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## Salutation

"We go to Salute the Children of the King" II. Kings 10: 13

*Dearly beloved friends:*—

In saluting you, I pray that the "Holy One of Israel who is our King" will continually exalt you in His righteousness, by causing you to always walk in the light of His countenance, as taught in Psa. 89: 15-19.

## THE TRAGEDY OF AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

As we write these lines, the great city of New York is stirred by a spectacular and turbulent upheaval. The events just preceding the days of the French Revolution have been re-enacted before our very eyes. The oppression of high prices for the necessities of life has become so insufferable to the poor, that they have arisen in tumultuous revolt. We quote from a newspaper a few lines which will give you a good idea of what happened:—

Crying "we want bread, we want bread," more than three thousand women, bareheaded, scantily clad—their warmest garment being a shawl thrown about their shoulders—stormed up the steps of the city hall here today, demanding relief from Mayor Mitchell from the high cost of food. Most of the women carried babies in their arms, their faces showing the pinch of hunger. Within a few minutes, a crowd of thousands had gathered in City Hall Park watching the demonstration. "We are starving! We want bread!" was the constant cry raised by the women, as they surged about the entrance to the City Hall. They swept up the steps en masse. The doors were banged shut in their faces, and wild cries and imprecations followed.

It is not generally known throughout the country that the leaders of these riots were for the main part Jews. This is surprising, because Jews have always preferred to suffer rather than to take up violent measures. We quote further, but now from "The Jewish Daily News," of New York City, one of the prominent papers in circulation among the Jews of this country:—

The Jewish Anarchists, Socialists, Birth Control Agitators, and other irresponsible persons who seek to make capital of the great poverty and the fight against high prices in the Jewish quarters, yesterday over-stepped all limits of respectability, when they made a riot in the great synagogue on Norfolk Street. They threatened the rabbi of the synagogue, the great rabbi Salom Alchanon Yafa and the officers. They polluted the holy place with the most ugly words and broke pulpits and chairs. The police came just in time to restore order and to save the rabbi from danger. The readers will recollect that a few years ago when there was a fight against lack of work, Jewish "comrades" began to make raids upon churches.

This admission made by a Jewish paper is nothing short of a revelation, and must come as a shock to every right-minded Christian. The poor Christian people of America have been deluded and blinded into a peculiar belief that "the Jew is all right as he is," and for the past four hundred years, ever since there began to be settlements of people in America, we have criminally left the Jew unevangelized. What a strange people we are! We have seen by the light of history that the Jew without God is desperately wicked; and



we know that the Jew who rejects Christ is rejecting God, (John 15: 23; 14: 1) And yet in the face of these facts, we persistently refuse to see the desperate importance of evangelizing the Jew. Just as the ostrich buries his head in the sand, and thus thinks that nobody sees him, so we have stuck our heads into the sands of our own fallacy that the Jew is all right as he is, until now we have reared for ourselves a task so colossal, that it staggers us. We have been sowing the wind and now we are reaping the whirlwind.

The Jew is an extremist; either he is a mystic, or he is an anarchist; either he is all bad or he is all good; either like Saul he goes about killing the Jews who believe in Christ, or like the same Paul, touched by the power of the Holy Spirit, he turns about and becomes the greatest missionary of the Cross this earth has ever known. The Jew began coming to our American shores nearly 400 years ago; we persistently and wickedly let him alone, we allowed ourselves to be deceived by our false ideas of what religious liberty meant and we were so foolish as to make ourselves believe that we would be offending the Jew by presenting to him the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this country the Jew began to breathe the ozone of this so-called liberty, which he soon began to interpret into infidelity, atheism, and anarchy. We became so extravagant with our ideas of liberty, that we barred from our public schools every shred of Bible teaching, and began to educate these Jewish children, to sharpen their wits, to develop their shrewdness, but failed to give them the one thing which alone would make for a stable future for our government—the moral stamina, without which education is wicked. What is the result? We are facing the most serious hour of Jewish history in America. Judaism has become bankrupt; the Jewish leaders themselves regard the situation as alarming; we have repeated in these columns over and over again, that not 3 per cent. of all the Jews in Greater New York are officially reported in *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle* Almanac, as being members of Jewish Synagogues! This is little short of a calamity. In the *Atlantic Monthly* for February, Ralph Philip Boas contributed an article entitled, "The Problem of American Judaism." In it, among other things, he says this:—

