

Nurse came in and said Doc, there's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible, what should i tell him?

The doctor said Tell him I can't see him today.

[credit: Rick Fischer]

Good news from Israel



[Note on/about the plane: El Al]

https://worldisraelnews.com/israel-rescue-team-arrives-in-brazil-to-help-locate-survivors/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Russia%3A+Israel%E2%80%99s+Security+%E2%80%98Top+Priority%27%3B+Iranians+Hide+Faces+in+Touching+Tribute+to+Holocaust%3B+Roseanne+Barr+Praises+Judea+%26+Samaria+%E2%80%98Pioneers%E2%80%99&utm_campaign=20190128_m149482658_Russia%3A+Israel%E2%80%99s+Security+%E2%80%98Top+Priority%27%3B+Iranians+Hide+Faces+in+Touching+Tribute+to+Holocaust%3B+Roseanne+Barr+Praises+Judea+%26+Samaria+%E2%80%98Pioneers%E2%80%99&utm_term=Brazil+Welcomes+Israeli+Rescue+Team_3A+_E2_80_98A+Superpower+of+Kindness+and+Giving_E2_80_99

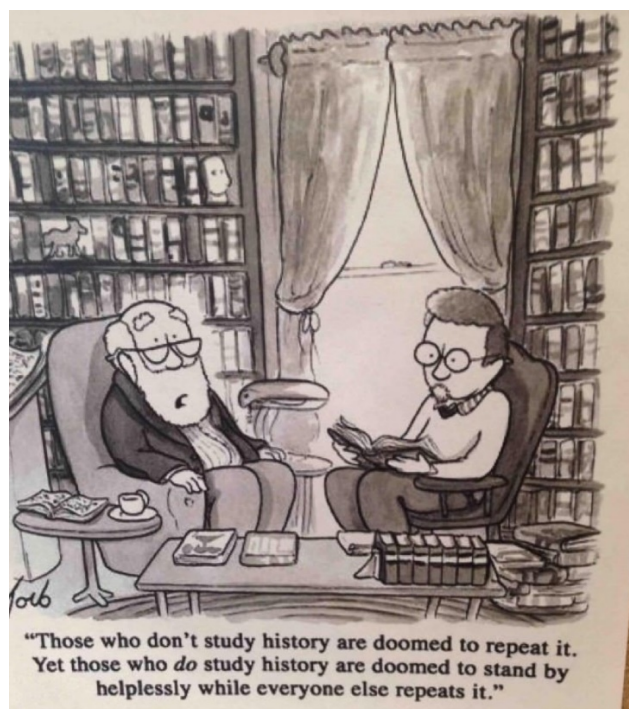


<https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-team-aiding-search-at-brazil-dam-disaster-met-with-praise-and-criticism/>

Israelis working at the site of a dam collapse at a mining operation in a rural area of the Minas Gerais state of Brazil. (Courtesy of ZAKA via JTA)]



[credit: Rick Fischer]



[credit: Vicki Kline]

I've been doing a sequential teaching on Mattityahu, started with Mt. 5.5 on Oct. 17, 2015

Why?

"Felt led"

Missed two scheduled readings due to snow. Catch up today.

[No halakhah or tradition to it.

Maybe someday put it into a devotional commentary.]

Last two messages on extravagant worship.

Today:
Betrayal

[Never spoken on this topic. One great advantage to expounding scripture sequentially. Get to everything. No one offended that I'm picking on them!]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:14-16 Then one of the Twelve, the one called Yehuda of Kriot, went to the ruling *kohanim* and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?" And they weighed out thirty shekels of silver for him. From then on, Yehuda began looking for a chance to hand Him over. Why?

[Why?

That is the topic of the message. Why would Yehuda? Why would anyone?]



[Skipping 17-19 about prep and set up for Seder]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:20
בְּעֶרְבַת הַסֵּב עִם הַשְּׁנַיִם־עָשָׂר,

When evening came, Yeshua reclined with the twelve talmidim;

[Note: evening

Rabbi trail]

Shmot /Ex 12 3-8 **Speak to all the assembly of Isra'el and say, 'On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or kid for his family, one per household "'You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, slaughter it at dusk ...That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with matzah and maror.**

[You've all seen the famous Leonardo da Vinci painting ...]



