



The golden dome, a symbol of the occupier on the Temple Mount.

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Attacks intensify on Jerusalem

“No” to Jewish Conferences in Jerusalem

The Palestinian Authority charged that holding international meetings anywhere in Jerusalem is a “provocation” because most of the world does not recognize it as Israel’s capital. The PA’s office in Ramallah made the comment to the Independent Media Review Analysis (IMRA), which had asked it to clarify its objection to Jerusalem as a venue for last week’s World Jewish Congress convention.

The official Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Wafa news agency reported on September 5, its “deep concern because Israel opened the door to the World Jewish Congress to hold its 14th meeting in occupied Jerusalem [with] the participation of more than 200 representatives of Jewish groups in the world.”

The actual location of the convention was the David Citadel Hotel, which is within the limits of Jerusalem that were recognized by the United Nations after the 1949 armistice that officially ended the War of Independence. However, Wafa said that holding the convention there was “a blatant defiance of the resolutions of international legitimacy, which considers all Israeli actions in Jerusalem ‘invalid and illegal’, which emphasizes that Jerusalem is part and parcel of the occupied territory.”

It said that the World Jewish Congress convention at the hotel was “a provocation to the feelings of Arab and Islamic nations, and that such a move would confirm that Israel continues to take all necessary measures for control of Jerusalem as their eternal ‘capital’, and an affirmation of the Israeli refusal to reach a just peace that guarantees the Palestinian rights in Jerusalem as the capital of an independent Palestinian state. (Statements by Wafa.) (Article by Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu: *PA Objects to Conferences in Jerusalem*, Arutz Sheva, Sept. 6, 2010.)

War threats over Jerusalem

Speaking about Jerusalem on August 20, and with Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas in the audience, PA Minister of Religious Affairs Mahmoud Al-Habbash threatened that Jerusalem can ignite a thousand and one wars unless Jerusalem *returns* to the Palestinians. Below are excerpts from Mr. Al-Habbash’s speech in Arabic that was broadcast by the Palestinian Authority TV:

“Jerusalem is not just a city. Al-Aqsa is not just a mosque. Jerusalem is the key to peace, and Jerusalem can ignite a thousand and one wars. Unless the issue of Jerusalem is solved, so that it returns to its owners; unless Jerusalem will be Palestinian, as it was throughout history, the capital of the Palestinian state and the capital of the Palestinian people, the place which is the object of heartfelt longing and which all Muslims aspire to reach; unless Jerusalem is like that way, there is no peace.”

“There is no peace without Jerusalem. There is no stability without Jerusalem. If Jerusalem is dishonored, if Jerusalem is disgraced, if [Jerusalem] is lost, it may leave the door open to all possibilities of struggle, all possibilities of war. The term ‘war’ cannot be erased from the lexicon of this region as long as Jerusalem is occupied, as long as Jerusalem is disgraced, as long as the residents of Jerusalem are being targeted. It’s not possible; Jerusalem has to return to its owners. And we are its owners.” (Reported by Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik, *Palestinian Media Watch*.)

Again on September 5, the PA reiterated to its own people in Arabic that the ultimate goal in regards to Jerusalem is to wrest control of the entire city from Israel. The PA does not use the phrase “East Jerusalem” when referring to Palestinian rights to the city, but rather the entirety of Jerusalem. (Headline News, *Israel Today*, Sept.7, 2010.)

Coins of the realm

Ancient coins and Judaism's ties to Jerusalem



*Silver Shekel (Year 4 A.D.)
"Shekel Israel" (left), reverse
"Jerusalem Holy."*



*Silver "Judea Capta" coin
from 70 A.D. Emperor
Vespasian (left) conquered
Jerusalem with his son Titus.
Reverse "Judea conquered."*

The ancient Jewish coin has become a powerful weapon in the "war of words" being waged against radical Islamists seeking to break, or at least deny, **Israel's 3,000-year-old** bond with Jerusalem. Found in desert caves and drainage ditches, buried under mounds of rubble, recovered from the bottom of the sea or sealed in centuries-old clay jars, these tiny discs of gold, silver and bronze have unequivocally confirmed classical religious and historical texts.

