

# *Good News for Israel*

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*“I believe the people of Israel are the chosen people of God...”* Jerry Falwell

## **Harry S Truman,**



## **Instrument of Israel's Birth**

## **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948**



# My Two Shekels

Dear Friends,

We've had two devastating tragedies hit America recently: the demon possessed college student who massacred 32 students and teachers, wounding another 20.

And the total destruction of an entire town, Greensburg, Kansas, a town of approximately 1600...virtually blown off the map; almost a thousand buildings destroyed.

It reminds me of the words of the Lord regarding supposed random judgment in Luke 13.1-5: There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think they were worse sinners than all



other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." NKJ

I believe God allows and causes these events for our repentance and salvation.

It is terrifying to think what will be coming upon this earth in the not too distant future. We are living on borrowed time.

I hope your church is preparing its flock for these overwhelming events which only, by the grace of God could we cope. These events are an opportunity to discuss the purposes of God for our lives.

Also, two significant birthdays went unnoticed in most of Christendom: the 59<sup>th</sup> birthday of the rebirth of Israel in 1948 and the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of a reunited Jerusalem in 1967.

Remember what the Lord said in Matthew 23:39: "For I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD!'"

The Lord was making it clear to the Jews in Jerusalem what was expected of them for His return. May this also be said of us.

*Shalom,  
Chris Heeb*

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We strongly believe in the Scriptural mandate of Romans 1:16, spoken by the apostle Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to the Jew first, then the Gentile (everyone else)." That's why, "Good News for Israel means good news for everyone!"

We also believe in the heart of Ruth 1:16, which says, "Your people shall be my people and your God my God." Your people refers to Jesus' physical family of Israel, the Jews and your God refers to the Father God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jesus. Ruth 1:16 and Romans 1:16 are Scriptural bookends the Author of the Bible, Yeshua wants you to know!

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# Baseball's "Great Experiment"

By Chuck Colson, Excerpted from *Connection Magazine*, June, 1998

At New York's Shea Stadium last spring, baseball commissioner Bud Selig announced number 42 would be retired by the major leagues forever. It was a mark of honor for the man who wore that number, the man who broke baseball's color barrier in 1947: Jackie Robinson.

February was Black History Month and our kids heard a lot about Robinson's quiet dignity in the face of racial bigotry on the ballfield. But what many of them did not hear about is the source of Robinson's ability to turn the other cheek: his faith in Jesus Christ.

Robinson was born in 1919 into a culture steeped in racism. And from early childhood it drove Robinson mad. Historian Jackson Lears, writing in *The New Republic* says Robinson had "a reputation as a mad brawler, always ready to smash in the teeth of any white man who insulted him." Later, at UCLA, he gained a reputation as a thug.

It was also at UCLA Robinson began to encounter the forces which would free him from some of his rage. One was a young nursing student named Rachel Isum, whom he later married. The other was a black minister named Karl Downs, whose hard-hitting sermons taught Robinson Christianity was not a synonym for racial submission.

By 1945 Robinson developed a firm conviction God had an important purpose for him. That purpose became clear when Robinson was summoned to the office of Brooklyn Dodgers general manager Branch Rickey, who was determined to make history by putting the first black player on a major league team. But first Rickey made certain

Robinson understood what he would face: racial epithets, physical assaults, hotel clerks refusing him accommodations.

Rickey challenged Robinson, telling him he was "looking for a ballplayer with guts enough not to fight back," a phrase which has since become legendary.

What is less well known is Rickey also handed Robinson a copy of a book by Giovanni Papini, *The Life of Christ*. And he reminded Robinson of the words of Jesus: "Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

By quoting Scripture, Lears writes, Rickey "was hitting Robinson in the heart, invoking the Methodist Christianity they shared."

Robinson's struggle began as soon as he walked out on the field wearing a Dodgers' uniform. During his ten years with the Dodgers, he endured racist remarks, death threats and unfair calls by umpires. But Robinson's faith helped him keep his anger in check. Every night, he got on his knees and prayed for self-control.

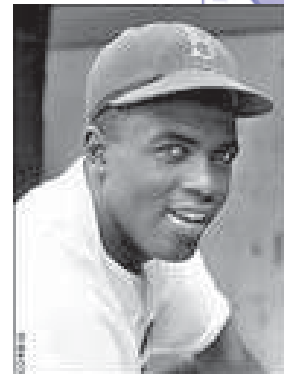
"Through all the frustrations," writes Lears, "his Christianity sustained him."

