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*cover photo by Kenny Gee at the Garden Tomb in Israel*

**H**ave you enjoyed our new format? We hope so. Let us hear from you so we know what will bless you most. We did hear from several readers in response to the Personal Letter sent last month, and we'd like to share one of those responses with you here.

Greetings in the Name of Yeshua, Bro. Todd.

I just read Ms. Green's letter to the editor and your rebuttal. **WOW! WOW! WOW!**

I was deeply moved with your passionate AND truthful response about our Yeshua, the Messiah, to Ms. Green. And, at the same time, I learned quite a few things and quite a few 'tips' aligned with scripture, of course, to minister to the Jewish people. Wow, after reading your rebuttal, I feel just a bit better equipped to be able to testify to the wonderful Jewish people. I work for a law firm with a lot of Jewish people and at times, get a bit intimidated on how to minister or drop a 'seed' to them.

So, thank you for your rebuttal and standing up for the TRUTH of our Lord Yeshua and equipping the Body of Christ just a bit more to minister to the Jewish people.

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# Reaching Israel for the Redeemer

## Part 6

*This series of articles is a detailed account of our thirteenth Gospel outreach to Israel that occurred from March to April 2007, and dedicated to the memory and ministry of Zola Levitt.*

*Isaiah 62:11*

Our travels took us next to the Israeli northern city of Qiryat Shimona where the Hezbollah terrorists from southern Lebanon fired thousands of missiles into Israel during the summer of 2006. We wanted to go and encourage the Jewish residents there and gauge their response over dealing with the war with Hezbollah. One particular girl we talked to told us that as soon as the missile attacks stopped, the community of Qiryat Shimona immediately began to rebuild. They refused to be driven out from the land God gave them for "an everlasting possession" (Genesis 17:8) by the anti-Semitic terrorists from Lebanon. The Word of God promises the Jewish people will not be driven out ever again after the Lord has brought them back from the second dispersion, which has exactly transpired in the last sixty years (Amos 9:14-15). The name of the young Israeli woman was Einav.

When we told her that the Jewish Messiah we have come to personally know is the common denominator that unites us together in the family of God, she knew we were believers in Yeshua. Einav then told us that she was interested in Yeshua of the B'rit Hadashah writings (the New Testament Scriptures) but was afraid she would have "to change her religion and identity" if she accepted Him. We gently responded by informing her that the first followers of Jesus were thoroughly Jewish and remained Jews after they were called "Christians." We went on to further say that the real issue is not changing a religion, but accepting the fulfillment of the Old Covenant by what the Messiah accomplished in His atoning death and resurrection. To accept the Jewish Messiah is the most natural and reasonable act a Jewish person can do.

Yeshua came to Israel as the Messiah, not to establish a new religion, but to fulfill the Law and prophecies of biblical Judaism from which the New Covenant prophesied in the Tenach (see Jeremiah 31:31) was to be established. It is by



*Einav (left) told us that she was interested in Yeshua but was afraid she would have "to change her religion and identity" if she accepted Him.*

that divine covenant that Jews and Gentiles have open access to God, forgiveness of all sins, eternal life, and a real personal relationship with the living Lord of the universe. Thus, the Messiah came to establish such an everlasting covenant, not seeking to create a new religion that would supplant or cause a person not to be Jewish but rather



*Todd Baker*

enhance and enrich just such a thing. The New Testament is the means by which this was accomplished and is now available. The Holy Spirit moved on Einav to hear and understand these vital truths. She gladly accepted a Hebrew copy of the New Testament Scriptures to read for herself about the Messiah of Israel.

Later in the early evening, our outreach team decided to walk into Tiberias and find a place to eat. We were given directions for a certain restaurant, but instead came to a restaurant where four years ago Kevin Parker and I shared the gospel with a young Jewish man who put his trust in Yeshua as his Lord and Savior. His name was Asher. On later outreaches to Israel, we visited him several times. But he moved to New York City.

