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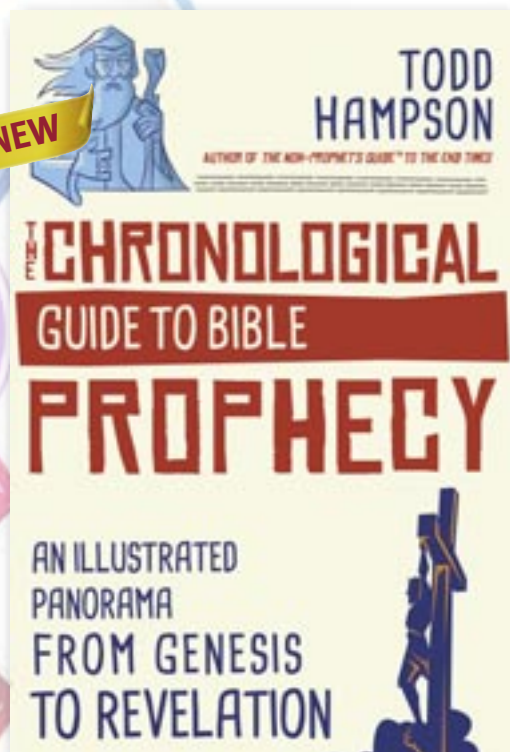


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Dear Friends of Israel,

BY FREDI WINKLER

Sometimes this question comes up: What about the forgiveness of sins in today's Judaism, without the temple and the sacrifices? This question arises especially regarding the Yom Kippur sacrifice of the Old Covenant. Once a year, the High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies in the Jerusalem temple with the blood of a special sacrifice, appearing before God to obtain atonement for the sins of all the people (Leviticus 23:28).

After the destruction of the temple and the end of sacrificial worship, Yom Kippur remained the centrally important day in the religious Jewish calendar. Yes, one could say that this day became of even greater importance. Particularly in recent times, it can be observed that Yom Kippur has increased in significance. Many

Jews come to Jerusalem before the feast day to attend a ceremony at the Wailing Wall, which can last until midnight or longer. Thus, they may travel to Jerusalem a few weeks in advance, because the traditional ten days before Yom Kippur may not be enough when so many come. These gatherings at the Wailing Wall are called *Selichot*, which means something like forgiveness or apology.

Following the destruction of the temple, the ten days between the Rosh Hashanah feast and Yom Kippur became the ten days of repentance before Yom Kippur. They are called *Yamim Noraim* or "the terrible days," because one is to earnestly humble oneself and do penance for one's sins and transgressions. Leviticus 23:26-32 mentions yet other things besides the special sacrifice at Yom Kippur.



Three times we read there that the individual should humble himself before his God. The Hebrew word used is not easy to translate. However, it definitely means a serious act of prostration before God. In verse 29, it even states: “If there is any person who will not humble himself on this day, he shall be cut off from among his people” (NASB). That is surely a serious pronouncement.

Mostly, this word is interpreted to mean fasting. And indeed, most Jews do fast on Yom Kippur. But the concept of the term used goes way beyond simply fasting. Of course, fasting may well be involved, but its significance goes deeper. It is about an inner bowing down and humbling of oneself before God in repentance.

After the destruction of the temple, and maybe even before, the Jews have understood that the sacrifices in themselves cannot forgive sins, but that reconciliation depends on God’s mercy. Looking up the word “gracious” or “grace” in the Bible concordance, one finds that the Old Tes-

tament is filled with it. And Hebrews 10:4 clearly states: “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.” Seen in this light, one can say that all the sacrifices in the Old Testament were only a shadow image of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ. That is why John the Baptist said of Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

At the dedication of the temple, Solomon prayed: “And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive” (1 Kings 8:30). This passage is perhaps the reason why the Jews today come to the Wailing Wall by the thousands and ask for forgiveness. May it be that they soon will recognize the One who can forgive sins.

Grateful to know the Forgiver of sins, I greet you warmly with Shalom,

David Winkler



Does Israel Have a Future? – Part 5

BY NORBERT LIETH AND JOHANNES PFLAUM

The Apostle to the Gentiles and the “Israel of God”

We mentioned in Part 4 that Paul calls the believing Jewish remnant of “this present time” the “Israel of God.” We find this description toward the end of Galatians:

“And as many walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God” (Gal 6:16).

