

# The Visible Hand of God

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Thursday



## Objectives:

- 1) To investigate the reasons that we believe.
- 2) To solidify our faith by a recognition of the hand of God in the present.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Biblical Case Study</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Why we believe, exploring doubt	Help thou my unbelief
<b>Tuesday</b>	Our 'privileged' planet	Angels in the hills
<b>Wednesday</b>	Fearfully & Wonderfully made	Is anything too hard?
<b>Thursday</b>	Witness to the defense: Israel	Blind witnesses
<b>Friday</b>	Our hope in the resurrection	Blessed are those that...

# Thursday

- Witness to the Defense: Israel

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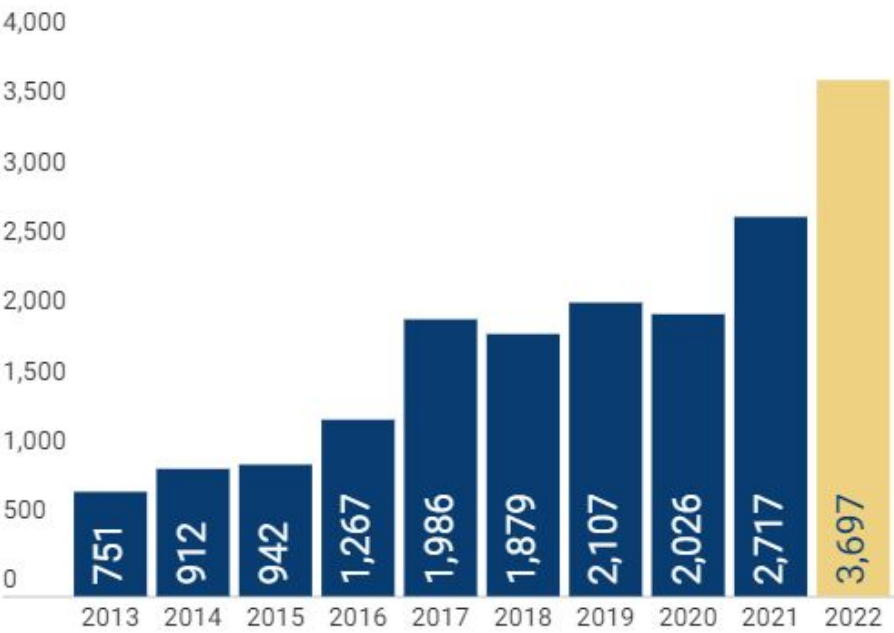
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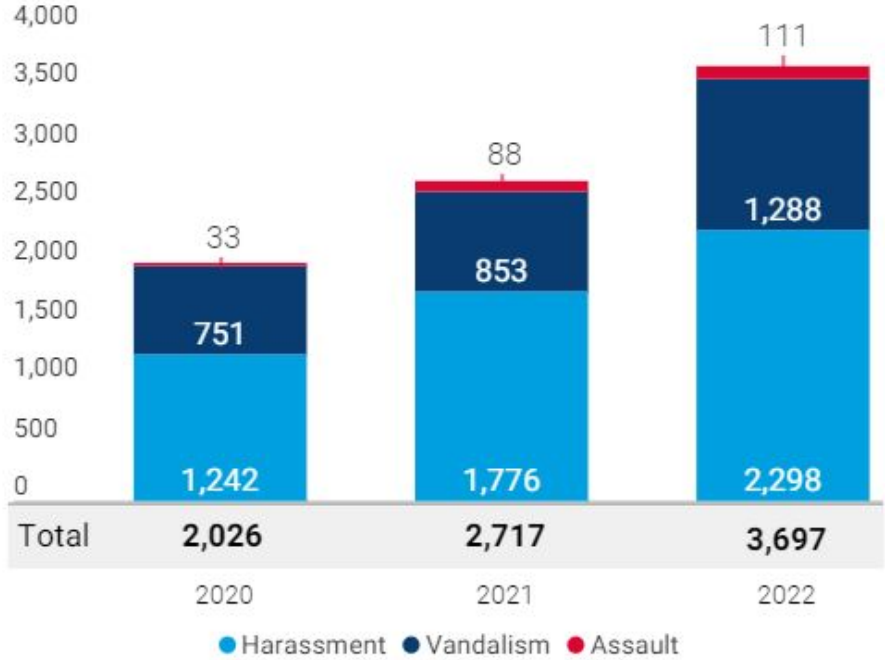
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Antisemitic Incidents | U.S.  
 Ten Year Review | 2013–2022



Antisemitic Incidents | U.S.  
 Total Incidents | 2020-2022



● Harassment ● Vandalism ● Assault











UNITED STATES  
**HOLOCAUST**  
MEMORIAL  
**MUSEUM**

“The Holocaust has important lessons for us today, and one of them is that antisemitism cannot be allowed to flourish uncontested,” said Museum Chairman Stuart E. Eizenstat.