Robinson left baseball in 1956 and spent the rest of his life working in the civil-rights movement. Despite personal tragedies and setbacks, Robinson never lost his faith in Christ.

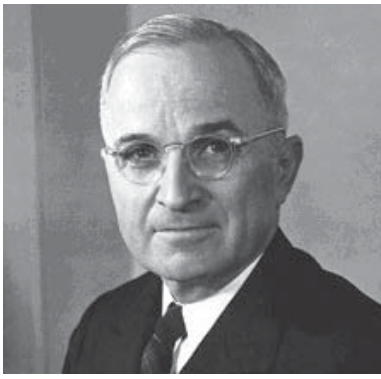
Next year during Black History Month, make sure your own children learn about Jackie Robinson. But beware: some biographies of Robinson written for children don't even mention his faith. Our kids deserve to know the

full story of the hero who broke baseball's color barrier.

The man, whose faith helped him overcome racial prejudice to make baseball history, became a great national legend.



*Editors Note: Jackie Robinson is almost a Biblical character. God used him to change the political and social climate of the most influential nation on earth. He should be a hero in the church to all. He was a great ambassador for the cause of Christ. Well done, number 42, brother Jackie.*



# Harry S Truman, instrument of Israel's birth,



excerpted from *The politics of Christian Zionism: 1891-1948*

by Paul Charles Merkley, London: Frank Cass, 1998

In his retirement Harry S Truman frequently insisted the most infuriating moments of his presidency were those when he had to fight off the persistence of the Zionists.

These people, he said, were the only people who ever stood in his presence and spoke to him as though their cause was the only cause in the world, as though their people were the only people who suffered, and as though that suffering gave them the right to speak to him as though the office of President of the United States meant nothing to them. No other visitors ever pounded on his desk!

Nevertheless, in retirement Truman looked back upon his role in bringing about the establishment of the state of Israel as among his proudest achievements. He would reckon among his fastest friends the individuals who had persuaded him to make the cause of Zion the cause of the government of the United States. Among his proudest memories would be those moments when he acceded to the request of the Zionist chieftains for support of Partition, for inclusion of the Negev, for recognition of the state of Israel, throwing his State and War Departments into consternation and significantly, he invariably hit upon these moments to illustrate the point the president must do what is right even if all the expert advice is running the other way, ***the buck stops here.***

When the former president took visitors on tour of the Truman Library, he liked to show them the

Torah scroll and its ark presented to him by the President of Israel. Then there was Truman Village, which he could not show off literally, but to which he could direct his friends when they visited Israel. This truly extraordinary gift was presented to President Truman at a dinner in Washington in May 1952, with these words from the Israeli Ambassador, Abba Eben:

"We do not have orders or decorations. Our material strength is small and greatly strained. We have no tradition of formality nor chivalry. One thing, however, is within the power of Israel to confer. It is the gift of immortality. Those whose names are bound up with Israel's history never become forgotten. We are, therefore, now writing the name of President Truman upon the map of our country. In a village of farmers near the airport of Lydda at the gateway to Israel, we establish a monument, not of dead stone but of living hope. Thus, when the eyes of men alight on Truman Village in Israel they will pause in their successive generations to recall the strong chain which, at the middle of the 20th century, drew the strongest and the smallest democracies together with imperishable lines."

Eban recalls, "As I left the rostrum I saw the tough-minded President burying his face in a handkerchief without any effort to restrain his emotion. The next day he sent me a letter asking me for a text of my address: 'You spoke so flatteringly about me that for a moment I had

the impression I was dead.'"

Moshe Davis left a record of a visit Harry Truman made a few months after the end of his presidency to the Jewish Theological Seminary together with Truman's friend, Eddie Jacobson. Jacobson introduced Harry Truman to the professors: "This is the man who helped create the State of Israel," but Truman corrected him: "What do you mean *helped to create?* I am Cyrus."

It seems the analogy to Cyrus had already been suggested to President Truman by the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Isaac Halevi Herzog, on the occasion of a visit to him in the White House early in 1949. The rabbi went on to assert: "God put you in your mother's womb so you would be the instrument to bring about Israel's rebirth after two thousand years."

We are told by a witness on hearing these words, Truman rose from his chair and, with great emotion, tears glistening in his eyes, he turned to the Chief Rabbi and asked him if his actions for the sake of the Jewish people were indeed to be interpreted thus and the hand of the Almighty was in the matter.

