

*“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,*

*[to see] whether those things were so.”*  
—Acts 17:11

## **Defying the God of Israel**

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ABRAHAM IS CALLED “the Friend of God” (James 2:23), an expression used of no other person in the Bible. As a result of that relationship, God made an “everlasting covenant” with His special friend (Genesis 17:7,13,19; 1 Chronicles 16:16-18; Psalm 105:8-12; 118:9, etc.) that extended to Abraham’s descendants for all time.

This covenant involved (1) the promised land and (2) the promised Messiah. Only in the Messiah could God fulfill His pledge to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: “in thee [and in thy seed] shall all families [or nations] of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 12:3; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14). As for the land, God’s promise was clear: “For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever” (Genesis 13:15); “...the LORD made a covenant with Abram,... Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river...Euphrates” (Genesis 15:18); “...all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession...” (Genesis 17:7-8).

Abraham had several sons: Ishmael through his wife Sarah’s Egyptian maid, Hagar; Isaac through his wife Sarah; and six others through Keturah, whom he married after Sarah died (Genesis 25:1-2).

Sarah was unable to bear children. Neither she nor Abraham could believe God’s promise that she herself would bear him a son (Genesis 16:1-4). Abraham was satisfied with Ishmael and begged for God’s covenant to be fulfilled in him (Genesis 17:18). But Ishmael was an illegitimate child, born through the unbelief

of Abraham and Sarah, and not the son God had promised to them. Rejecting Abraham’s plea, God emphatically declared, “Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son...; thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael,...I have blessed him.... But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee...” (Genesis 17:19-21).

That Isaac, miraculously born to both Abraham and Sarah, was the one through whom God’s promises of the land and of the Messiah would be fulfilled, and that Ishmael was not the son whose descendants would possess the promised land, is so clearly and repeatedly declared in Scripture that it cannot be honestly disputed. Yet the Arabs, who claim to be descended from Ishmael, lay claim to the promises given by God to Isaac and through him to the Jews. Islam’s claim that Ishmael was the son of promise not only contradicts Scripture but irrationally gives an illegitimate son priority over his half-brother, the true heir.

Distinguishing Isaac beyond dispute from the other sons born to Abraham, God called Isaac the “only son” of Abraham and commanded that he be sacrificed on Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:2). It was Isaac who, in submission to God’s command, willingly allowed his father to bind him upon the altar, and whom God delivered at the last moment when He had proved the complete obedience of both father and son (Genesis 22:1-14). This is the testimony of Scripture from the God who “cannot lie” (1 Samuel 15:29; Psalm 89:35; Titus 1:2, etc.) and whose “gifts and calling...are without repentance” (Romans 11:29).

Isaac had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Contrary to custom of the time, instead of Esau,

the firstborn, God chose Jacob, the younger son, through whom His promises would be fulfilled. Before these twins were born, God specifically revealed to their mother, Rebecca, the destiny of their descendants: “Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people... and the elder shall serve the younger” (Genesis 25:23). The prophecy did not pertain to Jacob and Esau as individuals (Esau never served Jacob in his lifetime) but to the nations that would descend from them. The Arabs come from both Ishmael and Esau because the latter and his descendants intermarried with the descendants of Ishmael (Genesis 28:9).

The Jews, in contrast (isolated in Egypt for 400 years and brought as an identifiable ethnic group into the promised land), are the descendants of Abraham through his son Isaac and grandson Jacob, whose name God changed to Israel. The promise of the land and of the Messiah was renewed by God to Isaac: “Unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries,...in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed...” (Genesis 26:3,4). Also, to Jacob (Israel) God said, “...the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;...and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 28:13,14).

