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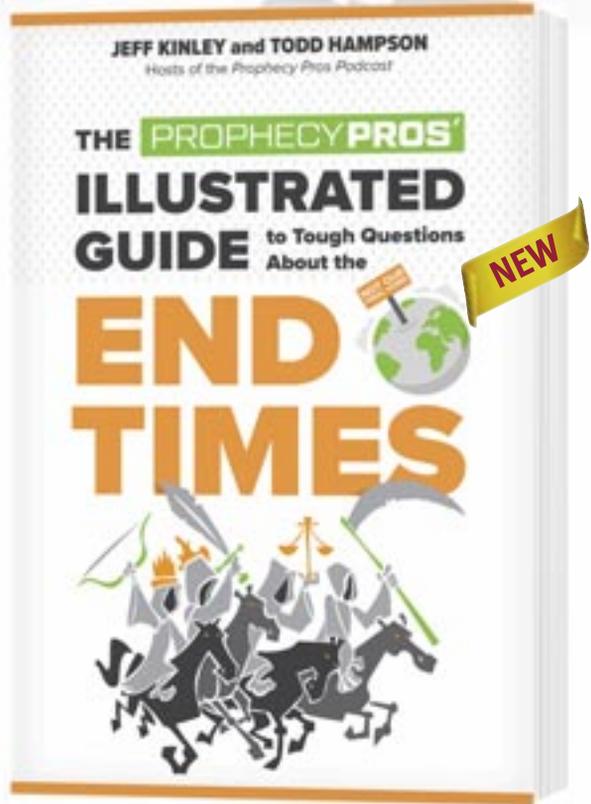
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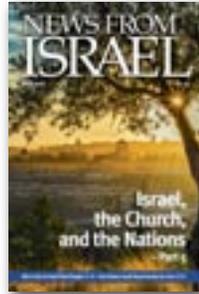
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Dear Friends of Israel,

BY FREDI WINKLER

What no one could or really wanted to believe, has now happened: Russia has attacked Ukraine. Thus, war is raging again in Europe ... a war that was thought to be preventable by the eastward expansion of NATO. Yet, wisdom of old declares that forming military alliances is preparation for the next war.

Who is at fault? How could this war have been prevented? Much has been said on this topic already. According to Russian President Putin, it would have been simple to solve the problem. Considering that wars have always only brought about death and destruction, the question arises: why do wars occur, and why do we not

come to our senses beforehand, solving the problems through negotiation? This question is also brought up in the 4th chapter of the Epistle of James. Granted, the context here is relationships among believers, but what James says about this topic is applicable also to relations between nations. All of this takes on an even sadder aspect when “Christian” nations are at war with each other, especially fraternal people such as the Russians and Ukrainians. We can only hope and pray that this whole situation will soon come to an end.

Ukrainian President Zelensky suggested that Israeli President Bennett could act as a mediator in the conflict with Russia, since Israel maintains good relations



with Russia and Putin. However, it seems that he overestimated Israel's potential. Due to the threat from Iran and, indirectly, also from Syria, Israel does maintain good relations with the Russians, but is dependent on their goodwill and cannot jeopardize that. Bennett did specifically go to Moscow to talk with Putin, but exactly what was discussed there we will probably never know.

The threat from Iran led to an unexpected development in Israel's relationship with various Arab states. Recently, there was a meeting of the foreign ministers of Israel, the United States, Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, and the United Arab Emirates. It took place in the Negev Desert where Ben Gurion, the founder of the State of Israel, had spent the last years of his life. The aim was to send a signal regarding the nuclear negotiations with Iran, set to take place in Vienna. Russia plays an important role in these discussions. For that reason and many others as well, Israel cannot afford to risk Russia's goodwill. This demonstrates

the crucial importance of a wise handling of world politics in general, particularly so in Israel's case. For good reason, the danger from Iran remains the primary concern for Israel, though they are not indifferent to the war in Ukraine either.

