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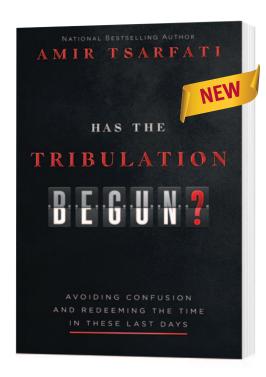
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- we must remember to live out

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## Dear Friends of Israel,

he unending protests and demonstrations in Israel convey the seriousness of the internal political crisis gripping this country. What is the background that has led to it?

With any analysis, it is always good to take a retrospective look. This year, the State of Israel celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Who founded the State? It was Jewish socialists and communists. They directed the country's state of affairs for almost 30 years, until the Likud under Menachem Begin came to power in 1977.

David Ben-Gurion and the majority of the founders were not religious Jews. Ben-Gurion and many with him no longer believed in the coming of a Mes-

siah, but in the coming of a messianic time which Israel would bring about for itself, as well as the whole world, through education, science, and progress. Thus, there are two worldviews within Israel that contradict one another and divide the people into two camps: the religious and the secular. However, since the founding of the State, the religious Jews have become decidedly more numerous, while the more secular ones have declined.

Some years ago, the Parliament decided that the character of the State should be Jewish. That had angered the Druze and other non-Jews, who are loyal to the State and serve in the military. And there is this question: Can Arabs and other non-Jews sing

Israel's national anthem with conviction, when it is decidedly Jewish in content? What is happening in Israel could indeed seriously weaken the State from within.

What about the religious Jews and their hope of a Messiah? Here too we must say that they have no unified focus. Followers of the Rabbi Lubavitch, who died more than 20 years ago, believe that he was the Messiah and that he will come again. Followers of Rabbi Nachman von Uman, who died two hundred years ago, believe something similar. One must say that in religious Judaism, there is no uniform Messiah concept.

It is agreed, however, that the Messiah will be a man like everyone else. And he must fulfill three things: First, he must bring the people of Israel back into its country. Second, he must bring peace. And third, he must build the temple. The first condition we can see as fulfilled. The second one is being pursued. Against this background, we observe the so-called "Abraham Accords" with

the Gulf States and other Arab countries. The third item is a bit more complicated.

At the recently launched progovernment demonstrations, the people sang: "Bibi, King of Israel and Messiah of Israel." The opposition strongly opposes such a messianic view, rightfully concerned that it may lead to a catastrophic end.

When we compare today's Jewish hope for the Messiah with the one given us in the Bible, we realize that in Judaism, the course has long ago been set in the wrong direction. There have been a series of false messiahs throughout history, and that is certainly one of the reasons why many in Israel reject current developments. If something seems impossible, Jews like to say: "That must wait till the Messiah comes," With the current disagreements, this would most certainly be the best attitude! In hope of the true Messiah's return, I greet you warmly with Shalom

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## The Prediction of the Messiah's First Coming

The Seventy Weeks of Years in Daniel 9

BY FREDI WINKLER



The announcement that the temple and the city of Jerusalem would be destroyed in Daniel 9:26-27, is preceded by the exceedingly important prophecy about the coming of the Messiah in verse 25. It is the actual content of the message that the angel Gabriel imparted to Daniel.

s a result, the exact point in time (or at least the year) of the Messiah's appearance was relatively concrete, and served as a calculable fixed point in the history of the people of Israel. Everything else, however (e.g., the destruction of the city and the temple), wasn't precisely timed. At the beginning of verse 26, it says only that these things will happen after the 62nd week.

What did Israel's religious leadership at that time do with this prediction?

As we know from the Gospels, there wasn't any real expectation of the Messiah among the religious leaders. Quite the contrary: When Jesus appeared and performed clear messianic signs, acts, and miracles, He was met with rejection by the religious leadership. However, there was a strong expectation

of the Messiah among the people. This is especially true of the Essenes. It can't be proven whether this expectation was based on Daniel's prophecies, since the Dead Sea Scrolls—which deal with the book of Daniel—are only fragmentary. However, there is a high probability that this is the case.