These words of Truman's, "I am Cyrus" were uttered neither casually nor ironically. We must take them with the fullest seriousness, and when we do, we will have the key to understanding Truman's proZionism.

Harry Truman frequently turned over the name 'Cyrus the Great'

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as he rehearsed the names of the 'Great Men of History,' a mental exercise which he performed regularly as a concert pianist performs scales. The American democratic process, he knew, had put him in the place where Cyrus redivivus was expected. His awareness of all this is what explains the consistency of his refusal to allow himself to be worn down by the emotional and sometimes brutal arguments of the Zionists, fully as much as it explains his serenity in the face of the arguments from anti-Zionist Jews, the pro-Arab blandishments coming from the State Department, the *realistic* military judgments coming from George Marshall and George Kennan, as well as the economic-geopolitical arguments of James Forrestal.

To doubt his fitness for this great role would have been the same as to doubt the fitness of the American political system which had put him in place. To set his own name at the end of that long catalog of Great Men (in which Cyrus always figured) was not an act of vanity, he believed, but a requirement of fidelity to his own self-confidence as a student of history.

*Editor's Note: President Bush should take some solice in that President Truman had similar approval ratings during his second term with the Korean war and is now seen as one of our better presidents.*



Truman, Chaim Weizmann, May 25, 1948, 11 days after the founding of Israel.

# Hamas employs 'Mickey Mouse'

## 'Islam will dominate the world,' 'Palestinian 'Mickey Mouse' says on children's TV show



By Yaakov Lappin, *YNET News*, Israel

A Mickey Mouse-like character is making regular appearances on Hamas's al-Aqsa TV to teach Palestinian children Islam will "dominate the world," the Palestinian Media Watch organization said in a press release.

"The squeaky-voiced 'Mickey Mouse' look-alike, named Farfur, is the star of a weekly children's program called 'Tomorrow's Pioneers' on the official Hamas TV station," Palestinian Media Watch said, adding the character takes "every opportunity to indoctrinate young viewers with teachings of Islamic supremacy, hatred of Israel and the US, and support of 'resistance', the Palestinian euphemism for terror."

"We are setting with you the cornerstone for world leadership under Islamic leadership. Isn't it so, Saraa'?" Farfur asked, turning to a young girl who co-hosts the children's program.

"Yes, our beloved children," she replied.

"You must be careful regarding your prayer and to go to the mosque for all five (daily) prayers, in the first rows, until we can lead the world," Farfur continued.

"We remind you we, the great ones, started this program to lead this world. The nucleus, with the will of Allah, will be from here, from Palestine. We will carry the concern of this (Islamic) nation that awaits us," added Saraa'.

The dialogue makes clear to children watching the program Israel's destruction is a clear goal of "Allah's program."

"From Palestine, oh Saraa', what do you mean? From Gaza, Jerusalem, Ramallah, or from all of Palestine?" Farfur asked. "Yes, from all of Palestine," she answered.

"Yes, we, tomorrow's pioneers, will restore to this nation its glory, and we will liberate Al-Aqsa, with Allah's will, and we will liberate Iraq, with Allah's will, and we will liberate the Muslim countries, invaded by murderers," Farfur declared.

"Yes, they are children occupied by the Jews, but with the will of Allah, we will resist and protect against the Zionist occupation," the girl replied.

Tuesday, May 08, 2007

### Hotels

**have started replacing the Bible with the book "An Inconvenient Truth"**

The Gaia Napa Valley Hotel and Spa in Napa Valley, and the Orchard Garden Hotel in San Francisco are attempting to become the first hotels in California to achieve the status of being certifiably "green". Both hotels have replaced their old "modern" amenities with waterless toilets, and solar lighting, and use only recycled paper. Perhaps the most interesting thing the Gaia Napa Valley Hotel and Spa has done is to replace the Bible with former Vice-President Al Gore's book, *An Inconvenient Truth*.



# Rabbi Reveals Name of the Messiah



Shortly before he died, one of Israel's most prominent rabbis wrote the name of the Messiah on a small note which he requested would remain sealed until now. When the note was opened, it revealed what many have known for centuries: Yehoshua or Yeshua (Jesus), is the Messiah.

from April 30th, 2007 IsraelToday.co

A few months before he died, one of the nation's most prominent rabbis, Yitzhak Kaduri, supposedly wrote the Name of the Messiah on a small note which he requested would remain sealed until now. When the note was unsealed, it revealed what many have known for centuries: Yehoshua, or Yeshua (Jesus), is the Messiah.