Once again, Israel is experiencing a wave of terror from Islamic extremists. The month of Ramadan always has the potential for radicalization. But this year, the danger appears especially great. Israel Defense Minister Gantz and President Herzog therefore visited Jordanian King Abdullah II to talk about the impending dangers. Abdullah then paid a visit to Palestinian President Abbas in Ramallah to try to calm the situation.

Thus, there are plenty of reasons for concern. But, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in view of end-time events, give us confidence. He said, "Watch and don't be frightened."

With these words come greetings and Shalom,

Trevor Winkler



Israel, the Church, and the Nations – Part 5

NORBERT LIETH

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

The roots symbolize the patriarchs, and the branches the Jews at the time of Jesus up until Pentecost. The unbelieving “branches” were broken off.

ARGUMENTS FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE

“For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee” (Rom 11:16-21).

In this passage, the Apostle gives two symbolic arguments

in favor of Israel's ultimate preservation.

1. The Firstfruits – This example recalls the grain offering in the Old Testament (Num 15:17-21). The grain gift of firstfruits was consecrated to God and thus holy (that is, set apart for Him). This gift of firstfruits represents the entire harvest, making the complete harvest (and the dough that would later be made from it) sacred for use as bread. Jeremiah said of Israel, “Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase...” (Jer 2:3a).

2. The Olive Tree – The olive tree is a very ancient evergreen. It is my view that the firstfruits and the root refer to the patriarchs and the promises God made to them. The roots symbolize the patriarchs, and the branches

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the Jews at the time of Jesus up until Pentecost. The unbelieving “branches” were broken off. The believing “branches” remained and experienced Pentecost.

The Apostle John emphasizes the difference between the unbelieving and believing Jews, and the consequences of this distinction: “Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also” (1 John 2:23).

The Gentiles were grafted in in place of the broken branches (Acts 10—11). They now have a share in the “root and fatness of the olive tree.” Together with the believing Jews, they form a tree. This means the purest grace for the nations, because there are no prerequisites to be met. That is why Paul warns the nations against elevating themselves above Israel

and becoming disdainful of them. He gives two arguments for this:

1. The nations don't bear the root, but vice versa: the root carries them. The Church of Jesus, for example, was based on the faith of Abraham, who was declared righteous by it (Rom 4:3). Likewise, we too are declared righteous only by faith. And Abraham also became our spiritual father: “That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all” (Rom 4:16, ESV). And, above and beyond that, the Lord Jesus is the underlying root that bears everything: “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in

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the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star” (Rev 22:16).

2. Rather than becoming disdainful, we should have reverence because God could break the Gentiles off again at any time. It isn’t written that He will, but it should keep us grounded that He could do so, as a form of judgment in His absolute sovereignty. As other translations put it, “neither will he spare you” or, “he will not spare you either.”

It’s worth noting that Paul isn’t addressing the individual’s relationship with God in this passage. Rather, the passage is about the places that Israel and Christianity as a whole occupy in God’s plan of salvation. Consider developments in Church history. “Boast not against the branches ... Thou wilt say then,

The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in” (Rom 11:18a-19). While this may be true, it’s not a reason to get haughty. Yet this is exactly what happened. Christianity has disinherited Israel and placed itself above this people. The Church could only see itself, and trampled Israel underfoot.

Yes, the unbelieving portion of Israel has indeed been rejected as a means of salvation in the present. But the Church, the current means of salvation, has always consisted of both Jews and Gentiles. And Israel will be received again as a whole in the future.

GOD CAN

“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shall be cut off. And they

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also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how



much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?" (Rom 11:22-24).

God's severity and goodness are juxtaposed. God was severe against the fallen (those who knew Him but still rejected Jesus). By contrast, those who weren't seeking God and had no part in Him at all, experience the goodness of God's grace. The believers from the nations need to be aware of this, so that they don't become arrogant. If they don't remain

in this goodness, they too could be cut off again. As I said, this isn't an admonition that someone who is born again could be lost. (Paul isn't speaking about individuals, but of Israel and Christianity.) Rather, it's a blanket statement of God's ability. God can continue to graft returning Jews back into the olive tree. Paul gives a supernatural example of this.