This mistake in directions to the restaurant was no mistake at all, but was sovereignly directed by the hand of God. The restaurant was called "Little Tiberius" and failing to locate the other restaurant, we decided to stop there instead. When our group walked in, I was surprised to see Asher working there! The moment I walked in, he immediately recognized me with a big smile and hugged



*Asher accepted Yeshua (Jesus) as Lord and Savior on one of our first mission trips, and quickly recognized and welcomed Todd at this unexpected reunion.*

me. I told him that I did not come to his restaurant the last two years because I was told he had moved to New York. Asher told me that he did live there during that time to be with his fiancé. Asher said that he broke off the relationship because this woman was an atheist who tried to dissuade and discourage him from believing and following the Lord. He decided to end the relationship and come back "home". Apparently, he had backslid from the Lord and now, through our unexpected visit, the Lord was trying to draw him back. Asher then asked me if I had the Hebrew New Testament and other reading materials about Jesus. He wanted them again because they disappeared when he went to New York. I noticed from this exchange that God's Spirit, no doubt, was working on Asher's heart and mind to thirst after the presence of Yeshua and His refreshing Word.

Both Asher and I were overjoyed to see each other. We talked again about the infallible proofs for Yeshua

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**NOW THAT'S  
A GOOD  
QUESTION!!**



#### **QUESTION:**

*Are Christians obliged to worship on the Sabbath? When did the Church change the Sabbath day?*

#### **ANSWER:**

God gave the Sabbath to Israel alone as a sign and seal of the Old Covenant He made with them (see Ezekiel 20:20). The Sabbath was part of the Mosaic Law and has been fulfilled and done away in Christ (Romans 6:14). The Sabbath is a sign of God. Since Jesus fulfilled the type and shadow of the Sabbath, true rest for the believer under the New Covenant is found in Him alone, not on the seventh day of the week (see Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 4; Colossians 2:16). Worship for the Christian can be on any day of the week (see Romans 14:5-6). No church, whether Catholic or Protestant, changed the Sabbath. They changed the day of worship itself, but not the Sabbath, which always falls from Friday evening to Saturday evening.

#### **QUESTION:**

*Are Jews saved in a different way than Gentiles?*

#### **ANSWER:**

We are all saved in the same way, whether Jew or Gentile; it is by faith alone in Jesus Christ. Peter preached this crucial salvation truth without distinction to Jews and Gentiles to a Jewish audience in Jerusalem (see Acts 4:12; 10:43). The only difference is that the Jewish people were prepared to receive the Messiah before He came through the Law and the prophets as revealed through the Scriptures, whereas the Gentiles were ignorant of the revelation and covenants God gave to Israel. Both Jews and Christians are to live as the community of the Messiah standing on an equal level in Christ who are both baptized in water the same way (see Acts chapters 2 and 10; Ephesians 2-4; Galatians 2-3).

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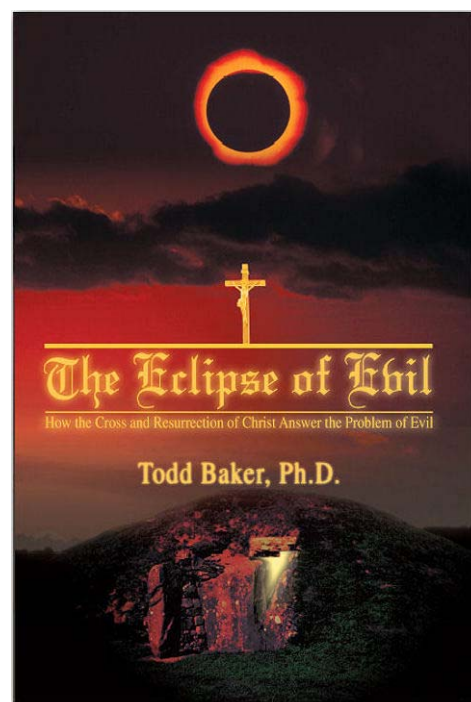
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# Matthew 13 and the Prophetic Parables About the Present Age



The Parable of  
the Merchantman  
and the Pearl  
Part 2  
(Matthew 13:45-46)  
by Todd Baker

