

ISRAEL – Covenant Land

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A Brief History of Jerusalem – Capital of the State of Israel

- Circa 1000 B.C. **King David** makes Jerusalem his capital.
- 960 B.C. **King Solomon** builds the Temple.
- 587 B.C. Jerusalem destroyed by the Babylonians: the 70-year Captivity.
- 539 B.C. Return of the Jews from the Captivity; The Temple rebuilt, 520 B.C.
- 444 B.C. The walls rebuilt under Nehemiah.
- 170 B.C. Stormed by Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria; the Temple profaned.
- 165 B.C. Revolt of the Maccabees, re-dedication of the Temple.
- 40-4 B.C. **Herod the Great**, builder of the third Temple, the Antonia and the Upper Palace (the latter of which included the N.E. Tower of the Citadel).
- 70 A.D. The Roman destruction of Jerusalem. A garrison is left in the Upper Palace.
- 130 A.D. A Roman colony founded by the emperor Hadrian, and called Aelia Capitolina.
- 326 A.D. The Emperor Constantine's era.
- 636 A.D. Arab or Moslem conquest; the Dome of the Rock erected on Temple Area, 691 A.D.
- 1099 A.D. Jerusalem captured by the Crusaders; the "Tower of David" or Citadel, castle of the Latin Kings from 1100.
- 1187 A.D. Recaptured by Moslems under Saladin; the "Tower of David" dismantled in 1239.
- Circa 1260 A.D. Jerusalem occupied by the Mamelukes of Egypt; "The Tower of David" rebuilt, from 1310.
- 1516 A.D. Ottoman Turkish conquest and rule.
- 1917 A.D. British occupation.
- 1948 A.D. **The State of Israel** – The Promised Land, is re-established on May 14, 1948.
- 2018 A.D. **Jerusalem** officially re-established as the capital of Israel. U.S. Embassy dedicated in Jerusalem on May 14, 2018 – 70 years after rebirth of the State of Israel.

Meaning of the word "Palestine"

"Palestine" means "land of the Philistines," first used by Greeks, then Romans, after which, Gentile powers to include Great Britain. Christians began calling this area, first named **Canaan**, "The Holy Land" from the 400's A.D. onwards.

Ancient maps of Israel portray entire Promised Land

Of the scores of ancient maps I have consulted bearing the names of Israel, at the Geography and Maps Division of the Library of Congress – *Land of Promise; The Land of Israel; The Promised Land; The Land of Canaan; The Land of the Bible; The Holy Land divided into the Twelve Tribes of Israel, accommodated to Sacred History, etc.* –



King David plays the Harp, by Shraga Weil. Psalm 81. Ceiling of the Israeli Lounge, John F. Kennedy for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. A gift of the State of Israel to the United States. Photograph: John W. Wrigley, copyright 1986.

without exception, all of them portray the entire Promised Land, including Gaza, and Judea & Samaria (now called "The West Bank") given by Almighty God to Abraham, Isaac and Israel.

"A Test Case for Humanity" by Albert Einstein, Ph.D.

One of the world's greatest master minds, Albert Einstein, Ph.D., an imminent and world-renowned American Jew, wrote the treaties, *A Test Case for Humanity* in October, 1939. It was first published in a 1944 issue of the

Princeton Herald, in reply to an article by Dr. Philip K. Hitti, the Arab scholar, and is hereunder quoted in part:

A Test Case for Humanity

Both Jews and Arabs are said to stem from a common ancestor, from Abraham who immigrated into Canaan, i.e. Palestine, and so neither of them seem to have been earlier in the land than the others. Recent views assume that only part of the Israelites migrated to Egypt – as reflected in the Joseph story – and part of them remained in Palestine. So of the Canaanite population encountered by the Jews when they entered *The Promised Land* under Joshua were Israelites too. Therefore, the Arabs have no priority on the land.

To the Arabs Jerusalem is only the third holy city, to the Jews it is the first and only holy city, and Palestine is the place where their original history, their sacred history, took place. Besides, to the Arabs Jerusalem is a holy city only insofar as they trace their tradition back to Jewish origins, insofar as after the Arab conquest of Jerusalem in 637, the *Omar Mosque*, the *Dome of the Rock* was erected by the Omayyad Caliph Abd el Malek on the very place where the **Jewish Ark of the Covenant** and the **Temple of Solomon** had stood, on a rock *Even Shetiyah* (world foundation stone), which was considered by the Jews as reaching down to the bottom of the cosmic ocean, the navel of the world.

And Jerusalem was a *qiblah*, a direction of prayer, under Mohammed only as long as he counted on the Jews as the main supporters of his new creed; he changed it, when his hopes failed, together with other institutions established out of pure consideration for his Jewish adherents, as, for instance, the fasting on the Jewish Day of Atonement – both are today abolished in their religious significance.

It seems a little far-fetched to use this abrogated rite as an evidence on which to base the Arab claim to Palestine.

If, finally, the Arab conquest of Palestine is considered holy it would be only fair to admit the corresponding holiness of the peaceful claim and the peaceful reclamation of the country by the Jews. To refer to the legitimacy of a “holy war” sounds rather queer for a people which denounces peaceful immigration as a violation of their rights.

No people, unfortunately, understands why it should contribute any thing to the solution of the Jewish problem.

The surface of the globe is everywhere occupied, and wherever the Jews could be given a piece of land to live under fair climate conditions, they would encroach on some property rights and sovereignties and would face friction with a population already firmly established on the spot. No country has been found where the Jews could possibly form an autonomous community, however small.

Palestine – Its Religious Foundation and Historic Tradition

There is still one difference between the other peoples and the Arabs. Every people has one country of its own which it developed with all the care of its generations and none of these countries has any connection with a specifically Jewish tradition or concern. The Arabs possess four major countries – Saudi Arabia, which harbours their holy places, Yemen, Iraq and Transjordan – if we leave aside Egypt, which is only partly Arab, Syria and all the North African colonies and provinces as yet not enfranchised from European rule.

And the least and obviously most neglected of their settlements was the part they occupied in the tiny Palestinian country; only nine hundred thousand, of fifty million Arabs live there.

This tiny Palestinian country, on the other hand, is the only place in the world legitimately and most deeply connected with the Jewish people, its religious foundation and its historic tradition as an independent people.

In order to clarify the Palestinian problem let us compare the situation of the Jews with that of the Arabs. The Jews are and have always been numerically a small people. They have never exceeded fifteen and a half million.

Deprived of their homeland through the ancient and medieval conquests of Palestine, they lived dispersed all over the world, and what they have suffered since by persecutions, expulsions and tortures of all kinds, are far beyond anything that other peoples had to endure.

Of the fifteen and a half million computed in 1938, at least two millions have been slaughtered or starved to death by the Nazis, in the various European countries during the past few years. So the **Zionist movement**, or better the striving for a haven in the place of Jewish origin, is by no means an “exotic, artificially stimulated movement” (as Professor Hitti calls it), but a movement urged



*Bronze statue of Albert Einstein by Robert Berks. The National Academy of Sciences, Constitution Avenue, Washington, District of Columbia. He holds his Energy Formula in his left hand.
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forward by utter need and distress.

The promise held out to the Jews in the *Balfour Declaration* after the First World War has been whittled down bit by bit in the course of the British appeasement policy yielding to interests partly British, partly Arabian – a policy bitterly denounced by **Mr. Churchill** himself before he became Prime Minister.

Palestine is a link in the lifeline of the British Empire between the Near East and India; and the Jewish people, by necessity a dependable ally of the British, have been sacrificed to the Arabs, who, by their numerical and political strength and the trump of the Islam portion of the Indian population, were in a position to sell dearly even their neutrality in the present conflict. The final result has been the complete probation of Jewish immigration into Palestine at the very moment when hundreds of thousands of Jews were threatened with annihilation.

Arab and Jewish Needs Compared

This is the Jewish situation; and there is no guarantee whatever against the persistence or recurrence of anti-Semitic outbreaks everywhere after this war. Even if we put aside the spiritual, religious and cultural ties making Palestine the only place in the world which persecuted Jews could consider their home, and develop with all the devotion a homeland inspires – there is not even any other country acceptable to human beings, which the numerous refugee conferences were able to offer to this hounded people. The Jews are prepared for extreme sacrifices and hardest work to convert this narrow strip which is Palestine into a prosperous country and model civilization. What Jewish youth has already achieved in the few decades of **Zionist settlement** may be gathered from Mr. Lowdermilk's book.* They took over from the period of Arabian predominance, deserts and rocks and barren soil and turned them into flowing farms and plantations, into forests and modern cities. They created new forms of co-operative settlements and raised the living standard of the Arabian and the Jewish population alike.

The Jews are willing and ready to give any guarantee of protection for the holy places and the civil rights, indeed the autonomy, of Arabs and Christians, a guarantee safeguarded by the overwhelming power of their neighbors, on whose co-operation they depend. They offer their assistance and their experience for the economic and scientific advancement of Arab countries, for the lifting of the population to a modern standard of living.

But this, unfortunately, is just what the Arab leaders do not want. For the true source of Arab resistance and hostility toward a Jewish Palestine is neither religious nor political, but social and economic. The Arabian population of Palestine is negligible in comparison with the vast number of Arab elements in the European provinces

of North Africa and Asia. The Arabian chieftains did not arouse the Moslem world against Mussolini's regime in Libya: most of them were on splendid terms with him. The Mufti of Jerusalem and other Arab leaders were greatly honored guests in Rome. The rich Arabian landowners did nothing to improve the nature, the civilization, or the living standards of their countries. The large Arabian states are underpopulated, the masses of the people are held in a backward and inferior condition. "Life in the Damascus of the eighth century was not greatly different from what it is to-day," says Professor Hitti in his book about the Arabs.

But the big Effendis fear the example and the impulse which the Jewish colonization of Palestine presents to the peoples of the Near East, they resent the social and economic uplift of the Arab workers in Palestine. They act as all the fascist forces have acted: they screen their fear of social reform behind nationalistic slogans and demagoguery. If it were not for these leaders and instigators, a perfect agreement and co-operation could be achieved between the Arab and the Jewish people.

