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DEBTORS OF MESSIAH TO ISRAEL PART 3

"They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings."

Romans 15:27

During our last night in Tiberias, Paul Colley, Teresa Brown, Sue LeGrand, and I decided to go to the Caesar Hotel restaurant to have a late night cappuccino. You will recall that both Sue and Teresa were the second team on this gospel outreach traveling with the tour, while Paul and I went on our own reconnaissance. Over the last several outreaches in Israel, the Lord seems to have chosen this particular location for some of our most powerful witnessing encounters for the Messiah Jesus. This time was no exception.

After our waitress took our order, we engaged her in conversation. Her name was Lolit. She told us that she was a student at Hebrew University earning her degree in mathematics and economics. When we brought up the subject of Yeshua

being the Messiah, Lolit mentioned that she had briefly studied the historical life of Jesus in school but that such a study was very abbreviated because students, like her, were only given selected excerpts to read from the New Testament. Upon hearing this, we freely offered to give Lolit the whole New Testament along with the Old Testament in one bound volume as a gift so that she could have the complete story of the Messiah (prophesied in the Old, and fulfilled in the New) for herself. We said to Lolit that it was her people who gave the Scriptures and the Messiah



Todd Baker



Sue, Teresa, Todd and Paul relax with a cappuccino

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FALSE-TINIANS



BY **STUART ARDEN**
GUEST AUTHOR

In this eye-opening article, Israeli journalist Stuart Arden truthfully traces the real origin for the make-believe land of Palestine. He correctly points out that such a place never historically existed. The land of Palestine is no more real and substantial than Peter Pan's Never, Never Land and is a figment of the Arab imagination. The name Palestine (Latin for "Philistine") was a term originally used for the Aegean Sea people from Greece (not Arabs) who settled on the coastal plains of Israel around 1200 B.C. The name Palestine was later used as a Roman invention for anti-semitism in 135 A.D., and also a provisional name temporarily used by the British Empire for the Middle East during the early twentieth century. To call Israel "Palestine" in the time of Christ is anachronistic and unbiblical, and to call it by that name now is to blatantly ignore history, the Word of God, and to accept hook, line, and sinker the lies of Islamic propaganda from the Arab world. Stu says that what guides him is a statement of Albert Einstein: "Everyone has a right to his opinion, but no one has a right to be wrong with facts." What guides the Arabs? Well, you'll have to read his article to find that out.

—Todd

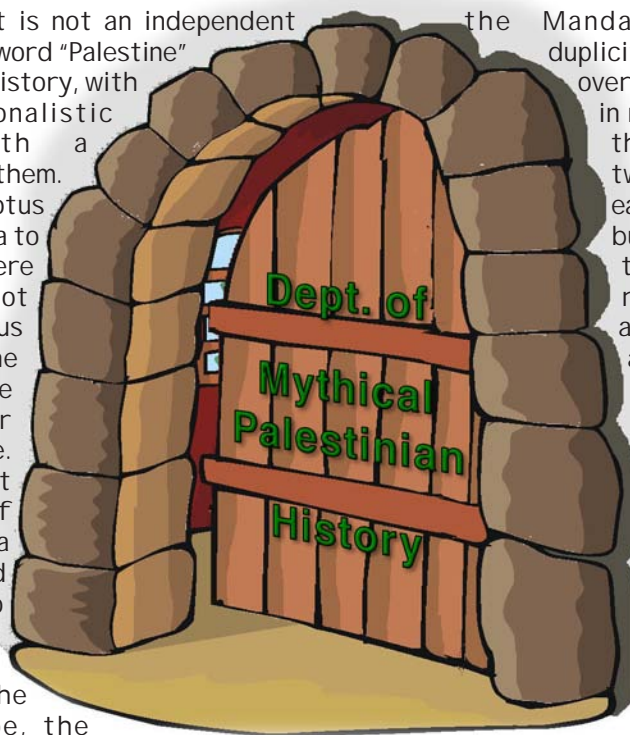
To call someone a "Palestinian" is to presuppose that there is a country called Palestine, which of course there is not. The Patriarch Abraham visited the "land of the Philistines," but that is not an independent country called Palestine. The word "Palestine" was only used three times in history, with geographical not nationalistic connotations, and with a chronological break between them. The Greek historian Herodotus used the name Syria Palaestina to refer to the Philistines who were an Aegean sea people, were not Arab, and were not indigenous inhabitants of this land. The second time was after the Romans had put down the Bar Kochba Revolt of 132-135 c.e. the third Jewish revolt against Rome; they leveled the city of Jerusalem, built Aelia Capitolina in its place, and Emperor Hadrian decided to rename what was then known as Judea, into Palestina (Palaestina Syria) after the Jews most implacable foe, the Philistines. The third time was when Britain received the Mandate from the League of Nations (the precursor of the United Nations) in 1922, with this explicit wording in Article 2: "The Mandatory shall be responsible for placing the country under such political, administrative, and economic conditions as will secure the establishment of the JEWISH