“The Nazis carefully deployed escalating antisemitism to test what ordinary Germans would tolerate. The Nazis counted on indifference and silence as they ratcheted up their anti-Jewish rhetoric and actions. While the United States in 2022 is not Nazi Germany, and we live in a democratic society with many checks and balances, it remains imperative for each and every one of us to forcibly reject antisemitism and racism.”

„KTO NIE PAMIĘTA HISTORII SKAZANY JEST  
NA JEJ PONOWNE PRZEŻYCIE.”

GEORGE SANTAYANA

”THOSE WHO DO NOT REMEMBER THE PAST  
ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT.”

GEORGE SANTAYANA



Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp,  
that turned my life into one long night seven times  
sealed.

Never shall I forget that smoke.

Never shall I forget the small faces of the children  
whose bodies I saw transformed into smoke under a  
silent sky.

Never shall I forget those flames that consumed my  
faith forever.

Never shall I forget the nocturnal silence that deprived  
me for all eternity of the desire to live.

Never shall I forget those moments that murdered my  
God and my soul and turned my dreams to ashes.

Never shall I forget those things, even were I  
condemned to live as long as God Himself.

Never.

A NEW TRANSLATION BY MARION WIESEL

# Night

WITH A NEW PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR

# ELIE WIESEL

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

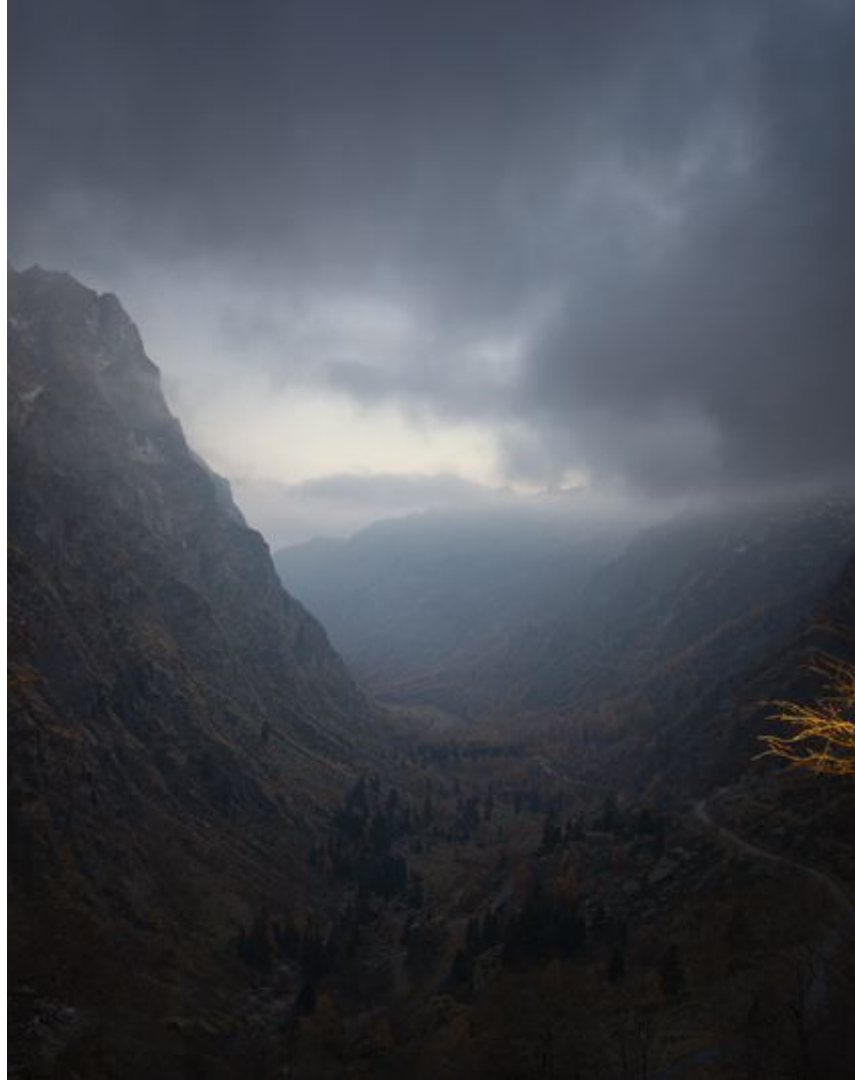
"A slim volume of terrifying power."  
—*The New York Times*

# “Help my unbelief”

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“It is easy to have faith on the sunny uplands, when we feel that God is in His heaven and all’s well with our world. But when we stand in the cold valley of the shadow, fighting a lone battle with our fears, then do we realise how pitiably small is our faith.”

