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Dear Friends of Israel,

BY FREDI WINKLER



What will the New Year bring us in 2022? At the end of last year, people were generally optimistic that the coronavirus would subside and tourism would recover, which would also bring tour groups to Israel again. But that optimism was dampened by the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus, from southern Africa. It has already been introduced in Israel, and there has been wild speculation about how dangerous it's supposed to be. Meanwhile, those fears don't seem to have been confirmed. Nonetheless, travel restrictions were imposed again, and travel to and from certain countries was banned.

International travel (and, by extension, tourism) is the industry that has probably been most directly and quickly affected by Covid restrictions. It's becoming more and more apparent that this crisis is affecting the entire world economy, making everything more expensive.

A new documentary about the Spanish flu has been released. That pandemic struck the world a hundred years ago, and killed between 27 and 50 million people, depending on the estimate. Watching this documentary can help you better understand why the WHO and the nations of the world are so concerned; there are fears that the coronavirus story isn't yet over, and could get even worse.



Covid has also severely restricted freedom of assembly in most of the world's nations. This has become a great challenge for many churches, but even more so for individuals—especially singles.

In this situation, unity and solidarity among believers should actually be a matter of course. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. Because of different perspectives on the coronavirus and its problems and side effects, believers are reproaching and accusing one another, especially when it comes to the matter of vaccination. The worst thing would be if the enemy were to successfully divide believers over this issue. The unifying love of Christ should be stronger than anything else.

In the last week of His earthly life, Jesus warned His disciples on the Mount of Olives that the love of most of them would grow cold (Matt 24:12). Distrust and differences of opinion can cause this to happen very quickly, even though it often has nothing to do with faith.

We can look with confidence to the coming year, bearing in mind these warnings, as well as the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ from the last sentence of the Gospel of Matthew: “And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

This last word from the Lord to His disciples, this strong promise, lets us look to the year ahead with faithful confidence, even if many things are uncertain. One thing we can be sure of: His Word is certain.

Looking back on the past year, we can gratefully say as an organization: the Lord has guided us up to this point. He will continue to do so, if only we remain faithful and obedient.

We want to thank everyone who has helped and supported us in accomplishing the work the Lord has entrusted to us.

Warm greetings with Shalom and blessings from Israel for the New Year, in the confidence that the Lord remains with His own, no matter what happens.

Trevor Winkler



Israel, the Church, and the Nations

– Part 1

NORBERT LIETH

A redemptive-historical and prophetic interpretation of
Romans 9–11.

The Apostle Paul was appointed by God as teacher of the nations (1 Tim 2:7) and the Apostle to the Nations (Rom 11:13). He of all people is the one who brings us the deepest New Testament teaching about Israel's past (Rom 9), present (Rom 10), and future (Rom 11). This teaching is more comprehensive than in any other apostolic letter. That should tell us something as Christians. After all, God is conforming us into the image of His Son (Rom 8:29) through Paul's teaching (Rom 6:17).

PAUL'S HEART: LIKE JESUS

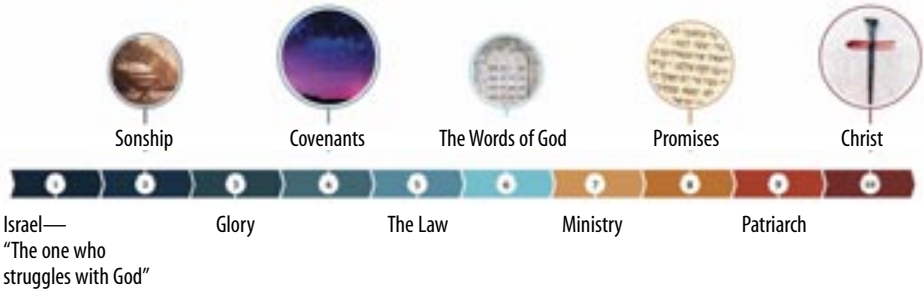
"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom 9:1-3).—"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Is-

rael is, that they might be saved" (Rom 10:1).—"If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them" (Rom 11:14).