Unfortunately, as mentioned in the introduction to Part 1, this verse is quoted as the go-to argument for Replacement Theology. “The Israel of God” is accordingly understood to be a designation for the Church.

In the context of Galatians, it becomes clear that in speaking of “the Israel of God,” Paul definitely means those who are saved by God’s grace. But does that mean that this passage actually teaches that Israel is no longer God’s chosen people, and no longer heirs to a promise? Upon closer inspection, it’s impossible for this conclusion to be drawn from Galatians 6:16.

As we’ve just said, Galatians is concerned with man’s salvation by the grace of God. Paul makes it clear that it doesn’t happen as a result of externally belonging to the chosen people of Israel, or even because a person allows himself to be circumcised. Salvation happens exclusively through faith in Jesus Christ. The Apostle states the same facts that appear in the passages from Romans quoted in Part 1 (Rom 2:28-29; 9:6-11). It’s talking about the salvation of a person!

However, the question of a person’s salvation must not be confused with the question of Israel’s status as the chosen people of God. Replacement theologians overlook this biblical issue. Even under the Old Covenant, Israel’s election didn’t entail the salvation of every Israelite by default. Paul makes it clear in Romans 9:27-29 and Romans 11 that only a remnant of the chosen people were ever saved. The writer of Hebrews also speaks of mem-

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bers of God's people who didn't believe and were therefore subject to judgment (Heb 3:7—4:11). But this fact doesn't change Israel's position as God's chosen people.

The faithful remnant that Paul is speaking of (Rom 9:27; 11:5) is found today in the Messianic Jews who, along with believing Gentiles, belong to the Church of Jesus. At Jesus' return, every Israelite who is still alive will be saved (cf. Zech 12:9-14; 13; 14; Rom 11:25-27). In connection with Jesus' return, these individuals are therefore "all Israel" (Rom 11:26). Historically, as we've seen over millennia, the last living generation, together with the faithful remnant, forms the remnant of the people through all times. Thus, both biblical facts agree: historically, only a remnant is saved (Rom 9:27). In the context of Jesus' return, it is "all Israel."

Regardless of the spiritual condition of each individual Israelite, the attitude of the nations toward the land and people of Israel is always a reflection of their attitude toward the living God (cf. Joel 2:18-19; 3:1-6; Mic 4:11-13; Hab 3:12-13). The difference between Israel's sacred position as God's chosen people and the salvation of individuals, is made clear in the context of Romans 9—11. And so at the time of the New Covenant, Paul isn't speaking about Israel's past privileges, but in the present tense (Rom 9:4-5).

For this reason, it's imperative that we also differentiate between Israel's status as God's chosen people and the salvation of individual believers from Israel.

When he speaks of "the Israel of God" (Gal 6:16), the Jew with a circumcised heart (Rom 2:25-29), and "children of the

promise” (Rom 9:8), Paul isn’t nullifying Israel’s position as the chosen people or the associated promises, but is dealing with the issue of salvation.

Arnold Fruchtenbaum drew yet another connection from Galatians 6:16. A close grammatical examination of the passage suggests that Paul is actually speaking of two groups of saved individuals. He writes, “And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.”

The first group, then, would be believers from among the nations. The second group, “the Israel of God,” is the believing remnant within the Israelite people and the redeemed Israel at the time of Jesus’ return. Replacement theologians, by contrast, assume both parties are one and the same. Fruchtenbaum quotes Dr. S. Lewis Johnson:

“If there is an interpretation that totters on a tenuous foundation, it is the view that Paul

equates the term ‘the Israel of God’ with the believing church of Jews and Gentiles. To support it, the general usage of the term Israel in Paul, in the NT, and in the Scriptures as a whole is ignored. The grammatical and syntactical usage of the conjunction *kai* [and] is strained and distorted—and the rare and uncommon sense accepted when the usual sense is unsatisfactory—only because it does not harmonize with the presuppositions of the exegete. And to compound matters, in the special context of Galatians and the general context of the Pauline teaching, especially as highlighted in Romans 11, Paul’s primary passages on God’s dealings with Israel and the Gentiles, are downplayed ... the doctrine that the church of Gentiles and Jews is the Israel of God rests on an illusion. It is a classic case of tendentious exegesis.”