With the Biblical Name of Jesus, the Rabbi and kabbalist described the Messiah using six words, hinting the initial letters form the Name of the Messiah. The secret note said:

**Concerning the letter abbreviation of the Messiah's Name, He will lift the people and prove His word and law are valid. (This is I have signed in the month of mercy, Yitzhak Kaduri .)**

The Hebrew sentence (translated above in bold) with the hidden name of the Messiah reads: *Yarim Ha'Am Veyokhiakh Shedvaro Vektorato Omdim.*

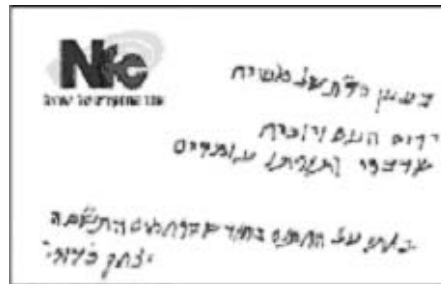
The initials spell the Hebrew Name of Jesus, Yehoshua. Yehoshua and Yeshua are evectively the same name, derived from the same Hebrew root of the word **salvation** as documented in Zechariah 6:11 and Ezra 3:2. The same priest writes in Ezra, *Yeshua son of Yozadak* while writing in Zechariah *Yehoshua son of Yohozadak*. The priest adds the holy abbreviation of God's Name, Ho, in the Father's Name Yozadak and in the Name Yeshua.

With one of Israel's most prominent rabbis indicating the Name of the Messiah is Yeshua, it is understandable why his last wish was to wait one year after his death before revealing what he wrote.

When the Name of Yehoshua appeared in Kaduri's message, ultra-Orthodox Jews from his Nahalat Yitzhak Yeshiva (seminary) in Jeru-

salem argued their master did not leave the exact solution for decoding the Messiah's Name.

The revelation received scant coverage in the Israeli media. Only the Hebrew websites News First Class (Nfc) and Kaduri.net mentioned the Messiah note, insisting it was authentic. The Hebrew daily *Ma'ariv* ran a story on the note but described it as a forgery.



Jewish readers responded on the websites' forums with mixed feelings: "So this means Rabbi Kaduri was a Christian?" and "The Christians are dancing and celebrating," were among the comments.

*Israel Today* spoke to two of Kaduri's followers in Jerusalem who admitted the note was authentic, but confusing for his followers as well. "We have no idea how the Rabbi got to this name of the Messiah," one of them said.

Yet others completely deny any possibility the note is authentic. Kaduri's son, Rabbi David Kaduri, said at the time the note was written (September 2005), his father's physical condition made it impossible for him to write.

## KADURI'S PORTRAYAL OF THE MESSIAH

A few months before Kaduri died at the age of 108, he surprised his followers when he told them he met the Messiah. Kaduri gave a message in his synagogue on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, teaching

how to recognize the Messiah. He also mentioned the Messiah would appear to Israel after Ariel Sharon's death. (The former prime minister is still in a coma after suffering a massive stroke more than a year ago.)

Other rabbis predict the same, including Rabbi Haim Cohen, kabbalist Nir Ben Artzi and the wife of Rabbi Haim Kneiveskzy.

Kaduri's grandson, Rabbi Yosef Kaduri, said his grandfather spoke



many times during his last days about the coming of the Messiah and redemption through the Messiah

His spiritual portrayals of the Messiah, reminiscent of New Testament accounts, were published on the websites Kaduri.net and Nfc:

"It is hard for many good people in society to understand the person of the Messiah. The leadership and order of a Messiah of flesh and blood is hard to accept for many. As leader, the Messiah will not hold any office, but will be among the people

and use the media to communicate. His reign will be pure and without personal or political desire. During His dominion, only righteousness and truth will reign.

"Will all believe in the Messiah right away? No, in the beginning some of us will believe in Him and some not. It will be easier for non-religious people to follow the Messiah than for Orthodox people.

"The revelation of the Messiah will

be fulfilled in two stages: First, He will actively confirm His position as Messiah without knowing Himself he is the Messiah. Then he will reveal Himself to some Jews, not necessarily to wise Torah scholars. It can be even simple people. Only then He will reveal Himself to the whole nation.

"The people will wonder and say: 'What, that's the Messiah?' Many have known His Name but have not believed He is the Messiah."