Seven things are mentioned in these verses: 1. Heaviness of heart; 2. Sorrow; 3. Accursedness; 4. Heart's desire; 5. Prayer; 6. Any means; 7. Provoking jealousy in order to save.

An evangelist once told the story of a man who claimed that if he had been there when the disciples were gathering behind locked doors for fear of the Jews, he would have held the door open until the last second in the hopes that Judas, who had betrayed the Lord, might still come back. That may sound utopian (since things had to happen the way they did), but so much love is behind such a statement. It's the same with Israel: things had to happen the way they did, but Paul was showing his love and his heart's desire to save his people.

10 Divine Gifts That Cannot Be Lost



While it's true that Paul was the Apostle to the Nations, he also cared about his own people. He longed for their salvation. We can see the attitude of Jesus in this: He gave Himself up, was judged in our place, and was separated from God. As Christians, we should also have and maintain this desire for our fellow human beings and for Israel. We are Christ's ambassadors in this world. Therefore, we must not forget Israel.

Let's consider some personal questions drawn from Paul's seven statements. Are we experiencing sadness and incessant pain for our contemporaries, Israel, and the Arab world? Or

have we already given up on them, viewing them only with a judgmental attitude? Does our love stretch as far as Paul's? Are we ready to give up ourselves to bring the Gospel to the lost? Do we have the desire for salvation, and prayers for all people (1 Tim 2:1), in our hearts? Are we diligently seeking out ways and means to provoke jealousy in others so that they will be saved?

May we be prepared for these matters and awakened to these concerns.

WHAT IS, IS

"Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants,

and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen” (Rom 9:4-5).—“What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged” (Rom 3:1-4).—“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance [irrevocable]” (Rom 11:29).

God’s redemptive history with Israel began with a laugh: “Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” (Gen 18:12). And God’s redemptive history

with Israel ends with a laugh: “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision” (Ps 2:2-4).

It’s amazing how God chose and used this people. Paul speaks of ten divine gifts that cannot be lost:

1. Israel is “the one who struggles with God.” “El” means God.

2. Sonship: Israel as a whole people possesses this. God caused Moses to tell Pharaoh, “Israel is my son, even my first-born: And I say unto thee, Let my son go” (Ex 4:22b-23a).

3. Glory: God was present among His people.

4. Covenants: given to the Patriarchs.

5. The Law: given at Sinai. Paul wrote, “And this I say, that the covenant, that was

confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect” (Gal 3:17).

6. They have been entrusted with the statements of God: The Word of God was handed down to us through the Jewish people.

7. Ministry: Israel, the priestly people; their worship services; also for the nations.

8. Promises: Countless made to the Patriarchs, the kings, and the people.

9. Fathers: Again, the Patriarchs, to whom God revealed Himself.

10. Christ: The Redeemer comes from this people, and He is divine in nature. “Salvation is of the Jews” (John 4:22b).

Paul held fast to these irrefutable truths, and we should too. His protégé Timothy lived and worked in Ephesus at that time (1 Tim 1:3), and presided over the church there. Paul

wrote to him about this subject: “Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel” (2 Tim 2:8). Timothy obviously wasn’t going to forget, and certainly wouldn’t conceal, that Jesus comes from the line of David.

Additionally, it was important for the Apostle to show that God in His faithfulness holds fast to His promises, and therefore also to His people: “If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself” (2 Tim 2:13). God remains absolutely trustworthy and faithful to His promises to the Church as well. Our lack of faithfulness cannot undo His faithfulness.

A PLAIN FACT

“Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but,

In Isaac shall thy seed be called” (Rom 9:6-7).

It’s peculiar: devout Orthodox Jews think that any Israelite who believes in Jesus is no longer a Jew. But the Bible says that exactly the reverse is true: Only the one who believes in Jesus is a true Israelite.

Paul stresses that the Word of God hasn’t become obsolete. Israel hasn’t been sweepingly rejected, as one might think in light of the people’s blindness and their scattering. Unbelievers can’t cancel out God’s faithfulness (Rom 3:3). But the Apostle makes a plain distinction, explaining that there is a difference between Israel according to the flesh (Abraham’s natural descendants) and Israelites according to the Spirit (who originate in God’s promise and Abraham’s faith, and can point back to Isaac: Gen 15:6; Rom 4:3; Gal 3:6). The promise of Isaac ultimately leads to Jesus.