To summarize, the content of the letter to the Galatians (salvation by grace) gives no indication whatsoever of the abolition

Does Israel Have a Future? – Part 5

Just as the many promises and threats of judgment have come true for Israel in the past, everything that has not yet come to fruition in divine prophecy will also be fulfilled.



View of the Old City Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives with olive trees in the foreground

of the election of the land and people of Israel. The same applies to the aforementioned passages from Romans.

A closer examination of Galatians 6:16 even suggests that Paul deliberately distinguished the two groups of believers, to preclude any thought of rejecting Israel's election. Against the backdrop of both the Old and New Testaments, there is ab-

solutely no reason to doubt the abiding election of Israel. Just as the many promises and threats of judgment have come true for Israel in the past, everything that has not yet come to fruition in divine prophecy will also be fulfilled. For the sake of His name and glory, God will not rest until He has completed His purposes for Israel (Isa 48:11; Ezek 36:22).

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Qeren:

A Prophetic Word for the Messiah

—Part 1

Gabriele Monacis

The Bible is rich in symbolic imagery that conveys a vivid message to the reader. We all love the Psalms describing God as our “rock”—for example, the Psalmist says, “The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer” (Ps 18:2). When we read this verse, we understand without much thought that God is like a rock: strong, secure, absolutely reliable, and

trustworthy. This deep message about God is conveyed to us through the simple use of the word “rock,” which represents God’s nature in this verse.

In the New Testament, John the Baptist uses a powerful symbolic image to introduce the Lord Jesus to his hearers: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). Lambs are generally con-

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sidered to be thoroughly benign animals, if not outright “innocent.” In the Temple period they were used as sacrificial animals. So when John the Baptist referred to Jesus as a “lamb,” it was clear to all his listeners that he meant Jesus came into the world as a sacrificial lamb, to offer up His innocent life for the sins of the world.

I'd now like to draw our attention to the Hebrew word *qeren* (קֶרֶן). It literally means “horn,” and like “rock” and “lamb,” it is used in Scripture both literally and figuratively. When used figuratively, it isn't describing animal horns, but depicts human strength and power. In our translations of the Bible, *qeren* is sometimes translated literally as “horn,” and sometimes as “power” or “strength.” Thus, in Psalm 92:10, the Psalmist uses *qeren* symbolically to describe the power he has received from God: “But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox.”

The symbolic meaning of “horn” as a depiction of human power, derives from the beauty

of God's creation, where some animals have beautiful horns or antlers, such as the wild ox of Psalm 92, the stag, and many others. They are animals of special power, and their horns give them an advantage in battles with other animals. They make a magnificent, regal impression, and this is due to their horns.

In the Old Testament, *qeren* designates not only horns or antlers or (symbolically) human strength, but also the corners of the altar for burnt offerings (Ex 27:2 et al.). Additionally, it can refer to the horn of anointing which, when filled with oil, was used to anoint a king (as in 1 Samuel 16:1, where God instructs Samuel to anoint David as king of Israel).

In a series of articles, we intend to take a journey through the Bible, looking at most of the passages where the word *qeren* appears. As we do so, we'll examine the different contexts of this word, to better understand the life of our Lord Jesus Christ and what He accomplished for those who believe in Him. We will see

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that *qeren* can be used as a prophetic word that predicts what the promised Messiah will do to save many from their sins and give them life.

There is a verse in the New Testament that confirms the word *qeren* was also understood prophetically by those who awaited the Messiah prior to His first coming. At the end of Luke 1, we find a song of praise by Zechariah, father of John the Baptist. A few months before Jesus’ birth, Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied:

“[God] has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old” (vv. 69-70).

With these words, Zechariah praises God for sending the Messiah, the scion of the house of David, whom He had promised through the mouth of His



prophets and who will and must come to redeem His people, Israel. In the original Greek of Luke’s Gospel, Zechariah calls Jesus the *keras sōtērias* (κέρας σωτηρίας), an expression that can be literally translated as “horn of salvation.” Zechariah is representative of the people of God in his day who were awaiting the coming of the Messiah. When these people read the Hebrew word *qeren* in the Old Testament, they most likely understood it as a prophetic word that could be connected with the person of the Messiah and His work of salvation.

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On the Horizon

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ISRAEL

Drones to Target Terrorists in West Bank

IDF commanders in the West Bank have been given the green light to use armed drones to carry out targeted killings of Palestinian terrorists, with the approval of Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Aviv Kohavi.