## FAREWELL TO A 'TSADIK'

Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri was known for his photographic memory and his memorization of the Bible, the Talmud, Rashi and other Jewish writings. He knew Jewish sages and celebrities of the last century and rabbis who lived in the Holy Land and kept the faith alive before the State of Israel was born.

Kaduri was not only highly esteemed because of his age of 108, he was charismatic and wise, and chief rabbis looked up to him as a *Tsadik*, a righteous man or saint. He would give advice and blessings to everyone who asked. Thousands visited him to ask for counsel or healing. His followers speak of many miracles and his students say he predicted many disasters.

When he died, more than 200,000 people joined the funeral procession on the streets of Jerusalem to pay their respects as he was taken to his final resting place.

"When He comes, the Messiah will rescue Jerusalem from foreign religions that want to rule the city," Kaduri once said. "They will not succeed for they will fight against one another."

## THE RABBI'S FOLLOWERS REACT

In an interview with *Israel Today*, Rabbi David Kaduri, the 80-year-old son of the late Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri, denied his father left a note with the Name Yeshua just before he died.

"It's not his writing," he said when we showed him a copy of the note.

During a nighttime meeting in the Nahalat Yitzhak Yeshiva in Jerusalem, books with the elder Kaduri's handwriting from 80 years ago were presented to us in an attempt

to prove the Messiah note was not authentic.

When we told Rabbi Kaduri his father's official website ([www.kaduri.net](http://www.kaduri.net)) had mentioned the Messiah note, he was shocked. "Oh no! That's blasphemy! The people could understand my father pointed to Him [the Messiah of the Christians]."

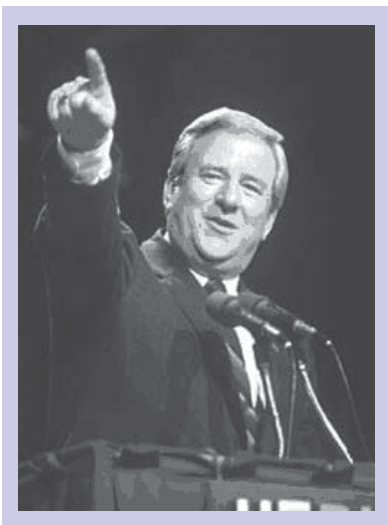
David Kaduri confirmed, however, in his last year, his father had talked and dreamed almost exclusively about the Messiah and His coming. "My father has met the Messiah in a vision," he said, "and told us He would come soon."

*Israel Today* was given access to many of the rabbi's manuscripts, written in his own hand for the exclusive use of his students. Most striking were the cross-like symbols painted by Kaduri all over the pages. In the Jewish tradition, one does not use crosses. In fact, even the use of a plus sign is discouraged because it might be mistaken for a cross.

But there they were, scribbled in the rabbi's own hand. When we asked what those symbols meant, Rabbi David Kaduri said they were "signs of the angel." Pressed further about the meaning of the "signs of the angel," he said he had no idea. Rabbi David Kaduri went on to explain only his father had had a spiritual relationship with God and had met the Messiah in his dreams.

Orthodox Jews around the Nahalat Yitzhak Yeshiva told *Israel Today* a few weeks later the story about the secret note of Rabbi Kaduri should never have come out, that it had damaged the name of the revered old sage.

*Editor's Note: We can hope and pray that the "cat" is permanently out of the Rabbi's bag.*



# On the Threshold of Armageddon?

By Rev. Jerry Falwell  
WorldNetDaily.com  
July 22, 2006

Speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich explained the crisis in the Middle East in stark terms few politicians are willing to contemplate. However, I believe his analysis is accurate.

He noted, "There is an Iran/Syria/Hezbollah/Hamas alliance trying to destroy Israel. This is absolutely a question of the survival of Israel, but it's also a question of what is really a world war."

A world war is something Americans have not had to face since Dec. 7, 1941. But I believe we are on the verge of a war without borders, one that could bring bouts of violence and bloodshed into our lives.

Remember, Iran's Ahmadinejad has not only threatened to destroy Israel, but has also threatened to nuke the United States.

One chief reason America is in the crosshairs is its relationship with Israel. Dick Morris stated on the Fox News Channel American evangelicals (or "the old Moral Majority," as he called us) are a better friend to Israel than many American Jews.

As an evangelical pastor, I'm proud of this legacy. The Bible compels Christians to "pray for the peace of Israel," and millions of Christians do this every day. We must never abandon our friend Israel, even though much of the world despises this nation and wants to obliterate it from the earth.