It isn't natural for a wild branch to be grafted into a cultivated olive tree (v. 24). But with God, it is possible. That

being the case, how much more then is He able to restore the natural branches that had previously been cut off? In this context, it's interesting that the number of Jewish Christians in Israel has been growing steadily since the State was founded. OneForIsrael.com reported in 2018:

“Our study found that 60% of the sample are first-generation believers—they are the first in their family to believe in Yeshua. The next largest group is second-generation—their parents are also believers.” As context, the article notes that “In 1948, there were approximately ten million Jewish people around the world who had survived the Holocaust. About 600,000 were living in Israel. Of those, only 23 of them believed in Yeshua as their Messiah. There were some churches led by denominations and missionaries in Israel, but there were no Messianic congregations at all [...] In 2017, 300 congregations were counted. It has become in-

creasingly difficult to accurately identify the number of Jewish believers in Israel, but a conservative estimate is now 30,000. [...] This shows that we are a young body and that the majority of growth is no longer from people immigrating or having children, but is rather due to people coming to know the Lord themselves.”

This can probably be considered a sign of the end time. Toward the conclusion of the Church Age, Israeli branches will be grafted back into the cultivated olive tree (the Church) within the re-existing State. This will happen before the Church (the body of Christ on earth) is removed and all Israel is finally saved.

Just how and when the Lord will accomplish this is shown below:

GOD WILL

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that

blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all" (Rom 11:25-32).

This is the climax of the exposition about God's salvation purposes for Israel. If we called the prior section "God Can," this one could be entitled "God

Will." He is in the process of causing more and more Jews in Israel to believe. And He'll bring this process to completion. Paul makes five special statements about this.

1. The Mystery. – "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (v. 25). In this way, the believers from the nations are warned three times not to be haughty toward Israel (vv. 18-21, 22, 25). But what is the mystery? It was no secret that Israel was being hardened. Isaiah, the Lord Jesus, and Paul had already spoken of this (Matt 13:14-17; Isa 6:10; 29:10; 44:18; Rom 11:8). And Israel's eventual salvation was no big secret either: the prophets had repeatedly spoken of it. No, the mystery is in the salvation of a "fulness of the Gentiles." The question is:

He wanted to form Jews and Gentiles into an olive tree, a new people. God calls people from all nations—branches from a wild olive tree (Acts 10)—and grafts them into a cultivated olive tree (Acts 2).



how long will the hardening last? When will Israel be accepted again? What needs to have happened for her to be saved?

The answer is: God had a mysterious plan in His foreknowledge of Israel’s hardening. He wanted to form Jews and Gentiles into an olive tree, a new people. God calls people from all nations—branches from a wild olive tree (Acts 10)—and grafts them into a cultivated olive tree (Acts 2). In Acts 2, a purely Jewish church first came into being. These believing members from the people of Israel, were the branches of the olive tree whose forefa-

thers in the faith (roots) were also Jews. Here, Jesus is the main rootstock. They formed the cultivated olive tree because of their faith. The unbelieving Jews were broken out of it (Rom 11:17). After the stoning of Stephen, from Acts 10 we see the nations are added to this olive tree, beginning with Cornelius (cf. Eph 2:13-18). The Apostle Paul, who evangelized Jews and Gentiles, was especially called to this task. The “fullness” is reached when the number from the nations, known only to God, has been added to the olive tree.

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On the Horizon



ISRAEL

Silver Coin to Fund Third Temple

The Mikdash (Temple) Educational Center in conjunction with Rabbi Hillel Weiss, the former spokesman for the Sanhedrin, has minted a silver coin to promote a practical effort to establish the third temple.



Mikdash (Temple) Educational Center silver coin
(photo credit: Mikdash Educational Center)



The value of the coins is equal to three half shekels. This corresponds to the three times in a year which one ascends to the Temple. Everyone who donates and receives a coin is an active partner in another step towards the building of the Third Temple.

Weiss emphasized that the minting of the coin was timed to coincide with the beginning of the Hebrew month of Adar when these coins were collected for the temple.