John Marshall, The Pilgrimage of Jesus





**G4486** - ῥήγνυμι

to “break”, “wreck” or  
“crack”, that is, (especially)  
to sunder (by separation of  
the parts; a shattering to  
minute fragments;

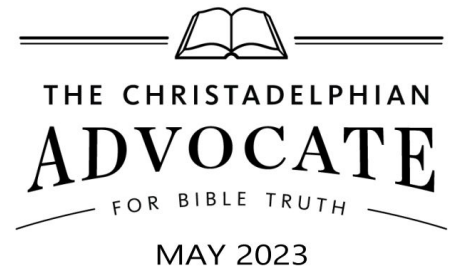
**G3583** - ξηραίνω

to desiccate; by  
implication to shrivel, to  
mature: - dry up, pine  
away, be ripe, wither  
(away).

# The Meaning of The Burning Bush

Joseph Fordham, Virginia

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“The burning bush serves as a symbol of God’s people not being consumed by fire. It is a hallmark of Israel’s spiritual heritage, always ablaze yet never devoured.

This Hebrew word akal (consumed) opens up the full potential meaning of the burning bush icon. It is fitting in its application to the constant assault on the Jewish people throughout their history – devoured yet remaining, on fire yet not burned, and hardpressed yet still standing.

It applies as a touchstone throughout Jewish history, from their Egyptian slavery, the Babylonian captivity, the overlording by conquering militaries of the Greeks and Romans, leading to their destruction in A. D. 70. Then from the Diaspora spread throughout the world, further horrors and crucibles of fire lay in wait for them, including the Spanish Inquisition, Russian pogroms, and the Nazi Holocaust. What nation under heaven has not inflicted persecution on the Jews at some point in its history?”

**ZERO  
TOLERANCE  
FOR  
ANTISEMITISM**

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## Examples of Antisemitism - **Shechem**

**Genesis 34:30** - ...Ye have troubled me to make me to **stink** among the inhabitants of the land...

### **H887** - **bâ'ash**

to smell bad; figuratively to be offensive morally: - be abhorred (had in abomination, loathsome, odious)

## Examples of Antisemitism - Egyptians

**Gen 43:32** - ...because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

**Gen 46:33-34** - ...for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

**H8441**- תַּעֲבָה

something disgusting (morally), an abhorrence; to loathe, (morally) detest:



## Examples of Antisemitism - **Persians**

**Esther 3:5-6** - wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

**Esther 3:8** - And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.

For the LORD will not forsake  
his people **for his great name's  
sake**: because it hath pleased the  
LORD to make you his people.