Indisputably, the land of Israel (“from the river of Egypt unto the great river...Euphrates”—Genesis 15:18-21) was given to the Jews forever. God declared, “The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine...” (Leviticus 25:23). In blatant disobedience, Israel’s leaders have been trading land for “peace” with Arafat, who has sworn to exterminate Israel. Israel has abandoned the biblical conviction expressed by her first premier, David Ben Gurion:

Our right to this Land in its entirety is steadfast, inalienable and eternal.... This right... cannot be forfeited under any circumstance... [Israelis] have neither the power nor the jurisdiction to negate it for future generations to come.... And until the coming of the Great Redemption, we shall never yield this historic right.<sup>1</sup>

To further make certain that all mankind understands that the Jews are God’s chosen people, the word “Israel” dominates the Bible, appearing 2,565 times in 2,293 verses. In contrast, Arabians are mentioned only ten times.

Anyone who claims to believe the Bible must acknowledge that there is only one nation and one people—the Jews alone—to whom God ever gave a land and specific, perpetual promises. The Jews are the only people still existing as a nation, though scattered, whose genealogy is preserved in Holy Scripture and who are identifiable in the world today. Were that not the case, there would be no fulfillment to hundreds of God’s promises and He would be a liar.

We have documented in the past that Yahweh of the Bible and Allah of the Qur’an are not the same (see especially the Q&A section of TBC Reprints for Feb. 2000). Twelve times Yahweh calls himself, or is referred to as, “the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob.” An overwhelming 203 times in 201 verses (from Exodus 5:1 to Luke 1:68), Yahweh is called “the God of Israel”—*never* the God of Ishmael.

In contrast, Islam and Allah express hatred for Israel and all Jews. That fact alone is enough to distinguish Yahweh from Allah. The Qur’an and authoritative Islamic tradition cited in the *hadith* vilify the Jews repeatedly:

Because of the wrongdoing of the Jews... We have prepared for [them] a painful doom (Surah 4:160-161); Allah hath cursed them [the Jews] for their disbelief (4:46); Allah fighteth against them. How perverse are they! (9:30); Ignominy shall be their portion wheresoever they are found...(3:112); The resurrection of the dead will not come until the Muslims will war with the Jews and the Muslims will kill them;...the trees and rocks will say, O Muslim...here is a Jew behind me, come and kill him.<sup>2</sup>

Sadly, the Arabs, persisting in the false claim that Ishmael was the legitimate son of promise, have rebelled against God’s Word. Their jealous hatred of the descendants of

Isaac (exacerbated by the teachings and example of Muhammad and Islam) has left a blot on the history of mankind unequalled even by that left by Hitler.

In Muslim lands for 1,300 years, Jews suffered from inhumane treatment and periodic bursts of violence. Take only one country, Morocco, as an example of what occurred everywhere under Muslim rule. Jews were forced to live in ghettos called *mellahs*. Historian Andre Chouraqui writes that rape, looting, burning of synagogues, destruction of Torah scrolls and murder were “so frequent that it is impossible to list them.”<sup>3</sup> As only one instance of many, in Fez, in AD 1032, about 6,000 Jews were murdered and many more “robbed of their women and property.”<sup>4</sup> Such slaughter continued periodically in Fez and throughout Morocco (as in other Muslim countries). Interestingly, the fierce persecution of 1640 in which women and children were murdered was called the *al-Khada*. Chouraqui (p. 39)<sup>5</sup> says that Jews suffered “such repression, restriction and humiliation as to exceed anything in Europe.”

Most Jews today do not believe God’s promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Nevertheless, there has always been a nucleus through the centuries who did believe His promises—and even recognized and admitted that the dispersion of Jews was God’s judgment on their sin. Maimonides, the famous Jewish physician and philosopher, whose family had fled from Islamic persecution in Spain to, of all places, Fez (and who himself had to flee from Morocco later), wrote in his “Epistle to Yemen” in 1172,

It is...one of the fundamental articles of the faith of Israel that the future redeemer of our people will...gather our nation, assemble our exiles, redeem us from our degradation.... On account of the vast number of our sins, God has hurled us in the midst of this people, the Arabs, who have persecuted us severely...as Scripture has forewarned us.... Never did a nation molest, degrade, debase, and hate us as much as they....<sup>6</sup>

Such persecution has continued against those few thousand Jews who have not yet escaped Muslim lands. In a letter dated July 10, 1974, to then UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Ramsey Clark declared, “Jewish people living in Syria today are subjected to the most pervasive and inhuman persecution.... Young women and children are harassed in the streets. Old people are knocked down. Homes are stoned.... They are forbidden to leave in peace and cannot remain in dignity.... Many have been arrested, detained, tortured and killed.”

