem being considered 'Judea' and the land north of Jerusalem being considered 'Samaria'; and (2) No longer use the term 'West Bank' in official government materials."

Proponents say the wording recognizes the historic and Biblical connection of Jews to the kingdoms of Judea and Samaria. They note that the phrase "West Bank" was popularized by Jordan after it occupied the area in 1948 to imply continuity between the east and west banks of the Jordan River.

Sanders's father, Mike Huckabee, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, has argued that the Jewish state has a Biblical "title deed" to Judea and Samaria. "There are certain words I refuse to use," Huckabee said in 2017. "There is no such thing as a 'West Bank.' It's Judea and Samaria."

Similar legislation, which has been proposed at the federal level, is pending in the House and Senate.



credit: Social media screenshot

Teens making a Nazi salute at Holocaust memorial in Ukraine, April 2025

Teens Desecrate Holocaust Memorial With Nazi Salute

JewishBreakingNews.com

Ukrainian police launched a criminal investigation after three young people were photographed giving Nazi salutes at the Drobysky Yar Holocaust memorial in Kharkiv, where more than 17,000 Jews were murdered during the Holocaust.

The disturbing image, which appeared on a popular Kharkiv Telegram channel in April, showed two men and a woman treading on a commemorative plaque



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while performing the offensive gesture at the solemn site.

Kharkiv Mayor Igor Terekhov condemned the act as “a conscious desecration of memory, of humanity, and of Kharkiv itself. Drobysky Yar is not just a place — it is a wound in the heart of Kharkiv. It is silence that screams with the pain of thousands of innocent lives,” he wrote on his Telegram channel.

Before the Nazi invasion, Kharkiv was home to approximately 135,000 Jews. During the occupation, those who hadn't fled were systematically executed, 200 to 300 daily, until the remaining Jewish population was decimated by February 1943.

international students, foreign workers, and undocumented immigrants.

The population increase of 1.4% over the previous year came from about 174,000 births and 28,000 immigrants, while 50,000 Israelis died. Israel has a relatively young population — 27% of citizens are under the age of 18 compared with 13% who are 65 or older.

Israel's population grew rapidly in comparison with the world population, which grew about 0.9% to just over 8 billion in 2023, the last year for which the World Bank has made data available. However, Israel's population growth this year was slightly lower than last year, when the population grew about 1.9%.



New immigrants from France arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in August 2024

Israel's Population Tops 10 million

TimesOfIsrael.com

Israel's population stands at almost 10.1 million people, marking a twelfold increase since the country was founded in 1948.

According to data released by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) in April, 7.7 million people (77.6%) are Jewish or “other,” which includes non-Arab Christians and people who listed no ethnicity. Some 2.1 million (20.9%) are Muslim, Christian, or Druze Arabs. Another 250,000 people (about 2.5%) belong to neither category, and include

Part of this year's decline could be attributed to the 24% decrease in immigration to Israel over the past year. Meanwhile, some 56,000 Israeli citizens were living abroad.

The CBS added that about 3.5 million people have immigrated to Israel since 1948, 47.6% of whom came since 1990, after Soviet Jews were allowed to emigrate en masse. As of the end of 2023, about 45% of world Jewry lived in Israel, and 80% of Jewish Israelis had been born in the country. ☆

Omri Neuberger / Flash90





Ancient Pyramid Structure Found Near Dead Sea



The excavation site with the Dead Sea in the background

For over 2,000 years, a heap of large stones standing on hills overlooking the Dead Sea remained almost untouched, a unique, human-made mound in the serene landscape.

As part of a multi-year, widespread search for additional Dead Sea Scrolls in the Judean Desert, a team of Israeli archaeologists recently excavated the enigmatic pyramid-like structure near Nahal Zohar, about 12 miles south of Masada.



An ancient sewing needle found at the excavation

used as a fortress defending an ancient road and then reused as a monumental tomb centuries later.

“At first, we thought the site could be just a tomb, but later, we noticed the shape of the original walls, and we understood that the structure was a building,” explained Dr. Eitan Klein. “Eventually, we identified it as a tower or fortress dating back to the Hellenistic period, or 2,200 years ago.”

At the time, Israel was ruled by the Ptolemaic Kingdom, a Greek kingdom whose capital was the Egyptian city of Alexandria.

“We know that the main road linking Edom (modern-day Jordan) to Gaza passed directly beneath our structure,” noted Klein, co-director of the excavation for the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) alongside Matan Toledano and Amir Ganor. “We believe that the build-



A piece of ancient papyrus with Greek writing

A wealth of remarkable artifacts — including scrolls, papyri, bronze vessels, remains of furniture, coins, textiles, and an exceptionally well-preserved basket — suggests that the site may have been

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credit: Emil Aladjem / IAA





credit: Emil Aladjem / IAA

ing may have been used by Ptolemaic officials to collect taxes from travelers.”