national home . . ." (emphasis mine). None of these three cases mentions any Arab "Palestinians" because they hadn't been invented yet.

However, British behavior was such as to work completely contrary to the above instructions. In their first official act, in 1923, the British severed everything east of the Jordan River and turned it over to Emir Abdallah, son of the former Sharif (Keeper) of Mecca, Al-Husayn Ibn Ali as a reward for Arab participation in the Great Arab Revolt of 1916 in Arabia (which aided Britain against the occupying Turks in World War I, before King Saud took over the country and renamed it Saudi Arabia). The British also installed the Emir Faisal, Abdallah's younger brother, in Iraq (actually, the British sent Faisal to Syria, but the French, who held the Mandate for Syria, forced him to go to Iraq). The present day country of Jordan, which Abdallah wanted to call (rightfully so!) the Kingdom of Palestine, was called Transjordan until 1946, and now bears the official name of "The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;" and who are the Hashemites? The Hashemites are the Arabian tribe that moved north with Abdallah to take over "eastern Palestine!"

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan occupies 79% of the Mandate of Palestine, which the duplicitous British were supposed to have overseen as the JEWISH homeland! Bear in mind that when the Israelites ended their forty year sojourn in the desert, two-and-a-half tribes remained on the eastern side of the Jordan River, Moses' burial place is somewhere therein, and the land has Jewish archaeological remains, but absolutely no Jordanian archaeological remains because this is another fictitious creation of "a people." I would be disingenuous if I didn't add that a part of the British plan had been to transfer all Arabs from western Palestine (today's Israel) across the Jordan River to eastern Palestine (present day Jordan), but instead they forbade Jews to live in Transjordan while they allowed free Arab immigration into western Palestine (present-day Israel).

In 1948, when the armies of the neighboring Arab states attacked the nascent State of Israel, the most successful of these armies intending to destroy Israel, was "The Arab Legion" (the Jordanian army), which was equipped, trained, and commanded by those deceitful British who were supposed to be establishing, not destroying, a Jewish state; furthermore,



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LEAVING TRACTS IN ISRAEL

Sue LeGrand is a woman of God who loves the Chosen People and traveled with Teresa Brown to Israel on this last Gospel outreach in March to bring Yeshua back to His people, sent by both this ministry and Zola Levitt Ministries. In this article Sue has written, see how God used both of these Spirit-anointed women in a powerful way to convey the love of Israel's Messiah to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. —Todd

My second tour of Israel was very productive as I went as a short-term missionary with my mission partner Teresa Brown, part of Dr. Todd Baker's mission team also including Paul Colley. What a blessing to spend 10 days in the Chosen Land meeting His Chosen people and sharing His Word with those who originally brought the Word to the Jew first and also to the world of the Gentile.

Teresa and I approached two female Israeli soldiers outside of the Jesus Boat Museum. One of them accepted a B'rit Hadashah (The New Testament in Hebrew) and other materials from Teresa.

One of my first encounters was with a young lady, Shalhevet, who works in the gift shop at the Jordan River. As I was checking out, I asked her if she believed in the Messiah. She replied yes, but that she wasn't sure. I offered to give her one of Zola Levitt's bookmarks which lists Old Testament prophecies with the corresponding New Testament fulfillment. She thanked me and wanted to pay me for it. I said that there was no charge, that it was a gift.