The Jews have no Power

The purpose of this statement is not a nationalistic one. We do not, and the vast majority of the Jews does not, advocate the establishment of a state for the sake of national greed and self-glorification, which would run counter to all the traditional values of Judaism and which we consider obsolete everywhere. In speaking up for a Jewish Palestine we want to promote the establishment of a place of refuge, where persecuted human beings may find security and peace and the undisputed right to live under a law and order of their making. The experience of many centuries has taught us that this can be provided only by home rule and not by a foreign administration. This is why we stand for a *Jewish-controlled Palestine*. We do not refer to historic rights, although if there exists something like an historic right on a country, the Jews, at least as well as the Arabs, could claim it on Palestine. We do not resort to threats of power, for the **Jews have no power**; they are, in fact, the most powerless group on earth. If they had had any power they should have been able to prevent the annihilation of millions of their people and the closing of the last door to *the helpless victims of the Nazis*. What we appeal to is an elementary sense of justice and humanity. We know how weak such a position is, but we also know that if the arguments of threats of power, of sacred egoisms and holy wars continue to prevail in the future world order, not only the Jews but the whole of humanity will be doomed.

Ancient Home of the People of the Bible

The Jews will never abandon the work of reconstruction which they have undertaken... I cannot believe that the greatest colonial Power in the world will fail when it is faced with the task of placing its unique colonizing expe-

**Palestine, Land of Promise* by Walter Clay Lowdermilk

rience at the service of the reconstruction of **the ancient home of the People of the Bible**. The task may not be an easy one for the Mandatory Power, but for the success it will attain it is assured of the undying gratitude not only of the Jews but of all that is noblest in mankind.

Albert Einstein, Ph.D.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

April 1st 1925

Nisan 7th 5685

Inaugural Exercises

April 1st – 3rd 1925

Nisan 7th – 10th 5685

Inauguration Ceremony

April 1st 1925

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem was formally inaugurated on April 1st 1925 (Nisan 7th 5685) by the **Earl of Balfour K.G., O.M.** The ceremony was held in a large open-air theatre in the University grounds, which occupy a site inspiring in itself in its traditions and its beauty. **Dr. Chaim Weizmann**, President of the Zionist Organization presided, and the distinguished gathering on the platform included **Sir Herbert Samuel**, High Commissioner for Palestine, **Viscount Allenby of Megiddo**, High Commissioner for Egypt, **Viscount Ullswater**, the former Speaker of the House of Commons, representatives of the Governments of the United States, France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Austria, Greece, Belgium and Holland, eminent clergymen, distinguished scholars and scientists representing Universities and Learned Bodies, and representatives of leading Jewish organizations from all parts of the world.

The proceedings opened with the rendering by Choir and Orchestra of Haydn's "*The Heavens declare the Glory of God*" (Psalm 19) and Sulzer's "*From Zion shall go forth the Law*" which were followed by the delivery of an address and prayer by **Rabbi Kook**, Chief Rabbi of Palestine, after which **Dr. Weizmann**, speaking in Hebrew, which he afterwards rendered into English, welcomed the guests, who had honored the founders of the University by their presence, and outlined the aims and ideals by which the latter were inspired in establishing the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His Excellency, **Sir Herbert Samuel**, High Commissioner for Palestine, conveyed in an eloquent address, which was translated into Hebrew and Arabic, the good wishes of the Mandatory Power and of the Palestine Government. The inaugural address by the **Earl of Balfour** followed. The illustrious scholar and statesman delivered a memorable oration, which he concluded by declaring, "*with supreme confidence in its future, the University of Jerusalem to be opened.*"

Mr. Ch. N. Bialik, the Hebrew poet, then spoke in the

name of the Jewish Community of Palestine after which **Dr. Hertz**, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, delivered a concluding prayer. The proceedings terminated with the rendering of Lewandowski's "*Hallelujah*" (Psalm 150) by the Choir and Orchestra, and the singing of *Ha'tikvah*:

H A ' T I K V A

(The Hope)

So long as still within our breasts
The Jewish heart beats true,
So long as still toward the East
To Zion looks the Jew.
So long as our hopes are not yet lost,
Two thousand years we cherished them
To live as a free people in our land
Land of Zion and Jerusalem.

(National Anthem of Israel)

His Eminence Rabbi Abraham I. Kook, Chief Rabbi of Palestine

Prayer

O Thou, O Lord of the Universe who art the Source of Life and hast established the universe and the fullness thereof in light, wisdom and understanding; and man, the work of thy hand hast Thou created in the majesty of Thine image, and hast crowned him with grace and understanding, to do wisely and deal kindly with all; and with the light of thy glory hast Thou exalted him, and bestowed upon him a glorious soul.

And Thou hast chosen Thy people Israel to be unto Thee an holy people forever. Thou hast given unto him the Law of truth full of understanding, justice and righteousness and hast set him to be a peculiar people, a light unto the nations. Thou hast planed him in a rich garden, in this beautiful country, in the Holy Land. Thou hast crowned him with the splendour of Thy Kingdom and the glory of Thy Holy of Holies. Thou has commanded him to obey Thy laws and Thy statutes which Thou hast taught him, that he might stand firmly unto eternity upon the Land of the blessed inheritance, Selah.

As a father chastiseth his son, hast Thou chastised him; when he hath strayed from the path, proud nations have destroyed his inheritance and scattered him to the winds. But Thou hast made an everlasting **covenant** with him to bring him back unto the land of his inheritance, though the days of his wanderings have been long and our dispersed ones have been scattered to the ends of the earth. And now at the end of the days our eyes have seen Thy justice after years of oppression, which every nation hath oppressed **Israel** to destroy him. And in the time of distress and suffering hast Thou caused to shine upon Thy people the light of Thy redemption...Thou hast sent Thy

word to many nations to restore Thy nation, which Thou possesses, to the land in which it delighted and to place upon the seat of Government our brother His Excellency Sir Herbert Samuel, as High Commissioner for Palestine... And Thou hast awakened the pure spirit in the hearts of Thy dispersed sons to return to the Land of their inheritance and to renew their youth in it, to bring an everlasting blessing to all the inhabitants of the Holy Land and to all the nations of the world. Yea, even Thy numerous children who have forgotten **the rock from which they were hewn**, behold they are returning in holy ardour to build that which is desolate and establish the life of the nation in the Land of Life.

And Thou delightest in Knowledge, which hath ever made its home in our midst, and is the foundation of the temple of wisdom and knowledge. And this day have thousands and tens of thousands gathered to open wide in love and rejoicing the Gates of Knowledge. We now beseech Thee, **O Lord, Rock of Israel and Redeemer of Thy people**, may the hearts of Thy chosen people, **Israel**, be strong and obedient to Thy holy Law, the source of their life, unto eternity: to magnify the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy – first five books of the Bible)* and exalt it, as it is written, *“The Lord delighteth in justice, He increaseth the Torah and magnifieth it,”* that they may sprout forth like the vine in majesty and glory upon Thy holy land which Thich Thou hast given unto them for an inheritance; and thus the words of the prophet shall be confirmed, *“For from Zion shall come forth the Law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem,”*** Amen. Selah.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann:

Your Excellencies, **Lord Balfour**, My Lords, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the **Board of the Hebrew University**, and on behalf of *the Zionist Organization*, I bid you welcome, and express to you a heartfelt “Shalom”.

We have come together today on soil steeped in sacred memories, to inaugurate **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**...Hebrew will be the language of its schools and colleges. But a University is nothing if it is not universal. It must stand not only for the pursuit of every form of knowledge which the mind of man embraces, but also for a commonwealth of learning freely open to all men and women of every creed and race. Within the precincts of these Schools political strife and division cease and all creeds and races will, I hope, be united in the great common task of searching for truth, in restoring to Palestine the thriving civilization which it once enjoyed, and in giving it a place of its own in the world of thought and learning. Our University would not be true to itself or the Jewish traditions, if it were not a house of study for all peoples and

more especially for all the peoples of Palestine. Conceived in this spirit, and animated by these ideals, the University has before it, if our hopes are realized, a future pregnant with possibilities, not only for the Jews or for Palestine, but also for the awakening East and for mankind at large. But we feel in our innermost being that if this University is to express us and, by expressing us, look at the world from our angle and make a distinctive contribution to civilization, it must be through the medium of Hebrew. The **Jewish spirit** and **the Hebrew tongue** have never been separated, and this University must witness to their eternal union.

In inaugurating the **Hebrew University**, we proclaim the fellowship of the Jewish people with the peoples of the world, and the dedication of the Jewish people to the common labour of civilization...Deprived of the material props of Nationhood the scattered hosts of **Israel** found moral unity, and centered their aspirations round the great schools of thought which sprang up in Spain, Italy and France, in Poland and Germany, in Baghdad and Alexandria. The Schools were resting-places on the long and weary road of **persecuted Israel**, and within their walls the Jewish genius, prevented from taking part in the life of the ambient, hostile world, built up a world of its own in which, unhampered and unfettered, the Jewish genius could express itself.

Our young Institutes look also for inspiration and guidance to the many Jewish intellectual workers who, in our days, add their effort to the advancement of science and art the world over.

It is my special privilege to welcome **Lord Balfour**, and to welcome him not only as an eminent figure in the world of thought, not only as the Chancellor of an historic University, but also as the statesman whose name will for all time be associated with the generous act which **changed the face of the Jewish world in 1917**. The University which Lord Balfour is about to open is the distinctive symbol, as it is destined to be the crowning glory, of the National Home which we are seeking to rebuild.

Humbly and reverently, conscious of what we owe alike to others and to ourselves, we are seeking to make in Palestine our characteristic contribution to the common stock. That is the spirit in which we approach the task to which we have set our hands. That is the spirit in which I shall ask **Lord Balfour** to **inaugurate the Hebrew University**.

His Excellency, Sir Herbert Samuel:

I desire, on behalf of his Majesty's Government, to convey their good wishes on this occasion...With its seven faculties here upon **Mount Scopus**, the University calls to mind an apposite passage in the **Book of Proverbs**:

* Author's text in parentheses.

** Isaiah 2: 3.

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:...she crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she sayeth to him, Come eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish and live; and go in the way of understanding*.

...Too long has Jewry been regarded as a ruin, interesting, remarkable as a survival, but a thing of the past and unconnected with the present or the future. A ruin may be picturesque but one does not wish to live in it. So the Jewish people have set their hands to the task of rebuilding a Home, and in it this University will be one of the noblest parts.