A well conducted Reformed congregation hardly differs from a body of agnostics \* \* \* In prosperity, the Jewish self-consciousness ceases to be religious and becomes merely racial. \* \* \* Spacious synagogues stand empty \* \* \* Having outlived poverty and persecution, the well-to-do Jew is left in a state of good natured and satisfied religious apathy \* \* \* Is the stream of spiritual energy that once flowed into the world from Palestine dried up, now that the folk of Palestine live in other countries? Those who are not Jews should remember that their attitude will have a profound effect upon the answer to this question. The United States is deeply concerned whether several millions of her most energetic citizens live in the clear light of religious sincerity, or whether they live in a class materialism, and are given over chiefly to the acquisition of wealth.

Another humiliating confession comes from such a paper as *The American Jewish Chronicle*, under date of January 19th:—

The Hebrew Union College, for instance, in existence for more than thirty years, has produced nearly 200 rabbis, but not one single Jewish scholar. Whenever there is a vacancy in the faculty of this college, a European scholar is called upon to fill it, because none of the college graduates is able to do so. Not one new religious, philosophic, or otherwise spiritual Jewish idea has been produced by that center of Jewish learning during its whole existence. This spiritual and intellectual unproductiveness of the college, the intellectual center of American reform Judaism, reflects on American reform Judaism as a whole.

It is inevitable that a nation which has lost its grip on God must eventually sink to a low plane of morality, and this is just what is happening today within the confines of Judaism. Last summer, when rigid investigations were made in

New York into the White Slave Traffic, there appeared before the District Attornies, one Yushe Botwin, said to be the head of the White Slave Trust. Botwin admitted that he had been a white slaver for 25 years. He implicated other Jews in this unspeakable business. It is well-known that the East Side in New York is honey-combed with the abominable cadet system, gangsters, etc. When the Rosenthal murder was in the spotlight, there were four accomplices sentenced to the electric chair at Sing Sing, besides Lieutenant Becker; three of these were Jews. (It is noteworthy that American born and educated Jews manifest these alarming tendencies!) So we could go on, naming one by one the frightful conditions of spiritual and moral bankruptcy which pervade modern Judaism. The Jew is rapidly becoming the intellectual leader in this country; we tremble, when we realize what that means for the future of Christianity in America. Everywhere throughout the land, these so-called Reformed Rabbis are charming away good Christian people into a mawkish sentimentality and into a denial of that for which the martyrs shed their blood. Over and over again, misled Christians allow in their pulpits these Reformed Rabbis and listen to their superficial sophistry. One prominent Rabbi loves to parade himself over the land and repeat that which he knows is a wicked falsehood—"There never was a converted Jew in all history who was worth anything!" and we foolish Christians sit quietly and let him say this without a word of protest, while we know down in our heart that if it were not for Jewish Christian supermen like Paul, Peter, James, John, Edersheim, Herschell, Neander, etc., ad infinitum, Christianity, humanly speaking, would not be in existence today.

Why do you let yourself be so misled? Why doesn't the church of Christ in America awake and turn to the Jew with a tremendous missionary campaign such as has never been known before in our history? Are we asleep? Oh for a Luther who will thunder up and down our land until the church of Christ shall upon bended knee come to God for forgiveness and a new vision of duty to this people!