## History of Turmoil

The problems in the Middle East are of ancient origin. We must look back into the Old Testament to the birth of Ishmael, son of Abraham and Hagar, his maidservant (Genesis 16:15) to understand the deep-seated roots of this crisis. Later, Abraham's wife, Sarah, in her old age, bore Abraham another son, Isaac, according to God's prophetic Word.

History has shown Ishmael became the father of the Arabic people, while Isaac became the father of the Jewish people. Thus, the enmity which began between these two boys continues today.

As such, Jerusalem has been a frequent target throughout history. It was completely destroyed by the Roman general Titus in A.D. 70. Since that time, the fig tree of Israel stood alone, without fruit and almost without hope, until a miracle happened. Quite likely, the most important date of the past 20 centuries, since the resurrection of Christ, is May 14, 1948, when Israel officially became a nation again.

It is apparent, in light of the rebirth of the state of Israel, the present-day events in the Holy Land may well serve as a prelude or forerunner to the future Battle of Armageddon and the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

## The Christians and Jews

Frequently, those of us who are pro-Israel have been falsely accused of being anti-Arab. Let me state as strongly as I can, the God of the Bible is pro-people!

The wonderful Old Testament story of Ruth is a great example. She was from ancient Moab, which is now Jordan. By the marvelous grace of God, Ruth became the wife of Boaz, and the great-grandmother of King David himself.

What about Jonah? He is often thought of as history's first missionary. And where did God send him? To Nineveh, capital of the Assyrian Empire, which today includes a number of Arab nations.

There are three key reasons why Christians must support Israel:

1. For humanitarian reasons.
2. For political reasons. The state of Israel has the only true democratic system of government in the entire Middle East and has been America's most faithful supporter in the region.
3. For religious reasons. The founding of Israel as a nation in 1948 was ordained by God to provide a homeland for the Jewish people and to prepare for the future return of Jesus Christ. The Abrahamic Covenant demands it.

## The Role of Christians

So, what should Christians be doing during this time of global unrest?

First, we should continue to pray for Israel as Psalm 122:6 instructs: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

Second, we should purify our lives.

And third, we should proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and prepare hearts for His imminent return. "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh," Matthew 25:13.

With the world on the brink of pandemonium, it is our responsibility to point people, no matter their heritage, ethnicity or religion, to the One and only solution, Jesus Christ.

May we work while it is yet day, for the night approaches when no man can work, John 9:4.

**Rev. Jerry Falwell, nationally recognized Christian minister, television host, founder of Jerry Falwell Ministries and chancellor of Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.; 1934 - 2007.**

**Editor: Jerry Falwell was one of the most influential and controversial Christians of all time.**

**The political left and liberal media loved to hate him. For the most part, I felt he was quoting to them what the Apostle Paul said in his letters about the lifestyles leading to eternal separation from God.**

**He was a tireless champion for the cause of Christ. He fearlessly tackled issues the vast majority of Christian leaders wouldn't touch with a ten-foot pole.**

**He felt in the aftermath of the sexual and hedonist revolution of the sixties, America was on a collision course with the holiness and righteousness of God and God could not continue to endorse our moral decay without judging us.**

**He felt it was time for Christians to roll up their sleeves and get involved from the pulpit, from the pew with politics and the ballot box.**

**Falwell was the force and founder of the Moral Majority, a religious/political organization and he got behind Governor Reagan for the office of president. Falwell became the Christian conscience in politics and became known as the leader of the Religious Right. President Reagan credited him with helping steer the ship into more Biblical waters.**

**- Editor Chris Heeb**

## **Tributes pour in for Rev. Jerry Falwell 'a general of the faith'**

By Michael Ireland  
ASSIST News Service

### **LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA (ANS)**

-- Evangelist **Dr. Billy Graham** was among the first to comment and pay tribute to the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who died May 15 at aged 73.

"Jerry Falwell was a close personal friend for many years," Dr. Graham said. "We did not always agree on everything, but I knew him to be a man of God. His accomplishments went beyond most clergy of his generation. Some of my grandchildren

have attended and currently attend Liberty University. He leaves a gigantic vacuum in the evangelical world.

"I am praying for his family, and especially the university he headed."

Billy's son, the **Rev. Franklin Graham**, President and CEO, Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, said: "Jerry Falwell was my friend. I, like millions of people across the country, will miss him. Above all else, Jerry Falwell was a pastor who cared for other people. He has now gone to be with the Lord, Whom he spent a lifetime telling others about."