In every synagogue, for thousands of years, there has burnt before **the Ark that contains the scrolls of the law**, a little light. It is called the Everlasting Lamp. Day and night, year after year, century after century, millennium after millennium, that small flame has flickered. How many humble people, in how many countries, for how many generations, have tended it as a symbol. They have lived, and one by one they have died, with hopes mostly unfulfilled, but with faith wholly unshaken. Now in our own day, we seem to see that little flame growing and brightening, till we hope and believe, it may yet throw illumination upon the world. Happy are we that in these years have been privileged to tend it. **“Blessed art Thou who hast preserved us unto this season.”**

The Earl of Balfour:

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Allow me to thank you in the first place for the kind reception you have just given me. I would that I could speak to you in Hebrew, but you will have to be content with the language more familiar to me and I hope not wholly unfamiliar to many of those whom I have the great honour of addressing...A few moments ago I was reminded by one friend that from where you are sitting *you can see the very spot where the children of Israel first entered the Promised Land*. I mentioned this to another friend, and he pointed out to me in his turn that it was from this *Mount Scopus*, it was from this hill that the Roman destroyer of Jerusalem conducted the siege which brought to an end that great chapter of the Jewish people. Could there be a more historic spot? From it you can see the beginning, from it you can see the end, or what appeared to be the end, of **the Jewish Community**, of the connections of the Jewish Community with the land which they have made illustrious. Well, a new epoch has begun. The great cultural effort which came to an end, so many hundreds of years ago is going to be resumed in **the ancient home of your people**. It is not that I would suggest for a moment that the Jewish culture, in the interval between the destruction of Jerusa-

lem and the expulsion of the Turk had ceased. Far from it. It has been uninterrupted but it has been scattered. It has not been the culture of the Jewish people living within the traditional limits of the country which they have rendered so famous. It was the separate effort of separate communities, separate individuals, separate men of science, separate theologians, separate philosophers, scattered. They have borne their share in the progress of civilization. It is a profound mistake, as I think, to suppose that men of Jewish birth have not borne their share, their full share, their very full share in the progress of knowledge, in the growth of human civilization all the world over.

They have done so; they have done it as it were, however, united in consciousness still scattered in fact, and unable to concentrate. I hope they now will concentrate their peculiar national genius – every nation has its national genius – in the common task which they have indeed aided in the past, in which I confidently hope they will in the future be able to give even more important aid. It is from this peculiar circumstance that the **uniqueness** of the present situation takes its rise. It is from this peculiar circumstance that we are now engaged in adapting a Western form of University to an Asiatic site and to an education which is to be carried on in an Eastern language. This is a new experiment. It has never been tried before in any circumstances at all parallel to those in which I speak to you. Ladies and Gentlemen, unless I misunderstand the signs of the time, unless I have profoundly mistaken the genius of the Jewish people, the experiment is predestined to an inevitable success. Not only men of Jewish birth, but those who share the common civilization of the world, will have reason to congratulate themselves...

It is true that **Hebrew has never been a dead language**, but it has not been a language until recently adapted to many phases of modern development. It is a great language. I say so with boldness though I do not know any Hebrew, and I say so for this **reason**, *that the English speaking peoples have been brought up on a translation into English of the Hebrew Scriptures, and that translation is one of the great literary treasures of all who speak the English tongue*, it matters not what their view of the historic value of the **Hebrew Bible** may be. If they know anything of the great language of which they are the heirs, they will all tell you, all without exception, that the translation of the **Hebrew Scriptures** into English had a profound effect upon the whole development of what I am not prepared to say is inferior to any language in any age in its literary output. Now, if a translation from Hebrew has had that profound literary effect upon the English language, surely I am justified in saying that the language from which the translation is made must be superior to the translation to which it gave birth...

Knowledge which is pursued for the sake of knowledge, when attained, showers its blessings not merely

* Proverbs 9: 1-6

upon the learned but upon the unlearned...

Ladies and gentlemen, it is because I am confident that in that great task the **University of Jerusalem** is going to play no small or ignoble part, that it is indeed animated by ideals of the highest, and that it will be staffed and composed of men not inferior to men in any part of the world, it is for these reasons and with supreme confidence in its future, *I now declare the University of Jerusalem to be opened.*

Mr. Ch. N. Bialik
(Translation)

The sacredness and solemnity of this moment forbid us to desecrate it or abuse it by exaggeration. Wherefore it is our duty to say openly and frankly in the presence of this great gathering that the institution which has now been inaugurated by our distinguished guest, **Lord Balfour**, is but a beginning, is an institution existing almost in name only. At the moment it is but an empty vessel which has yet to be filled; a child whose future has not yet unfolded. Nevertheless, I am confident that the thousands now gathered here and with them the tens of thousands of Israel scattered in all corners of the earth feel that the inauguration held today in this spot is not an empty dream, that it is a great and holy day unto God and unto our people. We are all deeply conscious that Israel has at this moment lit on the **Mount of Olives** that first light of the Dedication of his spiritual life. Today it will be heralded to all **Israel** in all parts of the world, that *the cornerstone of Upper Jerusalem* has been laid. For this strange nation, **known as Israel**, despite all the storms which *for two thousand years* have swept over it to destroy it and uproot it – this nation, I say, has pledged its loyalty to the Kingdom of the Mind and Spirit forever. In this Kingdom, **Israel** is like a fresh young tree with strong roots; **Israel** has planted his feet on this soil and will not stir from here. Numberless years of accursed exile have not changed his spirit; countless years of corruptive poverty have not undermined his fundamental character. Forced by necessity to forego the comforts of daily life for the external life of the spirit, he has learned in the days of his downtrodden poverty to subordinate his physical to his spiritual needs, to subject his material wants to the demands of the spirit. Within this kingdom the **Jewish Nation** has created its chief possessions and institutions, which have kept it alive, despite its poverty; through two thousand years of wandering, have preserved its inner freedom within the shell of its outer bondage, and have preserved us for this great day, the day of *the inauguration of the University of Mount Scopus...*

One cannot but recall what one of our prophets has said in words charged with sorrow when we read the verse: *“And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them.”* Everything that has ever been bestowed on Israel has been

taken from him, except the **Torah**: *were it not for this we would not be a peculiar nation among the people of the world.*

The word “**Torah**” has been elevated in the eyes of our people to the highest sublimity. In the eyes of the nation the Torah has become a second nature, abstract and on a higher spiritual plane, which accompanies or even substitutes its actual existence. The saying, “**Israel and the Torah are one**” is not a phrase only; a foreigner would scarcely understand or grasp its meaning just as the term “**Torah**” in its full national meaning and implication cannot be translated fully and adequately...**The Torah is at the same time the instrument of the Lord, with which He created the Universe, and the end for which the Universe was created. The Torah preceded the Universe; it is the sublime idea and the Living Soul of the Universe; without it there is no existence and no raison d’etre.** “The study of the Torah is greater than the erection of the Temple.” “The Torah is higher than the Priesthood or Kingship.” “No one is free unless he studies the Torah.” “The Torah elevates man above all things.”

Upon such conceptions the **Jewish Nation** has been reared for almost seventy generations; in accordance with these ideas it has built its temporary homes in the *Diaspora*, for their sake many have died a martyr’s death and for their sake the Jewish Nation has been preserved. The Jewish National School was founded a short time before the destruction of the **Temple** and has persisted until today. This type of education extending over generations has developed in Jews a sixth sense, as it were in all spiritual matters, a most subtle sense which responds before any other, and is common to all Israel. Not a single Jew in any part of the world fails to intensify his interest in the **Torah** when tyrannous decrees are passed and executed upon him. Even the poorest Jew devotes himself to the education of his children, sometimes spending half his income or more for the purpose. In his daily prayers the Jew even before beseeching God for his daily needs, prays: *“Bestow upon me, O Lord, knowledge, wisdom and understanding.”*

Our revered mothers pouring out their hearts before God because of their poverty and want – what was their first supplication? *“May it be Thy will that the eyes of my son shall shine with the light of Thy Torah.”* I am sure that if God were to appear to one of our mothers in a dream asking her in the words of the Bible, *“Ask me what shall I give unto thee?”* she would answer as did Solomon in his time *“I do not ask for riches, nor yet for honour, but O Lord of the Universe, may it be Thy will to grant my son wisdom and understanding of the Torah, and knowledge of good and evil”...*

I wonder whether there is on this earth a center for cultural development altogether without Jews. But since

the works of the **Jew** in the **Diaspora** are included, almost without exception, among those of other nations, they vanish as a distinctly **Jewish contribution** and are never registered to the credit of the Jew. Our cultural account in the world is therefore all debit and no credit. The Jewish nation is in this respect in a very difficult position. While actually the champion of truth and a proletarian people, producing by means of the capital of others for others, it nevertheless appears to others, and frequently to ourselves that we are parasites, having nothing of our own. **A nation which values its honour** will never accept such a situation without resistance. It will one day rise up and say: *“It is enough for me; I prefer a piece of dry bread at my own table than a feast in the house and at the table of others. I prefer one small university, my very own and under my own authority, erected by my own hands from the foundation unto the coping stone rather than thousands of temples of knowledge where my share of the work of erection is not recognized. Let my food be little and bitter, but let me feel the sweet joy of my handiwork.”*

Urged on by this desire, **we have escaped to this country where we seek neither riches, power nor glory.** What of any of these can this small and poverty-stricken country give us? We desire only an individual’s right to physical and spiritual work. We have as yet achieved very little. We have barely had time to wash from our feet the dust of the years of wandering and to discard our many patched clothes. No doubt many years of toil and suffering will pass before we completely rid this country of its barrenness and its swamps. Up to the present we have made only a slight beginning but even at this early date we have already felt the need for a home for the spiritual work of the nation. Such is the time-old nature of **this people; it cannot exist three consecutive days without Torah.** Even at this early hour we have cultural needs the satisfaction of which cannot be delayed...

We must therefore hasten to light **in our spiritual home, the land of our fathers,** the first light of the Dedication of Torah and Science and of all Jewish cultural work, before the last light is extinguished in other countries. This we hope to do in the institution on Mount Scopus whose doors have today been opened...

Gentlemen, thousands of our young men and women, listening to the inner promptings of their hearts, stream from the four corners of the world to this country to rescue it from its present state of desolation and ruin, prepared to give to their country their best energies and their youth. *They plough among the rocks, drain the swamps, and cut roads with song and rejoicing.* These young people have learnt to exalt simple, rough toil to the sacredness of a religion. We must light this holy fire within the walls of the institution which has now been opened on Mount Scopus. Let some build Lower **Jerusalem** with fire and others Upper Jerusalem, **“For Thou O Lord hast burnt her**

with fire and with fire shalt Thou rebuild her.”

