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November 2023: Here's an update of the ministry in the past month.

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The Worst Day in Jewish History since the Holocaust



As everyone knows by now, Israel was violently attacked on October 7th, just as the Biblical Holiday of Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles) ended. One of the most joyous holidays on the Biblical calendar turned into a literal bloodbath with Hamas terrorists breaching the border at dawn and slaughtering with guns, burnings, and torturing as many as 1,400 Israelis including men, women, grandmothers,

children, and even babies. Not to mention taking over 200 people hostage. To put that death toll in context, the same proportion would be 30,000 Americans killed in one day. 10X's worse than 9/11. How would America respond if 30,000 citizens were killed in one day by terrorists?



Children were gunned down in their bed

Whole families and whole communities were wiped out in just one day. Whole kibbutz communities living peacefully near the Gaza border were destroyed. There have not been that many Jewish lives taken at once since the Holocaust ended in WWII. Sadly, around much of the Arab world, as news broke, there was some dancing in the streets and candies being passed out.



Israeli citizen taken back to Gaza (dead) and paraded through the streets

So, here we are, just several weeks out, and what do we see? Large protests breaking out on college campuses and cities around the globe against Israel. Chants of *"From the River to the Sea, Palestine*

will be Free”.

Correct me if I am wrong, but doesn't that sound like pushing every single Jew out of Israel?

Don't we call that - advocating for ethnic cleansing?



Protests against Israel in NYC



Protests against Israel in London



If you wish to talk about "ethnic cleansing" - let's see how Muslim countries treated their Jewish populations years ago. (see chart below)

Displacement of Jews from Arab Countries 1948 - today

	1948	Today	Date Established*
Algeria	140,000	0	1st - 2nd Century CE
Egypt	75,000	6	2nd Century BCE
Iran	100,000	8,000	6th Century BCE
Iraq	150,000	3	6th Century BCE
Lebanon	20,000	20	1st Century BCE
Libya	38,000	0	3rd Century BCE
Morocco	265,000	1,500	1st Century BCE
Syria	30,000	3	1st Century BCE
Tunisia	105,000	1,000	1st Century BCE
Yemen	55,000	6	3rd Century BCE

* Justice for Jews from Arab Countries

Here is just ONE example. On the campus of Cornell University - Jewish students are now facing death threats. This was posted on the campus forum: "if you see a jewish 'person' on campus, follow them home and slit their throats. rats need to be elimination from Cornell."

Another user wrote they were "gonna shoot up 104 west", which is where the kosher dining hall is located. The message also read "allahu akbar! from the river to the sea, palestine will be free! glory to hamas! liberation by any means necessary!"

Jewish students are terrified on campus saying, "We feel as though if any other minority group was experiencing half of what we have since October 7th, their cries for help and support would have been heeded and addressed more promptly..." Can you imagine the response if a white supremacist group did this to the black community on campus?

Read it all here: https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-770756?utm_source=jpost.app.apple&utm_medium=share

In case you did not know – Hamas, (which runs Gaza) has a goal. They were not shy about it. It is on the very first page of their original charter.

Here is a link to read their original Charter in 1988.

<https://irp.fas.org/world/para/docs/880818a.htm>

Mind you – these are their actual words – not ours:



Hamas Charter

The Islamic Resistance Movement, also known as the HAMAS, is an extremist fundamentalist Islamic organization operating in the territories under Israeli control.

Its Covenant is a comprehensive manifesto comprised of 36 separate articles, all of which promote the basic HAMAS goal of destroying the State of Israel through Jihad.

'The Islamic Resistance Movement is a distinguished Palestinian movement, whose allegiance is to Allah, and whose way of life is Islam. It strives to raise the banner of Allah over every inch of Palestine.' (Article 6)

'[Peace] initiatives, and so-called peaceful solutions and international conferences are in contradiction to the principles of the Islamic Resistance Movement... Those conferences are no more than a means to appoint the infidels as arbitrators in the lands of Islam... There is no solution for the Palestinian problem except by Jihad. Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are but a waste of time, an exercise in futility.' (Article 13)

'The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.'' (Article 7)

'The HAMAS regards itself the spearhead and the vanguard of the circle of struggle against World Zionism... Islamic groups all over the Arab world should also do the same, since they are best equipped for their future role in the fight against the warmongering Jews.' (Article 32)

There is more, but I think you get the idea. Does this sound like a group that wants peace with their Jewish neighbors?