Franklin added: "My family has been directly and personally influenced by Jerry Falwell, as each of my four children has spent time at Liberty University, which he founded. He was a remarkable visionary, a leader of leaders, and is responsible for introducing countless people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

"My family and I are praying for his wife Macel, and his children Jerry, Jr., Jeannie, and Jonathan, that God would strengthen and comfort them during this time of personal loss."



From Coral Ridge Ministries, based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, **Brian E. Fisher**, Executive Vice President of Coral Ridge Ministries, the broadcast outreach of Dr. D. James Kennedy, released this statement today on the death of Dr. Jerry Falwell.

"On behalf of Dr. Kennedy and the Board of Coral Ridge Ministries, I want to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Jerry Falwell who died today at age 73.

"Our prayers are with his wife and children, as well as those mourning his death at the institutions he led, Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University.

"His death today has brought to a sudden close the life of one of the most influential Christian leaders of the twentieth century. For more than

50 years, Dr. Falwell has been an uncompromising ambassador for the Gospel in the community of Lynchburg, nationally via the broadcast airwaves, and in American public life. Best known for launching the Moral Majority in 1980, Dr. Falwell also built one of the nation's largest churches, the 24,000-member Thomas Road Baptist Church, and Liberty University, which has more than 20,000 students.

"Dr. Kennedy held Dr. Falwell in the highest regard for his Christian witness and moral leadership for the nation. Dr. Falwell was both a friend and co-laborer with Dr. Kennedy, who served on the initial board of directors of Moral Majority and spoke at Liberty University. Dr. Falwell addressed the Coral Ridge Ministries' Reclaiming America for Christ Conference in 2000.

"Infectiously good-humored, witty, energetic, and an unapologetic advocate for the return of Biblical morality to American life, Dr. Falwell was a true Christian statesman. He leaves an enduring legacy of leadership for the Gospel, Christian education, and Christian moral engagement in American public life.

"He fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept the faith. Now, for this man who relied on the merits of Jesus Christ alone for his hope of Heaven, that faith has become sight in the presence of God in Heaven.

"We shall miss this great man."



After becoming a born-again Christian in his sophomore year, Falwell transferred to Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, to prepare for the ministry. A little known fact: Around the same time, Falwell turned down an offer to play for the St. Louis Cardinals major-league baseball team.

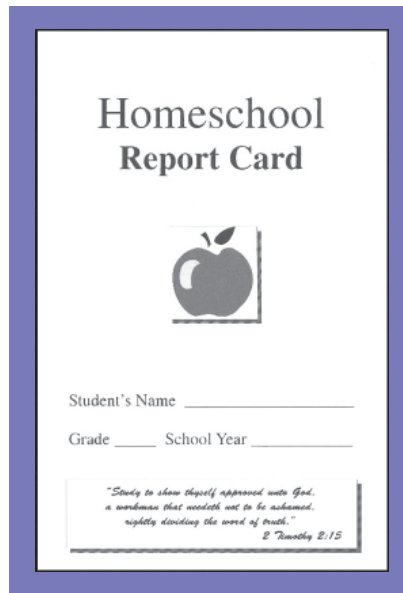
# SOME THOUGHTS FROM A HOMESCHOOLING MOM

If you are the mother, grandmother, sister, friend, father or brother of a homeschooling mom, here are some things you should know:

1. Educating children at home is a full-time job. Don't get irritated if she consistently allows the answering machine to do its job. If she were a teacher in an institutional classroom, you wouldn't think of calling her during school hours, so try to realize while still at home, she is keeping regular school hours, too.

2. Unlike homes in which the children are gone for eight straight hours, her home is in a constant state of activity. The children are not only home, they are home making messes all day long. Their mother doesn't have the opportunity to go into the children's bedrooms while they are at school to weed out the junk. And if she is like me, you might find odd homeschoolly things lying around like the month we had a dead turtle in the garage refrigerator.

3. Place realistic expectations on her; she cannot simultaneously teach school, make three square meals, keep a house that looks like it has sprung out of the pages of *Architectural Digest*, have her nails done, drive children to extracurricular activities, and have all the clothing laundered and pressed. Something's gotta give, and in my experience, it is usually her personal care. So don't expect her to don the latest styles, have her roots meticulously dyed at just the right moment, and her nails filed and polished to perfection. And while most of us aren't slovenly, we just tend to put some superfluous aspects of personal care at the bottom of the to-do list.