**1 Samuel 12:22**

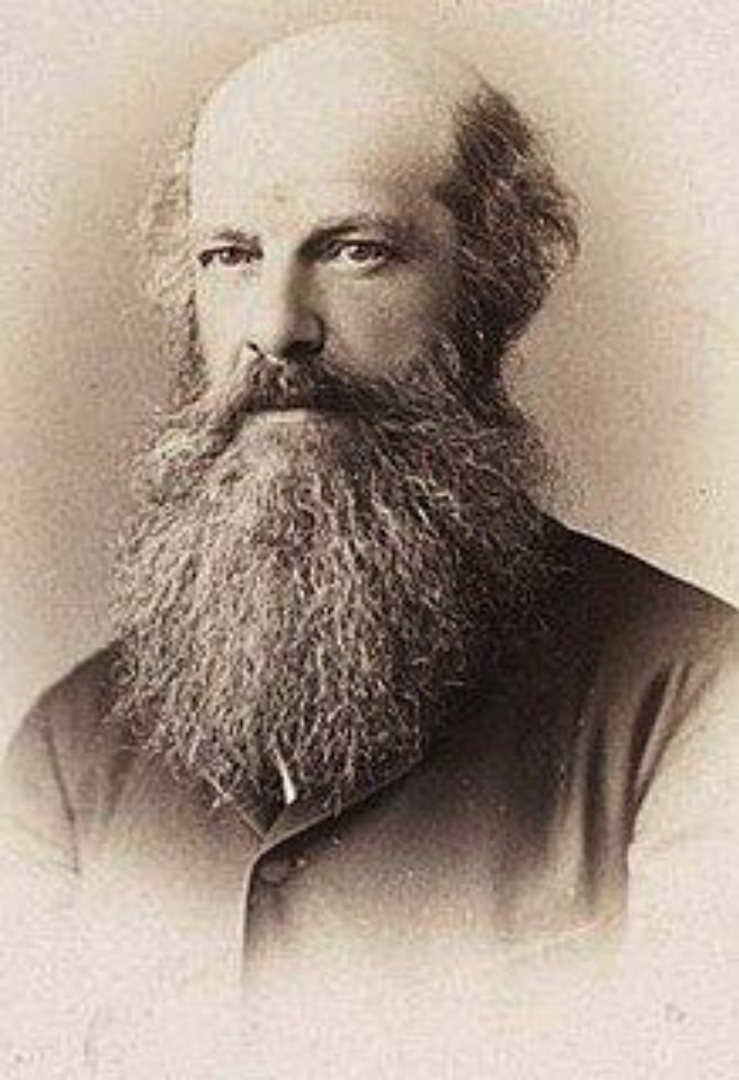


The restoration of Israel is a most important feature in the divine economy. It is indispensable to the setting up of the kingdom of God; for they are the kingdom, having been constituted such by the covenant of Sinai, as it is written, "Ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation" (Exo. 19:6).

- John Thomas, Elpis Israel

**What makes a  
Christadelphian unique?**

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# Rosh Pina & Laurence Oliphant





"Hoping that the time may soon come when Israel's sons shall rest peacefully in the land promised to their fathers."

"I wish to add my mite to the blessing of Israel"

"Trusting the time is near at hand when Israel will be established in their own land."

"In aid of the Montefiore Holy Land Colonization Scheme; with a hope that it will not be long before the beloved city will become the joy of the whole earth."





# Chaim Weizmann

“I cannot help pausing on the curious way the strands of my life have been woven together.”







Foreign Office,

November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

*Y. W.*  
Arthur Balfour

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GENERAL ALLENBY  
FROM THE LONDON EXPRESS

General Allenby's Encircling-Armies Cut Off All Help and Surrender Follows.

## GREAT REJOICING IN THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Jews Everywhere in Particular See the Restoration of Palestine as Part of Allies' Programme.

[Special Cable to the Herald.]  
Herald Bureau,  
No. 130 Fleet Street,  
London, Monday.

Jerusalem, fountainhead of Christendom, and to capture which countless hordes of soldiers and crusaders have died during the thousands of years of its history, has surrendered to the British.

Hemmed in on all sides, the Turks, who were being pressed northward from the Suez Canal, were cut off from supplies and retreat and hoisted the white flag.

*“Allah*











This is the  
LORD'S doing;  
it is marvellous  
in our eyes.

Psalm 118:23

<https://www2.cbn.com/video/news/israels-1967-miracle>

# Contributions to Society by the Jewish People

**Nobel Prizes** have been awarded to over 900 individuals, of whom at least **20% were Jews**. The number of Jews receiving Nobel prizes has been the subject of some attention. Jews have received each of the six awards.



# Contributions to Society by the Jewish People

There are over 6,000 startups currently in Israel. There are currently more than 30 technology companies valued over US\$1 billion (unicorn startups) in Israel, more than all of Europe combined.

## How Israel Is Blessed and Is A Blessing

Myles Kaufman, New York

Lessons



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Israeli\\_inventions\\_and\\_discoveries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Israeli_inventions_and_discoveries)



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— JEFFREY GOLDBERG, *ATLANTIC*



# START-UP NATION

THE STORY OF ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC MIRACLE

DAN SENOR & SAUL SINGER

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A COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS BOOK

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FOR A  
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WORLD

The  
*New York Times*  
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"Essential reading. I highly recommend it."  
— MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

SETH M. SIEGEL

FOREWORD BY SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ

# THOU SHALT INNOVATE

How Israeli Ingenuity Repairs the World



AVI JORISCH



# Case Study

## Blind Witnesses

Isaiah 43:1-11

Ye are my **witnesses**,  
saith the LORD, and my  
servant whom I have  
chosen: that ye may know  
and believe me, and  
understand that I am he:  
before me there was no  
God formed, neither shall  
there be after me.

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H5707 – 'êd

a witness; abstractly testimony; specifically a recorder, that is, prince: – witness.

from H5749 – to duplicate or repeat; testify (as by reiteration); admonish, charge, earnestly, call (take) to record, give warning,



*Exhortation*

## Known To Be A People of the Book

In this highly digital age, has love for the Word and expositions about it weakened? Why is it vital to keep this focus active in our lives?

[+CONTINUE READING](#)



*Exhortation*

## The People of the Book

Why have the Jews been such high achievers in many fields? How have Israeli inventions helped the world? What role has Torah study played?

[+CONTINUE READING](#)

**Deut. 6:7** - thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house...



**Jeremiah 31:37** – If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.





For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until the righteousness thereof go forth  
as brightness, and the salvation thereof  
as a lamp that burneth.

**Isaiah 62:1**