“For this reason, the first temples were, and the third temple must be, a house of prayer for all nations,” Weiss said. “The Temple was and will be, the only hope for true peace among the nations. History has shown that any effort to bring the nations together that is not centered in Jerusalem, the

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DEFENSE EXPORTS REACH 20-YEAR HIGH

Military exports by Israel brought in \$11.2 billion last year, with 7% of that going to Arab countries that have signed the Abraham Accords, the Defense Ministry said.

According to SIBAT, about 70% to 80% of Israeli defense products are exported, and Israel is among the top 10 defense exporters in the world.

The number of contracts signed with Arab countries will continue to increase and will likely reach double digits, said Yair Kulas, head of SIBAT, the International Defense Cooperation Directorate at the Defense Ministry (the military exports unit).

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city of peace, ends in catastrophe.”

He said that the silver half-shekel was required from the Jews, but the Temple was also maintained by the nations (meaning non-Jews) for any person seeking to be part of the House of God of Israel.

“After the destruction of the Temple, Adar took on added significance, as the month in which we celebrate Purim,” Weiss said. “Haman was from the nation of Amalek, so the month of Adar represents the victory over Israel’s perennial enemy, the victory of light over darkness. The temple in Jerusalem and a king of Israel are the most powerful elements in this battle and must be recreated before the War of Gog and Magog fully materializes.”

-www.jpost.com, 14 March 2022

Commentary: We note that this is an Israeli NGO, meaning a non-governmental organization. It’s strictly a business venture, but holds a strong connotation toward the dream of millions of Jews: the temple in Jerusalem.

There are a number of interesting theories about the planned third temple. What we do know is that a third temple on the Temple Mount is virtually out of the ques-

tion, because it is considered Islamic territory.

Some point to 2 Thessalonians 2:4: “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” This reveals the Antichrist, pointing to Jesus’ prophecy, “I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (John 5:43).

Other Bible scholars interpret it to be the spiritual temple, the residence of God the Spirit: “In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:22).

We note the interesting statement: “The Temple was and will be, the only hope for true peace among the nations.” In the end, that indeed will be the case. About the Antichrist, we read in Revelation 13:8a: “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him.” 7229

(See *What About the Third Temple?* Item #1091, \$4.50.)





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Farthest Star Ever Seen from Earth

The Hubble Space Telescope detected the farthest individual star seen to date in a collaboration that included researchers from Ben Gurion University.

 The newly discovered star existed within the first billion years after the Big Bang and provides insight farther back in time than we previously had after Hubble discovered a star in 2018 that existed when the universe was about four billion years old.

“We almost didn’t believe it at first, it was so much farther than the previous most-distant,” said astronomer Brian Welch of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Massive cosmic bodies can sometimes bend spacetime and essentially act as a lens in the sky.

“The lensing phenomenon opens a door to learn about dark matter and distant galaxies,” according to BGU’s Prof. Adi Zitrin, one of the study’s lead researchers.

The star, named Earendel (“morning star” in Old English), is believed to be at least 50 times the mass of the sun and millions of times brighter.

Astronomers believe that Earendel will remain visible for many more years, giving them a chance to study it further. NASA’s

James Webb Space Telescope will be used to observe it because its sensitivity makes it the ideal tool to observe the distant star.

-www.jpost.com, 2 April 2022

Commentary: The statement, “it was so much farther than the previous most-distant,” simply reveals that the previous was considered scientific fact, but in reality, was only hypothetical opinion.

The article was sub-headlined, “The star existed during the first billion years after the Big Bang.” One item of theoretical science is replaced by another. So, how big is the universe? Obviously, immeasurable.

The wisest man ever on earth stated: “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?” (1 Kings 8:27). We also think of the 84 questions God asked Job; for example, “Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?” (Job 38:33).

We note the word “Earendel,” meaning “morning star.” This reminds us of the real “I am ... the bright and morning star” (Rev 22:16b). 7732

(See *The Heavens*, Item #2391, \$19.99.)