What's wrong with this picture? (see next page)

- *Still daylight, supposed to be night*
- *loaves of bread, festival of unleavened bread...Matzah*
- *only one guy looks Jewish!!! With the money bag, the traitor.*
- *Fish? Maybe, but where is the lamb?*
- *Renaissance Italian*
- *No one reclining!*
- *Where are the kids?*

That's why no copies in our building.

[https://www.google.com/search?q=bohnan+piasecki+last+supper&safe=active&tbm=isch&tbs=rimg:CeXkc1xKOcm3ljhrp_1MiCsrPloFArf_1mfc0HWP2fcY6FM2siHwoE7_1eJlmgDBT3S4Fp7eZuTJfJ1aOcrqzMwP4OH8yoSCWun8yIKys-WEc280aok8fRpKhJgUCt_1-Z9zQcRZQB2CM-K8dwqEglk_1Z9xjoUzaxExqnBsOYvXGyoSCSIfCgTv94kiEeIRcmKLVXwwKhIJaAMFPdLgWnsRQn8U664904MqEgl5m5MI8nVo5xHF9vYVVLNqLyoS CSurMzA_1g4fzEUEo9OKuT5fP&tbo=u&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiM-J-q-ZvgAhVJYK0KHR2ECHQ9C96BAGBEBs&biw=1164&bih=865&dpr=1.1#imgdii=FUBsg2SZsy6vdM:&imgrc=bmthmIXL2OCD2M:]



Last Supper by Bohdan Piasecki

[In order to counter Leonardo's powerful image of the Last Supper, BASIC commissioned the eminent Polish artist [Bohdan Piasecki](#) to paint the [Last Supper](#) as a Jewish Passover meal with women and children present. The painting is oil on canvas measuring 20" by 48".

When your children will ask ... 4 questions
Back to the theme ...

https://aidanslegacy.typepad.com/lillylewin/files/last_supper.htm

https://www.google.com/search?q=bohdan+piasecki+last+supper&safe=active&tbm=isch&tbs=rimg:CeXkc1xKOcm3ljhrp_1MiCsrPloFArf_1mfc0HZP2fcY6FM2siHwoE7_1eJlmgDBT3S4Fp7eZuTJfJ1aOcrqzMwP4OH8yoSCWun8yIKys-WEc280aok8fRpKhJgUct_1-Z9zQcRZQB2CM-K8dwqEglk_1Z9xjoUzaxExqnBsOYvXGyoSCSIfCgTv94kiEelRCmKLvXwwKhIJaAMFPdLgWnsRQn8U664904MqEgl5m5MI8nVo5xHF9yYVVLNqLyoS CSurMzA_1g4fzEUEo9OKuT5fP&tbo=u&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiM-J-q-ZvgAhVJYK0KHR2ECHQ9C96BAGBEBs&biw=1164&bih=865&dpr=1.1#imgrc=0dTQCZ4n35hBYM:

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:21

כַּאֲשֶׁר אָכְלוּ אָמַר: “אֲמֹן אוֹמֵר אֲנִי לָכֶם, אֶחָד מִכֶּם יִסְגִּירֵנִי.”

and as they were eating, he said, “Yes, I tell you that one of you is going to **betray** me.”

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:22

הֵם הִתְעַצְבוּ מְאֹד וְהִחֲלוּ אִישׁ אִישׁ לִשְׁאֹל אוֹתוֹ: “זֶה אֲנִי, אֲדוֹנָי?”

They became terribly upset and began asking him, one after the other, “Lord, you don’t mean me, do you?”

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:23

הֵשִׁיב וְאָמַר: “הַטּוֹבֵל אֶת־יָדוֹ בְּקַעֲרָה הוּא יִסְגִּירֵנִי.”