In the past several decades, Israel has indeed offered the Palestinians a “Two-State” solution. A “land for peace” deal – but they refused it. Why? That is not their goal. Their goal (and the goal of many in the entire Muslim world) is to reclaim the land fully for Allah. To make it a Muslim land again - as it was before WWI.



History and Anti-Semitism

The hatred of Jews by many in the world is nothing new. From the time of Haman (the book of Esther) to Hitler to Hamas today – there has been no other group in history that has been hated so vehemently, for so long as the Jewish people. No one group even comes close. Sadly - even the church has been guilty of this too (see book offer below.)

In modern times - the United Nations has passed more resolutions against Israel, than any other country including Russia, Iran, and North Korea. So in their eyes – those countries deserve LESS condemnation than Israel. How many resolutions against Israel have they passed? Since 2015, the UN has passed 140 resolutions against Israel compared to only 68 for the rest of the world combined – combined! Can you now see the blatant anti-Israel bias of the UN, and of the rest of the world? North Korea, Russia, and Iran treat their people’s alleged “freedoms” like dirt, and yet Israel is the world’s bad guy. Before the 1987 Intifada (“uprising”) the Palestinians had no border wall, they had jobs in Israel and they had Israeli society partial integration.

But that changed in the 80s, 90s, and 00s as Israel began to have terrorist attacks coming from these areas – thus a border wall was the only way to protect its citizens.

Apartheid, no. Security for its citizens, yes. And since then – sadly

things have gone downhill.

As for the solution to today's problems – we do not have an answer. Israel is not leaving their ancient homeland and clearly, the Palestinians are not leaving either (even though they could relocate to any Arab country and blend in perfectly). It is interesting that no Arab country will help their fellow Arabs by taking in their brothers. Reread that sentence again and let it sink in.

Yes, we are deeply saddened by the innocent Palestinian women and children who are in harm's way. Not all agree with Hamas.

Will there ever be peace in the land? When the Messiah Yeshua / Jesus comes again – there will indeed be peace. Before then – I would not hold your breath.

Let's close with the opening of Psalm 83 - which sounds like it could be a headline today.

"Do not keep silent, O God!
Do not hold Your peace,
And do not be still, O God!

For behold, Your enemies make a tumult;
And those who hate You have lifted up their head.
They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,
And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."
(Psalm 83:1-4)

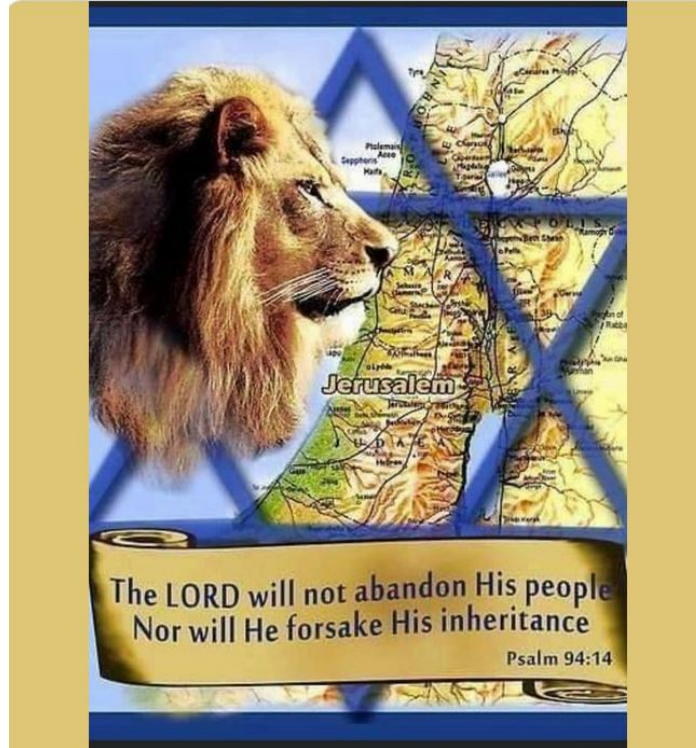
Sounds like that last sentence is still being repeated around the globe today.

As the writer of Ecclesiastes says, "There is nothing new under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

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NOTE: [Click here](#) - If you would like to help an Israeli family affected by the attacks. Use the pull-down menu to "Support Israeli families needing help". All support will go directly to Israel.

November reminder:



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS LAST MONTH



Last month we completed our last Fair outreach of the year. It was at the State Fair of Texas. While we did not have so many Jewish conversations there, we did encourage many Christians to understand the Jewish roots of their faith. After the Israeli attacks, the interest in our booth was quite high. Here are just a few of the conversations that we had (note: some conversations were before the war began).