## THE EXPECTATION OF THE MESSIAH IN JESUS' TIME

According to the New Testament, John the Baptist was the promised precursor of the Messiah. Matthew 3:5 says of him, "Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him."

This kind of mass movement can't be explained if there was no expectation of the Messiah among the people. In John 1:19-24, we read that the religious leaders in

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Jerusalem sent men to ask John the Baptist who he was. Significantly, their first question was, "Are you the Messiah?" This shows that the religious leadership was aware there was a general expectation of the Messiah.

The mighty influx of people to John at the Jordan is therefore indicative of their expectation of the Messiah. People even came from far away, as John 1:35-51 shows. Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael came from Galilee to see John the Baptist near Jericho in the Jordan, apparently hoping to find the Messiah. Then in verse 41, Andrew tells his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah."

These four men became the first desciples of Jesus the Messiah. They had apparently also seen Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and had witnessed the voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

## WHAT EVENT IS THE PROPHECY IN DANIEL POINTING TO?

The general consensus is that the prophecy is pointing to the Messiah's death and resurrection. There are calculations that are supposed to show how the crucifixion fulfilled this prophecy to the day. The calculation begins with the date when the command was issued to rebuild Jerusalem, and ends with the date of the crucifixion. But the prophecy only says, "to the coming of an anointed one, a prince."

Jesus was revealed as the Messiah at His baptism by John in the Jordan. With this, it can be said that the prophecy is referring to the event when God's voice proclaimed from heaven that the baptized Lord is the Son of God. All of the events that are prophesied after this must therefore be arranged according to this divinely legitimate event, whose exact date is lost to time.

After Jesus made atonement for the world's sins on the Cross of Calvary, the temple and ritual sacrifice lost their importance and were destroyed, as Daniel's prophecy had predicted. Sacrificial service ceased.



The temple and the sacrifices lost their meaning from that point onward. The legitimate question arises: Could ritual sacrifices really forgive and cancel sin? Hebrews 10:4 states: "For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

The Hebrew word *kapar*, which we recognize from "Yom Kippur," doesn't mean to cancel or forgive sins, but to cover them. Covered sins remained under divine patience until the arrival of the One who could truly forgive sins. Only through the perfect sacrifice of the Son of God

can sins be forgiven and canceled.

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#### THE BOOK OF DANIEL IN JUDAISM

The Book of Daniel became an inconvenient book for Judaism after the temple was destroyed. Jews who didn't believe in Jesus complained over the centuries: "The temple was destroyed, but the Messiah didn't come."

As a result, the Book of Daniel became a "forbidden book" for Jews. It was forbidden for the common people to read, and only the rabbis could interpret it. Why? The answer is obvious. The reader might discover from Daniel 9 that the Messiah must have already

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come, and might ask uncomfortable questions.

A student in Israel once referred to the Book of Daniel in answering a question in religion class, and was told, "The Book of Daniel doesn't count for us."

The Hebrew Bible also doesn't count the Book of Daniel as belonging to the Prophets, but instead classifies it with the Writings, despite it containing the deepest prophetic visions in world history.

#### FORBIDDEN TO CALCULATE THE END

It was forbidden in Judaism to calculate the end. As mentioned



before, the rationale for this is obvious. The attentive reader could use the information in Daniel 9 to calculate and determine that the Messiah must have already come.

In light of this, it should be pointed out that Christians have repeatedly misused Daniel to calculate the time of Jesus Christ's return. The figure given in Daniel 8:14 is most often used for this purpose.

#### THE FAITHFUL REMNANT

It's heartening to see that when Jesus began making public appearances, there was a faithful remnant in Israel who were heeding God's Word and awaiting the Messiah.

What about today, before His return? Does Jesus the Messiah have a remnant of faithful ones? For us as Christians, the most important thing in our lives must be to belong to the "faithful remnant" who are heeding the signs of the times, and watching and praying for Him. Maranatha!

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hus far, we've looked at the Scriptures which use the word *qeren* in the context of weakness, as well as those that speak of salvation and deliverance by God. This was the case for Hannah, who miraculously conceived her son, as well as David, whom God delivered from his enemies. This was even the case with the Messiah, who suffered the depths of death but was raised again by God through the Resurrection.