4. For many of us, homeschooling isn't an option. Many believe it is not only the best way for their family, it is the only way. Many see homeschooling as a Scriptural directive. When sharing a particular struggle unique to homeschooling, comments like, "Well, why don't you consider putting them in school? Maybe homeschooling just isn't your thing" aren't helpful. Instead, offer a listening ear and your fervent prayers on her behalf.

5. If you are truly concerned about the state of her emotions, home, children or marriage, offer practical help to ease her burden. Personal time is at a premium for her, so consider offering to take her kids for the day so she can recuperate. If you like to do laundry, offer to come over and get the loads going, fold, and/or iron. If you like to cook, consider putting together some meals she can store in the freezer for days when time is at a premium. If she teaches a broad spectrum of ages and grades, consider offering to come in once a week or more to

teach preschool to the little ones. One grandma I know created "Nana U" for her preschool grandson (number five of seven) and not only did it ease her homeschooling daughter's burden, it created a special bond between grandma and grandson. But there's a caveat: ASK her what would be most helpful. Don't presume to know what would be best. Taking the oldest children for the day might be fun for you, but it may not be helpful to her. The living room might need to be vacuumed, but it's not helpful if she's trying to take a nap. If it's not wanted, it's not helpful.

6. Think about what a financial burden homeschooling may be placing on the family. The loss of her income can be a real struggle and you might be able to buoy her for another year by offering to purchase little things like simple school supplies. Gifts for the children like books on subjects of interest to the child, field trip fees, museum memberships, and the money to pay for music lessons or other extracurricular activities are the best thing you could give a homeschooling family. Not only does a homeschooling mom not need one more thing to manage or pick up, she would be thrilled to see you take an interest in the many academic items on her wish list.

7. Simple questions like, "How can I pray for you?" and "Is there any way I can help you?" are like a cool breeze in her life. Don't assume you know her needs, ask. You could be the vessel God uses to carry her on through this demanding, but rewarding season of her life.

# Prominent Evangelical Backs out of Israel Event Over Proselytizing Disclaimer

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Christian radio talk-show host Janet Parshall, a high-profile American evangelical known for her strong support of Israel, has dropped out of a Jerusalem conference sponsored by a Christian caucus of the Israeli Parliament. Parshall says she decided not to speak at the conference after she learned the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus condemns and does not associate with groups who share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Parshall says she is also troubled the strict religious political party Shas has yet again introduced legislation in the Knesset which would give up to a one-year prison sentence for people who share the Gospel in Israel.

"I thought, wait a minute: we can't just blindly support Israel," she observes. "We have to be able to tell them, as a friend, you can't do that. You can't silence us."

The Christian radio commentator says Israel understands by now who evangelical Christians are and their very nomenclature as evangelical Christians "means we share the love of Jesus Christ." Individual Israelis may not accept Jesus as their Messiah, she notes, but they "cannot silence us from sharing [the Gospel]



with whomever might be interested in that message."

Also, Parshall points out, there is the added problem of censoring Christian evangelism, i.e., that "as Israel begins to move deeper in that direction, they start to replicate their Islamic neighbors." The talk-radio host says the Apostle Paul was given the exact same message in Jerusalem, told to "stop talking about the empty grave." But Paul did not follow that dictate, the American evangelical asserts, and neither will she.

As a staunch evangelical supporter of the Jewish state, Parshall says she has never run into such a dilemma at a pro-Israel conference. Meanwhile, the evangelical spokeswoman notes, she believes an evolution has occurred in the Christian pro-Israel lobby, often characterized by "a kind of blind support which says no matter what Israel does, Israel can do no wrong."



However, Parshall contends, "I don't believe that of our government and I certainly don't believe that of the Israeli government. And friends tell friends, in love, when they see things they think are wrong."

But Parshall says there are some in the Christian pro-Israel lobby who harbor such a "blind allegiance" to Israel they foster a belief there is a different plan of salvation for the Jews. "That's not true," she insists. "Scripture says there's one Name under Heaven whereby all men will be saved."

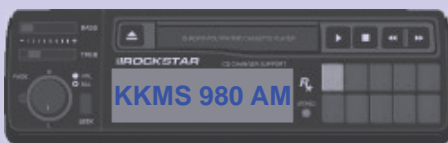
Unfortunately, Parshall observes, this condemnation of evangelization by the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus may mark the beginning of a new era in which Israel tells evangelical believers, "We'll take your aid, your support and your tourist dollars, but we won't take Jesus." Christians should not have to "choose between the cross or Israel," the American evangelical says.

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