



## VoydPhil News

### Facebook Excitement

VoydPhil has put a profile page on Facebook and in only 6 months we now have over 1,000 members. Praise God for this fantastic support in such a short time.

First off I would like to say a big welcome to all of you that have joined us on Facebook and an even bigger thank you for showing your support for the Jews, Israel and what it is we are trying to accomplish here at VoydPhil.

The conversations, photos and links that are added by our friends are greatly appreciated and very inspirational. To those that have not yet done so, why don't you join us on Facebook and become a part of the excitement. And those that have already joined us, spread the word to your other friends and family on Facebook.

We still will be maintaining the VoydPhil.org website but Facebook will allow for a better interaction between VoydPhil and those interested in helping to bring Jews and Jesus together.



# Helping to Fill the Void in God's People

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## First Plague—Blood

Part 2

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### Blood and Wine

The fact that water turned to blood was to be the first plague is no whim or random act of God. It was very significant in nature. Fast forward one and a half millennium and we see in **John 2:1-13**, Jesus performs his first miracle. He turned water into wine, this was also not a random act or whim of the Lord.

Why wine? Here too, He could have chosen any other liquid but it was wine not grape juice or cough medicine and certainly not blood. For part of the answer, look at the last and greatest miracle of Jesus. His death and resurrection. Wine plays a very intricate and important roll here. The Passover cups were partaken during what Christians refer to as the last supper (Passover). Jesus did not drink one of those cups at the Passover meal, but drank it when he was on the cross. **John 19:30(NIV)** **When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.** (See also **Matt 26:42** for reference to the cup he was to drink.)

Wine, in the context of Passover (the last supper), is the representation of the blood of Jesus. His spilled blood on the cross. It was the final cup to end His ministry on earth. Likewise the first cup, at the wedding feast, was to start His ministry. To sanctify it with the traditional first cup of wine. Therefore, the first miracle had to deal with wine, so as to properly sanctify what was to come.

### Signs and Redemption

Like Jesus' first miracle, the first plague was to signify the start of something, Jesus ministry on earth, and Moses leading the people out of Egypt. The first cup is known as the cup of sanctification. The water to wine and the water to blood, was to be the sanctification of Jesus and Moses and their missions that lay before them.

The first miracle of Jesus and the first plague of Moses were also foreshadowings of the final tasks for the redemption of the people. For Moses and the Hebrews, the last plague was the redemption found in Passover. For Jesus and all the people of the world, it was during Passover that we can find the redemption from our sins.

Although, the first plague did not deliver the Hebrews from the Egyptians and slavery, it was a foreshadowing of the blood that was to be spilled during the last plague, the last and greatest plague that would deliver them. Just as the first miracle of Jesus was not a redeeming act, it showed that redemption would come in the symbol of wine. The wine that represents His redeeming blood.

*Coming next issue...*

### **It Came To Pass**

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# Israel News

## The Star of David

The Star of David is the known symbol of the Jewish people. It is seen in many places and displayed in many ways throughout the world. On synagogues, jewelry, the flag of Israel, and even in the VoydPhil logo just to name a few. In fact even in the most unlikely spots you can find the Star of David. It was just recently discovered—by use of Google Earth—that the Star of David showed up in what surely is one of the last places you would expect to find it.

If you know how to use Google Earth, then go to this location: 35°41'46.85"N 51°19'7.87"E. On the top of the building there you will see a large Star of David. So what's the big deal about this building? First off it's not a religious building, it is the headquarters for an airline company. That in of

itself might not mean much except for the fact that it is Iran Air and the building is at the Tehran International Airport in Iran—the sworn enemy of Israel and the Jewish people.

Apparently the building was constructed by Israeli engineers prior to the 1979 Islamic Revolution, which ended diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Of course upon finding out about this, there was an outcry of the current Iranian government calling for it's immediate removal. Google Earth does take a bit of time to update its photos, but at the time of this writing, the Star was still visible (as seen in the screen shot I took below).

It would be a wonderful miracle to have Iran proud of the Star and to develop a friendship with Israel, instead of planning their destruction and removing any symbol of Israel's existence.



## Upcoming Holidays

Holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date listed.

### **Purim**

14 Adar II 5771  
Mar 20, 2011  
*Sun*

### **Pesach**

15 Nisan, - 22 Nisan  
April 19—April 26  
*Tue—Tue*

### **Yom HaShoah**

(Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
27 Nisan  
May 1  
*Sun*

### **Yom HaZikaron**

(Israel's Memorial Day)  
4 Iyyar  
May 8  
*Sun*

### **Yom HaAtzmaut**

(Israel's Independence Day)  
5 Iyyar  
May 9  
*Mon*

### **Lag B'Omer**

18 Iyyar  
May 22  
*Sun*

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength."

### **Corrie Ten Boom**

Born: 15 April 1892  
Died: 15 April 1983

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Church or Synagogue  
Youth Group  
Torah or Bible study  
Classroom  
Seminars  
Men's, Woman's, Single's, Couples' groups

### Topics Can Include

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Seder  
Sukkot  
Bringing Jews and Christians closer together  
Understanding the Christian or Jew  
Jewish Holidays  
And others

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