We've also seen that *qeren* often appears in the context of sacrifice and death, as well as the context of life and the forgiveness of sins. The priest would smear blood on the four

Regarding the Hebrew word *Qeren*. The Messiah will be a humble King.

## **Qeren** and Humility - Part 5



horns of both the altar of burnt offering and the altar of incense for the forgiveness of sins. Likewise, the sacrifice of Isaac was a vicarious sacrifice and death. Abraham ultimately sacrificed the ram caught in the bush rather than his son Isaac.

The biblical bottom line is that the term geren belongs in a context with two aspects. One is that of weakness, sacrifice, and death; the other is that of strength, life, and forgiveness of sins. Oeren's symbolic potential reaches its great fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who became weak so that those who believe in Him might become strong through God. He willingly went to His death so that many might gain His eternal life. He shed His blood as a sacrifice before God for the forgiveness of our sins.

Another context in which we find the word geren is that of kingship. Let's consider two passages as examples of this. The first is found in 1 Samuel 16. God had commanded Samuel to fill his horn with oil and go to Jesse in Bethlehem, since He had chosen one of his sons to be king of Israel. That king was David. In verse 13 we read, "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers..." The second example is 1 Kings 1:39, which reads, "There Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon..."

Both David and Solomon were anointed as king with oil from a horn. When the oil was poured onto their heads, Samuel and Zadok lifted up the horn containing the oil so that it was suspended over them. This horn held above the head is reminiscent of certain noble beasts and is quite obviously a sign of majesty that God is bestowing upon the anointed—a sign that was visible to all present at the anointing ceremony.

Now let's go to the books of prophecy. We also find geren in the context of king-

ship there, particularly as a symbol of rising or falling power. This is especially true in relation to foreign kings and their empires. Jeremiah prophesies the end of Moab: "The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, declares the LORD" (Jer 48:25). And Micah uses the word geren to prophesy Israel's victory over its enemies. God says to daughter Zion, "...I will make your horn iron ... you shall beat in pieces many peoples..." (Mic 4:13).

In the books of the prophets Zechariah and Daniel, we find the word *geren* used a number of times to denote the rise or end of kingdoms. In Zechariah 1:18-19 we read, "And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns! And I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these?' And he said to me, 'These are the horns that have scattered Iudah, Israel, and Jerusalem." In Daniel 7, the prophet uses the word garna (Aramaic for "horn") several times to denote the rise of a mighty king who will rule over the other kings of the earth and whose mouth will speak great things (vv. 8, 20, 24). And what's more, "As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them" (v. 21). This horn foreshadows the Antichrist, who will try with all his might to destroy God's people and thwart God's plan of salvation for mankind.

The use of the word geren in the context of kingship suggests that the Messiah had to be a king who would be humble, coming as a servant to do God's will for the benefit of all mankind. He stands in stark contrast to the Antichrist in Daniel 7, also symbolized by a horn, who would speak haughtily against God and fight against His saints, "until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom" (Dan 7:22).

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#### IRAN THREATENS **ISRAELI CITIES**

ranian President Ebrahim Raisi threatened to destroy Tel Aviv and Haifa at the slightest provocation in a speech he delivered during the country's National Army Day parade that also fell on Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Iran has been uneasy over the growing ties between Baku and Jerusalem. In a briefing with reporters. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani emphasized the strength of Iran's relationship with Azerbaijan. explaining that Israel's initiative to get closer to Baku was part of an overall strategy of stoking regional discord, according to Press TV.

Azerbaijan's newly installed Ambassador to Israel Mukhtar Mammadov told *The Jerusalem* Post, that his country would not allow its airbases to be used to strike at Iran.

> -ipost.com 18 April 2023



#### ISRAEL

#### Written Record of King David Discovered

The Mesha Stele, also called the Moabite Stone, is a basalt stone slab that has provided historians and linguists with the largest source of the Moabite language to date. Researchers have only now been able to verify with a considerable degree of certainty that the stele contains explicit references to King David.



Detail of a portion of lines 12–16, reconstructed from the squeeze. The middle line (14) reads "Take Nabau against **Israel.**" (photo credit: Wikimedia Commons)

The stele was discovered in fragments in 1868 roughly 15 miles east of the Dead Sea and currently resides in the Louvre Museum in Paris. While it was damaged in 1869, a paper-mache impression of the inscription was captured before the damage occurred.

