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“Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; for He has visited and redeemed *His* people, And raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of His servant David; as He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember His holy covenant; The oath which He swore to *our* father Abraham, That He would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of *our* lives.” Luke 1:68-75;
The Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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DEATH, JAIL, PERSECUTION? VICTORY ANYWAY!

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us...”
Hebrews 12:1.

WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER KINGDOM TEACHER. Herb Aitchison of Vancouver, British Columbia passed away in late August. Both Herb and Elsie had worked with and for the Association of Covenant People there for some years and both attended our Prescott Camp several years ago. He spoke in July at the Spokane Conference. He was always cheerful and, like Joseph of Arimathea, he “waited for the kingdom”. All who knew him will miss his cheerful smile and his confident testimony for Jesus and for the Kingdom. Join with us in prayer for God's comfort for Elsie.

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO? I am sure all active Christians have reason to ask that often.

Our print shop has a number of things printed and ready for mailing to you, so I shall write only a short newsletter, get it to the print shop, and out to you. Then, God willing, I shall have time to get out another 8-page one before October.

KEN ANDERSON: Ken is still in jail, and since I am writing this before his sentencing on September 5th (although you will receive it after that), I shall have to include information on that next time.

He and his family asked me to express their gratitude to all of you for your prayers on their behalf and for the financial aid sent to them via AMERICA'S PROMISE. Mrs. Anderson and the children did attend our Kingdom Retreat in New Mexico where she taught classes each day for a children's group. She has done that at our Camps for about five years.

SPEAKING OF THE RETREAT: We had a marvellous time and one of the best Retreats ever. The weather

was great, the food was delicious, the sermons and lectures were spiritual, informative and uplifting, and the Christian fellowship was certainly a glimpse of what it will be like in the Kingdom when all hearts and minds are attuned to the Saviour and Peace and Mercy reign supreme.

These Family Bible Retreats are a wonderful blessing to all who attend and I can only feel sorry that all of you were not there. Think about it for next year. We are in contact with a number of Camps and are praying we shall have date and place for 1985 set up within a month or two. I'll then announce it in the Newsletter.

YOU CAN ENJOY THE 1984 CAMP ANYWAY. Thanks to help from about eight people running audio and video equipment, we were able to both audio and video tape all 24 lectures and sermons in the Main Chapel this year plus 11 short ones of 10-20 minutes.

We also video-taped about two hours of special singing, choir, children's specials, etc. for a total of 21 hours of videotaping!

All of this is being set up on Master tapes so that with the next Newsletter I will include an order blank for both audio and video tapes. We'll try to work out a “borrowing” schedule for the video cassettes so you can borrow them rather than have to purchase them. There will be about 15 audio cassettes, so you could purchase the whole set for under \$50.

The views and opinions expressed in the articles herein or herewith are those of the authors and not necessarily those of CIM. They are written by fallible men. You must ask Jesus to guide your studies!

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I think I can guarantee that on them are some of the best sermons you have ever heard. In addition to some of America's good Identity speakers, we had Identity preachers from Scotland and Ireland and they brought thrilling messages. In one lecture Brother Campbell told the truth of the fighting in Northern Ireland. It was both sad and hopeful and proved the U.S. news media has told mostly lies about Ireland as they do about most foreign countries (and about America).

I chose the theme, "Come out of Babylon", for the Retreat. Other than that, every speaker was given liberty to speak what God laid on his heart. God was gracious and gave us many Scriptural Truths about our People's efforts and successes in "coming out". When you get these tapes, you will have a real treat.

God willing, we will be making more video tapes. Some of you small groups should think about buying a video player to make use of Christian, educational, and the Law video lectures being made around the nation.

SPEAKING OF "COMING OUT OF BABYLON": Enclosed is a sheet of "Sins of the Preachers".

As you read it you may think Pastor Emry or some other Identity Minister wrote this about other Ministers. That is NOT the case. Neither I, nor any other Identity Minister that I know of had anything to do with it.

This was written by a gathering of a large number of so-called "fundamentalists"; Ministers who had learned of or gotten involved in Pastor Siliven's fight in Nebraska. They wrote it about themselves and fellow ministers.

After you read it, praise the God of Israel that He is putting in the hearts and minds of American Preachers such thoughts and sentiments of confession and repentance. You might also pray that God will take out of the heads of some of our "puffed-up" Identity preachers the idea that we Identity preachers have a corner on Patriotism or genuine love of the Bible. Many non-Identity preachers have not "bowed the knee to Baal" and from this you can see the hearts of many are being prepared to "come out of Babylon".