**T**he divine merchantman through His manifold knowledge assesses the real value of the pearl in contrast to the rest that were of an inferior quality. The Lord Jesus, the merchantman, **"knows them that are His"** (2 Timothy 2:19). Even now, the Lord is indefatigably searching for the lost unsaved to redeem and present them as His lustrous pearl chosen for His kingly crown of heavenly glory. **"And the Lord their God will save them in that day as the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown lifted up as an ensign upon His land. For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty"** (Zechariah 9:16-17). The chosen saints of God will be majestically revealed with the resplendent glory of Christ when He shall marry His chaste bride the Church in the day of revelation. **"Even tomorrow the Lord will show who are His, and who is holy, and will cause Him to come near to Him"** (Numbers 16:5). The merchantman traveled far distances great and wide in search of that precious stone or goodly pearl of His heart's desire. When Jesus describes the merchantman seeking for goodly pearls, He implies from the word "seeking" that He had to depart from one place to arrive at another. O what an apt illustration of our Lord's divine condescension when He left the eternal glories of heaven to come down to this earth as a man to shed His blood on the accursed tree of Golgotha, that He might purchase for Himself "a people for His name" (Acts 15:14).

We believe the Church is the pearl of great price. The pearl is representative of the New

*"Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchantman seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."*

- Matthew 13:45-46



Testament Church of Jesus Christ in its complete, glorified, beautiful state consisting of a called out body of redeemed people drawn out from every tribe, kindred, tongue, and nation united in one body in whom they form one holy temple of God—the pearl of great price. The Church, which is the one pearl and ardent desire of the merchantman's heart, has been purchased by the propitiatory sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. He gave all He had for the sake of the Church. The Church is composed of all saved Jews and Gentiles from the day of Pentecost until the Rapture. The merchantman is strongly motivated in His desire for that one goodly pearl of great price. Likewise, we see the Lord Jesus desire us, an impoverished fallen destitute lot of sinful humanity who were by nature hateful enemies of God. Does not this greatly surpass the comprehension of the natural man: that Christ, the Lord of glory, should earnestly desire after us, who while yet in our vile ungodly attire, Christ gave His life for us and clothed us in

His blood-washed purified garments of salvation and righteousness? Who would have ever imagined that the God of all existence should stop so inconceivably low and become a man to redeem fallen mankind from his wretched, deplorable state and place him on his heavenly throne as co-regent in this world and in the world to come? The insignificance of unregenerate man compared with the greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ, Almighty God in the flesh, is infinitely incomparable to the puny mortal stature of earthly man. Yet God has chosen man as His precious pearl and will reestablish him as His own in the end. In the kingdom to come, God will dispense to man a delegated preeminence over all His creation. Man will be the second ruling power in creation next to the supreme everlasting sovereignty of the Triune Godhead. Man is God's unique and distinctive handiwork—the crown of His creation. No marvel that the Psalmist declared in humble wonderment God's indescribable love and deep concern for mankind. **"What is man that You are mindful of him, and the Son of Man, that you visit Him? For You have made Him a little lower than the angels and have crowned Him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands. You have put all things under his feet"** (Psalm 8:4-6). This passage has a double reference that applies to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the redeemed who will reign with Him.

Let us reverently inspect several passages that testify of Christ's fervent desire for a Chosen People.

Psalm 45:11 says, **"So shall the king greatly desire your beauty."**

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# Kenny Gee in Israel! PART 2

## (No, not THAT Kenny G...)



by Kenny Gee



*Kenny Gee has been a faithful member of the Shalom, Shalom Messianic Congregation in Dallas, Texas, for many years. He has a heart and true love for Israel. The following narrative is from his "mission training" trip to Israel through Zola Levitt Ministries that he took earlier this year. After this, he will be going as a Missionary to Israel!*

*Continued from last issue...*

**T**oday, we take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Then later view a First century boat that was discovered here at the Sea of Galilee. Friends, that's from the time of Yeshua! It is made from 12 different kinds of wood.

We have traveled over to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jeff Seif has given a stirring testimony about himself, and about how Yeshua taught simple working people how to live in His Sermon on the Mount in Matt.5:1-16. Incredible. All I can say is "thank you, Yeshua!"