There are Israelites after the flesh simply because they didn’t

believe. Too many find themselves under God’s displeasure. “They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation” (Deut 32:5). The same could be said of the people of Jesus’ day; namely, the Pharisees, scribes, and elders who rejected Jesus.

John the Baptist had said earlier, “And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father” (Matt 3:9a). And Jesus told the leaders of the people, “I know that ye are Abraham’s seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you” (John 8:37). Whereupon He questioned their sonship, saying, “If ye were Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham” (v. 39b). They were sons of Abraham according to the flesh, but not according to faith.

This also applies to today’s unbelieving Israelis. They are just as lost as any other person without faith in Jesus. Spiritu-

Unbelievers can't cancel out God's faithfulness (Rom 3:3).



ally, they aren't really Israelites. But there are Israelites who are both; that is, according to the flesh and according to the faith of Abraham. Consider Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Caleb, Zacharias and Elizabeth, Simeon and Hannah, the disciples, later converts to Jesus from among the people, and current messianic Jews. They are the true Israel within Israel. This means that the true Israel at present is Israel according to the promise, not Israel according to the flesh.

As born-again children of God, we are an inextricable part of the heavenly Father's family. But we too are asked to test

our faith: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Cor 13:5). The question we have to ask ourselves is: Am I a Christian in name only, or am I truly a born-again believer? Am I living out my faith according to my belief in Jesus?

GOD'S FREE ELECTION

Paul continues this subject, repeating some points and providing additional justification:

"That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are

not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated” (Rom 9:8-13).

“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God” (Rom 2:28-29).

Regarding the salvation of God’s children, the following is true: “That is...” It is not the children according to the flesh

who are God’s children, but the children of the promise, and faith in that promise. Circumcision of the heart is the evidence of their belief, so it is a matter of the heart. The leaders of the people, for example, have invalidated God’s Word through their sanctimonious traditions: “Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition” (Matt 15:6b). They emphasized external appearances—tradition and ritual—over the condition of the heart. They were depending on the letter of the law, and weren’t living in the spirit of the new covenant in Christ.

As for the nation’s calling, God’s sovereignty applies. In considering this, it was important that Romans 9:10 was included: “And not only this...” —This passage concerns the nation’s election beyond spiritual sonship. Therefore, Rebekah, Isaac, Esau, and Jacob are mentioned.

God didn’t choose the one who was to bear His promise

A person can't decide to become in any way worthy of being chosen; that wouldn't be election through grace.

on the basis of being the first-born, but according to the principle of His divine will. The older should serve the younger. The people that Jesus would call forth were not from Esau, but from Jacob. Their deeds played no role in this selection; when both children were still in the womb, knowing neither good nor evil, this election had already been fixed (Rom 9:11-12). Esau actually possessed the birthright, and Jacob was the deceiver. But God chose in reverse order. It didn't come from works, but from divine appointment. Regarding this (and not addressing the issue of eternal life) God said, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated" (Rom 9:13).

Hate in this context doesn't mean that God couldn't stand Esau, but that He had deprived him of the privilege of furthering the people's progress to-

ward the Messiah. Both were later blessed by Isaac in faith: "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come" (Heb 11:20).

Election always occurs through pure grace (Rom 11:5). Works in service of the Lord do have value, but it shows unbelief to think that performing them is a means to gain God's favor. A person can't decide to become in any way worthy of being chosen; that wouldn't be election through grace.

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are" (1 Cor 1:27-28).

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On the Horizon



ISRAEL

What Did King David's Israel Look Like?

"The biblical story is about nomads," Tel Aviv University Prof. Erez Ben-Yosef said. "Almost everybody agrees that ancient Israel emerged from a nomadic society, and the same is true for the neighboring kingdoms — the Moabites, the Edomites, the Ammonites — which were established by coalitions of nomadic tribes."



