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## What Word from Heaven for Two Thousand and Eleven?

Another year brings a new beginning, a new challenge. In the Christian world, there is talk of an “Awakening”. What does this mean and how does it affect us?

The very word “awakening” means there has been a sleeping. Sleep makes one unconscious to what is going on.

What will awaken us? Where is the ability to realize its wake up time? When a day dawns, it’s time to get up. We need light in every phase of our day. In the rational and spiritual sense, light is knowledge – knowledge of what we need to wake up to and for!

Many are asking questions and our ears are being bombarded constantly by those who think they have all the answers. How can we know if they do or not? Many times the *attitude* of those speaking their own and many words, turn us off from hearing what they say.

There is a *Source* that answers all these questions, and it brings great hope. But most of us are so caught up in our own words, we ignore the word of wisdom, knowledge and direction for life. So the words that light the way fall on deaf ears, and eyes are out of focus, so the stumbling around continues.

What is the truth? The Psalmist tells us, “**Thy Law is the truth**” (Psalm 119:1&2). However, ears are *especially* deaf to that word “LAW”. Why?

Many times in Bible Light publications we have endeavored to answer these questions, pointing out, as the Apostle John said, **‘the law is not grievous’** (I John 5:3). Why, then, do we count it such?

The reason is plain: we have NOT awakened to the understanding of the first part of that verse in John’s Epistle, **“THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD – that we keep His commandments.”** When we hear the word “commandment” or “Law”, immediately the word “bondage” come to mind. We have been programmed against God’s love-laws-for-living and count them out-dated.

Our minds have been closed to the Torah (which means teaching, but translated law), and we fail to consider these are love-laws-for-living-life on this planet. Never were they given in order to work our way to heaven. Rather, their purpose is found in Proverbs 16:6: **“By MERCY and TRUTH iniquity [our selfish, materialistic nature] is purged.”**

But that’s the problem! We don’t want to be cleansed from our selfish living and desire for ‘things’. So **‘truth is fallen in the streets and justice stands far off and righteousness cannot enter’** (Isaiah 59:14).

Truth is wrecked at the intersection – where it has crossed the selfish will of man – so right decisions cannot be made. This is the global problem.

### Awake to what?

That many passages in Isaiah are directly related to the present Mideast problems is evident in the framework of the Jews’ in-gathering to their land in our time. That the awakening has to do with this, is emphasized in the context of these Scriptures. The word “awake” occurs over and over.

The relevance of this “awakening” is in New Testament Scriptures concerning the Kingdom of God coming to this planet. Recently I’ve been meditating on the pattern for prayer Jesus gave in Mathew 6 and Luke 11. Where have I been all these years not to notice that it begins

*“But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth” (Daniel 10:21).*

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge [and some] because thou hast rejected knowledge,” (Hosea 4:6).*

*“Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep” (Romans 13:11).*

*“Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city...” (Isaiah 52:1).*

*“For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God” (Jeremiah 31:6).*

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## Isaiah 19

## The Burden of Egypt

*"The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud [Events happen fast] ..., and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. ...*

*the Egyptians against the Egyptians ... every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor ... And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards" (Vs 1-3)*

*"And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts" (V4).*

*"And the waters shall fail ... the fishers also shall mourn ... Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded ... where are thy wise men? ... Let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt" (Vs 5-12).*

*"In that day shall Egypt be ... afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts ... And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt ... because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined ...." (Vs 16, 17).*

*"In that day shall there be ... a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD... for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD ... and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD ..." (Vs 19-21).*

*"In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and ... Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance" (Vs 23-25).*

*The news broke about the chaos in Cairo, and other cities in Egypt as we were almost ready to print this newsletter. Isaiah 19 came to light more than ever. It was written some 3 thousand years ago and yet is relevant today.*

The chapter begins with "The burden of Egypt." Indeed, a deep concern and burden it is to the whole world, and to Israel, especially, who is monitoring closely the events. Egypt is the broken reed (Isaiah 36:6) of the "peace" in the Middle East. The unrest is spreading to other nations around Israel, leaving that tiny nation more vulnerable than ever. What will happen in 2,011?