Afternoon is approaching and we are headed to the Jordan River where I will be baptized. I was baptized as a young teenager, but thought that I would be re-baptized someday and what better place than this. It is Friday night and time for our

Shabbat dinner. We say the Shabbat blessing over the bread and wine and look out over the Sea of Galilee while dining. Awesome!

Today we go to Tel Dan which is securely identified with the biblical city of Dan, the northernmost city in the kingdom of Israel. The book of Judges states that it was known as Laish prior to its conquest by the tribe of Dan. Here they have unearthed the city gate that dates to the 10<sup>th</sup> century B.C., the gate that Joshua would have gone thru on his way to Jericho. To the west of Dan are the southern mountains of the Lebanon range, while to the east and north are the Hermon Mountains. Melting snow from the Hermon Mountains provides the majority of the water of the Jordan River and passes through Dan making the immediate area highly fertile. The lush vegetation that results makes the area around Dan seem somewhat out of place in the otherwise arid region. I was able to witness to several people here and give them tracts in Hebrew. I believe that Tel Dan could also prove to be fertile ground in planting seeds about Yeshua. I hope to return here on a future Gospel outreach.



We are now headed up to the Golan Heights. Will King is riding in our van today; he is Sandra Levitt's son, an ex-Captain in the U.S. Army who works as a correspondent with Bridges for Peace, and lives in Jerusalem. It's great having Will in the van. It's like having our own personal guide. He shows us all the spots where rockets fell in the recent war with Lebanon as we travel through Kiryat Shmona. We are in the mountains and the roads wind through them with hairpin corners. Wow, you look down, and that is a long way down! I am glad we have the best drivers in all of Israel!



*Looking out over the coast of the Sea of Galilee from the Mount of Olives where Jesus preached the Beatitudes*

The time has come - we are off to Jerusalem! We stop along the way and take pictures of the Old City from a distance. It is quite an impressive sight and quite moving to see. It almost seems surreal. I think about what the Scriptures say about Jerusalem in Matthew 5 - it's called the "City of the Great King." In Psalms 132:13-14, it says "For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it." In Psalms 135:21, it says "Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem." And in Joel 3:16-17:



*"The Lord shall roar out of Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain."* There are no words to describe the way I feel right now. All I can say is "Blessed be the name of the Lord my God forever and forever!"

We have arrived at our hotel. It is also on a kibbutz and it is the Ramat Rachel Hotel in Jerusalem. There is so much to take in - wow! Today, I have prayed at the Kotel (The Western Wall), sat upon the temple steps, some of which date back to the time of Christ, walked the Way of the Cross, gone to the Temple Institute and seen numerous vessels and implements that will be used in the next Holy Temple!

We have been given a few minutes to do some shopping. I want to get a Mezuzah for my mother. A Mezuzah is applied to the doorpost of the home, on the right side as you enter, about head-height, generally slanted slightly in toward the inside of the home. Inside are scripture verses Deuteronomy 6:4-9: *"Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord"* and *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might,"* and other scriptures. Deuteronomy 6:20 instructs to *"write them on the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."* I have purchased one and the store clerk has asked me if I am Jewish. I reply that I am Jewish in my heart because the Jewish Messiah Yeshua lives in my heart. She responds by saying "I don't know about that," and I offer her a tract about The Jewish Messiah in English and in Hebrew. She accepts it. I pray that she reads it and comes to know the Holy One of Israel.

We have gone over to the church of the Holy Sepulchre, and to the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place. We have seen the Copper Isaiah Scroll. Now to the Garden of Gethsemane where I have taken a few moments to pray. It is overwhelming to be here. My Lord sweat blood here as he prepared to take upon Himself the sins of the world.



*The Garden of Gethsemane*

and what a feeling, to be a child of the Living God. You are right, Sandra. Israel changes you. But there is something more; it is



*Jesus' empty tomb*

truly an incredible place - the sights, the old city walls, the Damascus Gate, The Lions Gate, The Golden Gate, The Kotel, the landscape, the people, the children, the smells, to touch these stones, to walk where Jesus walked. There is something more when you are here. If you listen - if you listen very hard - you can hear the footsteps of Messiah. Yeshua is coming again and He is coming very soon. The Lion of the tribe of Judah is

preparing to roar like never before.