Later, I returned to visit with her further and offered a pamphlet explaining the same prophecy verses, but in both Hebrew and English. Shalhevet gladly accepted this gift also.



Shalhevet works at the Jordan River gift shop. She accepted a B'rit Hadashah and a prophecy bookmark and pamphlet.

Then, I asked her if she had ever read the B'rit Hadashah and if she would like to have a copy. She accepted this gift and wanted to pay me for it. I did not of course accept any money.

On another day, Teresa and I visited the Dead Sea with Zola's Tour. At this great location chosen for us, we also visited the Ein Gedi Spa. After a few hours of enjoyment at the wonderful Dead Sea and Ein Gedi Spa, I noticed a young man at the check-in counter and asked him how long he had worked there. His name was Nof, was twenty-two years old, and he had been working at the Ein Gedi Spa for six months. I asked if he was Jewish and he replied yes, asking me if I was Jewish. I answered no, but that I support Israel, read the



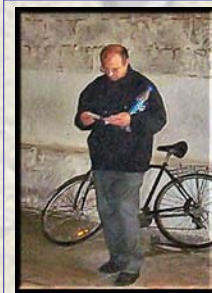
Nof works at the Ein Gedi Spa and accepted a B'rit Hadashah

Torah, the Tanach, the B'rit Hadashah, and believe in the Jewish Messiah. I then asked Nof if he had ever read the B'rit Hadashah and he replied no. I asked him if he would like to read it. He replied yes. So, I told him I had one with me that I would give him and he accepted it.

Nof was born in the Ein Gedi Kibbutz and lives and works there today. I told him I would look for him if I traveled to Ein Gedi again in the future. He said that he would enjoy meeting me again and called me by my name, Sue. Later on, I happily introduced him to my mission partner, Teresa. Another encounter I had was at the traditional Upper Room location in ancient Jerusalem. Visiting the traditional site of the Upper Room was quite unusual this time. There were at least three groups of people gathered in close proximity. Our large tour group of Christians, a group of Jews, a large group of Muslims, Arabs, and also a group of Israeli soldiers gathered together in the Upper Room. Our group sang *Amazing Grace*, while the Arabs knelt on their faces to pray.

After leaving this room, we returned downstairs and I watched as a leader of the Arabs directed his group into another room that

resembled a mosque. After his group had entered this room, he remained outside the door and I handed him a tract in Arabic. I did not say a



Arab man reading the tract Sue gave him

word, but watched as he began to read it. As he took the tract and began reading, I walked around the corner. Shortly thereafter, Teresa arrived to join me. I mentioned to her that I had just given a tract to an Arab man and showed her that he was reading it

now. She took a picture of the man with my camera as he continued to read the tract that I had handed to him.

We were able to give numerous tracts to people in Hebrew, English and also in Arabic.

One of the many ruins we visited was the Bei't Shean ruins. After touring this amazing Roman-Byzantine ruin site, I spoke with a man who was working the ticket counter, a bus driver interpreting for us. I told him that I would like to give him a gift. And, I handed him a "Loving Kindness" tract printed in English and Hebrew. I asked if he would read it. And, he answered definitely that he would.

Before leaving our hotel in Jerusalem, I also gave a few tracts in Hebrew and English to a cleaning lady in the lobby. She spoke very little English and I speak no Hebrew. But, she accepted the tracts.

Flying back to America and Dallas, I encountered two Jewish Americans. One read a twenty-five page booklet I provided, ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO THE LAND, and also the prophecy pamphlet. She didn't want to keep the material, but read each page of both materials.

Another young American I met on the airplane had been in Yeshiva school for three years in Israel. He said he knew nothing of the Messiah and because his Rabbis had not taught him about Messiah, he was not interested in knowing about Him. Very sad. But, we enjoyed visiting and talking about Israel.