Oh for a revival of prayer on the part of the church for the Jews! What desperate days we are living in. How long can God suffer such perversion of His will by the church concerning the Jew? Do you not see that the Jew failed because he refused to give the message of salvation to the Gentiles? And do you not see that just as surely as the Jew failed for that selfish bigotry, so shall the Gentiles as surely fail because they have refused to give the Gospel to the Jew? We cry as it were in the wilderness, amongst a Babel of voices; everywhere about us agitators are busy telling the church what is wrong with her; but nobody dreams of going back to the Word of God to find out that what is wrong with us is simply that we have refused to do what God has told us to do, give the Gospel "To the Jew First!"

And evil days will continue to come upon us, the day will grow darker, and sooner than we think we shall be plunged into an abyss of sin and despair comparable only to those days when Rome hurled herself to destruction.

To you, dear friends, it has been given to see the great need of Israel today, and many times have we thanked God for your loyalty to the vision which He has shown you. Although perhaps because of smallness of numbers we may be unable to stem the tide of these evil conditions which overwhelm us, yet we believe that when He comes, and we stand before Him in that Day of Accounting, we shall be unashamed, knowing that we have done our duty. This will be our reward, that He will say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Your servant in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

—LEOPOLD COHN.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

## Victories of the Gospel

Sometimes we are astonished to find ourselves in conditions similar to those with which primitive Christianity had to struggle. But we rejoice greatly in our hearts over the same victories the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is making now as in olden times. A few months ago a Jew, not a convert, only an inquirer, whose wife had died, asked us to place his two little children in a Christian institution. "I have more confidence in Christians than in my own people," he said. We therefore did our best and placed the children in a Christian Home for Destitute Children. This was not done for charity, for the young man is earning good wages and has been paying their board. As soon as some of the Jewish leaders learned of this arrangement they remonstrated with the matron of the home, arguing that she had no right to keep Jewish children. They even demanded that the children be given over to a Jewish institution immediately. The young father has been assailed again and again by neighbors as well as his wife's relatives, following him even to his workshop, quarrelling with him and admonishing him to take the children out of the Home and place them under Jewish care. But God's power is remarkably sustaining this young man, giving him strength to stand all the annoyance and persecution and to defend the step he has taken by insisting upon his preference with regard to entrusting his children to Christian hands.

## A GIRL'S TESTIMONY

Another instance will show the steadfastness of our converts. One of our believing girls has taken rooms in an institution for young women where they get a home at reasonable prices. The inmates of that institution are a mixture of all nationalities

similar to the population of New York City itself. One day this girl was asked what her religion was. She answered that she believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Why, you are a Jewess, are you not?" came the rejoinder from the head of that institution. "Yes," replied the girl, "I am of Jewish nationality but the Lord Jesus Christ is my Saviour." "What a strange combination!" exclaimed the matron, "a Jew and a Christian, you ought to be ashamed of yourself." The girl instead of being discouraged went up to her room and gave thanks to God that He counted her worthy to be reviled and dishonored for no other reason than that she confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour. The sincerity and uprightness of the girl appealed to the inmates very much and she won the friendship of many girls. While the matron was far from showing her any sympathy, the girls, some among them Jewish, were entirely on her side. When she became ill she was told roughly that she must leave the home, as it was not a hospital for the sick, but when the inmates heard of this they said that they all were ready to leave in case this girl was compelled to go.

## REJOICING IN THE LORD

Another case is that of a poor woman who was converted and baptized in this mission some three years ago. She has five little children, the oldest about seven. Her husband was disabled about two years ago, not being able to earn as much as a dollar a week, therefore the mother and children have been suffering severely. The Jewish charities helped her with the rent and we, through the kindness of the supporters of this mission, have supplied other necessities. She told us that the agent of the Charities asked her if it was true that she believed in Christ. She answered in the affirmative. When she was reproved, and rebuked, and threatened with the loss of her support, she bravely decided to undergo all hardships rather