He answered, “The one who dips his matzah in the dish with me is the one who will **betray** me.”

Rewind ...
Yokhanan's word picture
a bit more extensive ...

Yn 13.12-14 After he had washed their feet, taken back his clothes and returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me 'Rabbi' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because I am. Now if I, the Lord and Rabbi, have washed your feet, you also should wash each other's feet.

[Note two titles. Differing implications.

[13.15 skipped]

Yn.13.16-18a Yes, indeed! I tell you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is an emissary greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

"I'm not talking to all of you — I know which ones I have chosen.

Yn 13.18b But so the Tanakh may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.'

T'hillim/Ps 41.10 Even my close friend, on whom I relied, who shared **my table**, has turned against me.

גם-איש שְׁלוּמִי, אֶשֶׁר-בָּטַחְתִּי בּוֹ--אוֹכֵל לֶחְמִי; הִגְדִּיל עָלַי עֵקֶב.

lifted up his heel against me

Metaphor of a vicious horse kick

[Yeshua experienced all our trauma

Dependent? My bread: intimate trust relationship

[13.19-20 skipped]

Similar psalm ... 55]

T'hillim/Ps 55.13-15 For it was not an enemy who insulted me; if it had been, I could have borne it. It was not my adversary who treated me with scorn; if it had been, I could have hidden myself. But it was you, a man of my own kind, my companion, whom I knew well. We used to share our hearts with each other; in the house of God we walked with the crowd.

Yn 13.21-23 After saying this, Yeshua, in deep anguish of spirit, declared, "Yes, indeed! I tell you that one of you will betray me." The *talmidim* stared at one another, totally mystified — whom could he mean? One of his *talmidim*, the one Yeshua particularly loved, was reclining close beside him.

[Why anguish? In pain at impending, internal betrayal. Abandonment is the foundational emotional pain.]

Yn.13.24-25 So Shim'on Kefa motioned to him and said, "Ask which one he's talking about." Leaning against Yeshua's chest, he asked Yeshua, "Lord, who is it?"

Yn 13.26-27a Yeshua answered, "It's the one to whom I give this piece of *matzah* after I dip it in the dish." So he dipped the piece of *matzah* and gave it to Y'hudah Ben-Shim'on from K'riot. As soon as Y'hudah took the piece of *matzah*, the Adversary went into him.

[Like Mt 26.23 above

Why Satanic control at that point?

Dips his matzah in the dish. The dish may well have contained charoset and/or maror, both used in Seder services today. Charoset is a sweet paste made of fruit, nuts, spices and wine; numerous recipes are in use today in the various Jewish ethnic communities.

Its function in the Seder is to recall by its appearance the mortar which the Israelite slaves made in Egypt, and it is referred to by the mid-second-century rabbis Me'ir and Eli'ezer bar-Tzadok in the Mishna (Pesachim 2:8,10:3).

Maror means "bitter herbs," calling to mind the bitterness of Israelite slavery to Pharaoh; today horseradish root or lettuce is used as maror. Rabbi Hillel, in the generation before Yeshua, inaugurated the custom of eating a "sandwich" consisting of a piece of the Passover lamb, together with matzah and maror, in literal fulfillment of the command, "On (Hebrew 'al) matzah and maror shall they eat it" (Exodus 12:8). (Today Ashkenazi Jews do not eat lamb at Passover because it cannot be slaughtered at the Temple; however, the S'faradim do.)

[https://kifa.kz/eng/bible/stern/stern_matfey_26.php]

Matzah, maror, kharoset symbols of redemption, liberty, deliverance. Yehuda in context of all that, apparently, determined to carry out his plan. Why?? Harden our hearts, then G-d and the Adversary harden MORE!!]

Yn 13.27b-30 "What you are doing, do quickly!" Yeshua said to him. But no one at the table understood why he had said this to him. Some thought that since Y'hudah was in charge of the common purse, Yeshua was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival," or telling him to give something to the poor.

[Festival, so can't buy, unless they were in a different calendar than community. Give to the poor more likely.]