Directing the insidious Arab propaganda campaign is the Muslim Wakf, the Islamic Religious Trust graciously allowed by Israel after the Six Day War to continue its custodianship of the Temple Mount complex. Since then, the **Wakf has betrayed the trust**, arrogantly dismissing all laws, agreements and the goodwill shown to it by Israel.

Employing disinformation and revisionism reminiscent to Nazi Germany's "Big Lie," the Wakf has seduced a gullible world into believing that perhaps the Jewish people really have no connection to Jerusalem. In addition, with the backing of the PA, the Wakf has systematically destroyed numerous ancient Jewish sites above and beneath the Temple Mount. As a result, thousands of antiquities from the **First and Second Temple eras** have been forever lost.

As scientists and educators, biblical archaeologists have always distanced themselves from political polemics. But they, too, have come to recognize their important role in combating the perfidious Muslim declarations. Indeed, nothing has counteracted that perfidy more than discoveries of biblical sites, centuries-old structures, pottery, coins, glass and scrolls. But it is the ancient Jewish coin in particular that has distinguished itself in the ongoing battle—more, perhaps, than all other archaeological finds.

Salvaging Jewish history

Even non-Jewish coinage has challenged madcap fabrications such as those uttered by Palestinian Authority's Chief Justice Sheik Taysir Tamimi, "No Jewish Temples ever existed, and references to Jerusalem in Jewish, Byzantine and Roman writings were all forgeries."

Although not openly declaring "archaeological war" on the Muslim Wakf, the State of Israel's Antiquities Authority (IAA) has been at the forefront, opposing the Muslim propaganda. Quietly, and professionally, the Authority has safeguarded Judaism's religious and historical past.

During the Wakf's illegal construction of a new 10,000 worshiper Al Marwani Mosque beneath the Temple Mount, over 13,000 tons of debris were removed and dumped into the Kidron Valley. Since then tens of thousands of volunteers—directed by a Bar-Ilan University's staff—have participated in the Temple Mount Sifting Project and uncovered more than 4,000 Judean, Greek, Roman and



Byzantine coins, and other artifacts. The Wakf's malicious attempts to destroy any Jewish link to Jerusalem have obviously backfired.

(Excerpts: Coins of the realm by D. Bernard Hoenig, The Jerusalem Post Christian Edition, August 2010.)



The Wakf has conducted illegal excavations under the ancient Temple platform, systematically destroying Jewish sites.

Drawing from the Hebrew well of wisdom

Life-giving nourishment

A well is dug deep into the earth. Water is one of the natural “riches” of the planet. Some wells spring forth and gush, others dried up long ago. They became stagnate. To experience an abundant supply of life-giving nourishment, Christians need a wellspring, a source or steady flow from which to draw spiritual truths.

The Jewish Scriptures, which make up our Bible, can give Christians a rich “well of wisdom.” For centuries the Church was taught that only the New Testament was worth reading and that the “Old” Testament was just history and nothing else. It was a well of spiritual richness closed up for centuries. I hope those of you reading this OnWatch are not “New Testament only Christians” but “Whole Bible Christians.” If it were not for the Old Testament (in Hebrew called “Torah” or “Tanach”), there would be no foundation for the New Testament.

If God is finished with the Old Testament, then we have no foundation under us and our house will crumble, too! God does not change, and His Word never changes. Both the First Testament and the *Newer* Testament are God’s Holy Word. The Old Testament can stand alone. The New Testament cannot. When we are open to express our gratitude and debt to what the Jewish people gave the world, it should give us the desire to thirst...for more of the *whole* Counsel of God, and to learn a little Hebrew, too.

