

# OPINIONS | The Israel Sequence

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Matthew 27: 24-25  
“When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.”

There seems to be a great deal of confusion in the world concerning Israel. Around five billion of the world's population is dead set against Israel, but appear to be mostly ill-informed, brainwashed, or intentionally filled with hatred.

Extensive evidence exists for the reality of a Savior (Jesus) being God in the flesh, here on earth. John 1: 1 states He was God in the beginning and is God alive today in the flesh and spirit. Of course, this is where the belief system called faith comes in.

Israel and her existence, history and future totally hinge on the reality of Savior Jesus. The Old Testament prophecies are a sequential and perfectly choreographed God-plan leading up to Him.

God removed Jacob and his family from Canaan to Egypt to get them away from the Canaanites, kept them there 430, years then moved them back to the Promised Land. They had to be in Israel, specifically Jerusalem and Bethlehem, for the scriptures to be

fulfilled and a Savior be born and die for the sins of the world.

If the Bible is a fairy tale, the writers are the best speculators and the luckiest that ever lived. There is no way under the sun that anyone between 1900 and 3500 years ago could have predicted the future events as accurately as the Holy Bible writers.

If the Judeo-Christian belief that the Bible is written by men and inspired by God is correct, the only explanation possible for the accuracy of the foretelling of future events is before us. Only a Supreme spiritual being (God) could know the future with such exactitude.

We can examine the Jewish history throughout the Old Testament and clearly see those predictions that have actually happened. Several prophecies such as Daniel 12: 4 “even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased,” are also happening before us.

We can also examine the New Testament predictions of Jesus in the Mount of Olives conversation with the twelve disciples and see on the evening news the accuracy of those predictions.

Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 consistently foretell of future events we see in real-time on our TV sets. Because of the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, we know for an absolute fact the New Testament was written in the first century

Scientists working with carbon dating insist on the accuracy and consistency of that time determining process. Carbon depletion from once living cells lessens at a consistent rate and can be measured to determine the time of death of once living cells.

The Israel sequence must also address the series of events of the last 2000 years (AD-Anno-Domini, year of our Lord).

Jesus told the disciples, the Jerusalem Temple would be destroyed (Matthew 24: 2). Then the Jews that rejected Him became so insistent to Roman Governor Pilate, our perfect Savior Jesus (1Peter 2: 22) was nailed to a cross (Matthew 27: 35).

As Jesus predicted, thirty-seven years later (70 AD) the temple was destroyed. The Jews were driven from their homeland (Ezekiel 36: 19); the land God had promised them.

Genesis 13: 15 “For all the land which thou sees, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.” Judeo Christians should know and promote that the original Promised Land was much larger than the 8300 square mile Israel of today (1/7 the size of Florida).

In Numbers 34 and Ezekiel 47, the borders are given of the land promised by God to Israel. The promise of God to the Hebrews was a land of over 300,000 square miles or ten percent larger than the state of Texas.

The Jews were expelled from Israel in 70 AD. Would this be because of their promoting the crucifixion of Jesus and their statement “Let His blood be on our hands and on our children (Matthew 27: 25)?” This writer believes it was.

The Jews were persecuted for many of those nearly 1900 years in which they were banished from their land. Acts 18 gives a case in which Jews were expelled from Rome. The Crusaders killed Jews on their way to Jerusalem to rid

the Holy City of the Muslims. The Crusades began in 1095 AD.

England's Edict of Expulsion (1296) and the Spanish Inquisition (1478-1835) are other examples of Jewish persecution.

And of course, the Holocaust in which the Nazis murdered six million Jews must never be forgotten. Often missed from history lessons are the thirty-five million deaths resulting from the Communist rule of Lenin and Stalin in Russia. Many of the deaths were Jews.

We are approaching the two-thousand-year mark of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. If our calendar is accurate (which it's probably not, but close) 2033 will mark 2000 years since our Savior's resurrection.

Will God manifest Himself in 2033 as this generation has never seen? I'm thinking “yes.” God has a plan for the world and it without doubt includes a sequential series of events centering on the existence of His chosen

**ISRAEL,**  
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## CITY OF EDMONTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WET WEATHER RETENTION IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE I CONTRACT NO. 2 AERATION BASIN RETENTION STRUCTURE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the WWTP WET WEATHER RETENTION IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE I - CONTRACT NO. 2 - AERATION BASIN RETENTION STRUCTURE will be received by the City of Edmonton, at City Hall, 207 East Street, Edmonton, KY 42129 until 11:00 a.m., local time on August 7, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The contract consists of constructing an earthen embankment at the Edmonton Wastewater Treatment Plant, including all required borrow excavation, borrow hauling, miscellaneous appurtenances including RPE lining and stone aggregate, etc. A source for all required clay borrow material has been acquired by the City.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Monarch Engineering, Inc., 556 Carlton Drive, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342, (502) 839-1310, James L. Mudd, P.E., [lmudd@monarchengineering.net](mailto:lmudd@monarchengineering.net). Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$150.00, non-refundable, for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to “Monarch Engineering, Inc.” Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither the Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Bidding Documents purchased by one party and bid by another party will not be accepted. Bidding Documents will be available for purchase until 4:00 p.m., (E.D.T.), August 5, 2025.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. The City of Edmonton reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities. The award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

Owner: **CITY OF EDMONTON, KENTUCKY**  
By: **DOUG SMITH**  
Title: **MAYOR**  
Date: **JULY 23, 2025**

## Weekly SUDOKU

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**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page!

Poke  
DEGUN  
Place  
CLEAN  
Border  
ARMING  
Repay  
VEEGAN

TODAY'S WORD

**FEAR KNOT**  
By: R. Johnson  
DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

RPO  
DUMELO  
HELT  
DEWL  
HALCUN  
EAL  
NAEW  
HEWPL  
EWO  
HEPEWN  
AMWAC  
MPLA

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (W) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHER becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

**ARGUE**  
Today's Word  
3. Margin; 4. Avenue; 1. Nudge; 2. Lane; solution

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**  
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cover is missing from waiter's tray. 2. Straw is missing. 3. Exit sign is lower. 4. Back of chair is different. 5. Apron is missing. 6. Stripe is added to sleeve.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

**IN POKER I SAID IT'S OK TO BLUFF, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE USING "WOMEN'S INTUITION" IS UNFAIR.**

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**THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE**  
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

YA MISSED BRUTUS' BIG WRASSLIN' MATCH LAST WEEK, OLIVE.

POPEYE, MY LOVE, I SAY THIS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...

I WILL NEVER MISS ANYTHING ABOUT BRUTUS.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS "BUMMER SLAM" PART 14

LIFE HAS MOSTLY RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER BRUTUS' WRESTLING MATCH AGAINST MACCHI MACHISMO, WHERE HE DID, INDEED, MAKE SURE HIS NEPHEW HARDTACK HAS SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO.

BYE, UNCLE BRUTUS!

AND OLIVE, I GUESS...

THANK YOU FOR WATCHING HIM WHILE I WAS AT WORK.

ANYTIME, HARLOW!

UGH!

WIPE THE SMILE OFF YER FACE!

YA GOT THE STUFFIN' KICKED OUT OF YOU FOR A KID! YOU REALIZE THAT, RIGHT?

YOU FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO BE A BABYSITTER! KNOW WHAT THAT MAKES YOU?

NOT BITTER AND MISERABLE.

I'M NOT BITTER!

I'M AN AGGRESSIVE DELIGHT!

THE END