IDF drone (photo credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT)

PUTIN AND ABBAS TO MEET

Russian President Vladimir Putin plans to meet with his Palestinian Authority counterpart Mahmoud Abbas in Kazakhstan to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the need to resume peace talks which have been frozen for eight years.

Both men are in the Kazakh capital of Astana to attend the sixth summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

It is the 30th anniversary of the group of 27 member states that includes Russia, Iran, China, Turkey, Pakistan and Israel, as well as the PA, which CICA recognizes as a state.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi is also expected to attend. Israel will be represented at the CICA by the Foreign Ministry's head of the Eurasian and West Balkans Division Simona Halperin.

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It's believed that the order was given as the continued violence threatens to drag Israel into a more extensive operation in the northern West Bank, similar to Operation Defensive Shield in 2002.

Commander of the Judea and Samaria Division Brig.-Gen. Yaniv Alaluf and commander of the Menashe Brigade Col. Arik Moyal recently underwent training to operate an air force assault command center that monitors and controls armed drones.

Following their training on the systems, they will be able to command the use of Elbit's Hermes 450 drones (known as Zik in Hebrew) during operations.

In August, the Military Censor allowed the publication of the use of attack drones by the Israel Air Force.

While the international press has reported the use of these



drones by the IAF for at least the past 20 years, which has been extensively documented in US diplomatic cables as well as at international air shows, the IDF never publicly disclosed the use of such platforms. Israeli journalists who attempted to publish information from those reports were blocked by the censor.

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Commentary: That Israel is ahead of virtually all other countries in the world when it comes to drones is not surprising. With Syria and Lebanon in the north, Gaza—ruled by Hamas—in the south, plus Iran in the not-too-distant east, Israel is forced to be constantly alert to possible attacks from its enemies. While Israel’s military has an excellent reputation, Israel’s enemies do not. Their goal is never defense but destruction, regardless of whether it’s military, civilian, women, children, etc.

How successful is Israel in preventing terrorist attacks? JewishVirtualLibrary.org gives a comprehensive list of yearly attacks and subsequent casualties. The worst recent year was 2002 with 457 deaths. Ten years later in 2012, the number went down to 9, and in 2021 increased to 17. While this may look like a great success, one must keep in mind that terrorists, by whatever name, are learning their evil trade as well. Thus, Israel is forced to be ahead of the rest of the world.

Here we may quote Isaiah 11:1-2: “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom

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RELIGIOUS OPPOSITION TO EMBASSY MOVE

Two of the UK’s most senior Christian authorities have recently come out against the potential decision of Prime Minister Liz Truss to move the British Embassy to the State of Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In a letter sent to the prime minister, one of the UK’s leading Roman Catholic Church authorities, Archbishop of Westminster Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called on Truss to not move the British Embassy to the State of Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Nichols cited his connection to the Catholic Church as the reason for his opposition to the idea, saying that “Pope Francis and the leaders of churches in the Holy Land have long called for the international status quo on Jerusalem to be upheld, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations. The city must be shared as a common patrimony, never becoming an exclusive monopoly of any party.”

Following Cardinal Nichols’ lead, the head of the Church of England, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has expressed his concerns over the potential move.

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and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.” Later in verse 10, we read of the fulfillment: “And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.” Verse 12 adds: “And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” That is happening even in our days. 7855

(See *Operation Joktan*, Item #2389, \$15.99.)

ISRAEL

Aliyah Up 128% for Jewish Year

Israel absorbed 60,000 new olim over the past Jewish year and expects to see the total reach 65,000 by the end of 5782, a 128% increase compared with 2021, when 28,500 Jews immigrated to Israel.



The country from where the most immigrants came over the past year was Russia with 47%. That was followed by Ukraine at 25%, the US 6%, France 4%, and Ethiopia 2%. Some 12%



Most of the Ethiopian olim aren't considered entitled for aliyah according to Israel's Right of Return law, but offered citizenship as first degree relatives of Israeli citizens. Many of them will begin a process of conversion to Judaism after arriving in Israel.

(photo credit: COURTESY OF THE JEWISH AGENCY)

arrived from other countries.

Operation “Olim Return Home,” the drive to absorb immigrants from the countries directly affected by the Russian-Ukraine war, saw 39,214 immigrants arrive since February, including 11,191 from Russia and 7,513 from Ukraine.