Yn 13.27b-30 **As soon as he had taken the piece of *matzah*, Y'hudah went out, and it was night.**

[It was night. Indeed.]

In company with the prince of darkness, opposition, enmity.

Went to the Roman authorities, next we read of him Yn 18.2

What was Yehuda thinking?]

Yn 18.2-3 **Now Y'hudah, who was betraying him,** also knew the place; because Yeshua had often met there with his *talmidim*. So Y'hudah went there, taking with him a detachment of Roman soldiers and some Temple guards provided by the head *cohanim* and the *P'rushim*; they carried weapons, lanterns and torches.

Mt 26.46-50 **Here comes my betrayer!"** While Yeshua was still speaking, Y'hudah (one of the Twelve!) came, and with him a large crowd carrying swords and clubs, from the head *cohanim* and elders of the people. **The betrayer** had arranged to give them a signal:

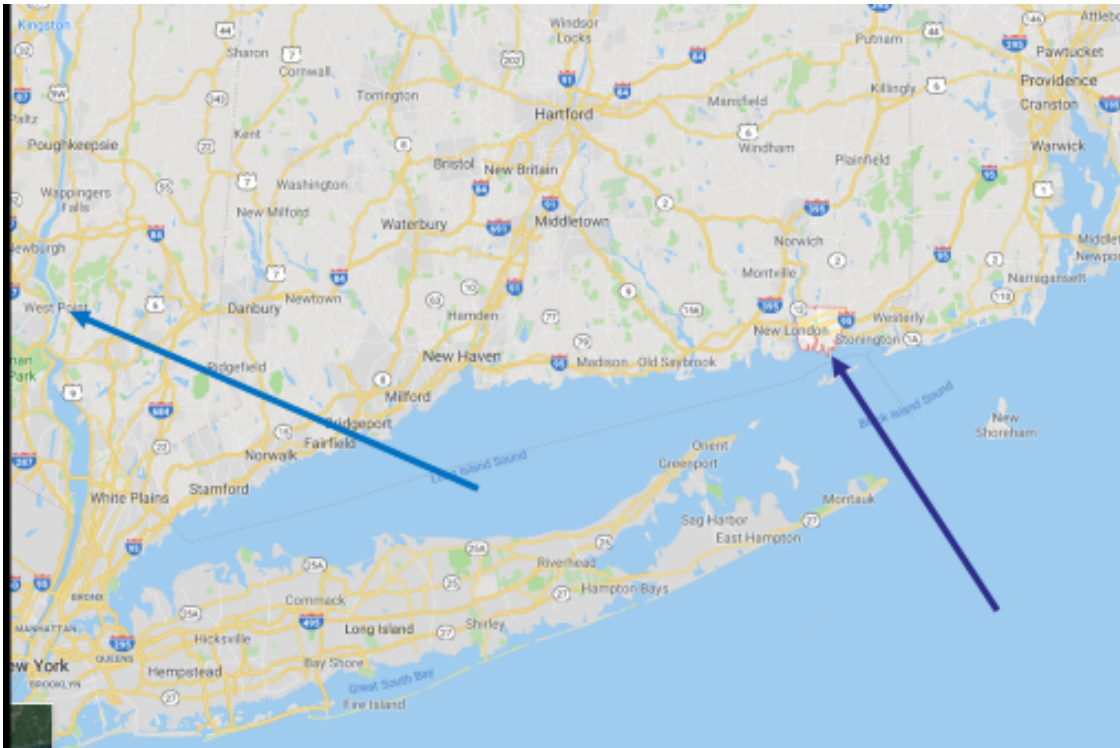
Mt 26.46-50 "The man I kiss is the one you want — grab him!" He went straight up to Yeshua, said, "Shalom, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Yeshua said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they moved forward, laid hold of Yeshua and arrested him.

Betrayed

- What is going on?
- What does it mean to Yehuda?
- What can we learn, apply to our lives?
- Other historical lessons?