Muslims falsely claim that the animosity toward Jews is the result of the founding of the state of Israel. This is so obviously not the case that this lie ought to be an embarrassment. The Qur’an’s official religious denunciations of Jews existed more than 1,200 years before Israel’s rebirth. Joan Peters, in her invaluable book, *From Time Immemorial*, writes (p. 72),

The late King Faisal of Saudi Arabia told Henry Kissinger [a Jew] that “...Before the Jewish state was established, there existed nothing to harm good relations between Arabs and Jews....” Ironically, no Jews were allowed [since Muhammad killed or sold them all into slavery] to enter or live in Saudi Arabia [still true today]. Jordan’s King Hussein stated, “The relationship that enabled Arabs and Jews to live together for centuries as neighbors and friends has been destroyed by Zionist ideas and actions.” Yet the Jordanian Nationality Law states that “a Jew” cannot become a citizen of Jordan.

Jordan annexed to itself most of that part of “Palestine” which UN Resolution 181 had assigned to the “Palestinians” in November 1947, destroyed every Jewish house of worship and expelled all Jews months before the state of Israel was born.

The hatred against Jews by Muslims in obedience to Muhammad, and the wicked support thereof by much of the world (which we have documented more fully elsewhere), continues to this day in the satanic determination to

wipe out the state of Israel. This hatred provides the key to Middle East problems, which would be solved if the Muslims and the world would accept and obey the clear language of the Bible.

Of course the secular world in its gross immorality and selfish pursuit of the “lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (1 John 2:16) demonstrates continuously its rebellion against God. Even the ungodly know, too (Romans 1:32), that all who engage in these things will be held accountable by “the judge of all the earth” (Genesis 18:25; John 5:22; Revelation 20:12-15). There is another grave disobedience to God, however, amounting to open defiance, in which almost the entire world is united: the support of Ishmael’s descendants to establish a “Palestinian State” within Israel.

The willful persistence in this illegitimate claim, and its support by the rest of the world, constitutes rejection of the clear testimony of Scripture and rebellion against God. These twin crimes have created the Mideast crisis facing us today. Abba Eban in *Personal Witness* records that when President Truman wanted to recognize Israel, Secretary of State George C. Marshall stated angrily: “They don’t deserve a state, they have stolen that country.”

The dual fulfillment of biblical prophecies concerning Israel as chronicled in the daily news is approaching its foretold climax in our time—the last of the “last days.” Our important video, *Israel, Islam, and Armageddon*, offers powerful graphic footage documenting these prophecies’ historical background and the broad sweep of their modern consummation, especially through Nazism and its close partner and successor in anti-Semitism and terrorism, Islam.

Today’s fulfillment of biblical prophecy in current events is a topic of great interest to non-Christians, offers irrefutable proof of God’s existence and that the Bible is His infallible Word to mankind, and is a valuable tool

in evangelism. We hope that our readers will take advantage of the materials we offer for this purpose.

The prophesied burden of Israel and Jerusalem continues to grow heavier until it threatens to crush the whole world under the weight of a global conflict. Tragically, that conflict has already manifested itself globally in the despicable scourge of international terrorism. Here, too, Israel is the scapegoat.