If the events described in Isaiah 19 are in sequence, as it seems they are, the situation in Egypt will grow worse as Egyptian turns against Egyptian [Shi'ites versus Sunnees?] and brother[hoo?] against brother (verse 2), and Egypt's spirit fails because no one has the answer. The frustration then brings on a religious spirit that turns to divination cults of the ancient culture of Egypt, but this "wisdom" goes haywire (Vs. 3,11 & 12). Perhaps a "fierce" ruler will arise that may be worse than the "cruel lord" they sought to overthrow (V 4). Drought and devastation overcomes any hope of a good economy (Vs. 5-10,15). There will be great fear as there is no righteous strong leader (V 16).

But the good news of this chapter is that finally Egypt will recognize the strength of Judah because of the "counsel of the Lord of hosts which HE has determined" (Vs 16-17), and the final verses describe the peace highway that will connect Egypt with Assyria running through Israel that is a blessing in the midst.


As I see it, this is not the final Kingdom of peace for the events of Ezekial 38 & 39 have not yet come, but they transpire while Israel rests and is peaceful. It seems there will be a time of world peace, but revelation knowledge will not yet be complete, "for all people will walk everyone in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever," (Micah 4:5). Do read the context which indicates the "Law from Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem" does not happen like waving a magic wand but a going forth to the nations to cause them to beat swords into plowshares, etc. A revolution takes some time to accomplish, and first there has to come knowledge of why it's the way to go. The key is in Isaiah 19:12, "... and let them know what the LORD of Hosts has purposed."



### Israeli Natural Gas Field is Significant Find

A natural gas field discovered off the Mediterranean coast near Haifa is almost double the size of the one [called Tamar] discovered in 2009. The reserves could meet Israel's domestic energy demands

for 100 years it is the largest gas discovery in the world in the last decade and is a 95 billion dollar find.

	
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with the Kingdom and ends with the Kingdom?? **“Thy Kingdom come [which is] thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven...for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen!”**

The admonitions of the Apostle Paul are very applicable to Christians today:

**“Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame”** (I Corinthians 15:34).

And on the mount of Transfiguration John, James and Peter were heavy with sleep during the kingdom demonstration, but **“when they were awake, they saw his glory....”** (Luke 9:32).

## Jerusalem?

All the above is to say: the awakening is NOT AWAKE if the *importance* of Israel with Jerusalem, the capital and Word Center of the World, *is not understood* in that “awakening.”

**“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut into pieces, [bring self destruction] though all the people of the earth are gathered together against it”** (Zech. 12:2 & 3).

The core issue – and the stumbling of the nations – is Jerusalem. According to our computer program, Jerusalem appears at least 767 times in the Bible.

In the right column are a few powerful world-blessing reasons why.

In her article, *All Roads lead to Jerusalem*, Caroline Glick wrote that Foreign Minister (at the time) Tzpi Livni’s failure to form a government proved that all roads do in fact lead to Jerusalem. It was the issue of Jerusalem that deadlocked and ultimately scuffed Livni’s coalition negotiations with Shas (religious political party) which demanded that she pledge not to negotiate the partition of the city with the Palestinians. Livni refused to make such a pledge, and so negotiations failed and new elections were called.

Since that time, the issue of building housing for Jews in East Jerusalem has come up many times, but Jerusalem is all one city.

Does Jerusalem belong to the Jews? We won’t find the answer to that in any of the world’s media – not even Wikileaks.

The answer is in the Book of Books. The LORD God of Hosts will have the final say, and all will know that His way is just and peace.

**“Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One ... Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee”** (Isaiah 49:7).

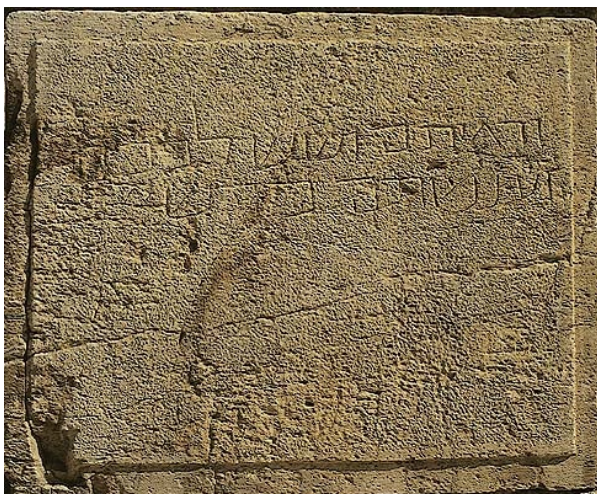
**“Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out”** (Isaiah 51:17).