The text contains allusions to the Israelite god as well as the "House of David" and the "Altar of David." However, until today, scholars could not be entirely sure that these references to King David were being correctly deciphered.



The Moabite phrase "House of David" consists of five letters: bt dwd. "Bt" is similar to today's Hebrew word for house—bayit—which is beit in its construct form. And "dwd" can be thought of like modern Hebrew's daled vav (the letter, in this case, is actually waw) daled which spells the name "David."

Until now, only the first and fourth letters of the series, *bet* and *waw* were completely clear. In a late-2022 article entitled "Mesha's Stele and the House of David" in the winter issue of *Biblical Archeology Review* researchers André Lemaire and Jean-Philippe Delorme re-examined the evidence.

Encyclopedia Britannica characterized the relationship between Moabite and the Hebrew of its time as differing "only dialectically." According to Dearman and Jackson's 1989 book Studies in the Mesha Inscription and Moab: "It is probable that Moabite and Hebrew were, for the most part, mutually intelligible."

-www.jpost.com, 12 January 2023

**Commentary:** Quite often, the Bible is confirmed in discoveries by archaeologists, but never is it disproven. We know from Scripture that King David was born in Bethlehem 1040 BC, and died in Jerusalem 970 BC. A relatively short life for this most famous king of Israel, yet within the parameters Moses prophesied in Psalm 90:10:



"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." 7983

(See Unveiling the Kings of Israel, Item #2258, \$29.99.)

## BRIEF 4



#### MOODY'S DOWNGRADES CREDIT OUTLOOK

eading rating agency Moody's downgraded Israel's economic outlook from positive to stable, citing the "deterioration of Israel's governance" amid months of upheaval over the government's highly contentious bid to dramatically overhaul the judiciary.

"While mass protests have led the government to pause the legislation and seek dialogue with the opposition, the manner in which the government has attempted to implement a wide-ranging reform without seeking broad consensus points to a weakening of institutional strength and policy predictability," Moody's strongly worded, eight-page report read.

While Israel's credit outlook took a hit, the agency kept the country's actual credit rating at A1, citing "strong economic growth and improving fiscal strength," it said.

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#### Virtual Anchor Makes First Appearance

The virtual anchor, named "Fedha," made her first appearance on a local news network Twitter, sporting a black jacket and white T-shirt and delivering the latest news and headlines in a neutral and professional tone, according to *The Guardian*.



### Will AI be capable of overpowering humanity?

(photo credit: Wikimedia Commons)

"Fedha is a popular, old Kuwaiti name that refers to silver...We always imagine robots to be silver and metallic in color, so we combined the two," deputy editor in chief for *Kuwait Times* and *Kuwait News*, Abdullah Boftain said.

According to the creator of the technology, the Al-generated news presenter uses advanced natural language processing algorithms to read and interpret news stories and then presents them in a manner that is indistinguishable from a human news anchor.

Despite the potential benefits of Algenerated news presenters, the technology has also sparked concerns about the future of journalism and the role of Al in the media industry.

Critics argue that the use of Al-generated news presenters could lead to a loss of jobs for human news anchors and could also lead to the spread of biased or inaccurate information if the algorithms are not properly monitored.

-www.jpost.com, 13 April 2023

**Commentary:** We increasingly hear about artificial intelligence (AI). How accurate is such news? At least the same or more so than a live person anchor. Why? Because everything is pre-programmed. Biased information is being spread today by live anchors. It all depends on who ownes, operates, and selects news: extreme left-wing, liberal, middle-of-the-road, conservative, or extreme right-wing. From that perspective, it is this writer's belief that artificial intelligence will probably be the best solution against "biased or inaccurate information," albeit temporary.

This should not come as a surprise, for Bible prophecy clearly predicts global union to the extent that ultimately one person will





authorize news for his predetermined goal. It will develop to fulfill the words of Revelation 13:3b, "and all the world wondered after the beast."

(See Revelation 13: Satan's Last Victory, Item #1067, \$11.95.)