May 14, 1948 – Israel’s Declaration of Independence

The State of Israel is Reborn

Date: Friday, the 5th of Iyar 5708 – May 14, 1948

Place: The Tel Aviv Museum of Art.

At four p.m., eight hours before the British mandate over Palestine (Eretz Israel) was due to end, the members of the **People’s Council** and the **People’s Executive**, as well as the leaders of the Jewish community in Eretz Israel gathered in the hall.

On the 5th of Iyar, 5708 – May 14, 1948 – on the eve of the momentous day, the Gush Etzion group of settlements fell. Arab Joppa surrendered. The last British High Commissioner was to leave on Saturday night, May 15.

In deference to the holiness of the Sabbah, the **People’s Administration** decided to proclaim independence a few hours early, at 4 o’clock on Friday afternoon. This secret became known, however, and a great crowd streamed to **Tel Aviv Museum**, filling the street and congregating around the building in excited anticipation.

Fateful Decisions

The decision of the **Zionist Organization Executive** on April 12, 1948, set up a temporary government council, **“The People’s Council,”** to be composed of 37 members representing 11 parties, and established a smaller body, **“The People’s Administration,”** made up of 13 members.

The People’s Administration and the People’s Council were faced with a difficult decision: whether to proclaim the establishment of the State on the date the Mandate ended, or to postpone this until a later date.

Even friendly governments feared that the tiny Jewish Yishuv would not be able to withstand the armies of the Arab countries poised to invade from every side. The U.S. Secretary of State, George Marshall, advised, “Don’t proclaim the State – you could be destroyed.” But the **People’s Administration** decided on May 12, 1948 (by a majority of 6-4), not to postpone proclaiming the independence of the State whose name would be **“Israel.”**

It is reported that delegates from the United Nations objected to the ending of Israel’s Declaration of Independence, which read, **“WITH TRUST IN THE GOD OF ISRAEL...”** stating it to be “too intolerant.” Time being of the essence prior to the Sabbath Yom Shishi sun-set curfew, David Ben Gurion, prevailed upon by the Holy Spirit, swiftly changed it to read, **“WITH TRUST IN THE ROCK OF ISRAEL...”** and the State of Israel was proclaimed.



Zionists proclaim New State of Israel

A front page article which appeared in the Saturday, May 15, 1948 edition of the widely-read **New York Times**, in large, bold headlines, announced the galvanizing news of **U.S. President Harry Truman's** immediate recognition of the new State of Israel, and related events, as follows:

The New York Times, May 15, 1948

Zionists Proclaim New State of Israel; Truman Recognizes it and Hopes for Peace;

Tel Aviv is Bombed, Egypt orders invasion.

Washington, May 14 — President Truman announced early tonight recognition by the United States of the new Jewish State of Israel. The President acted instantly upon being informed that the new nation had been proclaimed. “This Government,” he announced, “has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine and recognition has been requested by the provisional government thereof.

The United States recognizes the provisional government as the de facto authority of the **new State of Israel.**” These two paragraphs constituted the text of the President’s statement. Coupled with the announcement was an expression of hope for peace in Palestine. This was made known through a separate White House statement issued by Charles G. Ross, Presidential press secretary. “The desire of the United States to obtain a truce in Palestine,” this said, “will in no way be lessened by the proclamation of a Jewish state...”

And again, **The New York Herald Tribune** reported on **Sunday, May 16, 1948**, the prophetic fulfillment, “Israel Proclaimed” in their article entitled:

**History in the Making:
A Summary of the Week's
News Events:**

A new nation — **Israel** — was born at one minute after midnight yesterday in Palestine, thus realizing the **2,000-year-old dream of the Jewish people for a state of their own.** But seldom has a nation been born under more ominous circumstances. Hostile Arab armies, like a ring of hungry wolves, surrounded it on three sides. Israel had no formal sanction by the United Nations, nor any hope of its protection. The only bright spot on the international horizon was the prompt and unexpected diplomatic **recognition of the Jewish nation by the United States.**

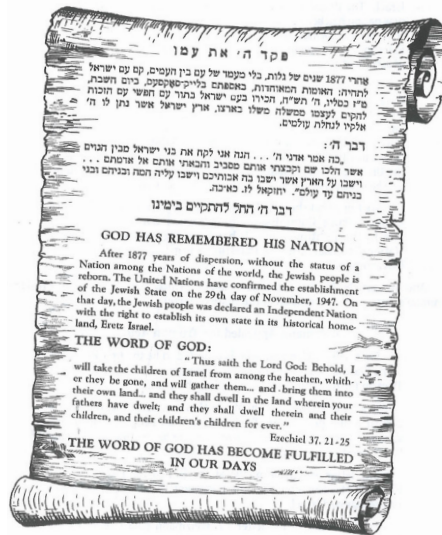
Less than six hours after Israel came into existence, Egyptian planes bombed the temporary capital, **Tel Aviv**, and strafed it with machine-gun fire. An Egyptian communiqué claimed that the planes had attacked Tel Aviv’s airport and had wrecked the hangar and one DC-3 plane.

The land invasion of Palestine began yesterday morning, according to the Cairo communiqué, with two Egyptian Army columns crossing the border, one of them heading toward Gaza. The other column, said the Cairo announcement, destroyed with artillery a small Jewish colony in the Negev desert.

To the north of Palestine, a mobile Syrian Army brigade moved down toward the Sea of Galilee. From Lebanon, a convoy of 150 vehicles, including armored cars, artillery and helmeted infantry troops, advanced to attack the new Jewish state. From Trans-Jordan to the east came the threat of King Abdullah to send his Arab Legion **“to liberate the Holy Land from Zionism.”**

The general secretariat of the Arab League in Damascus proclaimed officially that a “state of war” existed. In Cairo, the Sheik Mamoun al-Shinawi, Moslem spiritual leader, called for a jihad, or holy war. “Come to war and struggle for the sake of Allah,” he said in a radio address. “The reward of heaven is obtained under the shadow of swords.”

Arab forces inside Palestine fought with renewed spirit for control of Jerusalem. Northwest of the city they cut the Tel Aviv highway, which



“God has Remembered His Nation”

is the Jewish lifeline from the coast. The Jewish Army, **Haganah**, gave battle during the week, and the outcome was uncertain. To the south of Jerusalem, Arabs wiped out four Jewish colonies athwart the invasion route from Egypt. Some 200 Jews died in the battle, and others were taken prisoner. The Jewish Agency said Arabs killed the prisoners.

British Ruler Departs

Lord Allenby conquered Jerusalem from the Turks in 1917, and the League of Nations formalized British occupation in 1923 by granting a mandate. On Friday the last **British High Commissioner, General Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham**, departed from Jerusalem, flew to Haifa, and stepped off Palestine soil into the waiting launch. British Marine Commandos stood at attention as a seventeen-gun salute was sounded; bagpipes wailed the doleful strains of “The Minstrel Boy.” At 12:01 a.m. yesterday, when the mandate officially ended, the cruiser Euryalus weighed anchor, carrying Cunningham home.

The Jews had already proclaimed their new state.

“The land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people,” said the proclamation. “Here their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed...Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world.”

“After their dispersion,” continued the proclamation, “Jews strove throughout the centuries to go back to the land of their fathers and regain statehood. In recent decades they returned in their masses. They reclaimed a wilderness, revived their language, built cities and villages...”

The proclamation cited last November’s United Nations resolution. “**This recognition by the United Nations** of the right of the Jewish people to establish their independent state **may not be revoked**. It is, moreover, the self-evident right of the Jewish people to be a nation, as all other nations, in its own sovereign state.”

1975 – Israel issues a Postage Stamp to honor the Bicentennial of America’s Declaration of Independence

In 1975, Israel issued a 5.00 shekel Postage Stamp to



honor the Bicentennial of the Birth of the United States on July 4th, 1776. This handsome stamp bears the portrait of **President Harry Truman**, under which is inscribed the first verse of Psalm 33 in Hebrew and English, “**Praise befits the Upright,**” lauding Truman’s immediate recognition of the State of Israel as a sovereign nation.

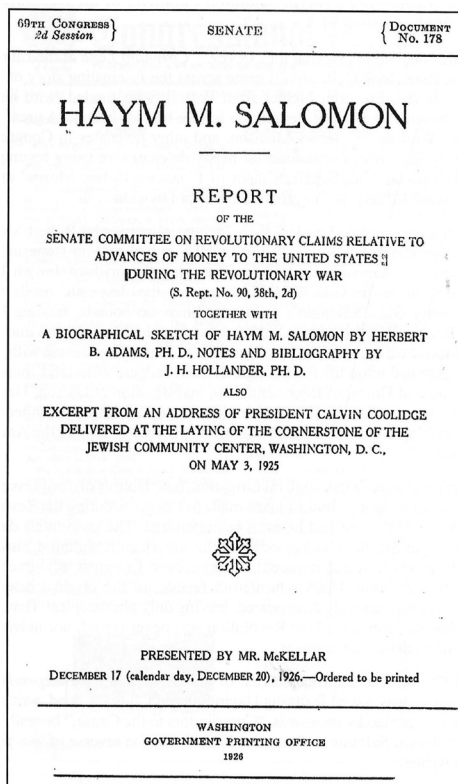
1774-1783 – The American Revolution and Israel

Haym Salomon, Jewish Patriot and Financier of the American Revolution

While conducting research at the Rare Book Collection of the Library of Congress, I discovered the original history of **Haym Salomon, Jewish Freedom Fighter** from Poland, who funded, with his own fortune, the entire American Revolution for the love of liberty. A great friend of George Washington, James Madison, and other delegates in Congress, he gratuitously gave of his own funds to needy delegates, refusing recompense. This led to researching Superintendent of Finances, Robert Morris’ original Journals at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division.