**“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.**

**“For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee”** (Isaiah 60:1-2).

**“For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth”** (Isaiah 62:1).

**“The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; ... 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: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her anymore”** – to rule over her (Joel 3:16 & 17).



## Significant Stone Found in Jerusalem

*Elmer and Chris Josephson were living in Ramallah (’69-’73) when archeologists discovered a stone in the area of the Western Wall with Isaiah 66:13-14 written upon it:*

**“As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.”**

# Good News Re: Israel

***“The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee; The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 60:14).***

***“And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed the Lord has blessed” (Isaiah 61:9).***

***“Who satisfies your mouth with good things that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s” (Psalm 103:5).***

***“And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6).***

***“I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles” – nations (Isaiah 42:6).***

## ***Out of Dark Age Darkness***

About 50 members of Amish Christians with Bishop Ben Girod of Idaho led a delegation to Israel to submit an official apology for having rejected Israel and the Jews.

The Amish shun modern technology, yet they boarded cars and an airplane in order to arrive in Israel for their apology. Amish have had a history of anti-Semitism, believing that Jews have been replaced by Christians and even that Hitler was God’s agent in punishing the Jews for their rejection of Jesus.

“We are here to say we are sorry,” Girod told Israel’s Channel 2 news during the group’s visit to the Western Wall in Jerusalem. “We no longer want to reject you or look at you as not being God’s people. You were God’s people long before we were.”

A declaration of apology and commitment, beautifully printed on parchment, was presented to Western Wall Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, asking forgiveness “for our collective sin of pride and selfishness by ignoring the plight of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel.”

The document states that the Amish will, from now on, speak out strongly in support of the Jews and the Jewish state. (Adapted from article by Hillel Fendal in Arutz Sheva, Israel Nat’l. News)



## ***Skin Protection Connected to Diet***

A study by Israeli researcher, Dr. Niva Shapira of Tel Aviv University, concluded that a Mediterranean diet could help prevent skin cancer. Foods most commonly eaten in Mediterranean regions, such as olive oil, fish, yogurt, and colorful fruits and vegetables, are high in antioxidants and Omega-3 fatty acids. She said that eating antioxidant-rich foods like these foods found in the Mediterranean diet is far more superior to just taking supplements.

## ***Jews and Arabs***

Thanks to efforts to improve medical cooperation, 180,000 PA Arabs were treated in Israel hospitals in the past year and several thousand emergency patients were successfully transferred between Israeli and PA ambulances. While the PA has several of its own as well as Arab doctors and foreign volunteers, many PA Arabs continue to seek treatment in Israel where both medical technology and levels of expertise are more advanced.

## ***Israel and Jordon***

Although the Hashemite Kingdom signed a peace treaty with the Jewish state in 1994, there is still a great deal of anti-Israel Islamist sentiment in Jordon. Nevertheless, the two countries also share a number of hi-tech and business ventures, as well as many joint scientific projects.

Thirty participants from Jordon and Palestine Authority completed a week-long seminar on the topic of desalination recently according to a report posted on the International Desalination and Water Reuse Quarterly Industry website. The seminar was conducted by IDE Technologies, an Israeli company which is internationally recognized as a pioneer and leader in the delivery of sophisticated water solutions. Israel is considered a world leader in water recycling. Israel recycles 70% of its water waste and sewage.

## Only in Israel

The editor, *of Hashivah* writes that in his son's school in Jerusalem, Bible study and faith are primary, the subject of half his classes. He also noted that at bus stops, it is not unusual to see people reading Psalms while waiting. On board, passengers will recite prayers and read Scriptures, from well-worn little books, rocking back and forth gently so as not to be distracted. All the above is normal for the Holy City, but the scenes are repeated across Israel—and certainly there is never any embarrassment about it.

**7th Graders to Write Entire Bible in One Day:** The day before Shavuot (the holiday of giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, corresponding with Pentacost in the New Testament) over 23,000 seventh-graders will take part in writing an entire Bible. Each of the participating schools throughout the country will be assigned a chapter, and each child above Bar or Bat-Mitzvah age will write a verse on a special page. The Education Ministry has made Bible study a priority.

Reviewing a tradition that has not been held for 30 years, the annual Bible Quiz for Adults will be held once again starting next year. Some 1,500 candidates have already signed up.