* Barry, a Jewish man came up to the booth. Said last year at our booth was the first time he ever heard that Jesus was the Messiah. He said he told his 82 y/o mother at home as well. We had a short discussion and he took a prophecy sheet.

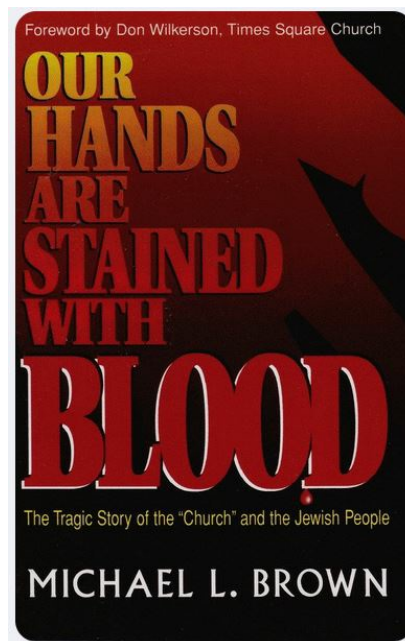
* A 20-year-old woman came up with the "Texas cowgirl look" (dressed with cowboy boots.) She bought a Shalom Y'all mug. She said she had never heard of Messianic Jews before. I told her the gospel and gave her a testimony book. She did say she would "Check it out." I thought, "How can you not know about Jews who believe in Jesus? We have been around since 33 AD, give or take a year."

* I had an Israeli family stop by after the war began. The parents are here as teachers at a Hebrew school in Dallas. They had five kids with them. Their extended family is still in Israel. I let them know that we were Messianic believers, but they didn't care. They said Israel needs all the support they can get. But what really grabbed my heart was the daughter. She must've been 13 years old and said, "Seeing all these things from Israel makes my heart warm."

* After the war began, I had a young lady probably in her 20s walk by and say, "Go Palestine."

* A Sephardic Jewish man came by our booth. He said he had been looking on the internet about Jesus. He seemed generally open. He took a gospel bookmark I offered and my card.

This month's offer:



Every Christian Should Read This Book

The pages of church history are marked by countless horrors committed against the Jewish people.

From the first persecutions of the Jews in the fourth century to the

horrors of the Holocaust, from Israel-bashing in today's press to anti-Semitism spouted from the pulpit, this painful book tells the tragic story that every Christian must read.

In a freshly updated and expanded edition of this pivotal work, Dr. Michael Brown exposes the faulty theological roots that opened the door to anti-Semitism in Church history, explaining why well-meaning believers so often fall into the trap of hate... and showing how you can bring an end to the cycle of violence.

This generation can make a difference. Now is the time for change! Discover the important role you play in helping to shape a Church that will bless Israel rather than curse Israel.

Order here - \$16

<https://www.rockofisraelstore.org/products/our-hands-are-stained-with-blood>



"Peace will come when the Arabs will love their children more than they hate us. "

- Golda Meir

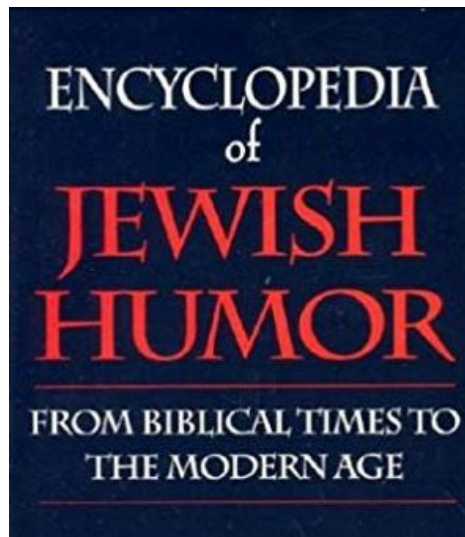


THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

How many other countries does Israel border?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five

Answer near bottom



This Month's Jewish Humor

About 8 o'clock one cold February morning David was in bed sound asleep. His mother came into the room. "Son, it's time to get up. You've got to get ready for Synagogue." she implored. "I'm too tired. Leave me alone," he said. "Son, you've got to get up and get ready for services." "I'm not going to Synagogue. Give me one good reason why I have to go to services," he protested. "I'll give you two good reasons: One, it's Shabbat and two, you're the Rabbi!"

QUIZ ANSWER:

Answer - C - Four

To the north by 1) Lebanon, to the northeast by 2) Syria, to the east and southeast by 3) Jordan, to the southwest by 4) Egypt, and to the west by the Mediterranean Sea. Gaza is not a country, but a territory.

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