Aliyah and Integration Minister Pnina Tamano-Shata noted that the organizations reached out beyond just the Jewish community, and how “they did not only save those who are entitled to immigrate to Israel through the Right of Return law but anyone who needed help.”

“There is a change of consciousness



in Israeli society," the minister said. "Once Israelis thought that the Aliyah Ministry was sort of a 'stepchild,' an unimportant ministry," and that immigrants were not well treated. She noted how when she made aliyah at age three from Ethiopia, "I suffered from discrimination growing up."

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Commentary: The Jewish population in Israel continues to increase unabated. There are multiple reasons; in this case, Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Here the words of Jeremiah are applicable: "Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole

soul. For thus saith the Lord; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them" (Jeremiah 32:41-42). 7857

(See *Israel's Threefold Exodus*, Item #1088, \$14.50.)



MOROCCO

Bilateral Agreement with Israel

Israel and Morocco signed a bilateral agreement for energy cooperation at Bar-Ilan University (BIU) in Ramat Gan, with Education Minister Dr. Yifat Shasha-Biton looking on. Signing the document were the head of the liaison office of the Kingdom of Morocco to the State of Israel Abderrahim Beyyoudh and BIU president Prof. Arie Zaban.



Bilateral joint research will be conducted on rechargeable batteries, recycling, solar energy and the hydrogen economy, as well as solving Morocco's major challenge of

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SMART GLASSES TO REPLACE SMARTPHONES?

An Israeli startup has developed smart eyeglasses that project images directly onto the retina of the eye.

Modi'in-based firm Eyejets claims its new device—dubbed the EyeVis (EV)—will replace smartphones soon.

Unlike other contenders in the smart glasses category that are currently available, such as Google Glass, the EV uses a projection system known as a virtual retinal display (VRD), which projects images or content generated by a computer, TV, or smartphone, directly onto a wearer's eye rather than a screen.

The technology is coupled with a proprietary eye tracking unit that enables the projection to be located precisely in the center of a person's field of vision based on their eye movements.

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storing and transporting its energy to neighboring countries, including Spain. Morocco has set a goal of producing 52% of its electricity through renewable energy by 2030.

“Energy is by far the biggest challenge we are facing. Energy, which today in Europe is a cause for war, can be a tool for peace,” Zaban said. “We will do excellent science, develop excellent solutions, push this field forward, [and] generate clean air and peace for humanity.”

-www.jpost.com, 1 October 2022

Commentary: Israel’s influence in the Arab world is lubricated by an energy-hungry world, particularly Europe.

Before the discovery of large natural gas reservoirs off Israel’s coast, most energy was imported. It was in 1999 when Noble Energy, a Houston-based company, made the first discovery of gas, estimated to be 30 trillion cubic meters. In the meantime, additional fields have been discovered exceeding this enormous amount. Yet Worldometers.info lists Israel’s global share of natural gas reserves at only 0.1 percent. Russia holds 24.3%, Iran 17.3%, Qatar 12.5%, United States 5.3%, and Saudi Ara-

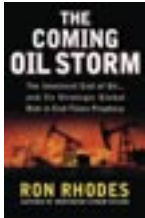


Morocco-Israel (Illustrative)
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bia 4.2%. Needless to say, these reserves are not inexhaustible. It’s just a matter of time until natural gas will no longer be available in abundance.

Israel, therefore, casts its eyes toward Africa in the west – in this case, Morocco. The target is “rechargeable batteries, recycling, solar energy and the hydrogen economy.” The distance between Morocco and Israel is over 5,300 kilometers. We also notice that Israel’s coastline is a mere 273 km, compared to Morocco’s 1,835 km. Not only does Israel plan to connect its gas pipeline to Europe, but also via Morocco, solar energy can be exported. The distance between the two continents Europe and Africa, is a mere 13 km.

What is Israel’s future? “And



the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore” (Ezekiel 37:28). That is yet to be fulfilled.

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(See *The Coming Oil Storm*, Item #2248, \$13.99.)



JORDAN

King Abdullah: Christianity in Jerusalem Under Fire

“Christianity in the holy city is under fire... this cannot continue,” Abdullah said. “As custodians of Jerusalem’s Muslim and Christian holy sites, we are committed to protecting the historical and legal status quo and to their safety and future.