Starting from the 2010-11 school year, Bible will no longer be studied in public non-religious schools according to topics, but will rather be taught chronologically in a program that will be concentrating on the formation of the Nation of Israel. The contiguous story from Genesis up to the destruction of the First Temple will be emphasized, as will be the laws, outlooks and values taught by the Bible.

Three days before the Shavuot holiday, special Bible classes will be held, concentrating on "The meaning of the Bible for the People of Israel and for me" and "The Bible as a source for the Land of Israel Studies and Jewish Culture Studies." The "Jerusalem Quiz" will be expanded, and will be held in a nation-wide format. (IsraelNationalNews.com)

## Israel and the Rebranded Poland

With the recent ceremony in Jerusalem marking 20 years of diplomatic relations with Poland, one political pundit said Jews need to see Poland as Israel's 'best friend in the European Union.'

Poland is undergoing a profound make-over. Modern Poland has taken extraordinary measures supporting Israel — condemning the Goldstone Report, boycotting the Durban Conference and opening new level trade since the 1970s. Books by Jewish and Israeli authors sell briskly and new cultural exchanges and a resurgence of Jewish life celebrated by a commonality of history, should be seen as signs of a Poland "rebranded." (*WJC Dateline*)

## Weizmann Institute

**The world's smallest computer:** A year after making International headlines with the programmable DNA computer, Weizmann Prof. Ehud Shapiro took it one step further. Now DNA not only serves as the hardware and software for computing, but it also provides its own energy for running the molecule machinery. Prof. Shapiro was awarded recognition in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for developing the "smallest biological computing device." Biological computers may hold the key to the future of medicine, and be able to detect, diagnose, and treat disease simply by manipulating the biochemical balance of the body.



*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

*"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart.*

*"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

*"And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.*

*"And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).*

*"They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding...." (Isaiah 29:24).*

*"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten ..." (Joel 2:25).*

*"Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people" (Deuteronomy 4:6).*

**"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies"** (Psalm 103:2-4).

**"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD and depart from evil. *"It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones"*** (Proverbs 3:7&8).

**"The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun"** (Psalm 74:16).  
**"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised"** (Psalm 113:3).

**"The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade ... the sun shall not smite thee ... The LORD shall preserve thy soul"** (Psalm 121:5-7).

**"Unto you that fear my name shall the Son of righteousness arise with healing in his wings...."** (Malachi 4:2).

**"I will make judgment to rest for a light of the people"** (Isaiah 51:4).

**"Mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the nations and the glory of thy people Israel"** (Luke 2:30-32).

## ***Garlic Destroys Tumors in Mice***

A technique that could eventually prove critical for preventing cancer metastasis after surgery is being developed from chemicals in – believe it or not – the humble garlic clove! Prof. David Mirelman and a team of Weizmann scientists developed a unique technique to deliver cancer-destroying allicin (the substance that gives garlic its distinctive aroma) directly to the site of the cancerous tumors. One of the most fantastic aspects of this technique (which has been demonstrated in mice) is that it was so accurate it left healthy cells intact ... pointing to new life-saving frontiers in cancer therapies.

## ***New Frontiers in Bone Marrow Transplantation***

Prof. Yair Reisner has pioneered an innovative therapy for bone marrow transplantation. Until recently, successful transplants required a full genetic match between donor and recipient. But for roughly half of the patients needing a transplant, a timely match is not found. Now, bone marrow transplants are being performed in which only half of the immunological markers need to match. Thanks to this research, people needing a bone marrow transplant who do not have a genetically matched donor will be able to receive such "mismatched" transplants from family members of unrelated donors. This cutting-edge research provides new hope for the critically ill.

## ***Energy***

The Weizmann Institute is equipped with one of the world's most advanced solar research facilities, enabling Scientists to develop new ways to use the sun's energy.

Exciting new Weizmann research is exploring the creation of environmentally friendly fuels from trash. Scientists are also revamping the machinery of photo-synthetics to produce green fuels for transportation.

## ***More***

Weizmann high-yielding, disease-resistant cucumber seeds are used around the world, including in Arab countries.

A material credited by Weizmann chemists tested dramatically superior to current lubricants. It is expected to increase the efficiency and life-span of machinery, power tools, motor vehicles, aircraft, and satellites.