George Washington had given him his fullest trust and placed him in command of the fortifications at West Point, New York. Arnold planned to surrender the fort to British forces, but the plot was discovered in September 1780 and he fled to the British.

Benedict Arnold in American Uniform 1741-1801



In 1781, they burned much of New London, Connecticut to the ground and slaughtered surrendering forces after the Battle of Groton Heights.

[Slaughtered surrendering forces ... destructive murderous rage?]

Dedication plaque on Groton Monument in Groton, CT to victims of Arnold's slaughter following the Battle of Groton Heights



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His name quickly became a byword in the United States for treason and betrayal, Benedict Arnold.

[Motive: Mad because skipped over a promotion?]

Believed in the cause of King George III?]

Not so well known, but more damaging ...



Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were American citizens who spied, with others, for the Soviet Union and were tried, convicted, and executed in 1953 by the federal government of the United States. They provided top-secret information about radar, sonar, and jet propulsion engines and nuclear weapon designs to the Soviet Union; at that time the United States was the only country in the world with nuclear weapons.

[Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, separated by heavy wire screen as they leave U.S. Court House after being found guilty by jury.]

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius_and_Ethel_Rosenberg]

Wouldn't have been a Cold War without this betrayal of the United States. Believed in Communism?]

Since the Middle Ages, Judas has sometimes been portrayed as a personification of the Jewish people and his betrayal of Messiah has been used to justify Christian antisemitism.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judas_Iscariot]

What is in the mind of a betrayer, a traitor?

- Noble, if deceived, cause?
- Materialism and gain?
- Anger, bitterness?

[1. Arnold received a commission as a brigadier general in the British Army, an annual pension of £360, and a lump sum of over £6,000. Rosenbergs? People have left Yeshua for compromised jobs.

2. Anger at USA, at Geo. Washington, Rosenbergs mad at capitalism.]

Betray, in Hebrew
causative form äððéi 'ô הַסְגִּיר from הִסְגִּיר
hees-geer

to extradite, to hand over (someone); to give oneself up ; to give away, to expose, to reveal
[From root sagar, to close]

Betray, in Greek
παραδίδωμι paradidómi

to hand over, to give or deliver over, to betray, pledge, hand down, deliver, commit, commend, abandon.

- How can we understand Yehuda's betrayal?
- What can we learn, apply to our lives?

Lk 9.1-2 Calling together the Twelve [including Yehuda], Yeshua gave them power and authority to expel all the demons and to cure diseases; and he sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal.

Yehuda had Messiah's power!

[Maybe not grateful? Not enough?]

Yehuda always addresses Yeshua as "Rabbi," but never as "Lord"

[How do we address Him?]

"Iscariot" may be a conflation of the Hebrew Ish Kerieth, or "man from Kerieth," איש קריות a town in the southern part of Judea. If so, it has been weakly speculated, Judas was the only non-Galilean.

Isolation, unresolved loneliness?

Keriot is mentioned in Joshua 15:25. Yehuda was probably a native of this place, and hence his name Iscariot. It has been identified with the ruins of el-Kureitein, about 10 miles south of Hebron. "Iscariot" also closely resembles a Greek word meaning "dagger-bearer." "Sicarii" Terrorist assassins.

Early warning ...

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sicarii>]

[<https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ByIssue/Article/TabId/735/ArtMID/13636/ArticleID/10524/Why-Did-Judas-Betray-Jesus.aspx>]

Yn 6.67-71 Yeshua said to the Twelve, "Don't you want to leave too?" Shim'on Kefa answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the word of eternal life. We have trusted, and we know that you are the Holy One of God."

Yeshua answered them, "Didn't I choose you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is an adversary." (He was speaking of Y'hudah Ben-Shim'on, from K'riot; for this man — one of the Twelve! — was soon to betray him.)

[Early warning?]

Yn 12.4-6 But one of the *talmidim*, Y'hudah from K'riot, the one who was about to betray him, said, "This perfume is worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" Now he said this not out of concern for the poor, but because he was a thief — he was in charge of the money box and used to steal from it.