I hope to visit Israel again and again. This mission tour was one of the very best weeks of my life.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to G-d, and He will draw nigh to you. †



**BY SUE LEGRAND,
GUEST AUTHOR**

absolutely no United Nations' documents or dispatches refer to any refugees, displaced people, nor Arabs of this area as "Palestinians." In actuality, the residents of "western Palestine" were sometimes referred to as Palestinian Arabs or Palestinian Jews, indicating that this terminology did not denote Arabs of this area as a distinct "people" nor as a specific "nationality."

The actual Arab view of the term "Palestinian" is as follows: At the 1937 British' Peel Commission hearings, a respected Arab dignitary named Auni Bey Abdul Hadi denounced the term "Palestine" as a "Zionist invention" - it's true, the Jews of the British Mandate of Palestine used this term in referring to themselves, and all Jews born in this land prior to 1948 have birth certificates marked "Palestinian." At the 1946 Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, Philip K. Hitti, himself an Arab and a professor at Princeton University, as well as being the author of the authoritative The Arabs, testified, "There is no such thing as Palestine in history, absolutely not." In 1956, Ahmed Shukeiry, who later founded the Palestine Liberation Organization (subsequently taken over by Yasser Arafat), said, "It is common knowledge that Palestine is nothing but southern Syria." Yet today, the world has swallowed the greatest propaganda ploy of all time, i.e., that there really is an Arab people called "Palestinians."

Regarding this fictitious "people:" Records show that many of these

people migrated to the Land of Israel because Zionism brought work in farming, afforestation, draining of swamps, construction, etc., and these are really Iraqis, Syrians, Saudi Arabians, et.al. In 1939, Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty at the time, said, "So far from being persecuted, the Arabs have crowded into the country [i.e. western Palestine or present-day Israel] and multiplied till their population has increased more than even all world Jewry could lift up the Jewish population."

In September of 1944, Winston Churchill, then British Prime Minister, announced the creation of a Jewish Brigade (within the British army) made up of Palestinian Jews to fight the Germans; and what were the Palestinian Arabs doing at this time? Well, for one, Haji Amin al-Husseini (the Mufti of Jerusalem and the one most-responsible for the anti-Jewish riots during the time of the British Mandate) was meeting with Heinrich Himmler, head of the Nazi SS and the Gestapo, and the overseer of the extermination of Europe's Jews, trying to convince Himmler to authorize an Islamic Army to fight for Nazi Germany. The Jewish Brigade had been preceded by Diaspora Jews who formed the Zion Mule Corps (23 March 1915) and the 38th Battalion of Royal Fusiliers (23 August 1916) the first Jewish armed forces since the days of the Maccabees (165-63 b.c.e.). The Jewish Brigade fought with shoulder patches saying "PALESTINE" because anyone living in the British Mandate

an Arab "Palestinian people" seemingly comes from Nazi propagandist (Minister of Information), Joseph Goebbels, who said, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." However, as far back as the eleventh century, the Moslem theologian Al-Ghazzali had said, "We must lie when truth leads to unpleasant results," and in his 1960' book, Character and Temperament of the Arabs, Sania Hamady wrote: "The Arab has no scruples about lying if by it he obtains his objective."

In their latest act of propagandistic revisionism the so-called "Palestinians" say that they have been in "Palestine" for a million years; If they really had been there for a million years, surely you should be able to tell me the name of at least one "Palestinian" king or queen; well, can you?! Also, a million years ago would probably be the time of *Pithecanthropus erectus* - sorry no "Palestinians" there! Arab history books clearly state that they conquered "Palestine" from the Byzantines in the 7th century c.e., and that's the fact and the countering argument to this is fabrication.

Practically every Arab village of today bears a "corrupted" version of the Hebrew (or Aramaic) village-name of the previous (Jewish!) inhabitants that had been forced out by the Arab invaders: Anata is Anatot (the village of the prophet Jeremiah), Batir is Baytar (the village of Shimon Bar Kochba), even Ramallah, today's de-facto "capital," of this fictitious "people" is Ramah (the village of the prophet Samuel) etc., positive proof of what was really going-on in the Holy Land.

of Palestine was a Palestinian! This was of course before Arabs arrogated the word "Palestinian" for their own propaganda purposes and foisted it on a gullible world!