Weizmann scientists have developed a new radiation induced method of visualizing the breakdown of chemical bonds in molecules, a feat previously thought impossible. The ability to visualize the specific damage caused by radiation on a "test-tube" level offers an important tool for developing pharmacological means to protect people against radiation exposure. The development of the new drugs to combat the effects of radiation could drastically reduce fatalities and disease in radiation emergencies, such as Chernobyl nuclear power plant failure.

## ***Israel Friends***

The 112th Congress is expected to be the most pro-Israel's Congress ever. Many of Israel's strongest supporters were reelected.

More than 45% of the House (198 members) have signed a letter that raises questions about the Obama administration's decision to sell \$60 billion in weaponry to Saudi Arabia.

Jose Maria Aznar was the prime minister of Spain from 1996 to 2004. He recently founded a group called



*Israel's economy is the fastest growing in the West. Her gross national product grew by 4.5% in 2010. Israel is also doing better in the employment arena.*

the Friends of Israel Initiative, which he says will fight the global campaign to delegitimize the Jewish state.

### ***Israel Helps World's Deserts Bloom***

With the lengthy title of, "Conference on Dry lands, Deserts and Desertification: The Route to Restoration," a four day conference opened at the Ben Gurion University's campus in Sde Boker aimed at helping 200 million people around the world threatened by poverty and hunger. Some 50 countries with more than 500 government officials and academics, including those from the Palestinian Authority and Jordan were represented at the 3rd annual International conference.

"If you do nothing about desertification, people will starve and die," said Prof. Alon Tal, founder of Arava Institute for Environmental Studies.

Parts of Negev desert have been transformed into a productive breadbasket, actually reducing the desert's size significantly since 1948. The Jewish National Fund planted forests that are thriving. Salt and drought resistant crops are flourishing as a result of the advanced agricultural method. The desert is dotted with commercial fish ponds and with healthful algae used for manufacturing pharmaceuticals and health foods.

Israel's success in rehabilitating the Arava desert has attracted worldwide attention to the Jewish State, where 97% of the land is arid. Israel has not only "made the desert bloom," but also has invested major resources in learning how to keep dry lands from overtaking fertile soil.

***Note: The Arava is the desert below sea level (the Negev is the desert above sea level). The Arava is the area where Biblical Tamer Park is located, and where Bible Light Friends can literally help the desert bloom as the rose (Isaiah 35). See page 11.***

### ***Where Terror Reigns a Flower is blooming***

In the remote Israeli village of Yated, just a few kilometers from Israel's border with both Gaza and Egypt, terrifying columns of smoke behind deadly missiles streak across the sky targeting the innocent citizens below.

Among those looking up at this terror from the skies is Israeli artist, Yaron Bob, who for years, has chosen to respond to these senseless acts of violence in an unusual way.

With just a hammer, anvil, and furnace, Yaron molds the collected fragments of the exploded kassam rockets into beautiful hand-sculpted roses and Judaic.

Yaron's roses are true pieces of history – living symbols of Israel's perseverance in the face of terror. They are a modern day fulfillment of Isaiah's biblical prophecy of "beating swords into plowshares" (Isaiah 2:4).

### ***Secular Jews Tour: Hareidi Jews***

The secular tourists got to experience a "tisch" – a festive gathering of a Hassidic rebbe and his disciples, saw synagogues, entered bakeries, and were guests at Hassidic homes. There was a "very meaningful" wave of tours during the Chanukah holiday.

The Hareidi parents explained the purpose of the visits to their children, and told them these are our brothers, and things work out when the approach is one of love for Israel.

Hassidic Jewish dynasties immigrated into Israel from Europe and are largely isolated from other groups. Secular Jews have lived apart from religious Jews since the "Enlightenment" movement began in Europe. The tours can be seen as a first attempt in centuries to bridge the gap between the com-

***"I will bless them that bless thee" (Genesis 12:3)***

***"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose ... Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and steams in the desert" (Isaiah 35:1& 6).***

***"I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together" (Isaiah 41:19).***

***"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3).***

***"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen" (Isaiah 43:19&20).***

***"Behold, how good an how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ... for thee the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore" (Psalm 133,1&3b).***

munities, made possible by the fact that both live in the Promised Land. Elmer Josephson said many times, *“They are ALL God’s people.”*

## Other Not-so-good News

### *Jew-Hate Disguised*

Largely the cause of Christian Jew-hate is replacement Theology. Today anti-Israel powerful Christian bodies, including the World Council of Churches, representing 550 million Protestants across the globe, evidences this unbiblical teaching is alive and well.