A STARTLING STATEMENT. Pastor Siliven wrote a book, "America's First Padlocked Church". In it, he wrote that many asked what he would do differently if he had to do it over again. He answered, "I would probably have called in as many people as I could and then refused to give the officials the right to lock the church doors, even if it had meant standing in front of the church with shotguns or other weapons. In America, the church of Jesus Christ does not belong to the state, neither are we subject to rulers when they violate God's Law".

You thought some Identity preachers were "out-spoken"! The above book was written by a Baptist preacher! We have his book for \$5 a copy. Every Identity Christian should read it. His wife wrote one chapter. You wives whose Christian husbands may go to jail should read it. Write us for a copy.

Pastor Siliven also said he would never marry another couple with a State marriage license because at a State Senate hearing he was told by a Nebraska State Senator that the license "made all children of that marriage, wards of the State". That explains why they insist "their" children attend their school, be vaccinated, set standards for your treatment of them, etc., and jail you if you do not comply. You have custody of their property and they set the treatment standards!

PATRIOTS AND FINANCES. Many write me for advice. Richard Hoskins, whom I've mentioned before, gave me a special offer to Identity Christians for his Portfolios Investment Advisory Newsletter of \$10 for ten months. He has been writing this for many years. Write him at PO Box 997, Lynchburg, VA 24506. They attended Jerry Falwell's church until they learned Identity.

PASTOR SNOOK'S PUBLICATIONS are on an enclosed order blank. Pastor Snook passed away several years ago. I believe he was one of the best writers on Christian Identity subjects of recent years. Order a few. You will be blessed. Then lend them to your "hard to convince" denominational friends or relatives.

THE MORNING PAPER came as I prepared to finish this. On page one I read of the thirteen-year old son of a U.S. soldier who committed suicide because the family was so short of money he apparently thought they would be better off without him. I also read that the U.S. has refused funds to complete the CAP canal in Arizona and funds for the flood damage along the Colorado River.

Another article is headlined: **U.S. MAY PUT \$1 BILLION INTO ISRAELI TRADE.** It goes on to say that would be in addition to the \$2.6 billion in aid already scheduled for Israeli this year. No comment needed.

THE GOLD PROPHETS [PROFITS?]. On June 4, 1984, Gary North predicted gold would "approach \$500 by December". Howard Ruff (and a hundred others) still echo, "Gold will soon rise, buy gold, get rich on gold", and on and on.

They desperately want Patriots to buy gold. Why?

Richard Hoskins, whose judgment I respect, thinks the controllers may run gold down to \$100 an ounce soon. I don't know that for sure, but I do know this for sure: **international financiers absolutely control the price of gold.** Why do North and Ruff want Patriots to gamble their future on Babylon's gold? (Rev. 18:12)

Send a \$3 offering for tape #8022, **The Utter Impossibility of Gold-Backed Money.** It shows that, plus that God says gold will become worthless.

RADIO: We praise God for the diligent supporters who keep AMERICA'S PROMISE on the air. The direct contributions from some station's audiences pay their cost. However, many do not. We can stay on some stations only because of contributions from our tape ministry and mailing list. A big "Thank You" to all of you.

Thank God for the Identity churches, newsletters, tapes, literature, etc. However, those reach only thousands, while radio reaches hundreds of thousands.

I do not know the total listening audience of AMERICA'S PROMISE. Local or small city station's hearers number in the hundreds or thousands. However, we are on several 50,000 watt stations that would have over 75,000, on a few with over 150,000 and one or two whose listening audience would run over 300,000 at the time AMERICA'S PROMISE is broadcasting! That means each week many hundreds of thousands could hear some part of the Kingdom-Identity Truth from AMERICA'S PROMISE.

God willing, I shall continue to provide the radio sermons and lectures as best I can. It is then up to you to tell your friends about AMERICA'S PROMISE, call them before broadcast time, and provide financial support.

Call local ministers and ask them to listen and comment on the things taught by Pastor Emry. With more ministers learning of the hatred against Christians by our enemies, many are seeking Bible answers. Give them a chance to hear. As stated earlier in this letter, not all have "bowed the knee to Baal".

"IDENTITY" IS PERMEATING ALL PATRIOT MOVEMENTS! There is hardly an effective Patriot group in America today where the Identity Truth is not known by most of its members and supporters. The Truth of our claims is reaching the patriots. Your prayers are being answered.