Slaves' Hill in the center of the Timna Valley.

(photo credit: Erez Ben-Yosef and the Central Timna Valley Project.)



As Ben-Yosef noted in a paper recently published in the *Jerusalem Journal of Archaeology*, up until now, the consensus among scholars has been that before a society became sedentary, it could not be considered complex or evolved. For this reason, many have dismissed the notion that ancient Israel could be as powerful as described in the Bible.

"The problem is that when we think about nomads we immediately think about modern Bedouin and we find ourselves

NEWS IN BRIEF



JEWES DISGUISED AS MUSLIMS

An extremist Jewish group arranges for its members to disguise themselves as Muslims in order to enter the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem, where they quietly recite Jewish prayers while pretending to engage in Islamic worship, according to a report.

The far-right Returning to the Mount group, which advocates Jewish sovereignty on the Temple Mount, has prompted concerns among security officials, who warn that their actions could spark violence at the flashpoint holy site, Channel 13 news reported.

In lessons held in a Jerusalem apartment, the group teaches its followers to dress in traditional Muslim garb, to carry prayer mats, Misbaha prayer beads and even Arabic-language books about the Quran to make their disguise more convincing. In addition, members sometimes dye their hair and beards darker to make themselves appear more like Arabs.

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stuck in a certain mental box," Ben-Yosef noted. "It is time to leave this box."

"At the same time, archaeologists have wanted to be important players in the discussion about the historicity of the Bible and have claimed that they could see more than they could," Ben-Yosef argued. "However, now we have very strong evidence that this approach was wrong and that what we thought about nomads in the ancient Land of Israel was wrong."

So what did the contemporary kingdoms of David and Solomon look like?

"As it was common at the time, it was a mixed society with some people living in tents and others in buildings," Ben-Yosef said. "As the biblical author tells us, with time, more people settled but many continued to live in tents all the way to the destruction of the First Temple."

"The biblical text is complex and it does contain some biases and exaggerations, but I believe it contains much more truth than many assume," Ben-Yosef said.

"We cannot use archaeology in the way it has been used until today to study the historicity of the Bible, we need to acknowledge the reality," he concluded. "We cannot just continue to look for walls, our rules need to change."

-www.jpost.com, 3 November 2021

Commentary: These respectable archaeologists are attempting to uncover something that is already documented. The Bible confirms archaeology, not vice versa.

Speaking of the Biblical text, Ben-Yosef states, "I believe it contains much more truth than many assume." Rightly spoken and rightly written.

There is one important item that makes Israel unique: the prophetic Word. Repeatedly, the prophets proclaimed that everything would be destroyed in Israel. Even Jesus prophesied: "There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (Matthew 24:2b).

When we examine Israel's archaeological treasures, we only find walls, stones, and other less significant discoveries documenting the existence of Jews in Jerusalem and the land of Israel.

When we look at other empires, there is plenty of evidence to be found. Let's list some: Anu Ziggurat of Uruk in Iraq, 4000-3800 BC; the Tarxien Temples in Malta, 3150 BC; the Pyramid of Djoser in Egypt, 2667-2648 BC; the Ziggurat of Ur



in Iraq, 2100 BC; and innumerable more, all testifying to the glory of a long since ended empire.

Yes, broken down walls of formerly glorious buildings are constantly discovered in Israel. But nothing of significance when compared to the Roman



Colosseum, for example, which still stands today. Israel is different, unique, and incomparable to any other land or people.

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(See *Unveiling the Kings of Israel*, Item #2258, \$29.99.)



IRAQ

Kurds Risk Their Lives to Reach Europe

Asos Hassan is among thousands of people from the semi-autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq who have risked their lives trying to reach Europe this year.



Iraqi Kurds hold a rally to protest against corruption and scarcity of services in the city of Sulaimaniyah [File:Shwan Mohammed/AFP]



Desperate to escape economic hardship and political repression, the 28-year-old university graduate from

NEWS IN BRIEF



ISRAELI CYBER SUPREMACY

It is not by chance that 40 percent of all private cyber investments in the world are invested in Israeli companies, and that a third of the world's unicorn cyber companies—private startups worth at least \$1 billion—are Israeli.