In Norway the country’s largest anti-Semitic riots happened not during the Nazi era, but in 2009. Sweden is not much better.

Anti-Semitism grows during difficult times. The internet age is a convenient carrier of these lies making Jews the scapegoat, and spreading Jew-hate far and wide over the globe.

Jew-and-Israel-hate today disguises itself as anti-Zionism. Multiple Scriptures shouts the opposite – that Zion, Jerusalem, Israel is one and the same, inseparable.

**One thing is certain:** such hatred for the people used to give this planet the LORD’s Law and Order, will only bring self-destruction.

Israel is the target. No nation has been hit with half as much contempt, lies, sneers and smears as Israel and the Jewish people in our day. Israel’s enemies try hard to drive a wedge between the United States and Israel. They know that without the United States, Israel is virtually alone in the world. This is because there are many Bible-believing Americans and our country was founded to be free. And in my studies I am finding that relationship is even deeper than we imagined. (Send for my book, “Judah You’re Not Alone”.)

Of what other nation besides Israel is it said, “You have no right to exist”? Is Israel supposed to say, “Pardon me for living, I’ll just lay down and die”?

### *Palestine? History forgotten, ignored and repeated.*

Twenty-two years ago Yasir Arafat proclaimed, “The establishment of the State of Palestine on our Palestinian territory with its capital Jerusalem.” **But in 712 BC, Isaiah declared, “Palestine dissolved.”** (Isa. 14:31).

The UN General Assembly “acknowledged” Arafat’s proclamation by a majority of 104-2. Only the USA and Israel objected and 36 nations abstained. There was no Palestinian government in the West Bank or Gaza. The PA didn’t even exist. It was a political act designed to put Israel on the defensive.

Today history is repeating itself. Palestinian officials are seeking international recognition. Several South American countries led by Brazil have “recognized” the phantom state, along with other left-leaning governments.

This Palestinian state was to be “within 1967 borders.” That term, also is a fantasy. The truth is (and pardon me for being old enough to remember this!) the UN had partitioned “Palestine” to allow for two states – Israel and an Arab state. Israel accepted and Arab leaders rejected. So Israel was attacked and against all odds won even more territory than the UN had allotted. In 1948 Israel became an independent country for the first time in 2500 years, with her own flag and government. The borders were lines defined by the 1949 “Armistice” ceasefire lines as the War of Independence ended.

Israel was attacked again in 1967 and the IDF was so amazingly successful, military men around the world were heard to say, “I’m sorry I’m not a Jew.”

Israel is under no obligation to withdraw to those impossible borders – neither Biblically nor under International Law. The Palestinian state would include the Old city of Jerusalem, including the Jewish quarter that has been

*He who laughs last, laughs best.*

*“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, ‘Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.’*

*“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.*

*“Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him” (Psalm 2).*

*“For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land” (Notice the timing - Joel 3:1&2).*

*“Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men out of all languages of the nations shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have*

beautifully restored after being destroyed under Jordanian rule. (Our friend, Zev Kedem, was the chief engineer of this restoration project.) This also includes the Western Wall where millions of Jews and non-Jews come to pray each year. It is the western retaining wall of the Temple Mount.

### ***Arab Turmoil Increases Axis of Evil***

The Palestinian Authority is severely split by warring factions. The situation is fragile in Ramallah, now the PA's headquarters. A stable country under the present circumstances is impossible. Israel cannot simply say 'We are signing a peace agreement', close their eyes and say 'We did it.' They have no way of knowing the "peace" will be honored. The PA has used the term "negotiate" to mean Israel's surrender of all the land in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

And now the turmoil is wide spread – in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Jordan and Lebanon. Hizbullah in Lebanon is an armed Iranian-Syrian terrorist proxy that resorts to all sorts of force, terrorism, intimidation, threats and bribery, to topple the Hariri national unity government with orders from Syria and Iran. Their full control of Lebanon imposes a dire threat to all the Arab countries, Israel and Europe. It was reported that Israeli air and navy forces went on a high alert after Lebanon's Druze Leader, MP Walid Jumblatt, decided to join Hezbollah and Syria. His parliamentary bloc enables the forming of a pro-Syrian and pro-Iranian government. A Hizbullah-controlled government forces Lebanon to fully join the Axis of Evil. ***God Forbid. Pray for Lebanon.***

Israel has very serious concerns, and the U.S. administration and both Houses of Congress see dreadful hazards in the Middle East. And more: all 18 countries with troops participating in the UNIFIL forces deployed in South Lebanon on the Lebanese-Israeli border are extremely concerned about their safety.