My finds revealed no less than **75 Journal entries** by Robert Morris, appealing to Haym Salomon for urgently-needed funds – “I called for Haym Salomon;” “I instructed him to leave no stone unturned to find money wherever he could;” summoning the brilliant Jewish broker in Philadelphia to provide funds or loans for the desperate needs of the Revolutionary War. Salomon’s generosity knew no bounds, funding Robert Morris’ Bank of North America, and frequently, when loans came due which Robert Morris was unable to pay, discreetly acquitting his debtor with, “Paid in Full,” stamped upon the Bank ledgers. These ledgers were later found by a U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Investigation at his son, Haym M. Salomon’s request that the U.S. government indemnify his noble father – be it only by striking a gold medal for him, as the Financial Hero of the American Revolution.

After conducting a thorough investigation, both Houses of Congress proved that Haym Salomon’s enormous loans



Haym M. Salomon. Report of the Senate Committee on Revolutionary Claims Relative to Advances of Money to the United States during the Revolutionary War, 1926.

made to Congress during the Revolution were never repaid – nor had he even been honored. The unanimous decision was that **Haym Salomon**, as Financier of the American Revolution, should be nationally recognized and honored. Unfortunately, Congress adjourned prior to its implementation. Upon return from recess, all the original researched evidence had mysteriously disappeared, leaving only photocopies! Hence, this selfless Jewish Financier of the Revolution was never repaid, nor indemnified by the United States government.

In 1975, prior to the Bicentennial of the *Declaration of Independence*, a postage stamp was issued featuring Haym Salomon, quill in hand, writing in a ledger, accompanied by the words, “Contributors to the Cause,” beneath which we read: “Haym Salomon – Financial Hero.” On the reverse of this postage stamp is written:

Financial Hero

Businessman and broker Haym Salomon was responsible for raising most of the money needed to finance the American Revolution, and later to save the new nation from collapse.

James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution, wrote of Haym Salomon in his letter to Edmund Randolph: “The kindness of our friend on Front Street near the Coffee House is a fund that will preserve me from extremities...to a necessitous delegate he gratuitously spares out of his private stock.”

The truth of the matter is that the statue by Lorado Taft featuring George Washington standing between Haym Salomon to his left, and Robert Morris to his right, is the only statue of Haym Salomon in the United States. Moreover, its location is in Chicago, which was non-existent at the time of the American Revolution – Illinois joining the Union in 1818 as the 21st State.

Strange to say, of the three Polish Freedom Fighters to join the American Revolution – Thaddeus Kosciusko, Casimir Pulaski and Haym Salomon, only the latter is excluded from being honored with a statue in the nation’s capital! Both Kosciusko and Pulaski are honored as Revolutionary War heroes, not only in the capital city, but throughout America.

The United States owes a great debt to the selfless Jewish “son of Liberty,” **Haym Salomon**, whose entire fortune was given unflinchingly to fund the Revolution’s success, and consequently the birth of this unique Republic – a “nation under God.”

May 8th, 1783 – “The United States Elevated to Glory and Honor” – “God’s American Israel”

On May 8th, 1783, an Election Sermon was preached before his excellency, Jonathan Trumbull, Esq., L.L.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, and the Honorable General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, convened at Harvard at the Anniversary Election, by **Ezra Stiles, Doctor of Divinity, President of Yale College**, and life-long friend of Benjamin Franklin. In it, this erudite scholar and preacher of the Gospel, names America “**God’s American Israel.**” It is excerpted as follows:

The United States Elevated to Glory and Honor Deuteronomy 26: 19

“**And to make thee high above all nations, which He hath made in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God.**”

Taught by the omniscient Deity, **Moses** foresaw and predicted the capital events relative to **Israel**, through the successive changes of depression and glory, until their final elevation to the first dignity and eminence among the empires of the world. These events have been so ordered as to become a display of retribution and sovereignty; for while the good and evil, hitherto felt by this people, have been dispensed in the way of exact national retribution, their ultimate glory and honor will be of the Divine sovereignty, with a *not for your sakes, do I this, sayeth the Lord, be it known unto you — but for mine holy Name’s sake.*

However it may be doubted, whether political communities are rewarded and punished in this world only; and whether the prosperity and decline of other empires have corresponded with their moral state, as to virtue and vice: yet the history of the **Hebrew Theocracy** shows, that the secular welfare of God’s ancient people depended upon their virtue, their religion, their observance of that **holy covenant**,

which **Israel** entered into with **God**, on the plains at the foot of Nebo on the other side of Jordan. Here **Moses**, the man of God, assembled three million of people the number of the United States, recapitulated and gave them a second publication of the sacred jural institute, delivered thirty-eight years before, with the most awful solemnity at **Mount Sinai**. A Law dictated with sovereign authority by the **Most High** to a people, a world, a universe, becomes of invincible force and obligation without any reference to the consent of the governed: it is obligatory for three reasons, viz. its original justice and unerring equity, the omnipo-



Painting of Haym Salomon, financial hero of the American Revolution. Artist unknown. Photograph: © Christian Heritage Ministries.



1975 postage stamp depicting Haym Salomon, financial hero, who funded the American Revolution. Photograph: © Christian Heritage Ministries

tent Authority by which it is enforced, and the sanctions of rewards and punishments. But in the case of **Israel**, He condescended to a mutual covenant; and by the hand of **Moses** lead His people to avouch the Lord Jehovah to be their **God**, and in the most public and explicit manner voluntarily *to engage and covenant with God to keep and obey His Law*. Thereupon this great prophet, whom God had raised up for so solemn a transaction, declared in the name of the Lord, that the **Most High** avouched, acknowledged and chose them for a peculiar people to Himself; promising to be their God and Protector, and upon their obedience, to make them prosperous and happy. Deuteronomy 29: 10 and 14. Chapter 30: 9 and 19.

He foresaw indeed their rejection of God, and predicted the judicial chastisement of apostasy, a chastisement involving the righteous with the wicked. But as well to comfort and support the righteous in every age and under every calamity, as to make His power known among all nations, God determined that a remnant should be saved. Whence **Moses** and the **Prophets**, by **Divine direction** interspersed *their writings with promises, that, when the ends of God's moral government should be answered in a series of national punishments, inflicted for a succession of ages, He would by His irresistible power and sovereign grace, subdue the hearts of His people to a free, willing, joyful obedience; turn their captivity; - recover and gather them from all the nations whither the Lord had scattered them in His fierce anger - bring them into the land which their fathers possessed - and multiply them above their fathers - and rejoice over them for good, as He rejoiced over their fathers.* Deuteronomy 30: 3.

Then the words of **Moses**, hitherto accomplished, but in part, will be literally fulfilled; when this branch of the **posterity of Abraham shall be nationally collected, and become a very distinguished and glorious people, under the great Messiah, the Prince of Peace**. He will then *make them high above all nations which He hath made in praise, and in name, and in honor, and they shall become a holy people unto the Lord their God.*

I shall enlarge no further upon the primary sense and literal accomplishment of this and **numerous** other **prophecies** respecting both Jews and Gentiles, in the latter day glory of the church. For I have assumed the text, only as introductory to a discourse upon the political welfare of **God's American Israel**; and as *allusively prophetic of the future prosperity and splendour of the United States*. We may then consider:

1. What reason we have to expect that, by the **blessing of God**, *these States may prosper and flourish into a great American Republic; and ascend into high and distinguished honour among the nations of the earth. To make thee high above nations, which He hath made in praise, and in*

name, and in honour.

2. That *our system of dominion in Civil Polity would be imperfect, without the true Religion; or, that from the diffusion of virtue among the people of any community, would arise their greatest secular happiness; which will terminate in this conclusion, that holiness ought to be the end of all civil government. "That thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God."*



The First Great Seal of the United States – Moses, the Red Sea and the Deliverance of the Children of Israel from Pharaoh of Egypt

In addition to the name “**God's American Israel**” being ascribed to the newly-born nation, on July 4th, 1776, after the Declaration of Independence had been signed by 56 delegates from the 13 original States, Congress ordered three founding fathers, namely: **Thomas Jefferson, John Adams** and **Benjamin Franklin**, to design a device and motto for the Great Seal of the United States of America. This was done, the descriptive wording for their design on the Reverse of the Great Seal being:

Pharaoh sitting in an open chariot, a crown on his head and a sword in his hand passing through the divided waters of the Red Sea in pursuit of the Israelites: Rays from a pillar of fire in the cloud, expressive of the Divine Presence and Command, beaming upon the Israelites on the opposite shore, with Moses stretching out his hand over the waters, which overwhelm Pharaoh and his armies.” Inscribed in a circular pattern around the Great Seal is the founding fathers’ chosen Motto:

**REBELLION TO TYRANTS
IS OBEDIENCE TO GOD**

October 7th, 2023 – ISRAEL attacked!

On the 7th day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty three, 75 years after Israel's rebirth as a sovereign nation, the eyes of the whole world were riveted upon her as she suffered a savage and merciless attack by Islamic Terrorists ruling in Gaza, bent on destroying Zion and the Jewish people! What were the origins of this inhuman, demon-possessed slaughter?

November 1st, 1991 – George H.W. Bush, U.S. President, signs the “Madrid Peace Process”

It began with the “Madrid Peace Process” signed by George H.W. Bush, signaling the commencement of the eviction of the Jewish people from Gaza, the demolition of their cherished homes in 21 Israeli settlements in Gaza, and 4 Israeli settlements in the West Bank (Judaea and Samaria).

November 2nd, 1991 – Bush’s “Summer White House” in Kennebunkport, Maine, Demolished

Bush stepped off the airplane at Kennebunkport, Maine to view his “Summer White House” family retreat demolished by 30-foot waves. An eastbound hurricane a thousand miles off the Atlantic Coast, had made an about turn, uprooting and utterly destroying his cherished family home.

November 3rd, 1991 – Los Angeles Times Headlines: “Bush Surveys Storm-Ravaged Family Retreat”

The Los Angeles Times reported this event as follows:

“Kennebunkport, Maine.

In the ocean-front home where President Bush has spent 66 summers, even the bronze plaque that bore his ode to the Walker's Point had been swept out to sea. For Bush, the 88-year-old house that his grandfather built on the rocky Atlantic coast was always his “anchor to windward.” But the crushed windows and walls he saw Saturday as he surveyed the wreckage left behind by a nor'easter left no doubt that the ocean had triumphed. ‘Unfortunately, the sea won this round,’ a subdued Bush said as he stood surrounded by piles of rubble, the ground-floor rooms of his \$2.2-million home still ankle-deep with mud, rocks and debris of the sea. The 3-story Walker's Point compound was so badly battered by the 30-foot waves that walls were carried away and a guest house was blasted off its

foundation. Swept away by the sea were furniture, books, and what Bush said had been the memorabilia of a lifetime...Walker's Point is named for Bush's maternal grandfather, George Herbert Walker, who built the first structures on the property in 1903.”