IRAN

Claims Saudi Royal Family Are Jews

The commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy said that the ruling royal family of Saudi Arabia were actually Jewish, and that their conflict with Iran harkens back to 7th century battles between Muslim and Jewish tribes.



Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman attends the Gulf Cooperation Council's (GCC) 40th Summit in Riyadh

(photo credit: Saudi Royal Court/Reuters)



"We cannot bear to see injustice in a Muslim country that is perpetrated by the Zionists and the seed of the Jews," the commander, Gen. Alireza Tangsiri, says in a video recording of the speech.

"These are the very same Jews—and I'd better say Zionists—whose hearts have never aligned with Islam, and even with the Prophet in his time," he then said, probably in reference to Saudi Arabia.

The Iranian leadership is Shia, as opposed to that of Saudi Arabia, which is Sunni.

Tangsiri then mentioned other battles in which early Muslims fought local Jewish tribes, who were only Muslim

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MICRO-ALGAE TO PRODUCE GREEN FUEL

A new discovery at Tel Aviv University (TAU) may greatly speed up the industrial transition from the use of polluting gray hydrogen to the green gas. Doctoral student Tamar Elman, under the supervision of Prof. Itzhac Yacoby from the renewable energy laboratory of TAU's Wise Faculty of Life Sciences, published the study in the prestigious journal *Cell Reports-Physical Science*.

In the study, the researchers identified a mutant of a known strain of microscopic algae that allows, for the first time, the production of green hydrogen gas via photosynthesis on a scale suited to industrial requirements.

The researchers noted that green hydrogen can be used to power various types of electric vehicles, and for several years it has already been used to power bicycles and cars whose polluting lithium battery is replaced by a fuel cell that converts hydrogen to electricity.

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“by name.”

“Are the Saud clan really Muslims? They are the same Jews who were in Arabia back then,” he concluded.

The House of Saud is the ruling royal family of Saudi Arabia since 1744, composed of the descendants of Muhammad bin Saud and his brothers.

-*www.jpost.com*, 15 January 2022

Commentary: Iran recognizes Israel’s rapprochement with Saudi Arabia and its developing friendships across the area. And they are scared.

While Saudi Arabia does not border Iran and is separated from them by the Persian Gulf, the two have been enemies because of the difference in their versions of the religion of Islam. That, of course, is not surprising. If we look at the European world, we notice the many wars fought between religions. Even at the beginning of the United States, anti-Catholicism was openly proclaimed.

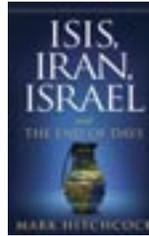
In the midst of all the confusion and turmoil, Israel’s sphere of influence is drawing closer to Iran. Israel has signed agreements with the United Arab Emirates, Sudan, Morocco, and to a certain extent,

Bahrain. In previous decades, they made peace agreements with neighboring countries such as Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with Israel on 26 March 1979; Jordan followed on 26 October 1994.

Iran is desperate. It seems most unlikely that they would align themselves with the Western bloc; thus, the doors are open to the north and the east – the new power bloc that

is being formed in these days due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. 7734

(See *ISIS, Iran, Israel and the End of Days*, Item #2283, \$15.99.)



ISRAEL

Elbit Signs Deals Worth \$150 Million

Israeli weapons maker Elbit Systems inked two international deals worth over \$150 million.



Elbit said it had been awarded \$130 million in contracts to provide artillery munitions to an unnamed country in the Asia-Pacific region.

The contract will be carried out over a period of two and a half years and will include building an industrial complex to



Illustrative: A Leopard 2 tank during a demonstration by the German military near Hannover, Germany
(AP Photo/Michael Sohn, file)

produce the munitions, Elbit said.

Elbit said it had secured a \$27 million contract to provide Sweden with tank ammunition.

Elbit is the manufacturer of the Hermes armed drone and cutting-edge surveillance technology, among other products.

Elbit publicly trades on the NASDAQ in the US, as well as on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Its US share price has been climbing since the summer after remaining largely flat for years.