“We are committed to defending the rights, the precious heritage and the historic identity of the Christian people of our region.”

Jordan’s King Abdullah II addressed the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. Headquarters in New York City, U.S., September 20, 2022.

Overall, “the future of Jerusalem is an urgent concern,” he said at the plenum. “The city is holy to billions of Muslims, Christians and Jews around the world. Undermining Jerusalem’s legal and historical status quo triggers global tensions and deepens religious divides. The holy city must not be a place for hatred and division.”

-www.jpost.com, 20 September 2022

Commentary: The king’s Israel-bashing did not go over well with Israelis. They recall that before Jerusalem’s liberation from Jordan by Israel in 1967, no Jew was permitted to even enter the narrow enclave to touch

INDOOR NAVIGATION TECH

In 2016, Israeli entrepreneur Amiram Frish, an expert in geoprocessing [...] established Orient.me, a startup that offers indoor navigation technology for retailers and smart building operators.

Frish discovered that every spot indoors has a unique magnetic field, and with additional funding in 2019, developed an app that uses geomagnetics to pinpoint indoor locations accurately within a one-meter radius.

“Especially now, with the availability of service staff dwindling, customers must become more independent,” explained Or Shin, chief business officer at Orient.

The Orient technology is used in tandem with a supermarket’s app to help shoppers create a journey based on their shopping list to help them navigate the store and locate the desired products.

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the Wailing Wall, now called the Western Wall. Did Jordan defend the rights of Christians and Jews under their period of occupation? The answer is crystal clear: no. A statement found on the website IsraelToday.co.il reads: “A spokesperson for Christians United for Israel (CUFI) disputed Abdullah’s remarks, saying that ‘Jerusalem never knew true peace or prosperity until its liberation by Israel.’” Further down it adds: “‘Under Israeli rule since 1967, there has been a clear effort to ensure religious freedom for all three monotheistic faiths,’ he said. ‘I don’t think anyone could argue that Christian holy sites are imperiled in any way.’”

It seems strange that Israel continues to be the target of such diatribes, despite the fact that real freedom of religion and access to so-called holy places is guaranteed.

Incidentally, this writer insists that there is no such thing as “Christian holy sites.” We worship God in spirit and in truth, anywhere and anytime.



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(See *Why Jerusalem Is Jewish*, Item #1070, \$2.)



ISRAEL

Milk Made Without Cows

What looks like milk, tastes like milk, but doesn’t come out of a cow? These three Israeli start-ups know: Alternative milk sources, cutting the cow out of the process.



[Recently, there was] the inaugural occurrence of Israel’s first global climate-tech conference, in the form of PLANETech World 2022. The event, hosted at Tel Aviv’s Rabin Center, drew in one and a half thousand attendees, investors and community members from the burgeoning climate-tech industry.



Remilk and Imagindairy both utilize precision fermentation in their approach to milk recreation: a process of using “trained” yeast, bacteria and fungi to produce proteins that are identical to those found in standard cow milk. The combination of those proteins and each company’s secret recipe results in a protein-rich liquid that is, for most intents and purposes, indistinguishable from milk.

The last booth I visited belonged to Wilk, which uses a different production technique than its show-floor neighbors: a process of cell extraction and replication to create a milk alternative that contains a one-to-one reproduction of the components found in



milk from any mammal, including humans—something which sets them apart from anyone else in the space, according to Wilk’s CMO Rachele Neumann.

“We don’t want to compete with dairy companies, nor do we want them to disappear. That’s not going to happen,” Neumann said. “What we think is that we definitely need to work together, start-ups and the industry in general, to bring something to the world that’s much better, and much more sustainable.”

-www.jpost.com, 25 September 2022

Commentary: International environmentalism is the lubricant behind these new inventions. *The Journal of Dairy Science* states, “Dairy cows and their manure produce greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change,” adding, “Poor handling of manure and fertilizers can degrade local water resources,” and, “Unsustainable dairy farming and feed production can lead to the loss of ecologically important areas such as prairies, wetlands, and forest.”

This, incidentally, opens the door for practicing Jews who strictly separate meat from dairy products, based on Exodus 23:19 & 34:26, and repeated in Deuteronomy 14:21b with the words, “Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk” (NIV).