Yehuda carried the disciples' money bag or box γλωσσόκομον, *glōssokomon*
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judas_Iscariot]

Possible betrayal motives:

1. Ingratitude for power
2. Not submitting to lordship
3. Isolation, loneliness
4. Political purposes
5. Progressive purloining

No matter how close you are to Yeshua's physical presence, i.e. His Seder table in Yerushalayim, you are not nearly as close as

Yn 14.23 Yeshua answered him, "If someone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

How do we betray people, King Messiah?

Betray, in Greek

παραδίδωμι paradidómi

to hand over, to give or deliver over, to betray, pledge, hand down, deliver, commit, commend, abandon.

Start with easiest:

1. Betrayal in marriage: heart adultery >> physical adultery. Every email, phone call, friendship, my wife knows. She's FIRST! Date her/him.

Being kissed while you're asleep is one of the most purest forms of love

[Bad grammar, double superlative, nevertheless sweet ...]

Unless you are in prison

Or in a dormitory

2. Betrayal of confidentiality. Sozo, we are instructed to forget. Pastoral ministry, we are taught to remember. If you are entrusted with information, zip it.

[Way to remember ... if using anyone's name, do you have permission to speak??]

Vision One vision in a congregation: two visions = division! "Working to bring Jewish people, and those grafted in, to their covenantal identity in Messiah. Implies: Messiah, Land, Scripture living. Every department is a department of outreach!

[Salvation through the Atonement of the Messiah; personal faith in the atoning death and resurrection of Yeshua; it's all about the King 2.) Covenantal identity of Jewish people, not replacement 3.) Restoration to Torah lifestyle 4.) Restoration/survival of the nation of Israel. (Covenantal identity, so Jewish believers don't assimilate. Romans 11:15 "For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!)]

"For if their [the Jewish people's] casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

[Are you here to be blessed in working for the salvation of Israel?]

Being compliant: ^{Mishlei 27.6} Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but an enemy's kisses are insincere. ^{Vayikra/Lev 19.17-18} Do not hate your brother in your heart, but rebuke your neighbor frankly, so that you won't carry sin because of him.

Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, love your neighbor as yourself; I am *Adonai*.

We are in a culture war, and Biblical values will get less and less popular.

Sixty-four percent of clergy said they felt "limited" in their ability to speak out on "moral and social issues" due to those within their congregations, while 69 percent reported feeling "pressured" to speak out on "moral and social issues" when they were "not comfortable discussing" them.

Further, the pressure to speak on certain controversial issues increased between 2014-2016, going from 44 percent to 69 percent.

[<https://www.christianpost.com/news/pastors-feel-greatest-pressure-to-address-avoid-divisive-issues-from-inside-the-church-barna.html>]



The spire of New York's One World Trade Center was lit up in it's-a-girl pink, a 408-foot reminder that the law it celebrated will mean fewer daughters, fewer mothers, fewer chances.

Abortion has just massively expanded its target zone in New York State. Under the Reproductive Health Act, late-term abortion is the new normal.

"Person," as far as this law is concerned, means a human being who has been born and is alive. Not a second before, and maybe -- without infant protections -- not few

seconds after either. Midwives and nurse practitioners can also perform abortions under the law,

"The U.S. is one of only seven nations on the planet to allow elective abortion after 20 weeks, or more than halfway through pregnancy.

Europe has the memory of the Holocaust.

[As far as scripture is concerned, it's a person from the instant of conception.

<https://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=WA19A51&f=WU19A17>

Abortion Was Leading Cause Of Death Worldwide In 2018: More human beings died in abortions than any other cause of death in 2018, a new report indicates. A heartbreaking reminder about the prevalence of abortion, statistics compiled by Worldometers indicate that there were nearly 42 million abortions world-wide in 2018.

As of December 31, 2018, there have been some 41.9 million abortions performed in the course of the year, the report revealed. By contrast, 8.2 million people died from cancer in 2018, 5 million from smoking, and 1.7 million died of HIV/AIDS.