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#### ISRAEL

#### QuaDream's Spyware Used Across the World

Citizen Lab said in its report that it had been able to identify a handful of civil society victims whose iPhones had been hacked using surveillance software developed by the Israeli company, QuaDream Ltd—a lower-profile competitor to the Israeli spyware company NSO Group, which has been blacklisted by the US government over allegations of abuse.



The entrance to an office listed as belonging to Quadream is seen in a high rise building in Ramat Gan, Israel. REUTERS/Nir Elias



In a statement, Microsoft Associate General Counsel Amy Hogan-Burney said that mercenary hacking

## BRIEF (



#### JUPITER MISSION CARRIES ISRAELI TECH

The European Space
Agency's JUICE space
probe successfully
launched on a mission to
discover whether Jupiter's icy
moons are capable of hosting
extraterrestrial life in their
vast, hidden oceans.

Once it reaches the planet in 2031, the Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer, also known as JUICE, will deploy a range of scientific instruments, including one designed and managed by Israeli scientists, to get a read on the gas giant and its moons.

Among those tools is a Ultra Stable Oscillator developed by the Israeli firm Accubeat, which will measure variations in a radio wave beamed at the moons' surfaces to detect if anything is moving or causing ocean tides to become irregular.

-timesofisrael.com 14 April 2023 groups like QuaDream "thrive in the shadows" and that publicly outing them was "essential to stopping this activity."

Reuters reported in 2022 that QuaDream had previously developed a no-interaction-needed hacking tool similar to the programs deployed by NSO. Such hacking tools, known as "zero-click," are particularly prized by cybercriminals, spies, and law enforcement because they can remotely compromise devices without an owner needing to open a malicious link or download a tainted attachment.

Unlike NSO, which regularly briefed journalists amid allegations of abuse, QuaDream has kept a lower profile. The company has no website touting its business and employees have been told to keep any reference to their employer off social media, Reuters has previously reported.

-www.reuters.com, 11 April 2023

**Commentary:** This hacking tool is "prized by cyber-criminals, spies, and law enforcement." The article explains: "because they can remotely compromise devices without an owner needing to open a malicious link or download a tainted attachment." Not

very surprising that it originates in Israel. From other sources, we gather that Israel's super success in identifying and subsequently eliminating terrorist threats before they can actually materialize will double due to AI.

Most of us do not realize the volume of information businesses and governments store in their respective databases on individuals and their movements.

Someone recently said: "Why does the (US) government require us to file a tax return? They already have all the information; even, if need be, the expenses we had for the deductions."

Yes, we are in the end stages of the end times, where nothing remains hidden and everything is exposed—clearly an imitation of Luke 8:17: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; nei-



ther any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad."

7979 (See End-Times Super Trends, Item #2342, \$15.99.)



#### MIDDLE EAST

#### Saudi Arabia Reestablishes Ties with Iran

Iran's embassy in Saudi Arabia reopened its gates for the first time in seven years, a Reuters witness said, under a deal to re-establish ties that could ease a long-standing rivalry that has helped fuel conflicts around the Middle East.



People stand outside the Iranian embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. REUTERS/Aziz El Yaakoubi

The mission had been closed since Saudi Arabia cut ties with Iran in 2016, after its embassy in Tehran was stormed during a dispute between the two countries over Riyadh's execution of a Shi'ite cleric. The kingdom subsequently asked Iranian diplomats to leave within 48 hours while it evacuated its embassy staff from Tehran.

## BRIEF (



#### AI APP TO DIAGNOSE STROKES

The stroke unit at
Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek
Medical Center (SZMC) is
the first in the country to test
clinically a smartphone device
using artificial intelligence (Al)
to perform a neurological
examination based on the
patient's voice and a video
recording of the face and other
parts of the body, process
them and diagnose stroke
cases in minutes.

Called CVAid Medic, it was invented by the CVAid company established five years ago at Ramat Hahayal in Tel Aviv. Until now, the company has been working on development with stroke experts in the US, Spain and Germany. It expects that the technology will turn commercial for use by paramedics in ambulances and medical teams in hospital emergency rooms and stroke units—in less than two years.

The company says the technology will provide the triage clinician with a tool for immediate diagnosis, with a high degree of accuracy of whether the patient has had a stroke and how severe it is, with an accuracy rate of about 90%.