“Today, cyber accounts for 15% of Israeli high-tech exports, which is about half of the total exports of the State of Israel, and it will only grow,” lead author Prof. Eviatar Matania said.

Six cyber research centers were established at Israeli universities, and the government invested heavily in cyber startups, many of them founded by IDF veterans parlaying their cyber expertise into private ventures.

“That’s how Israel got the jump on the whole world,” said Matania.

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Koya, a town located east of the capital Erbil, has twice tried to cross the Aegean Sea to Greece, but was deported by Turkish authorities.

Despite the failed attempts, he plans to return to Turkey and keep trying until he reaches his destination.

“I will keep at it even if I get deported dozens of times,” said Hassan. “I’d rather die than continue living this miserable life,” he added, explaining he has struggled to find employment for years and feels hopeless about the future.

Like Hassan, Kamaran Aziz, a 21-year-old from Halabja, tried to reach Europe through Belarus but was deported by local authorities when his visa expired.

Aziz paid Kurdish smugglers \$6,000 to make the journey but instead found himself detained and beaten by Belarusian border police before they forced him home. Aziz told Al Jazeera he would rather die trying again than stay in the Kurdish region.

-*www.aljazeera.com*, 2 December 2021

Commentary: Who are the Kurds?

“...A group of people in the Middle East who speak related dialects and share an ethnic identity. With

a population of approximately 30 million, the Kurds are the largest ethnic group in the world without their own state,” facinghistory.org states. Wikipedia lists 2–3.6 million Kurdish refugees in Syria, 63,818 in Russia, 1.2–1.5 million in Germany, 20,591 in the USA.

The people without a country are claiming territory in Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria. To establish their own state seems all but impossible, since militant factions within the Kurdish community are recognized as terrorists by the international community.

What does it mean to us? The primary thing is prayer for the missionaries who are working with these refugees, so they may find a home—a real home, an eternal one through faith in Jesus Christ the Lord. May many experience the fulfillment of Ephesians 2:19: “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens

with the saints, and of the household of God.”

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(See *Final Destiny*, Item #2377, \$5.95.)





PORTUGAL

Jews Claim Citizenship

The year 1492 was not only the year that Columbus “sailed the ocean blue.” It was also the year that Spain exiled its Jewish population, causing tragedy and hardship to the Jews of Spain and Portugal.



A PORTUGUESE passport conveys all the benefits of a standard EU passport. (photo credit: KARIN ASIA)



Recently, Portugalis, an Israeli company, has capitalized on modern-day Portugal’s attempt to redress this injustice and today is helping Jews of Sephardic background obtain Portuguese citizenship, with all the accompanying rights and privileges.

[In] 2015, the Portuguese government, attempting to make amends for its persecution of Jews during the 16th century, passed a law granting citizenship rights to the descendants of Jews that it had persecuted 500 years before.

With Portuguese citizenship, one can live, work, and study in all EU countries legally without limitation. For study purposes, with a Portuguese passport, one is considered an EU resident and does not have to deal with restrictions on foreign students.

What do Jews from Sephardic lands need to do to receive citizenship? “Jews have to prove that their family name is Sephardic,” Shay Cohen, Portugalis CEO, explains, “and that

NEWS IN BRIEF



GIRL FINDS ANCIENT SILVER COIN

Eleven-year-old Liel Krutokop from Petah Tikva, digging in ancient dirt at the Emek Tzurim Sifting Project in Jerusalem, unearthed a pure silver shekel coin dating from the Second Temple period some 2,000 years ago.

Scholars believe the 14-gram coin was part of the vast silver reserves of the Second Temple. It seems to have been minted by a priest who joined the Great Revolt of the Jews against the Romans, shortly before the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.

“This is a rare find, since out of many thousands of coins discovered to date in archeological excavations, only about 30 coins are coins made of silver, from the period of the Great Revolt,” said Robert Kool, head of the Coin Department of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

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they come from countries such as Portugal, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Algiers, Turkey, Greece, the Balkan countries, South America, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen or Iraq.”