April 14, 2004 – George W. Bush, U.S. President, continued his father's “Peace Process.”

In a letter written to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon dated April 14, 2004, Bush penned these lines:

“I remain committed to my June 24, 2002 vision of two states living side by side in peace and security as the key to peace, and to the road map as to the route to get there. We welcome the disengagement plan you have prepared under which Israel would withdraw certain military installations and all settlements from Gaza, and withdraw certain military installations and settlements in the West Bank.

These steps described in the plan will mark real progress toward realizing my June 24, 2002 vision and make a real contribution toward peace.”

Summer, 2005 – My Visit to Gaza

In the summer of 2005, as part of a Messianic Jewish Tour of Israel, we spent a delightful evening at the home of a Messianic Jewish family in Gaza, singing songs and hymns of praise around the piano, and enjoying a fellowship dinner. Their hearts were heavy and sorrowful, however, being forced (together with all other Jewish

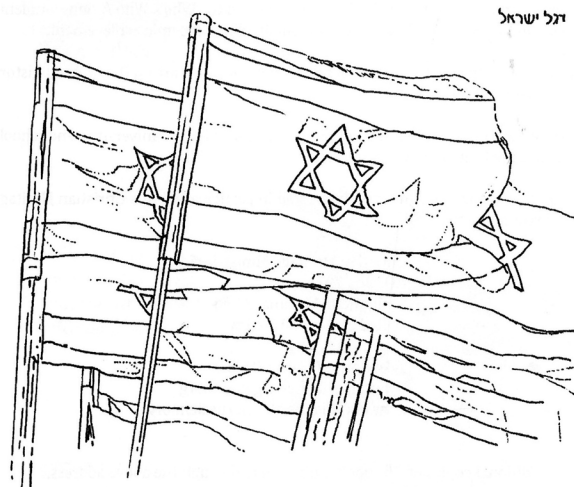
families) to leave their cherished homes, lands and settlements in Gaza within a few weeks. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promised to evacuate 21 Israeli settlements in Gaza and 4 in the West Bank.

September 12th, 2005 – Eviction of Jewish Settlers from Gaza

The eviction of all Jewish residents, demolition of the residential buildings and evacuation of associated security personnel from the Gaza Strip was completed by September 12th, 2005.

September 22nd, 2005 – Eviction of Jewish Settlers from West Bank

The eviction and dismantlement of the 4 Jewish settle-



The Flag of Israel – the “Star of David” is its emblem. Illustrator: Maxwell Edgar.

ments in the northern West Bank was completed 10 days later, on September 22nd, 2005.

January 4th, 2006 – Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffers Stroke

Tragically, on January 4th, 2006, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a stroke, remaining in a long-term care facility in a coma from 2006-2014 until his death ten years later, on January 11th, 2014.

Interestingly, the **Brookings Institute** in Washington, D.C. published an article entitled, “The Day that Bush took Gaza.”

Also of interest, is that former U.S. Senator Prescott Bush, his son, President George H.W. Bush, and his grandson, President George W. Bush – all members of Yale University’s “Skull and Bones” secret society, alternatively called “The Brotherhood of Death.” It is the American Illuminati, brought from Europe in 1832 by two Yale students, its new members being initiated in an open coffin at a tomb on the grounds of Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

January 25th, 2006 –Palestinian Legislative Elections won by “ Hamas” Islamist Terrorist Group

After the Terrorist Group, “Hamas” won the Palestinian legislative elections on January 25th, 2006, Ismail Haniyeh was nominated Prime Minister, establishing a Palestinian National Unity Government with Fatah. The result was an Election victory for Hamas, contending under the name “Change and Reform” which received 44.45% of the vote and won 74 of the 132 seats, whilst the ruling Fatah received 41.43% of the vote and won 45 seats.

July 12th, 2006 – The “Hezbollah” Attack on Israel – July 12th to August 14th, 2006

While studying Hebrew as a Modern Language at **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, and completing research on my book, *ISRAEL – Covenant Land*, I lived through 2,800+ missiles launched into Israel by the Hezbollah Islamic Terrorist Group in Lebanon. Following are but a few examples of the savagery committed against Zion: A young Argentinian immigrant to Israel was killed when a missile landed in her Haifa living room. Two little Israeli-Arab brothers, aged 2 and 4, playing in a street in Nazareth were killed by a missile. A mother in Beer Sheva rushed her 6-year-old son out of the house to avoid a missile strike. However, the child sustained shrapnel injuries in his head, being in critical condition at hospital. Kindergartens and schools were evacuated just in time, subsequently showing devastation by Hezbollah and Hamas missile attacks on helpless children. Israeli television screens showed the latter using children as human shields. The international media, however, did not air these devastating scenes which proved irrefutably Israel’s inno-

cence.

June, 2007 – Hamas Fighters take Control of Gaza Strip

In June, 2007, Hamas fighters removed all Fatah officials, taking control of the Gaza Strip.

March 27th, 2011 – “The Iron Dome” is Initiated and Deployed

On March 27th, 2011, “The Iron Dome” was formally declared operational and activated near Beer Sheva in southern Israel.

July, 2014 – Hamas Attacks Israel with 3,000+ Missiles

During the release of my book, *Book of Prophecies of Christopher Columbus, Messianic Jew, English/Hebrew* in July, 2014, I lived through another 3,000+ missiles launched into Israel by Hamas – all of which were intercepted in mid-air by the **Iron Dome**, that is, all but one, aimed at the tallest building in Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean. According to Israeli news, major panic ensued, as the lives of hundreds of people were at stake. However, news reached the controls that “a mysterious East wind” from nowhere had pushed the missile into the Mediterranean Sea – a first class miracle!

January 1, 2019 – The United States and Israel quit UNESCO

A PBS news release from Paris dated January 1, 2019 entitled, “U.S. and Israel officially withdraw from UNESCO” reported that,

The United States and Israel officially quit the United Nation’s Educational, Scientific and Cultural Agency at the stroke of midnight, the culmination of a process triggered more than a year ago amid concerns that the organization fosters anti-Israel bias. The Administration filed its notice to withdraw in October, 2017, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu followed suit. The Paris-based organization has been denounced by critics as a crucible for anti-Israel bias: blasted for criticizing Israel’s occupation of East Jerusalem, naming ancient Jewish sites as Palestinian heritage sites and granting full membership to Palestine in 2011.

Of note is the public statement made by former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations that “the last straw” prior to withdrawal, was UNESCO’S designation of **Hebron** in Israel, as a Palestinian “World Heritage Site.” Ancient **Hebron** is the Jewish historic burial site of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca and Jacob, which Abraham bought for 400 shekels of silver in the land of Canaan.* It is therefore a decidedly “Jewish Heritage Site.”

*Genesis, chapter 23.

October 22, 2023 – The Israeli News Reports “Hezbollah” has 150,000 Missiles

On October 22, 2023, Israeli News reported that “Hezbollah has 150,000 missiles aimed at Israel.” “We are now at the point where Hezbollah has far more rockets and missiles than most governments in the world.”

October 24, 2023 – The International Media Reports Hamas has fired 7,000 Missiles into Israel

On October 24, 2023, the international media reported: “In just two weeks, Hamas has fired 7,000 missiles into Israel. This is more than any of the previous 4 wars initiated by Hamas against Israel since 2007.”

How did Hamas’ Terrorist Wars on Israel begin?

It all began with the November 1, 1991 “Madrid Peace Process” – partitioning *The Promised Land*, which has resulted in barbaric atrocities committed against Israel, and the loss of thousands of innocent lives.

November 2, 2023 – Letter from Jerusalem

On November 2nd, 2023, I received this moving letter from my Professor of Hebrew, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

“Dear Catherine,

In times like this it is very nice to hear from you and to know that we have a devoted friend in the world who understands us and prays for us. The situation in Israel is not easy and there are no words that can describe the atrocity committed by Hamas and extreme Muslims. Our soldiers sacrifice their lives for us, and we mourn every one of them who is killed in the battle.

They know that if they will not do it, more babies, children, women and innocent people will perish by these barbarous terrorists. So yes, we need every prayer. We thank you and everyone who prays endlessly for us. I do appreciate very much the fact that you wrote to console me.

I hug you and pray for your health. I will always remember you as my noble student, very talented and nice. Also, I admire you for learning Hebrew from far and with so much passion for the Bible and the old language. It proves how much you were and still are a very good student. I pray for peace and wisdom for all people and pray for the peace of Israel and the world.

Thank you so much with all my heart, D.R.”

This Professor is not only brilliant, but insightful, compassionate, encouraging, and an excellent teacher of Hebrew – God’s own language. She is my beloved Jewish friend.

November 14, 2023 – Rally for Israel in U.S. Capital

Three hundred thousand supporters of Israel, from across America and the world, rallied on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to show solidarity with Israel. This was a momentous event!

Notable Jews who contributed to America’s History

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506) the Discoverer of the New World, was a **Messianic Jew**. On his first voyage in 1492, there were at least five Hebrews including **Luis de Torres**, a Messianic Jew and interpreter who spoke Hebrew, Aramaic, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Latin and some Arabic; the doctor and the surgeon of the fleet, besides two sailors. **Luis de Santangel**, the Treasurer of Spain, was also a **Messianic Jew** who interceded for Columbus with Queen Isabella. Santangel’s account books, still preserved at Seville, prove that he helped Columbus fund his voyage, in the Discoverer’s own words – “that the gospel must be preached to so many lands in such a short time, this is what convinces me.” Columbus’ youngest son, Ferdinand Colon, testifies to his father’s Messianic-Jewish identity in the preface to his book relating Columbus’ heroism: “...how basely they were all violated, and he, after such unparalleled services, most inhumanly treated; how far he settled the affairs of the island Hispaniola,

what care he took that the Indians should not be oppressed, but rather by good usage and example, prevailed upon to embrace the Christian faith;...I believe he was particularly chosen by Almighty God for so great an affair as that he performed...**whose progenitors being of the blood royal of Jerusalem**, yet it pleased Him that his parents should not be much known. Therefore, as God gave him all the personal qualities for such an undertaking, so He would have his country and origins more hidden and obscure... His proper name being Christopher, it might be known **he was a member of Christ**, by whom salvation was to be conveyed to those people...so the Admiral Christopher Colon, imploring the assistance of Christ in that dangerous passage, went over safe himself and his company, that those Indian nations might become citizens and inhabitants of the church triumphant in heaven; for it is believed that many souls which the devil had expected to made a



*Christopher Columbus – Discovery.
Painting by Constantino Brumidi, 1859.
The President’s Room, United States
Capitol. Photograph: © Christian
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pray of...were by him made inhabitants and dwellers in the eternal glory of heaven.”