Yahweh claims repeatedly that He is the *only true God*: “Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God” (Isaiah 44:6,8). Yahweh also declares, “beside me, there is no saviour” (Isaiah 43:11; Hosea 13:4). Isaiah foretold that the promised Messiah who would come to pay the penalty for sin demanded by His justice would be “The mighty God, The everlasting Father” (Isaiah 9:6). Thus Jesus declared, “I and my Father are one” (John 10:30). He warned that all who denied His identity as Yahweh the Savior would die in their sins and be separated from Him and heaven forever (John 8:21-24). We need to make this gospel clear.

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## QUOTABLE .....

“It was at a church service in Munich that I saw him, a former S.S. man who had stood guard at the shower room door in the processing center at Ravensbruck. He was the first of our actual jailers that I had seen since that time. And suddenly it was all there—the roomful of mocking men, the heaps of clothing, Betsie’s pain-blانched face.

“He came up to me as the church was emptying, beaming and bowing. ‘How grateful I am for your message, Fraulein,’ he said. ‘To think that, as you say, He has washed my sins away!’ His hand was thrust out to shake mine. And I, who had preached so often to the people in Bloemendaal the need to forgive, kept my hand at my side.

“Even as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through me, I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more? *Lord Jesus*, I prayed, *forgive me and help me to forgive him*. I tried to smile, I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. I felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity. And so again I breathed a silent prayer. *Jesus*, I prayed, *I cannot forgive him. Give me Your forgiveness*.

“As I took his hand the most incredible thing happened. From my shoulder along my arm and through my hand a current seemed to pass from me to him, while into my heart sprang a love for this stranger that almost overwhelmed me. And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world’s healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself.”

—CORRIE TEN BOOM  
(EXCERPT FROM *THE HIDING PLACE*)

## Q&A .....

**QUESTION: The idea that the Antichrist will be resurrected from the dead by Satan seems to be the prevailing opinion among evangelical**

**pre-Trib teachers. I would appreciate an expression of your opinion in a future issue of *The Berean Call*.**

**RESPONSE:** This popular idea comes from Revelation 13:3. For example, in his book, *The Prewrath Rapture of the Church*, Marvin Rosenthal states, “According to the Word of God, the Antichrist is a man who lived before. He ruled one of the seven great empires which directly impacted Israel. He will literally be raised from the dead. Concerning this raised ruler...the Word of God has much to say. ‘And I saw one of his heads as though it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed...’ (Rev 13:3).”

Note, however, that it is *one* of the beast’s seven heads, not all of them, that is affected. Furthermore, the head (much less the beast) is not killed but appears “as though it were *wounded* to death.” Seemingly, the beast could have died from this wound, but verses 3 and 12 declare that its “deadly wound was healed.” So we have a *healing*, not a resurrection. I believe it is referring to the Roman Empire which has indeed suffered from a deadly wound but has never died and is being revived before our eyes.

Only God can raise the dead. Satan has no such power. At best he might pull off a “fake death and resurrection” of Antichrist.

**QUESTION: The pain and suffering caused by crime and sickness is bad enough. Christianity, however, creates worse suffering by threatening mankind with hell for having broken God’s laws. An irrational fear of eternal punishment haunts those who come under Christianity’s destructive influence. The world would be a better place without such delusions!**

**RESPONSE:** Contrary to your suggestion that Christianity creates an irrational fear of eternal punishment, it alone delivers from such fear all who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. No one lives in fear of God’s judgment for one’s sin who believes that Jesus Christ paid the full penalty. Christ promised that all those who believe

in Him *have* eternal life and they will *not* “come into condemnation” but have “passed from death unto life” (Jn 5:24). All who believe that promise are thereby delivered from the very fear which you blame upon Christianity.

Nor do those who have heard and rejected that gospel worry very much about God’s judgment. If they were truly concerned, they would have accepted His offer of mercy. Take a poll of those who were once under Christian influence but who rejected the gospel and you will find individuals who have little if any fear of judgment because they don’t believe in it.