“The Jewish community is the body that is responsible for attesting that this specific family is originally from Spain or Portugal and is therefore entitled to citizenship.” Once the Jewish community has approved the request, they then submit it to the Portuguese government authorities.

In addition, Portugal assists Jews who have received Portuguese citizenship in obtaining favorable mortgage terms for real estate investments in Portugal, and even for those who are not Portuguese citizens.

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Commentary: Why would Israelis want Portuguese citizenship? Two reasons: 1) There are a number of countries, particularly Arab or predominantly Muslim, where they cannot travel with an Israeli passport. 2) A European Union passport is now the most desired; it opens the door to 27 European countries, with a combined population of 420 million, due to the Schengen Agreement. With a Portuguese passport, they have the privilege to live, work, study, do business, and travel freely throughout most of the continent.

What’s interesting is that the expulsion of Jews took place some 530 years ago. Think of what would need to occur if the colonial countries established by European powers, were to compensate for the wrongdoing committed against Indigenous people; the amount required would be inconceivable.

Again, we point to the progressive and continuous fulfillment of the prophetic Word. For example, Amos 9:14 prophesies: “And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.”

While officially, the first Aliyah (1882-1903) started the mass return of Jews to the Promised Land, this process continues. Incidentally, Israelis travel to more foreign countries than any other nation in the world. But in the end, verse 15 is decisive: “And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.”

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(See *Prophecy for Ten-Tribe Israel*, Item #1083, \$14.50.)



ISRAEL

Unreached Possibilities in Cyber Security

How many devices do you have? Which of them are connected to the internet? What safety protocols do you have in place to make sure your devices aren't being affected by malicious software?



ARMIS: BRINGING hackers out of the shadows.
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Now, considering you probably had to sift through your home and list out all of your devices, as opposed to being able to do so off-hand, imagine what the situation would be for a Fortune 500 company or a hospital with thousands of systems running simultaneously.

What would happen to these companies if they were infected with malicious software?

Enter Armis Security.

The first challenge Armis addressed was an ability to map out these devices—with a complete real-time continuous image—for large organizations, so that they have some idea of what they possess. The other challenge was how to secure all of these devices.

These two simple goals became what today encompasses the Armis mission, “how to come in and catalog every single

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ISRAELI TECH REMOVES DRONE THREAT

An Israeli anti-drone company's technology removed a rogue drone that was interrupting a mass held by Pope Francis with 60,000 worshippers in Slovakia.

D-Fend said it worked with the Slovakian Interior Ministry to protect the pope, his retinue and attendees from the threat of rogue drones throughout multiple events in Slovakia from September 12-15, culminating with the open-air Mass in Saštín, home to the National Marian Shrine.

The EnforceAir product developed by D-Fend was deployed with its ground-level tactical kit to provide 360-degree coverage.

“EnforceAir fended off the rogue drone, sending it back to its original takeoff position, far away from the large crowd,” D-Fend said.

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13 December 2021



asset and device you have, no matter what it is, provide that Google map, if you will, of how an organization looks like, and then on top of that, add the risk and security information needed to be able to counter threats,” Armis cofounder and CTO Nadir Izrael explained.

Armis’ answer was, in a sense, if they could see enough examples of devices in the real world, then they could eventually build a model for how they behave. Today, Armis tracks over a billion devices worldwide, essentially teaching Armis what the day in a device looks like.

Today, over 35 of the Fortune 100s are clients of Armis, many with incredibly large environments that face attack on a daily basis. So, the idea is that the Armis system is getting smarter and smarter day by day, leveraging these data sets to protect companies around the world.

“Armis from the get-go was built to be a platform, and it wasn’t built to solve a particular feature. It was built as a platform to protect all devices all over the world,” Izrael said. “It’s a very ambitious task, considering there are all types of companies around the world solving different subsets of that problem.”

-*www.jpost.com*, 11 November 2021

Commentary: We have selected just a few paragraphs from this 8-page report to reveal the “unreached pos-

sibilities,” as the article states. While this writer is extremely limited in his knowledge of such systems – not surprisingly, originating in Israel – it stands to reason that mankind will be enabled to do the impossible.