Keep praying for more success. Pray for all here, as we pray for you and for America. Love from the church, the staff and families at AMERICA'S PROMISE, in Jesus Christ,

Pastor Emry

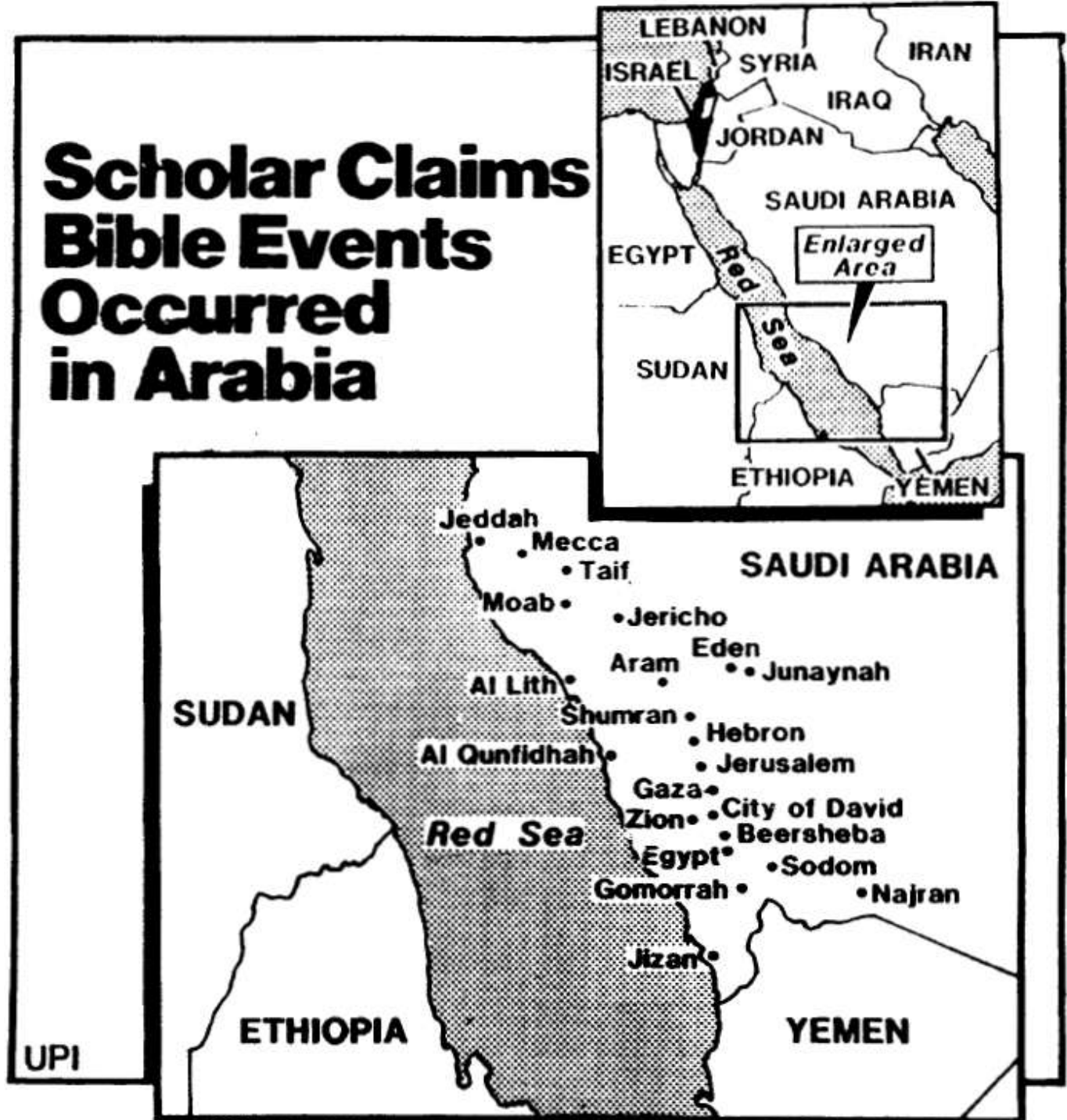
Pastor Emry



IS JEWISH ISRAELI NOT IN THE LAND OF ANCIENT ISRAEL?

The article reprinted below and inside claims modern Israeli is not in the same location as the land occupied by the Israelites when they came out of Egypt under Moses. This, and similar articles, appeared in numerous U. S. newspapers in September of 1984.