The war in Ukraine appears to have given the company's stock an additional boost, as its share price jumped close to 40 percent since mid-February. Countries in Europe, including economic powerhouse Germany, have decided to update their armed forces and increase military spending since Russia's invasion.

-www.timesofisrael.com, 29 March 2022

Commentary: Israel is technically at war with a number of Arab countries, as well as the non-Arab nation of

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NEW MAGNETIC PHENOMENON DISCOVERED

A recent study from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Racah Institute of Physics published in the journal *Nano Letters* revealed a phenomenon dubbed "edge magnetism," which could change the future of nanotechnology.

When the researchers looked at nanomagnets, the images showed that the magnetic material only retained magnetism within 10 nanometers of the edge (a human hair is around 100,000 nanometers thick).

Dr. Yonathan Anahory, who led the research team, explained that in today's tech hardware climate in which everything is getting smaller and faster, "effort is focused towards small magnets with different shapes." Edge magnetism could lead to the production of long wire magnets only 10 nanometers thick, which could curve into any shape and be even more economic in their use of space and energy. This is particularly relevant to the field of quantum computing.

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Iran. Yet visitors to Israel usually agree it's one of the most peaceful countries in the world. Comparing crime rates, for example, with the USA, Israel is like an ultra-safe paradise.

Because they had to defend the existence of their country for over 70 years, the defense industry has developed into a world leader.

Presently, Western nations are scrambling to obtain effective defense systems in light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Thus, we see the nations that have been shouting "Death to Israel" have actually elevated Israel as the leading nation in the defense industry.

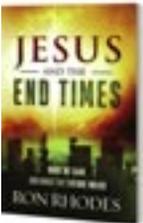
The message to Christians is clear; we read in Luke 21:9-10: "But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom

against kingdom." Note the words, "be not terrified."

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(See *Jesus and the End Times*,

Item #2356, \$15.99.)



JAPAN

Scouting Israeli Digital Health Tech

A few months ago, the first opportunity opened up for Israeli digital health startups to collaborate with one of the world's biggest telecommunications companies. The company in question is NTT – Nippon Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, which has set up NTT Innovation Laboratory Israel.



NTT Research has three labs: physics; encryption technology; and digital health. The physics lab mainly researches quantum physics applications for telecommunications and computing. "The aim is to solve unsolved problems within a reasonable time," says Kazuhiro Gomi, president and CEO at NTT Research, Inc. The encryption division deals with the development of the next generation of blockchain, while the aim of the digital health division is "to promote health through making future preventative health services accessible, and providing a personalized solution with the full participation of the patient."

This will not happen within ten years, Gomi admits, "But perhaps within 30-40 years. Initially, we'll develop limited systems that the doctor runs. Today, for example, if a doctor wants to know the right dosage for a blood thinning drug, he can calculate



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it in accordance with various parameters of the patient, but he doesn't always have the time and leisure to do that.

"We set up our headquarters in Silicon Valley because it's easier to reach the best people there, but we already have people working in Israel, Germany, and other parts of the US."

-en.globes.co.il, 23 March 2022

Commentary: NTT is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan and employs over 300,000 people. Many would ask, what's this all about? The answer is "information technology consulting." Their website states: "NTT DATA – a part of NTT Group – is a trusted global innovator of IT and business services headquartered in Tokyo. We help clients transform through consulting, industry solutions, business process services, IT modernization and managed services."

Most elderly cannot fully comprehend the function and future plans of these tech-based companies. Yet, as is evidenced, this giant corporation is seeking talent from among Israel's pool of highly-qualified scientists.

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CANADA OUTLAWS HOLOCAUST DENIAL

Canada is set to outlaw Holocaust denial, a move that has the backing of the governing Liberal Party government coalition and the opposition Conservative Party.

"There is no place for antisemitism and Holocaust denial in Canada," Marco Mendicino, the public safety minister, told CTV.

"That's why we've pledged to prohibit the willful promotion of antisemitism through condoning, denying or downplaying the Holocaust. The Holocaust was one of the darkest chapters in human history. We must preserve its memory, combat contemporary antisemitism and be unequivocal when we say: never again."