I was in Jerusalem when Israel pulled out of South Lebanon in 2,000. Many Lebanese sought refuge in Israel. Going back further, we were living in Ramallah when Lebanon opened her doors to Arafat and the PLO expelled from Jordan. (Zech. 11) BUT there are promises of Lebanon and Israel coming together in peace and even some sons of Jacob living in Lebanon. (Zech. 10:10)

### ***Reality Demographic Gap***

While most Israelis worry about a prospective demographic imbalance between Jews and Arabs in the Land of Israel, Professor Arnon Sofer of Haifa University says that the imbalance between the diminishing secular Israeli population and the growth of the religious one will cause increasing numbers of secular Jews to seek their futures abroad. The study says that a majority in Israel will be religious by 2030.



*Allepo pine trees like the ones pictured here are expected to sprout again soon in the burned Carmel Forest.*

*Most of the trees burned were Allepo pines. Seeds from the trees have adapted themselves evolutionarily to forest fires, and were released from the trees' pine cones by the heat of the fire and were spread far and wide by its coals and winds. The seeds will sprout again and help restore the forest.*

### ***Wikileaks — Modern Tower of Babbling***

Information came to light in documents released by Wikileaks, exposing some unknown stances of Israel's enemies. The documents also show that Israel is well respected as a source for the United States, and there was little material embarrassing to Israel. Saudi Arabia is the source of the lion's share of funding for the world's worst largest terror group.

***heard that God is with you"***  
(Zechariah 8:23).

***"Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head"*** (Joel 3:4).

***"Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand"*** (Micah 2:1).

***"Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?"*** (Isaiah 29:17).

***"Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified"*** (Isaiah 60:21).

***"...The Lord will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts..."*** (1Cor. 4:5).

***"And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed"*** (Joel 2:27).

**"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 54:17).**

**"And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me" (Psalm 27:6).**

**"A fire goeth forth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about" (Psalm 97:3).**

## **Islam**

The growth of fundamental Islamism phenomenon is creating a challenge for the ruling regimes in some Arab countries. It has a major negative impact on tourism in a country. Tourists are unlikely to visit the country that is controlled by a party that promotes Sharia Laws such as stoning, which will inevitably happen if the Muslim Brotherhood came to power. It would drag into more poverty and increase recruitment of more terrorists.

The Shi'ite sect of Islam is far more intolerant of other faiths than is Sunnee Islam. For example they teach all non-Shi'ites are ritually impure.

## **The Daddy of Moslem Terror**

In Egypt the only organized "political party" is the Moslem Brotherhood. Chief concern is that the Brotherhood might take over. It was founded in Egypt in 1928 and has largely worked behind the scenes of Islamic terror. It's purpose is to implement Sharia Law over a global Islamic state with a coalition of Islamic organizations called "Caliphate."

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that Israel's giving up land hasn't brought peace. How can it when there isn't peace in the countries who want Israel annihilated?

Yet the world still expects Israel to make more and more concessions and reduce Israel to a place you can cross in half an hour and borders too difficult to defend.

# **Democracy in the Middle East is a Bumpy Road**

*By DeWayne Coxon*

Tunisia, Egypt, and Turkey have been three of the most stable pro American countries in the Arab world. They all have secular governments that are heavily dependent on the armies or dictators to stay in power. Their power is sustained in most cases by heavy handed actions that control the people.

Suggesting that these nations simply need to allow the people to vote and become democratic without a transition period of education, has not worked in Morocco, Gaza, and Lebanon, and will not work in Tunisia and Egypt, in my opinion. The reason is that, within these national populations lives radical religious Muslim leaders who will take the nations into Iranian types of religious practices and bring greater conflict.

Democracy, as we know it to work in America, is not perceived the same way in the Arab world. The Syrian Dictator Bashar Assad revealed this in a recent Wall Street Journal interview that the protests in Egypt and elsewhere would usher in a "new era" in the Middle East in which Arab rulers would have to begin democratic reforms. Even as he gave this interview, protestors were organizing a "Day of Rage" in Syria. Assad holds an iron grip on the Syrian people and his idea of "democracy" is certainly different than ours.