than to deny her Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally the Jewish charity organization stopped its support and she was placed in awful straits. We then tried to find a home for her children. This would have left her free to earn a livelihood for herself and her sick husband. It was out of the question to make an attempt to place the children in a Jewish institution so we applied to the City Charities, asking that they would in their own way and through their connection with the institutions have the children admitted to some Christian home. When the agent came to investigate, as is their custom, the poor woman was carefully examined. Among the many questions put to her was one about religion. When the investigator learned of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour she was told that she must have a mediator between Christ and herself. The use of the telephone was referred to as an illustration. "If you want to talk to your friend over the 'phone you must call up Central first. Likewise, if you want to pray to Christ you must go first to His mother." To this the woman replied that she did not need any Central because she calls up Christ directly and talks to Him without anybody between them. This rather angered the agent, who tried for some time to argue the woman out of her belief, and finally told her that on account of this, she would never get her children in an institution. Suffering as she does, the poor woman laughs at every difficulty that comes into her life and always rejoices in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHANGED FEELINGS

Our workers report progress among the Jews whom they visit, for their attitude is rapidly changing from that of hatred to one of sympathetic feeling. Mr. Burgen visited a family who had been to the dispensary. The mother whose sick child has been greatly benefited by the doctor told Mr. Burgen to go to the floor above

hers, where there were six men living by themselves. One of them was the head and leader of the others. When Mr. Burgen finally went to the rooms he invited the men to our meetings and then naturally a talk about Christ was started. When he had told them a little about what our mission was trying to do, namely, to warn people against the wrath of God and to invite them to find shelter in the Lord Jesus Christ, who gives to everyone free salvation, some of them began to use imprecating language and cursed the missionaries. Mr. Burgen thought he ought to leave the room at once but the leading Jew asked him not to hurry out and then addressing his fellowmen said among other words, "If God hated the missionaries he would kill them all, but since God has not done so, for many centuries, why should we hate them?" This speech changed the attitude of the men and they said nothing further against Mr. Burgen or other missionaries.

## WON THROUGH LITERATURE

We have also been privileged to observe the working power of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in that department of this mission which we call our Gospel by Mail. The correspondence along this line is growing steadily. Just a few days ago a letter from a Jew in Knoxville, Tenn., reached me, saying that he had received our literature and was very thankful because his eyes have been opened to a new and broader field. He asked that we now send the same literature to his father, who is a strictly orthodox Jew and resides in New York City. This Gospel by Mail work is only a few years old, but it has evidently made much progress in the way of enlightening and converting many Jews. I think that one of the strongest proofs as to the efficiency of this work is an article in one of the leading Jewish newspapers. It says substantially as follows:—

"What is to be done against or how



can one be protected from those dark soul-catchers who spread out their nets all over the country? They use the Post of the country. Is there no law and justice? Has the post been organized as an instrument for soul-catchers? From a mission in Brooklyn they write weekly letters to Jews in the country. They heap upon us their literature. They send books, several at a time, printed in Jewish and English. The trouble is that our Jewish brothers who have lately landed and cannot read or write English have their children read the literature for them and upon these young people the mission spreads its net and spider's webs. This is a plague which is not written in the book of the Law. I appeal to you to do whatever is possible against it."

#### Dispensary Notes

By PHILIP ENGLANDER.

The Sar Shalom Dispensary is well liked and visited by many people living at a distance as well as those near by, for the patient as soon as he enters the door feels immediately the difference between this dispensary and any others in the neighborhood. The tender care and conversation in the name of Jesus appeals to them and wins their confidence in such a way that they gladly recommend the dispensary to friends, neighbors, and relatives. As usual every patient has to wait for his turn and while waiting they like to talk and the conversation invariably turns to the subject of the Messiah.