If you don't know Yeshua, the time for Salvation is now, while there is still time. Don't put it off another minute.

I would like to say in closing, thank you Zola Levitt Ministries and Shalom Shalom Messianic



Congregation, along with B'rit Hadashah Ministries, for their vision to take the Gospel Message back to where it came from - the Jewish People of Israel. Not many are doing it, and it is something that we **must** do, not *should* do. We must do this! It is the biblical order of Evangelism. The message is to go to the Jew first and then the Gentile. So we are asking for your support and prayers as we take the message of Yeshua to Israel. ✠

*Photos by Kenny Gee*



# FANTASIA

## ARAB STYLE



BY STUART ARDEN  
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There seems to be no limit to the fallacies, fantasies, and lies that Arab propagandists will fabricate in order to attack, criticize, defame, and demean Jews, the Jewish religion, and Israel itself: Diseased Russian girls were used to spread AIDS; poisoning their air and water (a charge made by Suha Arafat, in the presence of First Lady Hillary Clinton, in 1999); producing candy with additives to make young Muslim girls promiscuous; introducing the HIV virus into Muslim society; and many others. However, four of these fantasies which even appear in non-Arab but still Muslim societies, deserve scrutiny; two of which have long histories, and two of which are so far-fetched and ridiculous that it's not sure if they're just plain beyond belief or if they're humorous; black humor that is.



Hillary Clinton embracing Suha Arafat after Suha slanders Israel.  
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### "The Blood Libel"

"The Blood Libel" has been a feature of Christian anti-Semitism ever since the Middle Ages. In short, the libel is that, as part of a religious rite, Jews use the blood of Christian children in making *matza* for Passover. Walter Laqueur, author of *The Changing Face of Anti-Semitism: From Ancient Times to the Present Day*, says, "Altogether, there have been about 150 recorded cases of blood libel . . . that resulted in the arrest and killing of Jews throughout history, most of them in the Middle Ages. . . . In almost every case, Jews were murdered, sometimes by a mob, sometimes following torture and a trial." As late as 1915, in Marietta, Georgia, Leo Frank, whose death penalty was commuted to life imprisonment due to inconclusive evidence, was lynched and hanged by a mob. One wonders about the intelligence of people who could believe this libel, considering the specific Old Testament prohibitions against ingesting blood: "Whoever eats any blood that soul will be cut off from his people (Lev. 7:26-27; additional prohibitions appear elsewhere in Leviticus, as well as Deut. 12:23-25). Furthermore, Jews have never committed ritual murders.

In the kosher slaughtering of animals to provide meat for human consumption, great efforts are undertaken to prevent the ingesting of blood. The jugular veins of animals are slit so that the pumping of the heart causes the blood to drain from the body. Then, the meat is salted with a coarse grain salt as an additional method of removing blood. Anyone with any knowledge of Jewish practices and the proscriptions and prohibitions of Judaism would realize the falsity of the "blood libel." However, when there are people who eat blood sausages it's not too great a leap of fantasizing to impute this illogical libel to Jews, particularly if they are already predisposed to viewing Jews negatively.

Not to be outdone, the Arabs have now appropriated this libel as a part of their propaganda. It appears in *The Matzah of Zion*, (1986), written by Syrian Defense Minister, Mustafa Tlass, in which

an infamous and untrue incident in Syria, in 1840, is resurrected and rehashed. On 25 March 2001, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Said Al-Kurdi, writing in the Egyptian government-sponsored newspaper, *Al-Akhbar*, said, (fallaciously of course) "The Talmud, the second holiest book for the Jews, determines that the *matzahs* of Atonement Day must be kneaded 'with blood' from a non-Jew." *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement, is a day of fasting, which should immediately negate Al-Kurdi's scurrilous "scholarship." On 28 October 2001, "A Jewish Matza Made From Arab Blood," written by columnist Adel Hamooda appeared in the Egyptian government-sponsored newspaper *Al-Ahram*, embellished with sordid fictitious details. During the holy month of *Ramadan*, November 2003, the *Hizballah* satellite television station, *Al-Manar*, which is watched throughout the Arab world, broadcast a 30 segment series, produced in Syria, in which the blood libel appeared. On 10 March 2002, the Saudi Arabian newspaper *Al-Riyadh* featured an article by Dr. Umayma Ahmad Al-Jalahma of King Faisal University (a supposed academic), which added a new twist to the blood libel, namely, that Jews used the blood of Christian and Muslim children to make the three-cornered pastry that is popular during the holiday of Purim.