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BEIRUT — Map shows location of Biblical cities according to Prof. Salibi's theory. (UPI)



Lebanese scholar says Bible events took place in Arabia

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By HUGH POPE

BEIRUT (UPI) -- A Lebanese scholar says he has startling evidence that the events of the Hebrew Old Testament did not take place in modern Israel, but 900 miles further south on the coast of western Arabia.

"The Bible will have to be retranslated and ... ancient Near Eastern history rewritten," Kamal Salibi asserted in a series of interviews with United Press International.

The theory is already creating strong reactions.

"Uncommon nonsense," scoffed Rabbi Adin Steinhaltz, one of Israel's foremost Bible scholars, quoted by London's Sunday Times newspaper.

But Salibi's upcoming book, "The Bible Came from Arabia," is not easily dismissed. It relocates to Arabia - the present-day Saudi Arabia - all Israelite history from Adam until 500 B.C. That is a vast period including prophets and kings such as Moses, David and Solomon. Traditional scholars believe they lived in modern-day Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

Salibi postulates it was only in 500 B.C., at the end of the exile to Babylon, that the main body of Israelites joined other Jews already living among the inhabitants of Palestine, the area of modern Israel.

The later New Testament history of Jesus Christ is therefore unaffected by Salibi's theory.

For five years, Salibi has worked on comprehensive geographical surveys of towns and villages in Saudi Arabia, comparing them with some of the thousands of place names represented by the consonants of the Hebrew text of the Bible.

This Hebrew "Masoretic" text was edited to its present pronunciation between 600-1,000 A.D., a millennium after the last time ancient Hebrew is thought to have been spoken and the early books of the Bible compiled.

Salibi accepts the ancient consonants preserved in this text, but rejects the vowel readings as unoriginal and prejudiced by the Masorete authors' belief that their history was entirely set around modern Israel.



BEIRUT — Professor Kamal Salibi discusses his dramatic contention that the events of the Hebrew Old Testament occurred in western Arabia rather than in Israel. (UPI Wirephoto)

Salibi claims he can exactly match half of all the Hebrew placenames with villages in the fertile western Saudi Arabian mountain region of Asir. And with the kind of letter changes linguists allow, he says he can find another 30 percent.

The Promised Land that Salibi identifies with most of the Asir measures about 350 by 150 miles, about half the size of California. It lies along the Red Sea coast between the Saudi Arabian city of Mecca and the Yemeni border.

"It was a chance discovery worthy of the princes of Serendip," Salibi writes in the preface to the manuscript of his book. "I was simply searching for place names of non-Arabic origin in west Arabia, when the evidence that

the whole Bible land was there struck me in the face."

Spiegel Books of West Germany has bought an option to publish the work but has twice summoned Salibi to answer questions from West German scholars and is still checking his "unorthodox theory."

"Spiegel will not publish the manuscript in its present state," said spokesman Wolfgang Gust, probably referring to incompletely researched and highly speculative chapters Salibi himself admits are still "full of mistakes."

London's Sunday Times, which published a preview of the book, is said to be interested in buying English-language rights.



The theory will doubtless encounter bitter opposition from Zionists who have fought for 100 years to create a Jewish state in Palestine, believing it was the country of David and Solomon. But what did German and other scholars think of Salibi's challenge to 2,000 years of Biblical scholarship?

"Their reaction was very violent," Salibi said.

"This work is ... a figment of self-confident Arab imagination," said a professor of West Germany's Munster University. He primarily attacked Salibi's frequent linguistic, or semantic, correlation of Hebrew and Arabic. The two languages are very close cousins.

"There are limits to what one can do with semantic mathematics," said Rabbi Steinhilber. "If I didn't have inhibitions about the language I use, I would call this bull."

Salibi has a letter of strong support from a prominent German linguistic academic, but the supporter asked Salibi not to publish his name.

With the manuscript unfinished and unpublished, these can only be called first reactions. But it is possible to predict some lines of the battle that is breaking out.

Salibi, 55, a professor at the American University of Beirut, says he is "totally convinced" he is on the right track but speaks nervously of his discovery, which he says left him shocked.

"It's the euphoria," he explains. "It is really a disease. I wake up every morning at 3:30 a.m., thinking about the Bible. After five years that gets tiring."