-jpost.com 18 April 2023 The relationship had begun worsening a year earlier, after Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates intervened in Yemen's war, where the Iran-aligned Houthi movement had ousted a Saudibacked government and taken over the capital Sanaa.

The hostility between the two regional arch-rivals and major oil producers helped to fuel strife around the region. They agreed to end their diplomatic rift and reopen their diplomatic missions in a deal brokered by China.

-www.reuters.com, 12 April 2023

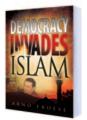
**Commentary:** The rapprochement between the two hostile nations is significant, since according to Worldometers.info, Saudi Arabia has 16.2% of the world's reserve, with Iran having another 9.1%. Thus, these two countries are major players in the world economy, which is still fueled by oil.

Noticeable is the fact that it was not the Europeans or the Americans, but communist China that brokered the deal. Their growing influence as a global power can no longer be denied, and will increase significantly in the nottoo-distant future. According to WorldPopulationReview.com, China leads the world with 695,400 patent applications; the US has 595,700.

We continue to emphasize that unity, prosperity, and security comprise the necessary foundation for the establishment of a truly global society.

Consider the progressive work of ecumenism. Britannica.com states: "During and after the Second Vatican Council (1962–65), Roman Catholics used ecumenism to refer to the renewal of the whole life of the church, undertaken to make it more responsive to 'separated churches' and to the needs of the world."

We point out, however, that any and all unity-seeking organizations do not necessarily represent the Church of Jesus Christ, His body, or as the Bible defines us, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, the tendency is clear: unity. That is in the



works not only within Churchianity, but also among all religions of the world. 7978

(See Democracy Invades Islam, Item #1072, \$12.95.)





#### Teams with Israel for Solid Tumor Cure

Israel's Enlivex Therapeutics announced a clinical collaboration with China's BeiGene to evaluate the safety and efficacy of combining macrophage reprogramming and an anti-PD-1 immune checkpoint inhibitor to improve the treatment of patients with advanced-stage solid tumors.

BeiGene is considered one of the leading companies in the world in the area of cancer immunotherapies, trades on NASDAQ, and has a current market capitalization of \$25 billion. The company developed Tislelizumab, an anti-PD-1 immune checkpoint inhibitor. The drug is approved for various cancer indications in China, and Novartis, a large pharmaceutical company, partnered with BeiGene to market the product in the United States and Europe. According to the BeiGene investor presentation, Novartis/BeiGene expect to receive marketing approval in Europe this year and submit a request for approval from the US Food & Drug Administration, for various indications.

BeiGene was founded in 2010 and reported \$1.3 billion in annual product revenue last year. The company employs more than 9,000 people on five continents and has more than 20,000 people enrolled in 110 clinical trials. The average analyst consensus 12-month price for BeiGene is \$303.

If the trial is successful, it will ratify the promising results of multiple pre-clinical studies of Allocetra in combination with other cancer-fighting treatments that were released last year. In one, conducted in collaboration with Yale Cancer Center, mice with ovarian cancer that received a combination therapy of Allocetra and anti-PD1 immune checkpoint inhibitors showed an 83% increase in survival duration.

-www.jpost.com, 12 April 2023

## BRIEF



## NEW TECH FOR BREAST-CANCER DETECTION

sraeli startup ThermoMind is developing a thermal-sensorbased, contact-free, radiationfree screening modality for detecting early-stage breast tumors.

Within minutes, the dynamic Al-based thermal image decision support system detects metabolic and vascular changes within breasts caused by cancer, without touching the patient.

Using custom, military-grade infrared cameras to capture thermal images and store them on a computer for Al analysis of heat patterns, the system can be easily integrated into the existing diagnostic process.