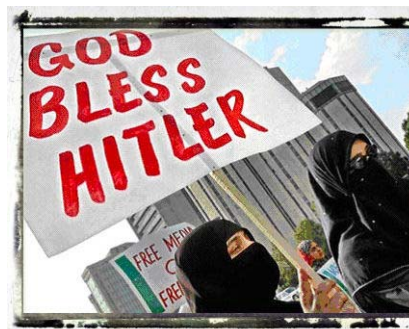


The three-cornered pastry used for Purim (that's strawberry jam in the center!)

Source: [www.pjvoice.com](http://www.pjvoice.com)

### "The Jews Control All The Money:"

This canard also has its origins in Christian culture, albeit with an interesting rationale. At the first Council of Nicea, called by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 325, "usury" (from the Latin *usura*, "interest;" although the word was later to acquire strong negative connotations) was condemned and forbidden by the Catholic Church. Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* (634-644) likewise condemned usury, as did other religious figures through the years. With Jews forbidden to own land, marginalized by most local rulers, and ostracized from various professions and guilds, money lending became one of their few options. From 1179 on, individuals who engaged in money lending were excommunicated, but Jews had no fears of this. Thus many Jews were faced with a damned if you do, and damned if you don't; damned to a life of penury if they didn't accept this occupation, and damned to the anger, hostility, and eternal enmity of their debtors if they did. Did Jews enter



Muslim women expressing themselves.  
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this occupation because of greed, as anti-Semites would have us believe? As Walter Laqueur states in the aforementioned work: "In countries where other professions were open to them, such as Muslim Spain, and the Ottoman empire, one finds more Jewish blacksmiths than Jewish money lenders." Nevertheless, the shibboleth that "the Jews control all the money," and in more recent times: the media, the government, etc., has persisted throughout the ages. In some cases, "drunk with their mother's milk," even by people who have never met, had dealings with, nor even seen a Jew. This mindset is akin to what Holocaust survivor Alexander Kimmel writes about Adolf Hitler: "the Jews were for Hitler an abstract depersonalized evil, a mythological evil like the devil . . . nobody ever experienced the devil but in the eyes of believers it is a reality."

If there IS such a thing as "all the money," it might be in banks, but of the top ten banks in America, none is neither owned, nor controlled, by Jews. Insurance is another possible repository of "all the money," but it is a fact that there are no Jewish presidents or C.E.O.s of insurance companies. One has to wonder about the intelligence of individuals who claim that the .2% of the world's population that is Jewish can control anything! However, if one approaches these fairy tales with a preconceived negative disposition against Jews and/or Israel, anything is possible.

Stories that Jews control money, media, or governments, also emanate from Arab countries periodically, usually in-conjunction with that notorious *Okhrana* (Czarist secret police) forgery and Arab best-seller, *The Protocols of the (Learned) Elders of Zion*. On 16 October 2003, the 10<sup>th</sup> Organization of Islamic Countries Summit took place in Putrajaya, Malaysia, with an opening speech by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. While Prime Minister Mohamad was exhorting the member countries to regain the respect and power that the Muslims had in the 7<sup>th</sup> century c.e., his speech had negative and spurious references to Jews. Two of his statements are "The Muslims will forever be oppressed and dominated by the Europeans and the Jews," and "The Europeans killed 6 million Jews out of 12 million, but today the Jews rule this world by proxy." The foregoing are standard statements uttered by anti-Semites, in which Jews are pictured as some abstract, near-Satanic force.

