

wanted to force Christ to be a king like Saul, David or Solomon. However, Christ had no intention of setting up a physical, earthly kingdom, for as He told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." (John 18:36).

Have you ever considered what would have happened if the Jews had accepted Jesus as their Savior and King? Let's look at the consequences:

First, there would have been no crucifixion, and hence no shedding of blood. "And according to the law almost all things are purged with blood, and without

shedding of blood there is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). Animal sacrifices could never remove the guilt and consequences of sin. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). The Hebrew writer tells us that "Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption." (Hebrews 9:11-12).

Second, the church of Christ would have never been established, since it was purchased with the blood of Christ. Paul

admonished the Ephesian elders to "shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

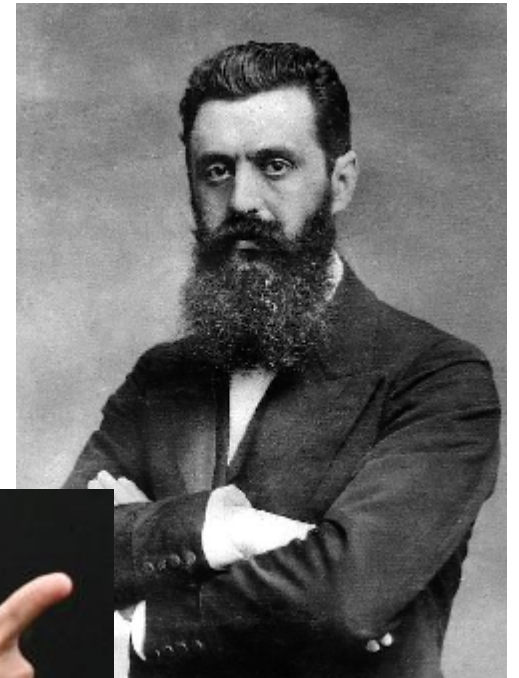
Third, there would be no gospel, since the foundation of it is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). ~

# NAVARRE MESSENGER

Volume 3 Issue 69

December 7, 2008

## Israel and Iran: Peace in the Middle East?



There is neither the prospect of peace nor any hope for conciliation in the middle east because of the unreasonable hostility of the principles in that region. But at whose feet may we lay the blame for the conflict that endures there? It would be very easy to charge that Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad is the primary voice for continued war that may cover the region. The case made would be very compelling. However, the strife did not begin with him, nor will it end with him.



Many in the Islamic community, including Ahmadinejad, would point the finger at Theodor Herzl. Most of us would likely respond, "who?" Theodor Herzl, born in May of 1860 and who died in July of 1904 may have contributed as much to the problem as any others who have lived

We meet on James M Harvell Rd next to the public library in Navarre.  
Call for directions and more information (850) 939-8109



### Assembly Schedule Sunday

Bible Class for all ages \_\_\_ 9:00 AM  
Morning Worship Service \_\_\_ 10:00 AM  
Evening Worship Service \_\_\_ 6:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Bible Class for all ages \_\_\_ 7:00 PM

### **VISITORS ARE WELCOME!**

If you know of someone who would like to receive this publication, please let us know.

For a free Bible correspondence course by mail, call us.

Navarre church of Christ  
8490 James M Harvell Rd  
Navarre, FL 32566

Place Stamp Here

---



---



---



---

in the past couple of centuries. Let us see who this short-lived fellow was.

Herzl was a Jew born in Pest (today the eastern half of Budapest, then a separate city) to a German speaking couple from Bezum (an Austrian community). Although ethnically a Jew, Theodor was very much a secularist (more; an atheist) with no interest in Jewish theology.

However, the Dreyfus affair impressed him greatly. (Alfred Dreyfus was a Jewish officer in the French army who was accused and convicted of treason in a most unfair and biased trial and sentenced to Devil's Island in French Guiana. His innocence was established due to the efforts of Emile Zola, a most renowned writer.) The anti-semitic nature of the charges stirred up Herzl and changed both his life and the course of history forever.

In the six years between Dreyfus' second trial and his death, the energized Herzl became the leader of the modern Zionist movement. He became convinced that anti-Semitism could not be "combated" but that Zionism could be promoted. In *Der Judenstaat* he wrote: "The Jewish question persists wherever Jews live in appreciable numbers. Wherever it does not exist, it is brought in together with Jewish immigrants. We are naturally drawn into those places where we are not persecuted, and our appearance there gives rise to persecution. This is the case, and will inevitably be so, everywhere, even in highly civilized countries — see, for in-

stance, France — so long as the Jewish question is not solved on the political level. The unfortunate Jews are now carrying the seeds of anti-Semitism into England; they have already introduced it into America."

The only solution that he could conceive of was to reestablish the Jewish homeland which was forfeited in 70 A.D. Try as one might, however, this warring spirit did not originate with Herzl and will not die out with Mahmoud. The problem preceded them both and will continue long after the memory of them has faded.