It is of interest that before the law was proclaimed by Moses and later interpreted by innumerable Jewish Bible scholars, the Lord did eat meat and dairy products. We read in Genesis 18:1a, “And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre.” Abraham knew that this was a visit by divinity – a heavenly visitation. Verse 8 reports: “And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before

NEWS IN BRIEF



MEXICO INVESTIGATES ISRAELI SPYWARE

The Mexican attorney general’s office said it is investigating the purchase of Pegasus computer spyware by the previous administration and whether it was carried out legally.

Pegasus belongs to Israeli spyware firm NSO Group, which typically only sells the software to governments or law enforcement organizations.

The attorney general’s announcement was issued after President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador denied his officials spied on journalists or opponents after a watchdog’s report that the phones of at least three people investigating human rights abuses in Mexico were infected with Pegasus.

-reuters.com
17 October 2022



them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.” These heavenly, divine entities consumed dairy with meat products. 7860

(See *Reading Moses, Seeing Jesus*, Item #2363, \$12.99.)



ISRAEL

Island of Stability in Economic Crisis

“Israel is an island of stability” in the current economic crisis, Israel Discount Bank CEO Uri Levin said, adding that its expectations for growth are higher than anywhere else in developed countries.



Despite the bleak economic outlook, Levin said Israel’s economy stands out due to its strong and conservative banking system, its industrial system and the hi-tech sector.

“The move from ‘start-up’ to ‘scale-up’ to building global, leading tech companies has an enormous impact on the Israeli economy and the Israel-US relationship. This means there is no boundary to the growth of Israeli hi-tech or the strength of the Israeli economy.”

-*www.jpost.com*, 12 September 2022

Commentary: Based on WorldData.info, inflation rates for 2021 were: Israel,

1.94%; EU, 2.55%; USA, 4.7%. On 12 March 2015, XE.com’s currency chart listed 4.04 shekels [NIS] per one US dollar [USD]; for 23 August 2022, it is only 3.26 shekels to the dollar.

There is little to no doubt that Israel is the most stable democracy in the Middle East politically. That also applies economically as well as financially, particularly due to high-tech businesses and growth in that sector.

Analyzing Jews in particular, this statement was found in the National Library of Medicine: “Why should one particular tribe at the time of Moses, living in the same environment as other nomadic and agricultural peoples of the Middle East, have already evolved elevated intelligence when the others did not? At this point, I take sanctuary in my remaining hypothesis, uniquely parsimonious and happily irrefutable. The Jews are God’s chosen people” (Charles Murray, 2007). That obviously is the right answer. The Bible is the document that proves it beyond a shadow of a doubt.

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(See *Israel Matters*, Item #2328, \$17.99.)



Saying Goodbye to Ebenezer's CEO

“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye” (Psalm 32:8).

By **David Phillips** *COO (Chief Operating Officer)*

Toda Raba (thank you) so much for upholding and supporting us in prayer! We certainly feel your prayers and greatly appreciate you, our dear Ebenezer family, for standing with us through each turn of events—including the upcoming one.

This year has definitely had its challenges and milestones, but with each one, we can see the faithfulness of our Father carrying us through. How I love the verse above!



What a promise we have that our Heavenly Father will instruct, teach, and guide us in the way we should go. Our prayer as believers in Yeshua is that we will follow and obey Him each and every step of the way.



One of the milestones Ebenezer recently crossed is that, for the first time, we had a resident turn 100 years old in September! Happy Birthday, Tsnuva! It was a beautiful day of celebrating God's faithfulness and watching Tsnuva sing out to her Lord. We created a highlight video from this celebration of life for you, which can be viewed on the Ebenezer Senior Citizens' Home **YouTube channel**. We pray you will greatly enjoy watching this and other videos about the Home that we post there for you.

Another milestone in the history of the Ebenezer Home is, after serving Ebenezer for the past 24 years, Johnny Khoury, the CEO, is stepping down from management at the end of this year. He is beginning a new chapter

in his life in a way God has shown him. Although we are sad to see him leave after so many years, we release him in prayer and look forward to what God has in store for him. **THANK YOU JOHNNY** for all those years; may the Holy One of Israel reward you!

Please keep us in prayer as the Home undergoes these changes and the torch is passed on to the next leader.