The truth is that those who know little or nothing of Christianity are the ones who are haunted by fear of coming judgment. All non-Christian peoples, from pagans to idolaters, have that fear. Conscious of their sin but without hope in Christ, these poor people visit the witch doctor or rely on fetishes or amulets, or make some other attempt to earn salvation and to appease whatever gods or spirits they imagine exist. When such people believe in Christ they are delivered from such fear.

Religious practices among all non-Christian peoples everywhere and at all times in history always involve a sense of guilt and the attempt to erase it through some kind of sacrifice, sacred pilgrimage or other ritual. Such practices are quite similar worldwide and can be traced back for thousands of years before the advent of Christianity and therefore cannot be attributed to it.

Perhaps you came to your conclusions by observing Roman Catholics, whom you thought were Christians. Many (if not most) of them are indeed plagued with the very hopeless sense of guilt to which you refer. This is because Catholicism dogmatically claims that the Church dispenses the graces of Christ through its sacraments—graces which can be lost by failure to live up to its rules—and thus there is no way to know for sure that one will make it to heaven.

Therefore, Roman Catholicism involves its

members in many forms of attempted appeasement of God in order to earn heaven and/or lessen one’s punishment. For example, endless Masses offered on behalf of the dead are paid for by their survivors (often until the money available for payment runs out) in the hope of lessening the purgatorial suffering of the deceased. There is no peace in this practice.

Several times we have quoted the late Cardinal O’Connor of New York stating that neither he nor Pope John Paul II nor Mother Teresa (nor anyone else) could know with certainty what their eternal destiny might be. He declared this to be official teaching of the Church, and

indeed it is. Obviously, such a dogma creates the very fear to which you refer—but *this is not Christianity!*

We need know nothing more than this to identify Roman Catholicism as a non-Christian pagan religion. There are priests and monks and nuns today who (just as in the Middle Ages and Dark Ages) wear haircloth undergarments, put rocks in their shoes, flagellate themselves and otherwise endure self-inflicted suffering in the hope of earning forgiveness of sins and becoming worthy of heaven. Millions of Roman Catholics all over the world make pilgrimages to shrines (some walking for miles on bloody knees), light candles, pray to saints in heaven, wear scapulars and medals and employ crucifixes and other means of appeasing God in the hope of thereby meriting God’s forgiveness.

True Christianity delivers from guilt and fear of judgment. The gospel promises forgiveness of sins and eternal life as a free gift of God’s grace, not by works or sacraments, but to all who will believe. Catholicism involves numerous pagan practices; and the fear of the judgment it creates cannot be laid at the door of Christianity.

**QUESTION: Many are teaching that the church must be united and purified before Christ can return. Is that biblical?**

**RESPONSE:** It is neither biblical nor logical that

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the small fraction of the church that is alive on earth at the time of the Rapture must have attained to a status that was unknown by Christians who have died in order to join them at that heavenly marriage to our Lord. Yes, the Bride is made ready and robed in white linen (Rv 19:7-8)—but the Bride is the entire church. If this purification is a prerequisite for being raptured, then what about those who died before the Rapture? Clearly, they must be “made ready” after they get to heaven. Then why wouldn’t this happen to all Christians up there, rather than on the earth?

Surely this final cleansing can only take place at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10) when we give account to our Lord, our works are tried in the fire (1 Cor 3:11-15) and we are rewarded or suffer loss. There is no biblical basis for a “last-days revival” that will make Christians worthy to be raptured to heaven. We are worthy of heaven through Christ’s finished work alone. Moreover, the Bible speaks of the last-days church as apostate (2 Thes 2:3). Christ even questions whether He will find faith on the earth when He returns (Lk 18:8). Even the wise fall asleep while the bridegroom tarries (Mt 25:5). Hardly the “last-days revived church”! Let us therefore watch and be ready for our Lord!