### Fantasized Territorial Expansion I

At a press conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on 13 December 1988, and frequently afterwards, Yasser Arafat referred to the Israeli ten agorot coin as a map of "Greater Israel," that "goes from the Mediterranean to Mesopotamia, from the Red Sea to the Euphrates," and that it showed Israel's imperialist and expansionist dreams. In fact, the obverse side of the ten agorot coin, designed by Nathan Karp, is a replica of a coin issued



The Israeli ten agorot coin

by Mattathias Antigonus (37-40 b.c.e.), during the Hasmonean Period, showing the seven-branched candelabrum (now the symbol of the

modern State of Israel) as well as a miniaturized symbol of the State of Israel at the top, and the word "Israel" in Hebrew, Arabic, and English along one edge.

### Fantasized Territorial Expansion II

An Internet site called "muslimbridges" says that the two horizontal blue stripes on the Israeli flag (above and below the Shield of David [the six-pointed star]) are emblematic of Israeli expansionism, with one representing the Euphrates River in Iraq, and the other one representing the Nile River in Egypt. On 30 January 2006, Mahmoud Zahar, a leader of the terrorist group, *Hamas*, said, "Israel must remove the two blue stripes from its flag . . . They signify Israel's borders stretching from the River Euphrates to the River Nile." Similarly, Yasser Arafat has also been a proponent of this fantasy, preceding the above-mentioned sources. In fact, the idea for these stripes came from the *talit*, the prayer shawl worn by Jews during morning prayers.

The story (the fact), as reported by numerous sources, says that David Wolffsohn designed a flag for the first Zionist Congress, in Basel, Switzerland, 1897 (which was later accepted as the Israeli national flag). Here is Wolffsohn's own explanation of the flag's symbolism: "We [already] have a flag – and it is blue and white. The *talit* (prayer shawl) with which we wrap ourselves when we pray; that is our symbol. Let us take this *talit* from its bag and unroll it before the eyes of Israel and the eyes of all nations. . . (and that is how the Israeli flag) came into being." This explanation does not contain one single word or implication about borders or territories.

In the fantasy-mind of the Arabs, what is, isn't, and what isn't, is. Here's the way it works: the building over the Machpela Cave in Hebron (burial place of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah, the patriarchs and matriarchs; which was built by Herod the Great, "King of the Jews," 37-4 b.c.e., more than 600 years before Mohammad the Prophet and the start of Islam), second in holiness to Jews after the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, isn't a Jewish structure at all, it's a Moslem mosque! Similarly, to Arabs, the obverse of the Israeli ten agorot coin isn't a replica of an ancient coin, it is a map of expansionism, and the Israeli flag isn't a representation of a *talit*, it also is a map of expansionism.



Yasser Arafat

And the award for best performance in an ongoing "fantasy series" goes to Yasser Arafat, posthumously. However, we were unable to track down his widow, Suha, as she wandered about at Gucci, Chanel, Yves St. Laurent, Christian Dior, and the other "thrift(less) shops" she frequents in Paris on the \$20+ million dollars she receives annually from the Palestinian Authority. Meanwhile the P.A. bilks European and American donor countries while their leaders live in luxury and the average citizen lives in near-squalor. ☆



Suha Arafat, widow of Yasser Arafat



Man wearing a talit, the traditional prayer shawl



O how marvelously breath-taking that the King of glory should greatly desire poor, contemptible wastrels of the earth.

Jesus is knocking on the door of men's hearts desiring to seek entrance into their lives so that He might have holy fellowship with them to love and be with them forever. **"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with Me"** (Revelation 3:20). Truly is this not incredible and utterly amazing that the Creator of the universe, in His infinite grace, desires permission to gain entrance into a sinner's life. Those who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb are indeed invaluable in His eternal appraisal. To think that you and I are of priceless value in His gracious sight staggers the imagination!



**"O the depth of the richness both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out"** (Romans 11:33). We as sinners saved by grace will never fully understand this mind-boggling truth. For who are we that God should set His heart's desire upon the undeserving by nature. This, indeed, is a great mystery in the kingdom of heaven. God esteemed us so much of great value that He had us already in His thoughts and contemplated our unequalled worth in the plan of redemption from eternity past (Ephesians 1:4).