The ideological origins of fabricating

Finally, there is no letter "P" in the Arabic alphabet; ask an Arab studying computers what his subject is, and he'll say *combuters*. How about a little Shakespeare? Hamlet was a *brince* and he lived in a *balace* and *blayed* with other children. Does it make sense that "a people" would name "their" country with a letter that doesn't even exist in their own alphabet?! However, the reason is obvious. They don't call themselves Falastinians because they know they're a fallacy! ☆



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Growth in any ministry is a very important thing to happen, says Dr. Todd Baker, founder of B'rit Hadashah Ministries. For the first two years, we have greatly been supported by fewer than anticipated supporters whose donations, combined, average less than \$1500 per month which is far short of the \$7000 monthly budget needed to go full time. However, we do see growth, which is very important. In this age of "the prosperity gospel," we dislike having to ask for financial support, but the reality is that it is a necessity.

Presently, B'rit Hadashah Ministries is comprised of all volunteer staff so the majority of funds received goes straight to ministry newsletters, mission trips, Tanachs and other materials needed for the mission field. Even Todd Baker himself does not receive compensation at this point, but instead chooses to continue to work as a chaplain at a local Dallas hospital.

One thing for sure though, God is working through this Ministry in Israel. One of the ministry's faithful supporters is none other than Zola Levitt as well as others who give their financial support, as well as time and talent like Eric Oler and Elisa Retzlaff. These two are indeed sowing good seeds in heaven.

Most importantly, says Todd, we are very thankful to all who can support the ministry and are encouraging members of the ministry to take the challenge and sign up for any automatic contribution they can afford. Even with as little as \$15 per month, contributions from many supporters can make the difference we need to make our budget goal and increase the mission trips to Israel. We are undertaking a great mission with a greater reward.

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to the world, so it is only fitting and proper that we should. . . she laughed here and completed our train of thought by astutely concluding: "Give



Todd and Paul with Lolit

this Book back to me because we first gave it to you." She joyfully received the free gift of God's Word about the Messiah of Israel and eagerly told us that she would read over it carefully.

On the following day, Paul and I drove up to Jerusalem to begin a five-day witnessing outreach there. Praise God, it started the moment we arrived at our hotel. The bellboy at our hotel (his name was Ithamar) helped Paul and me carry our luggage up to our room. Once we arrived there, we immediately began to witness to him about who the Jewish Messiah is. Ithamar told us that he learned about Jesus in history class as

a boy in elementary school. It was only a brief study, he noted. The young man, however, shared with us that he recently returned from an extended trip to South America where he ran into a Bible-believing Christian in Peru who discussed with him at length about Israel's divine destiny as revealed in Bible prophecy and the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The irony here is that Ithamar ended up learning these important truths from Scripture in a country on the opposite side of the world rather than in the very country where it happened. This fact sadly underscores the tragic spiritual state of affairs in Israel where most Jewish people remain ignorant about Scripture and the convincing evidence from it for Yeshua being the Messiah. It was obvious to us Ruach Hakodesh (The Holy Spirit) was opening his heart and mind to the truth of the Gospel.

Paul and I rehearsed with him how the God of Israel progressively revealed particular prophecies about the Messiah in the Tanach that would, by their historic fulfillment, prove and certify that person as the prophesied Messiah. We showed Ithamar how that was exclusively fulfilled in the life of Jesus who came the first time to Israel to suffer and die as the ultimate sacrifice for man's sins as foretold in Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22. Ithamar was fascinated by these passages in Holy Scripture and was eager to learn more about such revolutionary truths. He gladly accepted a complete Jewish Bible accompanied by a Hebrew pamphlet entitled *The Promised Messiah* that listed and explained these Messianic prophecies that were fulfilled in the life of Jesus.

Dear readers, please pray the Spirit of God will use His inspired Word and the pamphlet we gave Ithamar to bring him to a saving faith in the Jewish Messiah. He is not far from the kingdom of God, as this witnessing encounter will attest. †