The key to the apparent success of Artemis Security is enumerating every single connected electronic device in a giant office complex, hospital, etc. All must be accounted for.

That indeed is a picture of the coming global society. Every single person will have to be registered, which is already the case in each country. Yet this will need to be done globally. From that point on, the impossibility of tracking all criminal activity, for example, will then be made possible. Imagine, a world without crime. That is still an “unreached possibility,” but in due time will be implemented.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke about the people of Israel when he said, “For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace” (Jeremiah 8:11). 7646

(See *Jesus in the Hebrew Scriptures*, Item #2373, \$9.95.)

“And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved”
(Hosea 12:13).

BY ARNO FROESE

When reading our Bible, we notice that Israel is mentioned 196 times in conjunction with Egypt. The first time in Genesis 46:8: “And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn.”

The prophet was none other than Moses, of whom we read in Deuteronomy 34:10: “And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.”

Bible readers are familiar with God’s supernatural interventions on behalf of Israel: for example, the ten plagues upon Egypt. Then crossing the Red Sea, and from

there on, many, many more supernatural miracles.

We notice the word “prophet”: Israel was redeemed from Egypt, and by a prophet they were not destroyed. That simply means the spoken word of God, as received by Moses, was the absolute, deciding power on behalf of the children of Israel.

When the prophet Hosea writes about these things, he explains in verse 10: “I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.”

We know that there is some kind of understanding between Egypt and Israel today, but real,



open peace does not exist between these two countries.

Syria, still at war with Israel, is also mentioned: “And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep” (verse 12). Syrians, some Bible scholars state, are Israel’s closest relatives.

Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God gave to Moses the order of the first fruits. The Israelite was to confess his origin: “And thou shalt speak and say before the Lord thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous” (Deuteronomy 26:5).

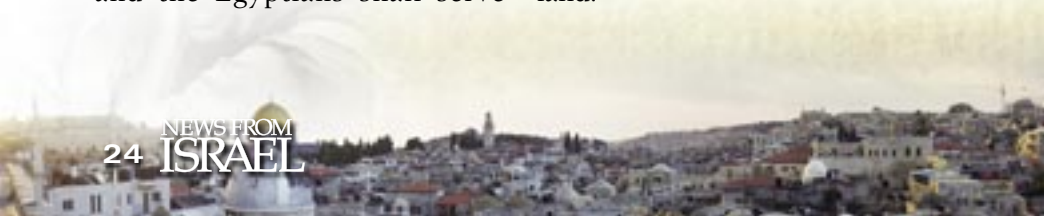
Thus, we may rightly ask: what is Syria’s future? Here it is helpful to read Isaiah 19:23-24: “In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve

with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land.”

Syria has been devastated by war for the last ten years. Government forces are fighting against those in opposition to President Bashar al-Assad. Presently, there is no end in sight.

We believe that the real reason for Syria and Lebanon’s turmoil, is primarily because these two nations occupy much of the Promised Land. In plain words, it’s Arab-occupied Israeli territory.

While we do not know how and when the entire Promised Land will be liberated, we know from Scripture that the border is set according to Genesis 15:18: “In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.” We note the past tense, “have...given this land.”



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Back to Egypt. It was on 26 March 1979, when the peace treaty between these two nations was signed in Washington, DC, under the presidency of Jimmy Carter. That was about 42 years ago.

Now, some progress is being made. Yet when reading the *CIA Factbook*, under Egypt's exports as well as imports, Israel is not mentioned—unusual for neighboring countries.

A recent article by Reuters highlights Israel's gas exports to Egypt:

Israel is considering the construction of a new onshore pipeline to Egypt in order to quickly boost natural gas exports to its neighbor in the wake of the recent tightening of global supplies, the Israeli energy ministry said.

A new onshore pipeline, coupled with plans to construct a second sub-sea pipeline to Egypt within a few years, will further cement Israel's

position as a key energy hub in the eastern Mediterranean, which has upended diplomatic relations with countries in recent years.