On one Saturday (the busiest day of the week) while speaking to several patients about the subject "His name shall be called Wonderful," Isa. 9:5, impressing upon them His wonderful ways, even that of healing if they put their faith in Him, one middle-aged man listening to these words became very sad. His eyes began to fill with tears while he said, "Oh, if I had only been sure of this, perhaps he could have healed my only son, who recently died." This talk so af-

fecting the listeners that they even missed their turn with the doctor, which meant waiting about another hour and so they had the opportunity to listen further to the gospel of Jesus.

On another occasion while speaking to a group of patients about Isaiah 53, one woman began to swear and curse all the missionaries, wishing that Christ had never been in existence because a missionary directed her son to the truth in Christ. She was ready to return her ticket and not be treated by our doctors, but after a kind talk with her she admitted that her son had proved himself an exceptionally good child since he became a believer and finally she made a resolution to welcome her son home again.

On another occasion while selling a ticket to a patient I missed a dime. The patient claimed that he had given me the money but I missed it somehow. Another patient who sat nearby said, "If you would not occupy your mind so much with Christ you would not miss your ten cents." I told her that I would gladly miss ten cents and more, to bring them the knowledge of salvation through Christ, since Christ had paid such a price for our redemption. After hearing me quote Isaiah 53, one woman said that she felt much better even without being treated; that Isa. 53 was her remedy.

A little later a well-educated Jew came in for a dispensary ticket but before I had a chance to give it to him he noticed two signs hanging on the wall which mention the name of our Lord Jesus and that all good Christians love the Jews. While reading these he became quite hysterical making remarks to the contrary. It went so far that all the patients waiting to be treated were on their feet, some in sympathy with him and some against him. This gave me a good opportunity to give them direct truth based on the Old Testament Scriptures. Many gazed and silently listened to every word and even that

learned Jew shook hands with me, asking that I pardon him for he did not know what he was doing.

Praise be to the Lord Jesus for His last prayer on the Cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

#### Opportunities for Prayer

By MISS A. E. SUSSDORFF

About two years ago a man came to our Dispensary for treatment. He was very ill and out of employment for a time, so that his family was in great need. I discovered these facts upon visiting them and was glad to be able to give them financial aid from our Poor Fund and leave some tracts, which were carefully read. The mother in this home is a splendid little woman, speaking English fairly well. Though poor and bare, the home was clean and neat.

After several visits I persuaded the mother to come to our Friday evening meeting and then to the Wednesday afternoon Mother's meeting. As she plays the piano quite well she helped with the hymns and enjoyed the services very much. The husband, however, persisted in arguing against the teaching of the Mission, though he allowed his family to attend and was quite willing to accept assistance from us. His words did not entirely influence his wife for she studied the scriptures for herself and I showed to her from the Prophets that Jesus was the Messiah, so she continued a regular attendant at the meetings, bringing her children with her and seeming hungry for God's word. Recently she whispered to me, "I pray now in Jesus' name. I do believe he is the Messiah of the Jews." Then a little later she said, "I have really brought myself to kneel when I pray." On my last visit she told me how one evening when she was discussing these matters with her husband, her little girl came to him and said, "Papa, you ought to believe in Jesus. We ought to be together. The whole family ought to believe in Him. I do and

Mamma does and Goldie." "How do you know anything about that?" he asked. "Well," she replied, "Miss Sussdorff told me He was our Messiah, so we all ought to believe on Him." He did not answer. May the Lord use this little child to lead her father.

When the mother and I were reading the Scriptures together, she apologized that her Bible was so worn because she and the children used it so much. I told her how thankful I was to know that they read it constantly.

Dear friends, will you pray for this father, that he may accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Messiah?

Another mother whom I often visit is a firm believer in the Lord Jesus, but her husband is not. She told me, "I was on my knees praying last night, and my husband was in the kitchen reading the newspaper. He could look into my bedroom from where he was sitting, and called to me, 'What are you looking for.' I did not answer at first, but he kept on saying things. So I said, 'I am praying for you Louis.' 'You foolish woman,' he answered, 'I don't believe in prayer. God does not answer, and I do not believe in any of those mission people.' 'Well, I am praying for you, and God will answer.' 'How can you believe that?' he asked. 'What good have you received since you believed?' 'We are poor,' she replied, 'and you do not care to work, that is so, but I have a joy in my heart I never had before.'"