The problem was stated prophetically in these words: (Gen. 16:10) "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael: because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

The Hebrew word for "wild" is "pere" which is the descriptive given of the wild ass of the book of Job. Notice the description of his restless character: (Job 39:5-8) "Who bath sent out the wild ass free? or who bath loosed the bands of the wild ass? 6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings. 7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying of the

driver. 8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing." His interests are his alone, he does not regard others nor their aspirations.

When in history have the descendants of Ishmael not been in conflict with their neighbors and with Jews in particular?

Thank God most Muslims are more peace loving than their ancestors (perhaps because most Muslims are not Ishmaelites), but even so we should never long for that which God said would never occur; that is, the hand of the Ishmaelite not being raised against his brother. ~

Floyd Chappalear in Stand, Nov. 15, 2008.



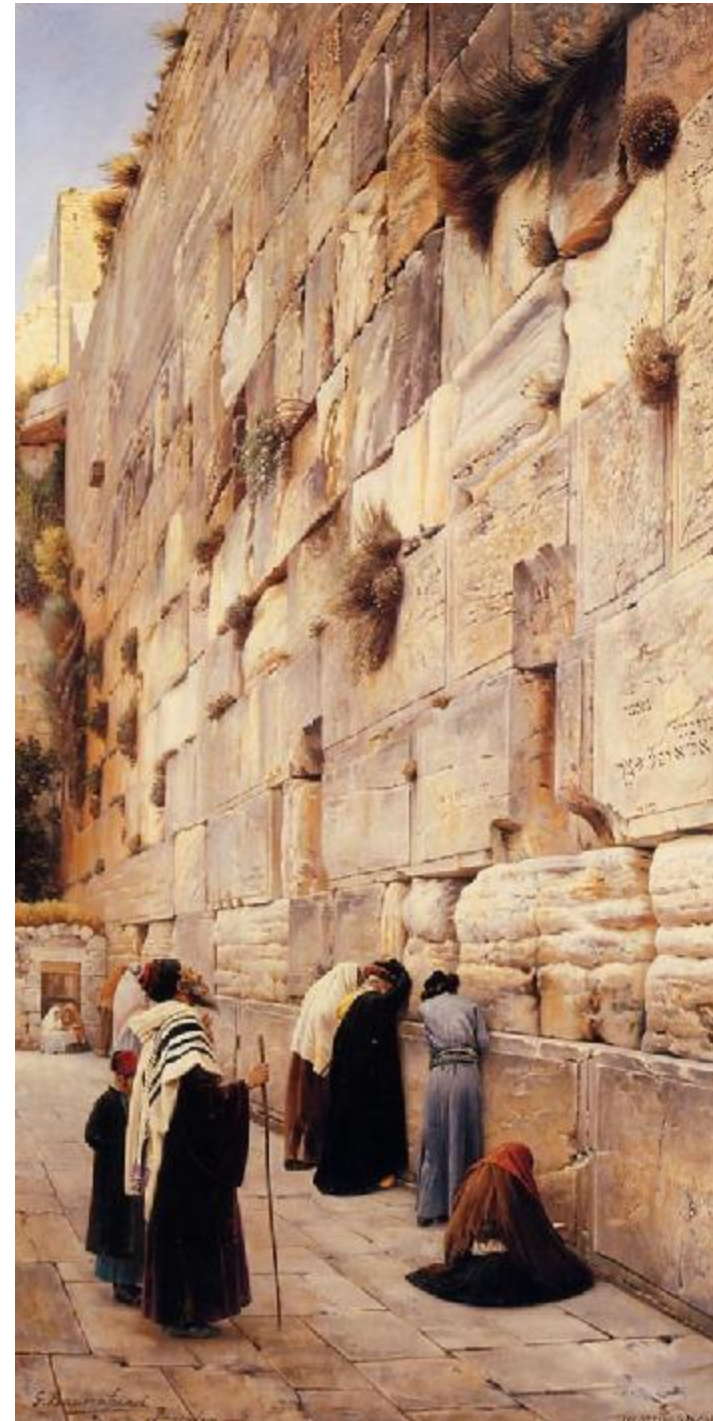
Since the return of the Jews to nationhood as the modern state of Israel, tensions have mounted and simmered with only short periods of quiet. The most recent development is Israel's construction of a defense barrier (shown above) to cordon off areas of Palestinian territory from which hostile actions are launched, especially homicide bombers.

## If the Jews Had Accepted Jesus

by David Padfield

Modern premillennial theory insists God had not anticipated the rejection of Jesus by the Jews. They teach that one day Christ will return to this earth and the Jews will then accept Him as their Messiah. The Father in heaven knew all along how the Jews would react to Jesus. God's plan was perfect, and "when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4).

In John 6:15 we read that "when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to a mountain by Himself alone." I have often considered this verse to be the death-knell of premillennialism. The Jews



At left — "The Wailing Wall" oil painting done by Gustav Bauernfeind in 1904, public domain.