Uriah P. Levy (1792-1862), an American Jew, saved Thomas Jefferson’s “Monticello” from destruction by purchasing the estate from Thomas Jefferson Randolph, Jefferson’s eldest grandson, 20 years after the death of this great founding father.

Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), the frail, young Jewish poetess from New York, wrote the famous poem, *The New Colossus* inscribed upon the base of the statue of “Liberty Enlightening the World” by Auguste Bartholdi. Her moving lines conclude, “...send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door.” Emma, whose family had been among America’s first Jewish immigrants, began writing and translating poetry as a teenager.

Oscar S. Straus (1850-1926) was the **first American-Jewish Secretary**, serving as Secretary of Commerce and Labor under President Theodore Roosevelt. His first distinguished post came when he was appointed American Ambassador to Turkey in the late 1880’s by President Grover Cleveland. He was re-appointed to the same position by President William McKinley in 1898, and by President William Howard Taft in 1909. He was a friend to Christians in Turkey, and facilitated the settlement of Jewish refugees after World War I. His memorial statue in Washington, D.C. was inaugurated by President Harry Truman.



The Oscar S. Straus Memorial Fountain, “Justice’ – the Ten Commandments,” Washington, District of Columbia. Sculptor: Adolph A. Weinman.

Luis Brandeis (1856-1941) was the first American-Jewish **U.S. Supreme Court Justice**, who excelled in his service to the nation. He gained the reputation of being a formidable defender and advocate for everyday Americans. Wisdom shines forth in these statements: “Behind every argument is somebody’s ignorance. Rediscover the foundation of truth and the purpose and causes of dispute immediately disappear.” And, “Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done.” He was also prominent in **the Zionist**

Movement.

Irving Berlin (1888-1989) was an American Jewish composer, lyricist and song writer who received the **Presidential Medal of Freedom** from President Gerald R. Ford in 1977. His best known compositions are, “White Christmas” and “God Bless America.” The latter Prayer greatly encouraged and uplifted Americans during WWII:

God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to the land that’s free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a **solemn Prayer**:
God bless America, land that I love,
Stand behind her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

George Gershwin (1898-1937), American Jewish composer and pianist, made an indelible mark upon America, and the world, with his unique musical talent and compositions, spanning popular and classical genres.

Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990), American Jewish conductor and composer, was at times “Carried Away” (the title of one of his songs), as Psalm 35:10 declares, “All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto Thee?...” while composing his works. Bernstein’s first surviving completed piece was a setting of Psalm 148, which he recalled having been written between 1932 and 1935. “Jeremiah” was his 1942 symphony written in response to early reports of Nazi Germany’s massacre of Jews.

Isaac Stern (1920-2001), the Russian-born American Jewish violinist, is considered to be one of the greatest musicians of all time. He has been hailed as “one of the supreme violinists of this century” and the “first American violin virtuoso.” At age 8 he was taken out of school to study exclusively the violin. Stern explained that he could not “play to audiences in Germany, the country behind the Holocaust.” At age 39 he appealed to politicians, civic leaders and dozens of famous musicians to sign a petition in favor of saving **Carnegie Hall** from demolition in 1960 – thus saving this famous American landmark.

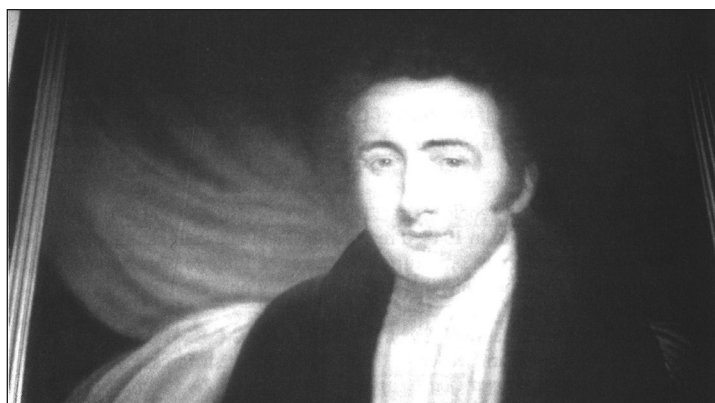
Leonard Slatkin (b. 1944), is an American Jewish conductor and author. He was born to a musical family that immigrated from Russia to Los Angeles. Slatkin was the Music Director of the **National Symphony Orchestra** at The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. from 1996-2008, and greatly praised for improving the overall quality of the orchestra.

And so many more...

Notable Messianic Jews who Impacted the World

Michael Solomon Alexander (1799-1845), former Rabbi, was a **Messianic Jewish missionary**, and the first Protestant Bishop of Jerusalem. Born in Prussia to strict orthodox Jews, he emigrated to England. One day, he was handed a flyer announcing a meeting of the London Jews' Society. He knew nothing at the time about Jesus and his teachings, except that most Jews of his day looked upon "Christianity," which they considered "Gentile idolatry," with dread and hatred, due to the Vatican Inquisitions, and believed that "Jesus had deserted the Jewish faith and become its adversary." He decided to attend the meeting, where he was given a New Testament, which he discreetly scrutinized, learning that Jesus and His teachings were distinctly different from his childhood indoctrination. After critically examining the views of his Jewish mentors, he questioned whether the Rabbis were in error, or whether they had a motive in hiding the truth about Jesus. After accepting the position as Rabbi in Norwich, he secretly attended a Christian church, listening to the songs and hymns of praise, while continuing to search the Scriptures, which led to his certainty that Jesus was the Messiah. His wife had also been secretly convicted of this truth, both of them becoming Messianic believers. After joining the London Jews' Society, Alexander served as missionary to Poland, and subsequently to London from 1830-1841.

He also held the position of **Professor of Hebrew and Rabbinical Literature** at **King's College**, London from 1832-1841. Alexander was a loyal, staunch protector and defender of the Jewish people, often preaching the truth of Jesus' Messiahship to them. Due to Prussian King Frederic William IV's wish for a Protestant Christian Bishop in the Holy Land, and his appeal to the British Parliament to implement this desire, a bill was passed for a Protestant Bishop to Jerusalem. The English clergyman chosen, however, deferred the position to "a descendant of Abraham." It was thus that former Rabbi, **Michael Solomon Alexander** was consecrated the **first Protestant Christian Bishop to Jerusalem** at Lambeth Palace on November 7, 1841. The sermon preached was from Isaiah



Portrait of Michael Solomon Alexander, first Protestant Bishop and former Jewish Rabbi.

52: 7: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace: that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that sayeth unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

Alexander's teaching on the Messiahship of Jesus from Scripture convicted three Rabbis in Jerusalem, causing much persecution. A **Hebrew Christian Institute**, however, was begun in 1844, followed by the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures in Hebrew, Arabic, Greek, Italian, French, German, and Spanish – resulting in Rabbis' threats to excommunicate Jews entering the Institute. A hospital was subsequently opened for poor Jews in need of medical care, later to be frequented by all Jews in search of healing – thereby eliminating the hostility. This great Hebrew Christian anticipated with enthusiasm the first Protestant "Church to the Hebrews" in Jerusalem, now called, "Christ Church," near the Citadel of David, inaugurated 1849. His reliance upon the Holy Spirit left an indelible foundation in Jerusalem at his death on November 26, 1845.

Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881), was an outstanding **Messianic Jew**, diplomat, statesman, British Prime Minister and author. He was a faithful defender of the Jewish people. In 1852, and again from 1858-1859, Disraeli headed the British House of Commons and in 1866 he was Chancellor of the Exchequer. In 1876 he gained the title of the Earl of Beaconsfield. As Prime Minister, Disraeli championed the cause of his Jewish contemporaries, but never considered that being a Messianic Jew was either anti-Jewish or un-Jewish, affirming Christianity as the fulfillment of Judaism:

In all church discussions we are apt to forget the second Testament is avowedly only a supplement. Jesus came to complete the "law and the prophets." **Christianity is completed Judaism**, or it is nothing. Christianity is incomprehensible without Judaism, as Judaism is incomplete without Christianity. The Law was not thundered forth from the Capitolian mount; the Divine Atonement was not fulfilled upon Mons Sacer. No; the order of our priesthood comes directly from the God of Israel; and the forms and ceremonies of the church are the regulations of His supreme intelligence. Rome indeed boasts that the authenticity of the second Testament depends upon the recognition of her infallibility. The authenticity of the second Testament depends upon its congruity with the first... When Omnipotence deigned to be incarnate, the Infallible Word did not select a Roman, but a Jewish frame. The prophets were not Romans but Jews; she who was blessed above all women, I never heard she was a Roman maiden. No. I should look to a land more distant than Italy, to a city more sacred than Rome. The first preachers of the gospel

were Jews, and none else; the historians of the gospel were Jews and none else. No one has ever been permitted to write under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit except a Jew. **For nearly a century no one believed in the good tidings except Jews.** They nursed the sacred flame of which they were the consecrated and hereditary depositories. And when the time was ripe to diffuse the truth among the nations, it was not a senator of Rome or a philosopher of Athens who was personally appointed by our Lord for that office, but a Jew of Tarsus. And that greater church, great even amidst its terrible corruptions, that has avenged the victory of Titus, and has changed every one of the Olympian temples into altars of the God of Sinai and of Calvary, was founded by another Jew, a Jew of Galilee.