Globally, just under a quarter of all pregnancies (23%) were ended by abortion in 2018, and for every 33 live births, ten infants were aborted.

Every conceived embryo has unique DNA and chromosomal structure.

[Barry & Batya Segal http://www.netmail411.com/mail/vfi/JOLjan0419.html?utm_source=JNN+Newsletter+-+Global&utm_campaign=abe084319c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_08_02_05_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a7c77e6522-abe084319c-144069561&mc_cid=abe084319c&mc_eid=5c6cdd3ee6

Another issue...

A massacre of Kurds is set to be carried out by Turkish forces in the very near future. The vacuum which will be created by the upcoming U.S. withdrawal of forces from Syria will open up opportunities for Turkey to once again butcher its opponents.

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Trump: Turkey's Erdogan Is The Man For The Job In Syria: Mere hours after Netanyahu dubbed Erdogan as an 'anti-Semitic dictator, President Trump said that Turkey's leader is the right man for the job in Syria.

Turkey will fill the void left in Syria by America's impending departure, President Donald Trump announced Mon. morning, 24 Dec. 2018 praising Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

[http://www.netmail411.com/mail/vfi/JOLdec2618.html?utm_source=JNN+Newsletter+-+Global&utm_campaign=70ff5c5f55-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_08_02_05_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a7c77e6522-70ff5c5f55-144069561&mc_cid=70ff5c5f55&mc_eid=5c6cdd3ee6

History shows that Turkey's pursuit of Caliphate glory has left a bloody trail of Christian Armenians and Greeks victims between the 1840s and 1918. Here are some main milestones (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_massacres_in_Turkey):

Hamidian massacres in 1894-96 – 100,000-300,000 Christian Armenians by Turkish Ottoman and Arab soldiers ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massacres_of_Diyarbak%C4%B1r_\(1895\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Massacres_of_Diyarbak%C4%B1r_(1895))); <http://www.armenian-genocide.org/hamidian.html>)

Adana massacres in 1904 – 15,000-30,000 Christian Armenians by Turkish nationalists

Greek genocide 1913-22 – 500,000-900,000 Christian Greeks by the Young Turk government

Assyrian genocide 1914-18 – 270,000-750,000 Assyrian Christians by the Young Turk government and Kurdish tribes

Armenian genocide 1915-18 – 850,000-1,500,000 Armenian Christians by the Young Turk government and Kurdish tribes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_Genocide)

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How to protect loyalty, avoid betrayal?

Negative and positive.

Mes Jews/Heb. 3.12 **Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you has an evil heart of unbelief that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day by day—as long as it is called “Today”—so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**

**Andrew Fletcher
(1653–1716)
was a Scottish
writer, politician,
and patriot.**



ANDREW FLETCHER, LORD JUSTICE CLERK
And Keeper of his Majesty's Signet in Scotland.
From an Original Picture painted by Mr. Schomberg, in the
Collection of the Rt. Honble. Earl of Buchan at Stirling Abbey
London: Published by John Smith, Stationer, 1710. 1000.

He believed if a man were permitted to make all the ballads he need not care who should make the laws of a nation, and we find that most of the ancient legislators thought that they could not well reform the manners of any city without the help of a lyric, and sometimes of a dramatic poet. Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws.

[<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/KtbxLwGkKGIGHkVrGNxHCNLMFtWpkfjKbq>]

When the Beatles came to America in 1964, a 9-year-old Michael Brown was fascinated. He started playing the drums and saw his first rock concert at age 13. At that point, his life took a negative turn.

"That opened up my life to drugs and rebellion, and that shaped my life between the ages 14 and 16," he said. "I went to one rock concert after another. My life was going to school, getting high, playing in a rock band, practicing and going to rock concerts."

How Music Drastically Impacted This Kingdom Warrior



Dr. Michael Brown (Ask Dr. Brown YouTube channel)



But then ... it was in a little Italian Pentecostal church, and the pastor's wife [was] playing piano. It was something about those joyous hymns; the Lord really touched me. I was supernaturally overcome. I experienced and encountered the love of God in this little church.