Canada joins a number of European nations, including Germany, that have criminalized Holocaust denial.

-jta.org

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Russians and Ukrainians at Ebenezer



By David Phillips *COO (Chief Operating Officer)*

The Ebenezer Home has a population of both residents and team members who, on average, could resemble Israel's general population. We have Jewish and Arab believers, and new immigrants from multiple countries. Like in the general population of Israel, we have residents and workers from both Ukraine and Russia, living together under one roof ... and yet their countries fight each other.

This morning I went to see the residents. I have known them all over the years and have spoken with them both privately and together in groups. Yet I have never heard a word of hatred toward one another or any accu-

sations, even though all fully understand the events and hostilities going on between their countries.

We consider this a miracle from our Heavenly Father! It reminds us of this Scripture verse: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20, NKJV). All of us ARE heavenly citizens awaiting our King together.

Yes, there are congregations in Israel that consist of both Russian and Ukrainian believers, who quarrel, fight, or have disagreements. But within the Home, it has truly been a blessing to watch how both the Ukrainians and



Russians feel and think about one another. As the fighting broke out, I expected quite some arguing, but what our Ukrainian cook shared with me, during a conversation I had with her a few days ago, really amazed me. She and her husband immigrated to Israel in the 1990s. She expressed in her own words what we have seen and felt concerning the unity among the believers at Ebenezer: “I have never seen such unity among the believers who are from Russia or Ukraine, and who pray for one another. We all understand that it is a spiritual war more than a physical battle, and this is for sure what Mathew 24:7 speaks about: ‘For nation shall rise against nation,

and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.’ Jesus prepared us for this!”

And it’s true. Here at the Ebenezer Home, both Ukrainians and Russians are standing together in

prayer: at the start of each day, and during our devotional and break times. One Russian nurse shared with me that the situation has caused her and her family living in Russia to pray for their leaders more frequently. She said: “Even if we sometimes dislike the leaders or disagree with them, we are called to keep them in prayer. The Lord taught us this through 1 Tim 2:1-4: ‘I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will



have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

Then she pointed a finger at me and said with a kind of Russian chutzpah (a yiddish expression meaning bravery that borders on rudeness), “David, tell your friends in America to do the same; corrupt leaders teach us the necessity of prayer.”

I asked more of our Ebenezer family how they feel about what is going on. One of them shared these words from 1919, which came out of a heart full of sorrow and pain through the Revolution in Russia. But these words, to this day, still express the hope we have in our faith (let me know if you could read the Russian):

И там и здесь между рядами
Звучит один и тот же глас:
Кто не за нас, тот против нас,
Нет безразличных, правда
с нами.

А я один стою меж них,
В ревущем пламени и дыме,
И всеми силами своими
Молюсь за тех и за других.

Максимилиан Волошин,
1919 год

English Translation:

Both here and there among the
ranks
Resounds one and the same
voice:
“Who is not with us is against
us!”
“No one is indifferent, truth is
with us!”

And I stand one among them
In the howling flame and smoke
And with all my strength
I pray for them and for the
others.

Maximilian Voloshin, 1919

These words of the Christ-loving Russian writer during the Revolution, really express best how the people at Ebenezer feel and act regarding what is going on, and how they reacted with past hostilities and clashes in Israel between the Jews and Arabs.

I’m sharing this with you, not to make Ebenezer seem more spiritual or better than another place. It is but



the grace of God and the love of Yeshua that binds us together. I repeat, it's only by God's grace and the power of prayer from many like you, who support us and mention us before the mercy seat of our Heavenly Father. Your prayers are not in vain! Yes, many of the residents have questions; some have a hard time since their families are still in one of these countries. May the Holy One of Israel be there to comfort His people through this time, as He has throughout history.

Please pray for the people in Israel. There are believers who are truly struggling with the war and

what is occurring. As mentioned, there are some congregations where Ukrainian and Russians worship together, but have lost their unity and eternal perspective. Let us all turn these world events into a victorious prayer, with the help of our sovereign King and Messiah Yeshua!