In his book, *The Life of Lord Bentinck*, Disraeli states,

The pupil of Moses may ask himself, whether all the princes of the house of David have done so much for the Jews as that **Prince who was crucified on Calvary.** Had it not been for Him, the Jews would have been comparatively unknown, or only as a high Oriental caste which had lost its country. Has not He made their history the most famous in the world? Has not He hung up their laws in every temple? Has He not vindicated all their wrongs? Has He not avenged the victory of Titus and con-

quered the Caesars? What successes did they anticipate from their Messiah? The wildest dreams of their Rabbis have been far exceeded. Christians may continue to persecute Jews (and by doing mis-represent their Master) and Jews may persist in disbelieving Christians, but who can deny that **Jesus of Nazareth, the Incarnate Son of God, is the eternal glory of the Jewish race?**

Benjamin Disraeli loved his Jewish kindred, desiring that “they will accept the whole of their religion instead of only the half of it, as they gradually grow more familiar with the true history and character of the New Testament.”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), a Hebrew Christian, is one of the world’s most famous classical composer-pianist-conductors. Mendelssohn was said to have a genius for orchestration, his compositions likened to “angelic voices in remote skies.” While studying music, he greatly admired Handel and Bach. His immortal works include, *Midsummer Night’s Dream Suite; Elijah; St. Paul; Piano Concerto in G Major; Fingal’s Cave Overture* and many other operas, symphonies, cantatas, concert-overtures, concertos, chamber music, vocal and piano music.

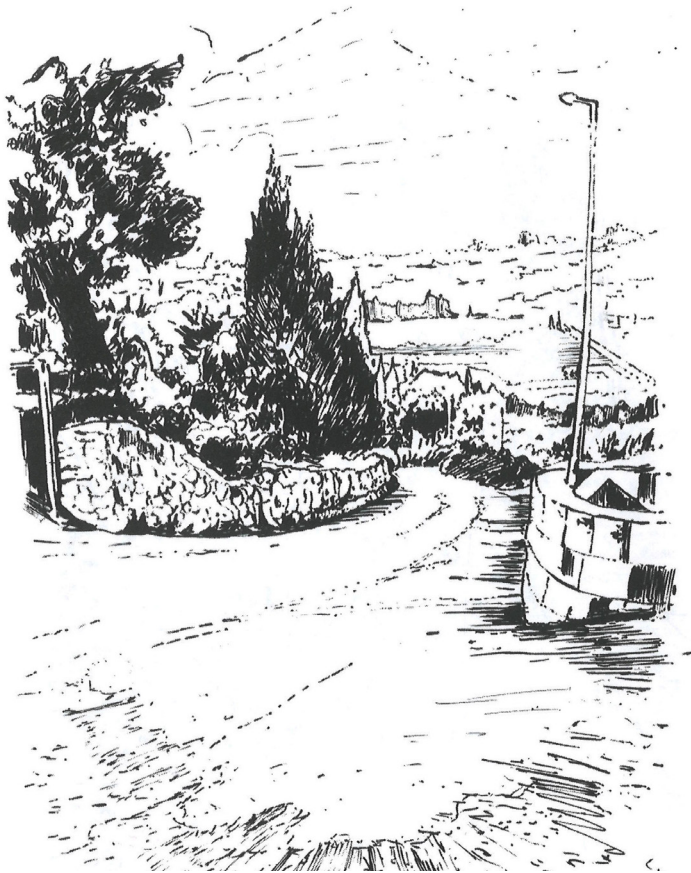
The *Dictionary of Music and Musicians* states that,

Few instances can be found in history of a man so amply gifted with every good quality of mind and heart; endowed with every circumstance that would make him happy; and so thoroughly fulfilling his mission. Never perhaps could any man be found in whose life there were so few things to conceal or regret.

And again, *The Encyclopedia Britannica* gives this glowing account of Mendelssohn:

His earnestness as a Christian needs no stronger testimony than that afforded by his own delineation of the character of St. Paul; but it is not too much to say that his heart and life were as pure as that of a little child.

Alfred Edersheim (1825-1889), was a Messianic Jewish author, theologian and scholar. Born in Vienna, Austria, he excelled in knowledge and the art of oratory, gaining the esteem of the entire Jewish community, particularly youth. Edersheim won acclaim from **Adolph Cremieux**, (who headed the French Bar, and became French Minister of Justice) after giving a speech for the Jewish youth of Vienna. Cremieux was a fierce defender of the Jews as founder of the **Alliance Israelite Universelle**, achieving praise for his role in ameliorating the condition of Jews during the Diaspora. While studying English under a Jewish medical student in Budapest, Edersheim was introduced to a Scottish missionary to the Jews, Reverend Wingate, whose life and teachings so impressed him that he wrote,



“Palm Sunday Road” leading into Jerusalem, “The Holy City.”
Zachariah 9:9 Illustrator: Maxwell Edgar.

The purity and holiness of these men attracted me; their earnestness and the firmness of their convictions drove me to investigate their faith, which made them much better than myself or any people I ever knew...From Wingate I received the New Testament. I shall never forget that first impression Jesus' Sermon on the Mount made on me, nor the surprise and the profound feeling I experienced while reading the New Testament. The 'Christianity' which I knew as such hitherto was not Christianity. What I did not know was the teaching of Jesus which opened to me such unfathomable depths.

Edersheim's quest for truth led him to the Messiahship of Jesus, whom he embraced as his Redeemer. His erudition produced, *Jewish Social Life in the Days of Christ* in 1875 after becoming curate of the Priory Church in Christchurch, Hampshire. Throughout Europe, he gained the reputation of being an exceptional scholar, receiving an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of Giessen, Germany; a Master of Arts degree from Oxford University and an appointment as Grinfield Lecturer on the Septuagint at Oxford. Edersheim's other outstanding writings include, *Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*; *Elisha the Prophet: His Life and Times*; *History of the Jewish Nation from the Destruction of Jerusalem to the Establishment of Christianity in the Roman Empire*; *Bible History*, and other works. He was furthermore well-versed in Hebrew, Latin, Greek, French, Italian and Hungarian. Edersheim's *Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* has been acclaimed a masterpiece. It took a brilliant Messianic Jew to write it.

And many more...

God's Covenant Promises to Israel

The word "covenant" appears 26 times in **Genesis**, the first Book of the Bible. God's solemn "covenant" is made with His servant and friend, **Abraham**. The latter represented His chosen people, through whom He would glorify Himself among the nations, and bless those who blessed **Israel**.

We find "covenant" occurring close to 300 times throughout the Holy Scriptures – the Bible. Hence, it must be concluded that Jehovah considers the word "covenant" of utmost solemnity and importance. What is the actual meaning of this oft-repeated word, however?

The Biblical word "covenant" means an indissoluble and unchangeable promise, from God's perspective. The charter is sealed and delivered and cannot be disannulled. What God has promised is as sure as if it were already done. His covenant promises to **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** (Israel) are purely based upon His unbroken and unchanging Word, as **He swears by Himself**, the immutable and

eternal, One True God of the universe. Consequently, God's **covenant** promises are not contingent upon any other person, entity or circumstances; nor are they dependent upon their righteousness, perfection or faithfulness. Should they break their side of God's covenant with them, such as **the children of Israel** did many times as Scripture relates, paying the consequences – God's covenant promises made with their fathers, **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** remained intact:

Earlier on in history, when **Jehovah** commissioned **Moses** to deliver **the children of Israel** from their taskmaster, Pharaoh, king of Egypt; Moses enquired of Him: "Who shall I say sent me?" God's response was simply, 'I AM THAT I AM' hath sent you, sayeth the Lord of Hosts:

And God said to Moses, 'I AM THAT I AM' (in Hebrew: I SAVE IN THE MANNER IN WHICH I SAVE). And He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord God of your fathers, **the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob**, hath sent me unto you: this is my Name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. (Exodus 3: 14-15).

Historically, we find that God is consistently faithful in executing His covenant promises, not the least of which is the fulfillment of a vast majority of His Biblical promises to **Israel** in our day. Following are but a few:

Prophetic Scriptures on the Walls of Independence Hall, Tel Aviv:

Upon entering the unique foyer of Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, site of the miraculous rebirth of **the State of Israel** on May 14, 1948, one is struck by a number of God's covenant promises to **the children of Israel**. They are boldly inscribed upon the foyer's upper, circular walls in both Hebrew and English:

The wilderness and the parched land shall be glad:
and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.
Isaiah 35:1

And again:

Behold, I will bring them forth from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth.
Jeremiah 31: 8

And yet again:

And I will turn the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them.
Amos 9: 14

These prophets of **Jehovah** lived and prophesied thousands of years ago. God used them as spokesmen, forth-telling the final fulfillment of His covenant promises, which He had made with their fathers, **Abraham, Isaac**

and **Jacob**. After scattering the children of Israel throughout the world, (due to their disobedience to His statutes and commandments) – God now has mercy on them because of His immutable and unchanging “**covenant**” which He made with their fathers. The **Everlasting God** of the universe swore by Himself – the “I AM THAT I AM.”

As God promised a second chance to our first parents, that is, a Saviour, Messiah (Genesis 3: 15) after they had transgressed His commands and statutes, thus losing their sovereign freedom, happiness and security in The Garden of Eden – so it was that this promise was also fulfilled. **Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah** was born in the year One, Anno Domini (translated from Latin, “Year of our Lord”), as prophesied by the prophet Micah (Micah 5:2). He lived, fulfilled His three-year ministry, died, was buried and rose again three days later; and is now at the right hand of God the Father, interceding for His own ransomed souls day and night, according to multiple, detailed Biblical prophecies. The Scriptures describe these ransomed souls (true believers) as “a royal priesthood,” “a people of God” having been “bought with the imperishable Blood of the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world”, that is, **Yeshua, the Messiah**, the Lion of Judah.



“The Lion of Judah,” – the Flag and symbol of Jerusalem. Illustrator: Maxwell Edgar. © Christian Heritage Ministries

God states numerous times in the Bible that He has chosen to place His Name and establish His kingdom in **Zion** (Psalm 132: 13-14; Psalm 125: 1-2), and “let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I prefer not **Jerusalem** above my chief joy” (Psalm 137: 6). And again, “Behold, I have graven thee (Zion) upon the palms of my hands, thy walls are continually before Me” (Isaiah 49: 16).

The 23rd of Kislev, in the Year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three

We are now witnessing battles intensifying and growing in magnitude against Zion prior to **the Second Coming of Jesus, the Messiah** – this time in great power and glory, accompanied by myriads of angels and heavenly hosts according to numerous prophetic Scriptures.

His prophesied and long-awaited return as the Prince of Peace will be to **Jerusalem**, capital of *The Promised Land* – the **State of Israel**.

“...he that toucheth Israel, toucheth the apple of God’s eye.” Zachariah 2:8.