There is no "orderly transition" for these governmental changes, in my opinion. There are too many political and religious factions in Egypt and there are other Arab countries waiting to move into the power vacuum if Egypt goes into chaos. As much as I am against dictators and countries controlled by the military, I see a worse political problem with the "unknown" factor of who will take control as the present governments fall and the leaders go into exile.

On the other hand, as the electronic world and social networking becomes more accessible, people see how much of the rest of the world lives and rise up against oppression and injustice. This may be the Biblical vision that "justice will prevail on the earth" and that could well be happening in these first primitive steps towards a just world. This is the area in which my prayers are directed, towards equality and justice for all children, women, and mankind.



*Hold your horses, Russia. US envoy questions the wisdom of Russian initiative to send a Security Council delegation to the fragile Mid-East region.*

## Biblical Tamar Park

Dr. DeWayne Coxon writes: There is seldom a trip that I take to Israel where I do not have meetings with governmental people as we develop the Park. I also meet with the Arava Director of Development and Mayor of the Central Arava. They have important information on government plans for the area and we discuss how Biblical Tamar Park can be fully involved in those long term plans.

Biblical Tamar Park has now been placed on the newest Israel Tourism map of the Negev titled, *The Nabatean Incense Route*, and it is site #57. It is called Tamar Fortress—the site of Biblical and Roman Tamar. “These are the ruins of a fortified city of the most ancient Jewish settlement of the first temple period in this area. Among other things, there is a plan to restore the ruins of fortresses and buildings, like the four roomed house (Israelite) of the first temple period, and evidence of the existence of (earliest) Jewish life in the Arava.” (3,000 years old)

The real purpose is to restore this site and build the buildings in a way that depicts the history of the area and enlightens all who visit to the Scriptural history of this part of Israel. To be very specific, we want this project to fill the educational purpose of teaching about the faith of Abraham, Moses and Jesus through the visual means of art and technology.

This has been my developing vision, pure and simple, for the last 25 years. The ancient prophet, Habakkuk was told by God, “**Write the VISION and make it plain,**” and this is what I believe God has put in my heart to be completed by many of us in this generation. Your gifts, whether they are the widow’s mite or the mega thousands, are God’s gifts to us as stewards. We don’t want to let our own resources be corrupted and fade away as the seasonal flowers; rather let us put them into the building of this memorial to Abraham and the saints and warriors of the past.

*Note from Chris at BLI: Though the temptation is to spend beyond their means, Blossoming Rose has not incurred debt while fulfilling this mission. The progress is dependent on you and me doing our part. Bible Light and I are honored to be involved in this project. Whether you gift comes through Bible Light Int’l or Blossoming Rose, it is tax-deductible. If you give it to Blossoming Rose, please tell them ‘Chris sent you.’*

### See Biblical Tamar Park While Touring Israel

The Israel Department of Antiquities has named Dr. DeWayne Coxon of Blossoming Rose as the curator of this important dig. You are invited to experience Israel in a very special way by participating in an archaeological dig of a city that dates back to Moses. If you are not the ‘digging’ type, you can still see Biblical Tamar Park and also sit back and let us take you through the land of Israel first class style.

You can contact DeWayne Coxon at 1-800-317-7673 or email [info@blossomingrose.org](mailto:info@blossomingrose.org). There are several tours a year and one is for YOU. I (Chris) plan to be in Israel next winter, so if you come then I can join you. Bible Light friends have given to plant trees along the entrance to Biblical Tamar Park and now are giving toward a library/learning center in memory of Elmer Josephson and Dr. David Flussner. There will be no pressure on you to give to this project, but there is no higher honor you can give a loved one or friend than to help in the restoration of this unique property dating back to Abraham, and is becoming the “Jewel of the Desert.” IF THE LORD has blessed you abundantly, with a greater contribution you can be a remarkable witness to the LORD and Israel of your love and gratitude for His blessing.

These pictures were taken at Biblical Tamar Park south of the Dead Sea in Israel.



*Part of the archaeological dig at Biblical Tamar Park.*



*Looking east: sunrise over the Edom (red) Mountains in Jordan.*

“Send out thy light  
and truth . . .

And let them lead  
me.”  
Psalm 43:3

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