The recent excavation is part of a larger multi-year project to survey hundreds of caves and sites in the Judean Desert — part of which is located in Judea and Samaria (the “West Bank”). The operation aims to identify and save antiquities from looters. Looting has been widespread in the area since the first Dead Sea Scrolls were found by Bedouin shepherds in the 1940s.



Robbery Prevention Unit / IAA

An ancient button found at the site

Although looters reached it first, archaeologists still managed to recover a wealth of organic and inorganic findings. “We found many Ptolemaic coins, as well as coins from the Seleucid Kingdom, which ruled over Israel immediately afterward,” Klein stated. He noted that the building was in use in the third and first half of the second centuries BC.

After the structure collapsed and was abandoned, someone in Roman times thought the site would be suitable for a monumental grave. Though looters had previously raided the grave, the archaeologists were able to recover some artifacts related to it.

While the enigmas surrounding the building persist, researchers continue to excavate the site. They hope to shed more light on who inhabited the remote fortress and for what purpose — as well as why it was chosen as a burial place for someone who lived in the Land of Israel some 2,000 years ago. ✨



credit: Emil Aladjem / IAA

Ancient seeds found at the excavation site

The IAA Robbery Prevention Unit’s survey team has so far scanned 112 miles of cliffs and identified approximately 900 caves. The Nahal Zohar region was first surveyed in the 1960s.



Abbas: Jewish Temples were in Yemen

By **Canaan Lidor** / JNS.org



Abbas speaking at the PLO Central Council meeting on April 23, 2025

Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas recently claimed that the Jewish Temples were in Yemen. “In the Noble Koran — and I believe that also in other divine books — it says that the [First and Second] Temples were in Yemen,” Abbas stated.

Abbas spoke on April 23 during the 32nd PLO Central Council meeting in Ramallah. His remarks came amidst a claim that Israeli authorities were targeting Jerusalem’s Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is built on the Temple Mount, where the Jewish Temples once stood.

“The Jews say, ‘This is ours, that was ours...’ No. That’s not what the Koran says,” asserted Abbas, whose Arabic speech was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

Particularly since 1967, Palestinian nationalists have made such fabricated assertions in order to delegitimize Jewish claims and justify incitement and violence against the Jews.

In his 2020 book *Al-Aqsa Terror: From Libel to Blood*, Nadav Shragai wrote: “The attempts by Palestinian leaders like Yasser Arafat or Saeb Erekat to cast doubt on the Temple’s existence on the Mount or to distance it from that location by claiming that there was indeed a Temple,

but in Nablus or Yemen, stem from one sole motive: The desire to expunge from the Temple Mount a competing Jewish historical narrative and a competing historical and religious awareness, since these could becloud their own historical and religious narrative on the Mount.”

Abbas’s predecessor, Yasser Arafat, also highlighted this theory. On September 25, 2003, Arafat told Arab leaders from northern Israel that there was no Jewish Temple in the Land of Israel, but rather in Yemen. Arafat further claimed that he had seen the site in Yemen where Solomon’s Temple once stood.

Yitzhak Reiter — a professor of Islam, Middle East history and politics, and Israel studies — noted that **the Yemen canard originated with Kamal Salibi**, who was a professor at the American University of Beirut and director of the Royal Institute for InterFaith Studies in Amman, Jordan. In a 1985 book, Salibi claimed that Biblical Jerusalem was located in the Arabian Nimas highlands — halfway from Mecca to Yemen.

While the Koran does not mention Jerusalem, Shragai noted that many Muslim scholars have long acknowledged that the Jewish Temples stood there. ✨





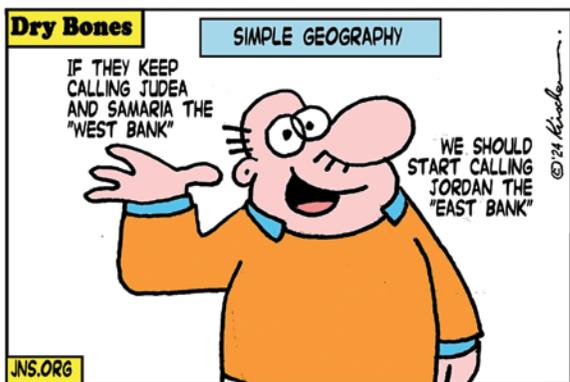
Jewish Humor, etc.

A cheerful heart is good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22

Inactive Adults?

The Sunday School teacher was teaching her class about the Israelites in the Old Testament, referring to the Jews as the "Children of Israel."

A little girl interrupted her with a question. "You keep talking about the children of Israel," the girl stated. "The children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. The children of Israel built the Temple. The children of Israel did this and did that. Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?"



Answer Key for July 2025 Crossword (p.21)

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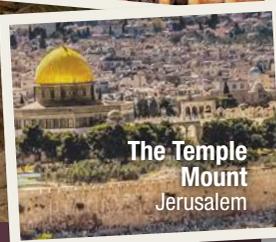
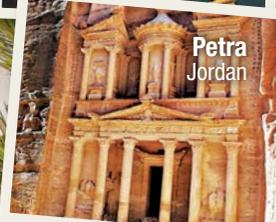
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