God declares to those who believe and trust in Christ: **"And to the saints who are on the earth, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all My delight. And My delight was with the sons of men"** (Psalm 16:3; Proverbs 8:31). God has profound delight for



His superlative creation, Man, just as a merchantman would highly prize His pearly treasure of tremendous cost. Words cannot describe this fantastic truth. It defies description. Only with words of jubilant praise can we give proper and due thanksgiving to God for His "unspeakable gift" who sought us out in holy desire and redeemed us forever. Is it asking too much to yield our lives in total submission to Him? Nay, rather, it is the only worthwhile and sensible thing to do.

After seeking goodly pearls, Jesus says the merchantman found one pearl of great price and sold all his possessions to buy it. The merchantman from above had no earthly possessions, or vast amounts of money

to purchase the pearl. Instead, He gave the most precious thing—His very life. The miracle of the incarnation is a powerful witness of how the Creator of the universe became poor, poorer than we can ever



imagine. This was done so that the unfailing riches of salvation could be brought to the world. The God of brilliant glory came to this earth clothed with humility in the man Jesus of Nazareth. He was born in a dark and musty cave in a lowly manger on the outskirts of a little town called Bethlehem—a small insignificant city "among the thousands of Judah."

After His miraculous virgin birth, the Lord and Savior later resided in the city of Nazareth, a town notorious from its despised reputation (John 1:46). He was poor, without wealth or material comfort (Matthew 8:20). Our Lord's mission of redemption entailed privation, lowliness, and humility in the partaking of our humanity at the expense of divesting Himself of His preincarnate glory (Philippians 2:5-8). The Messiah came with no regal procession or overpowering revelation to force men to bend the knee. The Lord's earthly ministry was unassuming and humble in disposition to the extent that there would be nothing in His personal appearance that would attract followers at His side by the multiplied numbers. **"He has no form nor comeliness, and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He shall not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street"** (Isaiah 53:2; 42:2). †



Please remember the great truth as you celebrate Christmas this year (yes, Christmas will be here before the next issue of the newsletter!). Have a blessed Chanukah and Christmas!!



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being the one true Messiah of Israel and the world, and the peace and power He brings to set us free from the power of sin. Asher recalled how my personal encounter with the risen Messiah encouraged him to also ask this mighty Savior into his life.

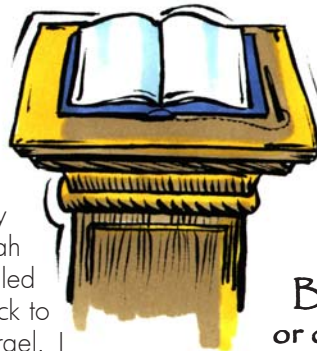
We then discussed the future events of Bible prophecy that are now unfolding in Israel that will bring the Messiah back to earth. The first major prophetic event that was fulfilled in this regard was the restoration of the Jewish people back to the land of Israel. I

showed Asher several of these prophecies from the Jewish Bible. The fact that such a monumental event has already occurred means the other End-Time prophecies will follow in their order eventually leading to the Messiah's return to rule and reign from Jerusalem.

As we parted ways, I told Asher that if my trip to Israel were to only consist of our visit, it was certainly worth coming a long distance to see the Spirit of God working in his life again. Asher responded by telling me that I was like a brother to him. I ask that our readers and supporters pray that Yeshua will continue to draw Asher closer to Him so that he can discover that thirst of the human soul is fully satisfied by the living waters of Yeshua. ☆†☆



*Asher eagerly looked up the prophecies discussed in the Jewish Bible Todd gave him.*



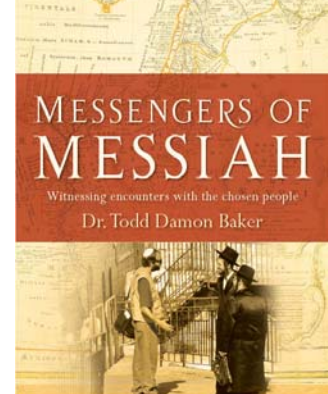
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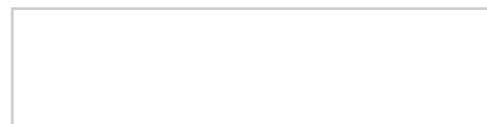
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- Illuminations From  
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