The new pipeline will allow to increase supplies into Egypt by an additional 3 to 5 billion cubic meters (bcm) per year, the sources said. They will supply Egypt's power grid and also go towards boosting liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports from Egypt to Europe and Asia.

Israel's energy potential is reaching far and wide. An important Greek energy firm, Enorviam, who has taken full ownership of Energean Israel, is planning to boost the output.

Output will rise further when Energean starts production from the Karish/Tanin gas field, which is planned for the middle of 2022. Energean also plans to begin in February drilling five new wells that could further boost output in the coming years, the company told Reuters.

-www.reuters.com, 21 October 2021



This development clearly shows Israel's significance when it comes to energy. Not too long ago, Israel was an almost 100% energy importer; but now, the tables are being turned. They are becoming a major exporter—not only to their neighbors, but (as the article indicates) also to Europe and Asia as well.

What ties these countries together? In this case, energy. When it comes to being friends with energy countries, no nation

is exempt, regardless of ideology, political persuasion, or religion. One of the USA's closest Arab friends is Saudi Arabia, a nation practicing extreme discrimination and violating many of the cherished principles of the Western world, particularly human rights. Why is Saudi Arabia "friends" with the West? The answer is the oil from below. From Israel, however, we have the oil from above—God the Holy Spirit. (NH)



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Nurse Call System Malfunction Woes

“Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me” (Psalm 50:14-15).

By David Phillips *Project Manager*

Four o'clock in the morning at the nurse's station, the nurse call system lights up for room 802. A second later, the alarm catches the nurse's attention, and she rushes off to the room of the calling resident. Entering the room, unaware of what she would face, she hears the resident snoring in a deep and sound sleep. Not knowing what else to do, she gently wakes the sleeping resident. Confused, he assures her

that he didn't push the call button. Confused, the nurse apologizes and returns to her station.

A moment later, the alarm goes off again; but this time, it's sounding for a completely different room. The same thing happens. The nurse rushes off, once again only to find the resident sound asleep. She wakes her up and asks why she called. Could the nurse help her with anything? Like with the previous resident, this resident assures the



nurse she didn't call. So, once again, the nurse assures the resident she can go back to sleep, apologizes for waking her up, and leaves the room. As she walks back to her station, she thought how strange this all was.

But this time, she barely makes it back to the station and *Oy vey* (Yiddish for "Woe is me")! Two dozen emergency lights go off on the nurse call system! Understanding that something is terribly wrong, she calls me for help.

I wake to my phone ringing. Glancing at the clock, I realize it is only 4:15 in the morning. Answering the call, I hear an excited nurse exclaim, "David, the nurse call system is going crazy!!" And no doubt, I can hear the alarms all going off in the background. I assured her I was on my way and would be there as soon as I could.

As I drove to Ebenezer early that morning, I realized that this time, it would probably be impossible to fix. The nurse call system

had served us for over 45 years, and was simply at a breaking point. I had worked hard to keep it running as best I could, but would I be able to get it back to working once more? Praying for wisdom and help from our Heavenly Father, I set out to get the complex system running once more. Somehow, by the grace of God and hours of work, my team and I got it temporarily working, although we could not get it to work in all the rooms. But at least we could make it function a little for the time being. Alerting our elderly residents and team that the system was no longer reliable, I handed out bells to the elderly, instructing them to ring them whenever they needed help.

Yes, a nurse call system in our environment is crucial, and sometimes a matter of life and death. It reminds me of the introductory verse: how we often call upon the Lord, urgently needing His help. I can attest—as I'm sure you can as well—to how our Lord



answers whenever we call upon Him, whether day or night. We always know we can rely on Him being there for us, regardless of the time, and so it is with our residents. They expect that if they call, we will come running.

Understanding that we absolutely MUST replace this system, we asked for quotes about what a new, reliable system would cost. We were told that all said and done, we were looking at about \$56,808 USD. This is a huge endeavor, I know, but one we wanted to share

with you, especially concerning the urgency of it. We simply cannot wait; thus, we have begun the preparations needed to install this system. We also ask for your prayers as we undertake this task before us. This new system is part of what we need to do as we renovate the Home, so it's not for naught.

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