-israel21c.org 10 April 2023 **Commentary:** Israel teaming together with the world's largest nation by population, communist China, is of major significance. Their population of over 1.4 billion represents more than four times the population of the US, the third largest country in the world. Thus, the marketing possibilities are virtually unlimited

When it comes to intelligence, a paper in the National Library of Medicine (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih. gov) has this to say: "The debate about 'race' and 'intelligence' seems to be never ending. The 'special nature' of the intelligence ascribed to 'Jews' has recently reappeared in an essay by one of the authors of the notorious study of race and intelligence — The Bell Curve. How this debate is constructed and what its implications are for the reap-

pearance of 'race' as a category in medical and biological science is at the core of this present essay." According to Wikipedia, when it comes to Nobel Prizes, of the over 900 individuals who've been recognized, 20% were Jewish.

What this article and many others repeatedly confirm is the special position of the Jews. It was Jesus Himself who stated that salvation is of the Jews. It's from this people we have our Bible. Way back in olden times, some 3,500 years ago, it was the Gentile prophet Balaam who saw the coming of the Messiah and identified this special people in Numbers 23:9: "For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations." 7977 (See Israel Matters, Item #2328, \$17.99.)



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you know id that according to The Times of Israel, last year there were 161,400 Holocaust survivors living in Israel? This number includes those who were victims of antisemitism during the Holocaust period. The average age of Holocaust survivors is 85.5, with 31,500 over the age of 90, and over 1,000 who have lived for over a century. During 2021-22, there were 15,553 survivors who passed away in Israel alone: an average of over 42 a day!

It won't be much longer till this generation will no longer be with us. Sadly, some are claiming that the Holocaust never happened, attempting to ignore the facts and witnesses still living.

At the Ebenezer Home, we have 8 Holocaust survivors living with us, the oldest being 95. I have had many conversations with them, and most have told me, "It was as if we went through hell." Thankfully, those

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living at the Home are saved through faith in Yeshua.

Ebenezer still deals with the aftermath of what these dear residents suffered. Some have overcome the past through the love and forgiveness in their hearts. Others still struggle with bitterness over what they went through and won't speak about it, their eyes just filling with tears whenever asked.

"Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?" (Psalm 56:8).

The same holds true for the second generation, many of whom are still grappling with the bitterness and grief of what happened. Imagine just getting out of the work camps, having lost everything and everyone, not knowing how to function or survive.

How does one cope with such a traumatic experience? Many of these survivors married other survivors ... trying to survive and carry on. Shortly after marrying, children were added to this equation. The stories of what these children often faced—many being born during those first years after the Holocaust—is heartbreaking. To say it was distressing is an understatement.

Our heart's desire is not just to minister to the first-generation survivors but also the secondgeneration, who battle with bitterness and anger over what they had to endure as children.

As we surround them with prayer, love, care, and guidance through the Word of God, many experience deliverance and healing of the soul before entering their eternal rest.

Please keep us in your prayers as we minister to our beloved ones and their families, when the scars of all they endured and memories of their lost loved ones fill their hearts. This remains even after so many years.

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them experience the true deliverance and healing that only Yeshua can provide.

On a personal note, I grew up hearing firsthand stories from my grandparents and mother, who fought in the Netherlands Underground Resistance to the Nazi Regime during 1939-45. I met those who hid in the tunnels under their house ... Jews, resistance group members, people from the US, UK, and Canada, who were shot down and yet made it out alive. This inspired

me and my family to always open our home to those in need, whatever the circumstances may be. It motivated me all the more as I served in the IDF and police, with the goal of protecting the remnant who barely made it through the Holocaust ... and who now live here among us in Israel and at the Ebenezer Home.

May the Holy One of Israel keep you as you seek to also encourage and support those around you going through difficult times.

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"In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6).

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he last three chapters of the book of Judges describe a dark time in the land of Israel. The Hebrews had forgotten that a few centuries ago, they received the Ten Commandments through Moses: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). Chapter 17 reports of a man named Micah, who stole 1,100 shekels of silver from his mother, but then returned the money to her. What did they do with the money?

"Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah" (Judges 17:4). Idolatry was prevalent; Israel had forgotten that the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob had promised they would be a great nation, who would bless all nations on planet earth.

In the next book, 1 Samuel, Israel collectively expresses their desire not to be special; rather, to be equal to all other nations: "...Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8:5b). Verses 7b in the NIV reads: "...They have rejected me as their king."

More than 3,000 years later, we read of the rejection in Luke 23:37-38: "...If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, This Is The King Of The Jews."