## **LETTERS** .....

*Dear TBC,*

The coming Antichrist will be like Hitler. Based on Hitler’s own words and books, he was “atheist,” “evolutionist,” “Christian” (not a real Christian but Roman Catholic), “occultist,” etc. But what people don’t realize is that he was all of those. He was “ecumenical” to a point and would be whatever the people wanted him to be just so he could gain their trust and assume power over them. He practiced all those because he was in actuality a Luciferian who believed he was the “beast” of Revelation. The Illuminati, Hitler’s religion, still exists today as Freemasonry and other sub-groups. And all false religions are intertwined with it

(same doctrines, same symbols, same demons). They are all connected-Mystery, Babylon AKA GNOSTICISM. GP (email)

*Dear TBC,*

Thank you for constant reminders that the Bible isn’t any ordinary book...but the very living “Word” of God that is designed by Him to do a supernatural work in our mind and heart... to bring about eternal life and lead us into all Truth...thus... also serving as a valuable protection from being led in a contrary direction... which ultimately leads to eternal destruction. The choices we make are more serious than the average person is led to believe. Praise God for His Holy Word that is a Light unto our path as we go through this dark world. God is so good... His Word provides life to those who love it and spend time in it. KD (email)

*Dear TBC,*

*In Defense of the Faith* was the first apologetics book I bought when I got saved in ’97. So great to hear Gary Carmichael, T. A. McMahon, and Dave Hunt’s voice again. I listened to every STSD Podcast from 99-06. Great memories listening to this again. Blessings from Australia. HD (Australia)

*Dear TBC,*

The Bible is the best source of truth. I won’t pretend that I feel there are not truths scattered through other traditions but none of these books are or even claim to be in most cases inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is true from cover to cover.

Anybody who truly seeks truth will cherish it. The main thing lacking most teachings is righteousness and justice. These are not characteristics of man but God. Righteousness and Justice belong to him alone and are graciously provided by and through God because man cannot save himself. I have studied a lot of topics. There is no knowledge anywhere in creation that means anything without Jesus. If I knew only one thing I would pray that it would be about Jesus. MJ (email)

## NEWSWATCH .....

### SECRET JEWISH LOBBY RUNS TURKEY

**JIHADWATCH.ORG, 7/26/23, “MUSLIM ARAB ANALYST CLAIMS THAT SECRET JEWISH LOBBY RUNS TURKEY” [EXCERPTS]:** An Arab “expert” on Israeli-Turkish relations recently published her analysis of Israeli-Turkish relations, claiming that a powerful Jewish lobby, which has its origins in the followers of Sabbatai Zevi (1626-1676), who only pretended to convert to Islam but remained “secret Jews,” still exists today....

Iraqi news site Buraitha News, which is a Shi’ite site, has an “analysis” of Israel-Turkish relations by journalist and TV presenter Tabarak al-Raadi. She recently earned her PhD in International Relations from the University of Baghdad.

It starts off with: “The issue of the role of the Jewish lobby in Turkey may shed light on the Israeli-Turkish relations, which are frequently talked about these days, and which cannot be separated from their historical course....”

As she writes, “Since those times, they assassinate the sultans, support the generals, promote this and oppress that, and sign secret treaties.”

Powerful stuff. But why does she not offer a shred of evidence to support those charges? Which sultans did the “Jewish lobby” in Turkey “assassinate”? What generals did they support?

She says, again without any supporting evidence, that they (the Jews of Turkey) “promote this and promote that.” What is the “this” and the “that” she has in mind? We are left to guess.

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### TOO HARD FOR GOD?

**ICR.ORG, 7/26/23, “TOO HARD FOR GOD?” [EXCERPTS]:** “Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto

*thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.” (Genesis 18:14)*

This rhetorical question posed to Abraham by the Lord was in response to Sarah’s doubts concerning His promise that they would have a son. It would, indeed, require a biological miracle, for both were much too old for this to happen otherwise. With God, however, all things are possible, and He can, and will, fulfill every promise, even if a miracle is required.

This same rhetorical question was asked of the prophet Jeremiah. “Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?” (Jeremiah 32:26-27).

But Jeremiah had already confessed his faith in God’s omnipotence. “Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee” (Jeremiah 32:17).