As we reflected on this past year and all the challenges, we thought about our faithful workers and team, who pour their hearts into the work. We know it has not been easy for them, especially as we faced different obstacles like coronavirus in the Home. So, with this month being the one in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, we thought



about how we could bless them in a special way for their love and care for these elderly believers. Without their love, sacrifice, and service, these elderly brothers and sisters wouldn't have a place to call home.

This is why we would like to do something we've never done before, which is dedicate part of this month's donations to a special "end of the year" bonus for the

team, with the rest going to the building project. But not only this, if any of you have it on your heart to write the team, we will be collecting all notes, voice recordings, and cards and will read/play them before the team, to encourage and bless them for this upcoming year. Please send all notes to my assistant, Samantha: support@ebenezer.co.il or call/text: 803-281-0535.



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“Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish” (Isaiah 41:11).

BY ARNO FROESE

When we concern ourselves with Israel, we are approaching the vicinity of God’s presence. Why? Because Israel is chosen by God for a specific purpose: to reveal His salvation to the world—Emmanuel, “God with us.” Often, we have pointed to verse 17 in the previous chapter, which speaks of the nations of the world: “All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.”

Is Israel perfect? Far from it. But that does not give us the jurisdiction to judge or condemn. An

example is Numbers 14:22: “Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice.” Israel received the Ten Commandments through Moses, yet they rebelled “these ten times, and have not hearkened to my [God’s] voice.”

A few chapters later in the book of Numbers, we read of the Gentile prophet Balaam. He is instructed to curse Israel, which would bring him great riches, as promised by the king of the Moabites, Balak.

The report is found in Numbers 22—24.

When Balaam finally agreed to inquire about Israel and to curse them, we read: “He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them ... Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!” (Numbers 23:21, 23). Quite interesting: in Numbers 14, we noticed that they were excessively rebellious and disobedient. Yet here the prophet Balaam calls them a virtually perfect nation. An intellectual contradiction?

Here is the lesson: the Gentile prophet could only see Israel from God’s per-

spective, in which His unconditional grace and blessings would follow that nation. Balaam was not allowed to look into the family of Israel—the controversies, the rebellions, the stiff-necked disobedience. He only received what God gave him; namely, His promises to His people.

All of us have experienced at one time or another how our parents, siblings, or relatives protected us. It’s a family issue; neighbors or the outside world have no right to interfere. I would never tolerate a neighbor coming to my house to punish my children. It’s my responsibility, not theirs.

Israel’s Hiding Place

Concerning anti-Semitism—which, by the way, also includes anti-Zionism and anti-Israelism—how safe

are the Jews outside Israel? An article from the *Jerusalem Post* on 22 June 2022 reads:

The countries were ranked in the following order, from best to worst: Italy, Hungary, Denmark, the UK, Austria, Holland, Sweden, Germany, Spain, France, Poland and Belgium. The rankings took into account all the categories that were measured.

“Negative sentiment against Jews is unequivocally tied to Israel,” said Rabbi Menachem Margolin. “When Israel is attacked, the Jews are attacked. Israel knows how much it needs other countries, particularly through the strong Jewish communities in those countries. Most European Jews don’t even identify as Jewish—85%. But whilst they are here, we need to keep them safe.”

Quite a shocking statement: “Most European Jews don’t even identify as Jewish—

85%.” However, that all changes when they return to the land of their fathers, the Promised Land.

Something remarkable then happens: “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26). Note very carefully the words “new heart” and “new spirit.” One needs to read the entire chapter to see how God works with His people in a rather mysterious way.

He begins by addressing the topographical land of Israel, for a very specific reason: “yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come” (verse 8b). It started in 1882 with the first Aliyah (return of Jews to Israel) and continues to this day. But that’s not the end.

What is the reason for the return of the Jews to

the land of their fathers? Not just to receive a new heart and a new spirit, which is self-evident and can be proven without a shadow of a doubt. AEI.org documents Nobel Prizes that were awarded from 1901 to 2020, showing that 22.4% of the recipients were Jewish. Yet Jews make up only 0.2% of the world population. That is the new heart and the new spirit.

Again, this is not the end, because we read in

the next verse: “And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them” (verse 27). Note, not the new spirit, but “my spirit.” That, dear friends, is yet to come. When God puts His Spirit in the heart of the Jew, verse 28 will be fulfilled: “And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.” (NFI)



“I will bless them that bless thee...”
(Genesis 12:3).

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