These few verses paint a mighty prophetic panorama, clearly showing Israel's election on the one hand, and their rejection on the other. Nevertheless, we must quickly add that God's prophetic Word is not bound to circumstances; it does not depend on Israel's behavior, whether good or evil, or their faith in the living God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Before God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, we read these words in Genesis 18:18: "Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

Israel's past, as well as their present situation and condition, in no way invalidates God's eternal promises.

#### 14 May 1948

Most of us are familiar with the various events which led to the declaration of the State of Israel on 14 May 1948. However, we must take careful notice that the proclamation of the State of Israel would have been impossible without the first, second, third, and fourth Aliyah (return of Jews to the Promised Land).

What is significant to point out is that God deals with today's Israel in the opposite manner from what He did in the beginning: "And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Exodus 20:1-2). Repeatedly, God intervened on Israel's behalf super-

naturally. He judged Egypt and led the nation through the wilderness for 40 years. During those years, Israel experienced both physically and literally, God's direct, miraculous intervention on their behalf. Exodus 19:4 testifies: "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."

Israel's high point and glory was experienced under David's son, King Solomon. Yet as we know from Scripture, Israel fell back into idolatry, which resulted in the destruction of the nation and the temple in 586 BC by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon.

Almost 600 years later, Jesus made this prophecy about the second temple: "...See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (Matthew 24:2). That was fulfilled in 70 AD, when Roman forces destroyed Jerusalem and literally erased the temple on the Temple Mount. Literally not "one stone upon another" was left.



The return of the Jews to the land of Israel in modern times goes back to the 1800s. Here we must mention 29 August 1879, when 208 delegates and press correspondents attended the first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland. Here, Theodore Herzl proclaimed: "If I had to sum up the Basel congress in one word which I shall not do openly—it would be this: at Basel. I founded the Jewish state. If I were to say this today, I would be greeted by universal laughter. In five years perhaps, and certainly in 50 years, everyone will see it." Theodore Herzl did not see the fulfillment; he died 3 July 1904.

#### 1st Aliyah (1882—1903)

About 35,000 Jews arrived in Israel, but almost half left the country within several years. The rest, some 15,000, established rural settlements primarily based on the communist principle of "kolkhoz" or kibbutz.

#### 2nd Aliyah (1904—1914)

Another 35,000-40,000 Jews immigrated to Israel. Most of the arrivals were young people inspired by socialist ideas, who established the first kibbutz, Degania, in 1909. The majority

originated from Eastern European nations.

#### 3rd Aliyah (1919—1923)

Again, most arrivals during the 3rd Aliyah were young pioneers from Eastern Europe, numbering about 90,000 by the end of that period.

#### 4th Aliyah (1924—1929)

Some 82,000 Jews arrived, mainly from the Soviet Union. Yet over 20,000 left for other countries. Incidentally, in 1929 Wall Street collapsed. That same year, the British "White Paper" restricted Jews from coming to Israel.

#### 5th Aliyah (1929—1939)

In the period of 1933—1936, some 174,000 Jews settled in the country. By 1940, some 250,000 Jews had arrived, boosting the population to 450,000 in the land.

#### Moetzet HaAm

During the early years, political parties developed, of which 37 members were chosen by the Moezet HaAm (People's Council). Virtually all were born, raised, and educated under communism in the former Soviet

Union. Not surprisingly, the USSR was first to recognize the State of Israel on 17 May 1948. The United States followed with their de jure recognition after the first Israeli election on 1 January 1949.

#### **Israel Today**

While Israel is the only well functioning democracy in the Middle East, the present situation is all but chaotic. One reason is the numerous political parties that make up a coalition. While the present governing coalition consists of six main parties, there are a total of 12 different parties with seats in the Knesset (parliament). Israel is one of five nations without a constitution, the others

being Canada, the UK, Saudi Arabia, and New Zealand.

If we analyze Israel's situation based on media sources, it seems there is little hope for the country. However, that is not decisive; we as Bible-believers realize that God's eternal resolution and promises will stand, regardless of circumstance. The prophet Amos concludes his book with this verse: "And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God" (9:15). Finally, the King will be coming to Israel: "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east..." (Zechariah 14:4a). 🕪

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