The next morning, his little daughter, not yet five years, was repeating the Lord's Prayer. She has always been careful not to let her father hear her pray, but he did hear this morning, and demanded, "Who taught this child to pray?" "I did," said the mother, "I learned that prayer in the New Testament and I have taught Lena." The child went right on praying, and as her father listened he cried. That was the first time he has showed any

feeling. He told the child she must not believe in Jesus, but the little girl came and whispered in my ear, "But I do." His wife was able at this time to talk to him, and he said he would begin to read the Bible. He does do that, but is very slow with any outward show of faith. Pray for him especially dear readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. There are four splendid children in this family.

### In the Reading Room

BY M. MAISEL

Mr. Maisel, the writer of the following article, was formerly the principal of a Hebrew School in New York. His conversion and baptism were reported a few months ago in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. Formerly we have sent our young men of promising ability to Christian schools for training, but our experience has proved rather unsatisfactory. Some of the students we sent out found their way to other fields of Christian work, and in this way, the mission sustained a loss. Others again who returned have not shown as a result of their education the equipment necessary for Jewish mission work. We therefore have decided to keep such converts under our care, teaching and training them in the best way possible. Mr. Maisel has been in training and co-working with us since the first of January.

One afternoon a few weeks ago I happened to be all alone in the Reading Room. The weather was very cold outside and coupled with the great demand for labor in our city the scarcity of visitors in a missionary reading room is not surprising. Still I was very sorry not to be able that day to bring the message of God to those who need it so much.

Intuitively a picture presented itself to my mind of the situation in which the patriarch Abraham found himself at Mamre (Gen. 18) according to a Talmudic legend. The first Hebrew being exceptionally hospitable, was grieved because the unfavorable weather withheld strangers from coming to his door. God, in order to appease his eagerness for guests, caused angels to be the recipients of the Patriarch's hospitality. In my case,

even were I as worthy as Abraham, the alternative did not appeal to me at all, because if those whom we tried to convert were angels, there would be no necessity of any missionary work among them. So I kept on waiting for human beings like myself, when the door was opened, with a remark in the Jewish language; "Let us go in here." Upon that came the retort: "Oh no, it is a Missionary den, they will beguile you to trespass against your religion." "But let us warm ourselves a little, there is no fear that they will be able to do anything to us, since we are many." As I then came forward, I beheld a crowd of about 25 or 30 young people of both sexes in an undecided state of mind as to the advisability of going into a missionary house. Later I found out that they were on strike in a nearby factory. I removed every doubt from their heart, as to the danger of entering, by the assurance given to them in their own language, that I was their brother and had the warmest sympathy for them; whereupon they all poured in and filled the room almost to its capacity.

After getting acquainted with the new situation, the Jewish inquisitive mind did not remain idle. Questions of all kinds were hurled at me. I instituted forthwith, an orderly discussion, with rules by which to be led. Some of them, American bred, were of great help to me in keeping order. The Word of God resounded in the little room for about three hours. When their delegates came in to announce to them that their strike with the employer was settled, I reminded them of another strike, which was not settled yet, whereupon I read to them the 95th Psalm. Many admitted that they did not know their own Bible and promised to read it diligently. I distributed many tracts, feeling that the ice of unbelief was broken in many a heart. Those who know the animosity of the Jews against everything Christian, will understand why I consider that a great victory was won that day for the light over darkness.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. Please explain Rev. 21: 1. "I saw a new heaven and a new earth." Does the earth mean Jewish and the new heaven Gentile?

Question 2. The second verse speaks of "the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Does it mean the church or Israel?