Salibi is a bachelor but the patriarch of an old, rich and widely spread Lebanese Protestant family. He was brought up to believe strictly in the traditional translation of the Bible.

Some Lebanese intellectuals accuse him of political motivation and of being too pro-Palestinian. Salibi acknowledges his sympathies but denies they affected his book.

"As an Arab I may not like Palestine being Israel. I also would not like Asir to be Israel," he said, adding that he opposed injustice either to Palestinians or Jews.

"I am still a great admirer of the Jewish heritage - ancient, medieval and modern," he said.

Salibi has written six widely acclaimed works on his speciality, Lebanese history. New York's Foreign Affairs quarterly described one book as "a well-written study by a front-ranking scholar ... notable for its grasp and balance."

Albert Hourani, doyen of Middle Eastern studies at Britain's Oxford University, heard Salibi lecture on his theory in Washington, D.C. in April, and told UPI he still supported him.

"In my opinion he is the most outstanding Lebanese historian of his generation. He is linguistically qualified to write such a work and in general I am in favor of everything he does. He's a fine scholar," Hourani said.

Salibi is a newcomer to Biblical scholarship, but can demonstrate that at least his method is not a hoax. The Hebrew consonants of the Bible can indeed be identified with place names of the Asir as set out in Saudi Arabian geographical surveys.

The method yields startling results. In the Asir, two villages are called the equivalent of "Jerusalem," five the equivalent of "Hebron" and 11 villages have names derived from the word for "Canaan." Each of the 12 tribes of Israel is found to have left a number of villages named after them, Salibi says.

Salibi traces geographically plausible routes for Abraham's journeys, David's campaigns and Moses' wanderings through the desert to an area southwest of present-day Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia.

For instance, Hebrew for the Garden of Eden is "GN DN." Salibi traces "GN" linguistically to Junaynah, which also means garden in Arabic. It is a few miles down the Wadi Bishah watercourse from the ruined village of Adana - Eden, the same as the letters "DN."

All four biblical "rivers" of Eden are rather tenuously identified with named headwaters of the Wadi Bishah. Salibi finds Cain's exile in the Hebrew "ND," the Land of Nod in English Bibles, at one of two places east of Junaynah called Nayd.

Junaynah may be found on most maps of Saudi Arabia at latitude 2030 North and longitude 4270 East.

Salibi gives numerous other examples.

Most important, the Jordan - never called a river in the Hebrew - is identified as the spectacular ridge and watershed that runs through the middle of the Asir. Egypt is traced to a small village of the same name. Sodom and Gomorrah are found within fire and brimstone range of a volcano.

Salibi has no tangible evidence. Photographs he took on a weeklong trip to the Asir were destroyed Feb. 7 when Lebanese army shelling of west Beirut gutted his house.

"My notes on the New Testament were also lost," he said. "I barely escaped with my life."

Prof. Shmaryhu Talmon of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem told UPI

Salibi could not have a valid argument because of archaeological evidence he said linked Biblical history to modern Israel.

"Anyone who denies to see the connection between this and Old Testament events is just closing his eyes to reality," he said.

However, in one of the best-argued chapters of his book, "Non-findings in Palestine," Salibi says archaeological findings in Israel like the Maobite stone, the Lachish ostracha and the Gezer calendar prove no more than that Jews were among the inhabitants of the area. A 7-year excavation at the Jerusalem site reckoned to be the City of David has produced no published proof that David or any other Israelite king lived in the buildings uncovered.

"Dig in the Asir, and you will find the genuine remains of ancient Israel," Salibi said. But Saudi authorities so far have been wary of excavations in the Asir, known to be rich in uninvestigated ancient archaeological remains.

Saudi geographer Al Biladi describes Wadi Adam, a valley in the northern Asir to which Salibi traces many Biblical place names, as "a wadi of many villages and homesteads. It is one of the most populated parts of the area, full of fortifications and ruins."

Salibi's circumstantial evidence also notes Asiri flora and fauna, Greek historians, Egyptian records, the large Jewish population of the Asir until the 1950s and popular Asiri belief. He speculates that the Islamic holy book, the Koran, may have much to reveal, too.

"There are so many thousands of ancient place names in Palestine," Salibi said. "Why are there so few Biblical names among them?"

"By contrast, why do nearly all the Biblical place names survive in only one part of the Near East, the Asir? Their existence needs to be explained.

"Biblical scholars have been cheating people for a long time. Ordinary people can't read squiggles," Salibi said. "The cat is now out of the bag."

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