Wells vary

Wells vary in depth and quality. Many of the forefathers of Christendom—and even spiritual leaders today—studied the Bible in a Greek context only and never discovered the true meaning of many Biblical words. Words are powerful, and you can never understand them fully without knowing the true meaning lying behind them. When digging wells, the digger often has to remove minerals, iron and manganese that pollute water.

Likewise, when studying the Bible, words can be misunderstood because of poor translation, which in turn produces a watered-down message. We must make sure our well is dug deep into Hebrew ground so that the spiritual truths found in the Bible are understood the way God intended.

If you never drank from the Hebrew wells of wisdom, it is like going to a classroom with sun glasses on. You cannot really understand what God is saying because you cannot see clearly, and you are not really grasping the meaning. Now is the time to hear what the Spirit is saying, so our source of spiritual nourishment must come from a dependable well.

Further Scriptures that may assist your study: 2 Chronicles 26:10; Deuteronomy 6:11; John 4:11; Genesis 29:2, 3; Genesis 24:13, 14; John 4:7; Jeremiah 14:3; Proverbs 10:11; Isaiah 12:3; Jeremiah 24:13; John 4:10.

Let’s go to the Throne Room

- **Pray** for those who have not found the richness of Hebrew and studying with a view to knowing the Hebrew meaning behind many words.
- **Intercede** for leaders in the Church to be open to learning from a Hebrew perspective in order to teach more effectively.
- **Beseech God** for an awakening in churches around the world to the Hebrew roots of the Bible.
- **Pray fervently** for a revival in our churches, for fresh water to be poured into the messages brought forth from pulpits.
- **Cry out** for repentance to come from our churches toward the Jewish people.

(Excerpts: OnWatch Jerusalem, Sharon Sanders, CFI Jerusalem)



A scroll of Hebrew Scriptures in a synagogue.

CFI-USA is now an ECFA Member

What does it say about the ministry?

We are pleased to inform you that in August 2010, CFI-USA was accredited membership with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). As an ECFA member, we are recognized to follow high standards of Christian ethics in fund-raising, financial accounting and reporting.

ECFA is an alliance of over 1,400 evangelical ministries in the U.S. that are committed to responsible stewardship, financial integrity and God-honoring practices; and are dedicated to demonstrate their commitment. The "ECFA Member" seal is our pledge that your gifts are used as you planned.



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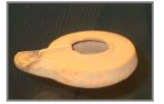
How do we monitor the use of designated funds in Israel?

As it is often in any business, personal contacts and co-operation with other organizations are the keys for good results. Our Board Members make a point to visit the final recipients of our support. Also, we include in each of our tours meetings with IDF soldiers, leaders of Jewish communities, Holocaust survivors, terror victims and others. It is a joy to witness how your gifts have helped to provide the needs each of these groups have. We appreciate you and sincerely thank you for your giving. Until Chanukah (December 2-9) we raise funds for the soldiers. Please remember that just \$25 buys a warm, Israeli-made fleece jacket for a young soldier.



A border policeman in problem-prone Hebron.

From Gamla to Masada



Israel Tour, May 25–June 5, 2011

We welcome you to travel the ancient paths from Israel's northern border to the Dead Sea (Salty Sea) in the south. Come to experience the Lord's life-changing ministry in locations where He ministered. Walk with us the crowded streets in the Old City as we learn how the Romans—after destroying several other Jewish cities along the way—besieged and conquered the Holy City, destroying its majestic (Second) Temple. Herod, who ruled over Jerusalem when Jesus was crucified, was buried in the Herodion and now his last resting place has been excavated.

Join us for our first visit to Israel's Supreme Court, the new Herzl Museum and to view the magnificent mosaics in the Good Samaritan Inn. Come to worship with the Succat Hallel Congregation in Jerusalem. When you travel with us, you travel with a family of true friends of Israel.

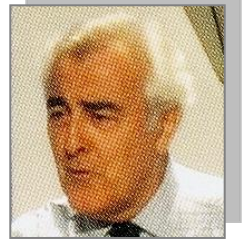
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Herod's Dead Sea fortress, Masada, fell in 73 A.D.

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