Actually, the word translated “hard” in these verses is more commonly rendered “wonderful,” or “marvelous,” or an equivalent adjective, referring usually to something miraculous that could only be accomplished by God.

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### THE DARK, UNTOLD TRUTH OF TRANSGENDERISM

**FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 7/26/23, “THE DARK, UNTOLD TRUTH OF TRANSGENDERISM” [EXCERPTS]:** There is a new stock-in-trade in the American domain today—human beings. Even children are being used in Mengelian experimentations that might have given Hitler pause.

The tragedy of sexual-reassignment surgery has a terrifying history...sexual mutilation began with...Alfred Kinsey.

In 1967, a student of Kinsey named John Money was asked by a set of desperate parents to repair a botched circumcision on their baby boy, David, who was a twin. Rather than repair

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the damage, Money advised the couple to raise the baby as a girl and remove his genitalia.

By age 12, David was struggling mentally in addition to his physical malformities. By 14, he begged to be made male again. Throughout his teens, he became severely depressed. Ultimately, both brothers ended their own lives.

Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic tracked those who forewent gender reassignment, and found that 70-80% of those who face gender confusion but do not have transition surgery, lost their feelings of confusion over time and ultimately were considered

“recovered.”

Johns Hopkins ended their sexual reassignment surgery in 1970 for that reason. Their chief psychiatrist called sex change “biologically impossible” in the Wall Street Journal.

He cited a 2011 study at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden that followed 324 sex reassignment patients for decades. After 10 years, patients had increased mental difficulties. Suicide mortality rose to almost 20 times the rate of those who did not transition.

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## TBC NOTES

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### Three Fundamental Issues Related to Peace Regarding Today's Events in Israel

The following are a few insights found in the Scriptures and the Koran for anyone who wants to get a realistic sense of “peace” solutions regarding what's taking place in Israel.

- The land of Israel was given to the followers of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob *by the God of Abraham, Isaac,*

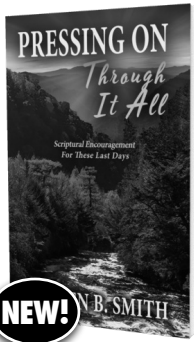
*and Jacob (Israel).*

- All faithful Muslims are committed to the total annihilation of all Jews, as well as all non-Islamic religions.
- The Jews are not only forced into a war of collective and personal self-preservation, *God will not allow them to give up His land* for any proposition.

For biblical and historical details of what we are witnessing today in Israel, we highly recommend the book *Judgment Day* and the video *Israel, Islam, and Armageddon*. Both are available on our web page for free (or see Page 11).

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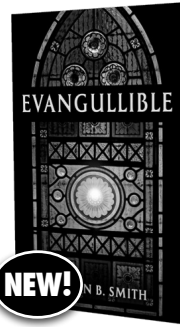


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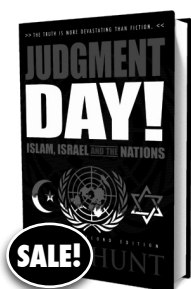
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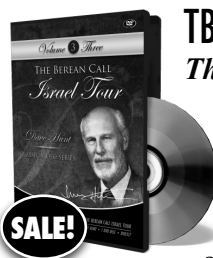
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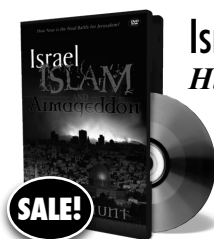
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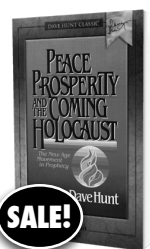
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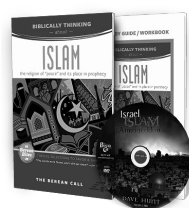
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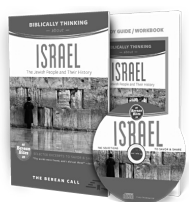


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