Remember, love and forgiving one another are the key to joy and peace. May we follow Yeshua's example in Luke 7:47: "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."



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“And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves” (Luke 23:12).

BY ARNO FROESE

Herod Antipas—the man who had ordered the death of John the Baptist—now saw Jesus, of whom he had heard so many things. Yet the Bible says, “He [Jesus] answered him nothing.” Pontius Pilate’s confession was, “I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him” (verse 14b). We know from history that Pontius Pilate died in 39 AD. Eusebius of Caesarea’s *Ecclesiastical History* states that he killed himself on orders of Emperor Caligula. Both Pilate and Herod were exposed to the truth, and both testified that Jesus was innocent. But that, quite apparently, was not sufficient. These men had to think of their position.

Later, we read in Acts 4:26-27: “The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together.” Interestingly, the rulers of the world were co-responsible for the execution of Jesus, according to Scripture.

This reminds us of Psalm 2:2: “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed.” In light of this, it is needful to analyze what’s happening today from spiritual perspectives. All earthly leaders—whether it’s Putin, Biden, Ger-

many's Scholz, or Ukraine's Zelensky—are under the legitimate jurisdiction of Satan, the originator of sin. Yet virtually every country claims exception. The Bible says, “There is none righteous ... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:10, 23).

What is happening between Russia and Ukraine is rooted deeply in the soil of those countries, drenched with the blood of their people.

We must not be confused by recent historical markers such as, “Ukraine experienced a brief period of independence in 1880—1920.” Ukrainian history actually goes back to the 7th century BC and a people called the Scythians. The same can be said about Russia. Before 1991, it was called the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). They too can go back in history long before the continents America and Australia were discovered.

Today, with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the geopolitical alliance has changed. For the West, one

word became prevalent: unity. Without exception, the Western bloc unanimously condemned Russia for the invasion of Ukraine.

But, going east, we notice that another giant, China, at least sympathized with Russia in their invasion of Ukraine. Two previous enemies are becoming better friends.

Israel is our focus. Over and over again, the prophets of old declared, “For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem” (Joel 3:1). There are many unforeseen circumstances that caused the Jews to return to the land of their fathers, the land of Canaan. Several events in the past few decades, contributed to an increasing number of Jews returning to the Promised Land. The National Center for Biotechnology Information published the following:

During the past 6 years, immigration to Israel of 700,000 persons from the former Soviet Union (FSU) included about

140,000 from radiocontaminated regions of Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia near Chernobyl.

-www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov, 1997

Golan, including through the creation of two new towns.

-www.jpost.com, 24 February 2022

While Israel has a good relationship with Russia, Russia also has good relations with Israel's declared enemy, Iran. Will these two countries become closer friends in opposition to Israel?

Until this moment, Israel has had a relatively free hand to strike Iranian-backed military operations in Syria, under Russia's observing eyes. Will that continue? A recent article in the *Jerusalem Post* reads:

At the Security Council, Russia reminded Israel that it stands with Syria, where it is militarily entrenched, regarding Damascus' demand that Israel returns the Golan, which the IDF captured during the defensive Six-Day War in 1967.

Israel annexed the Golan in 1981, but to date, the United States is the only country that recognizes that sovereignty. In December, the cabinet approved a NIS-1-billion plan to increase Israel's population on the

At this point in time, it's only the United States that recognizes Israel's sovereignty over the Golan. But in the end, the story will look quite different according to the prophetic Word, and that is decisive: "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" (Joel 3:2).

What is the reason for gathering all nations to judgment? Because they have "parted my land." This is the problem with the nations of the world. While Israel is friends with more nations today than ever—even developing diplomatic relations with a number of Arab countries—one thing they all are 100% in opposition to is Genesis 15:18: "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed

have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.” That is the real issue.

In the meantime, we as Christians should pray increasingly for His Church in Ukraine, Russia, and Israel. From many reliable sources, we understand that Acts 2:47 is continuously in fulfillment; not only worldwide, but also particularly in Israel: “Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

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