Question 3. Does Heb. 11: 10, "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" mean the heavenly or earthly?

Question 4. "They all died in faith, not having received the promises." Heb. 11: 13. Does this mean heavenly or earthly?

—W. D. McLEOD.

Answer 1. It means a new condition and a new order of all things. The expression "new heaven" is used in a sense similar to the scriptural definition of a regenerated man, born again to newness of life, as a "new creature." 2 Cor. 5: 17. Likewise 2 Peter 3: 10-11, and the "passing away" of heaven and earth mentioned elsewhere in the Scriptures mean the same, viz., regeneration of all things. The heaven will not show us black clouds, angry thunder bolts and menacing flashes; the earth will not be cursed any more, will not yield thorns and thistles, and the sea will no longer be a dangerous barrier but as subjected as when trodden upon by the feet of the Saviour.

Answer 2. This is a heavenly city for which Abraham and all the ancient saints were looking. Heb. 11: 10-16. This is the place the Lord has prepared for us. John 14: 2-3, Heb. 13: 14. This new Jerusalem is one of the greatest hopes of all true believers in Christ, Heb. 12: 22. Thus the angel calls it "the Bride, the Lamb's wife" (verse 9) on account of the saints who inhabit it.

Answer 3. It means the heavenly city as explained in Answer 2. Every saint acquires title to this city immediately upon the acceptance of the Saviour, and is looking with anticipation for actual possession upon its descent from heaven.

Answer 4. The meaning is that all those patriarchs retained their faith through life, although they had not been put in possession of Canaan as promised. This then gives the strongest evidence that they saw the promises afar off, namely, they had in those promises a revelation of a future state of glory as shown above.

Question 1. Will you tell me, "in your opinion what Rev. 22: 12 and 20 mean, "Behold I come quickly," "Surely I come quickly?"

Question 2. Also do you think the end cannot come until the Jews have all had the gospel preached to them?

—E. C. BAACK.

Answer 1. Three times the Lord Jesus said, "Behold I come quickly," verses 7, 12, 20. While he told us "of that day and hour knoweth no man," Matt. 24: 36, our Saviour wants us to be in constant expectation of His second coming any day, any hour. The heart of the true Christian goes out to His return. The Holy Spirit Himself, whom the Saviour has given us to guide and show us things to come, John 16: 13, also says most emphatically and prays most fervently, "come." The Bride, the true Christians, "of his flesh and of his bones" (Eph. 5: 30) and in whom the Holy Spirit dwells, also harmoniously repeats that prayer with intensity "come." Therefore, let all believers awaken their souls to a longing for a realization of these things, and join with this Bride and the Spirit by praying "come." There is not another subject upon which more stress is laid in the whole Bible. Christ's words, "I come quickly" are the crown of all promises. Nature itself, yea, the whole creation groans with pain for that event, how much more eagerly ought we to look for that day when our redemption will be completed.

Answer 2. The only way of hastening His coming, 2 Pet. 3: 12, is by helping to gather in the number of souls to complete the Bride. Who can tell but that the preaching to the Jews so sadly neglected, will be the means of completing the full number, and usher in the glorious consummation?

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Question 1. Should a Christian pray the so-called Lord's prayer in Matt. 6: 9-13, or does that belong to the remnant of Israel during the tribulation?

Question 2. Is it not the Christian's place to pray for the rapture?

—NEWTON GODSHALL.

Answer 1. Some Bible teachers for whom we have much respect, hold that this prayer belongs exclusively to the Jewish remnant in the tribulation; others teach that it is proper to be used at the present time.

Answer 2. "Yes, as pointed out above on Rev. 22: 20.



## JEWISH NOTES

On the 11th and 12th of February, a new movement among the Jews of New York had its first convention. The object of this movement is to propagate the Hebrew language which the world has regarded as dead. The Jews claim that there are now in this great city many thousands of young men and women who have learned to speak Hebrew and in our mission we have met a number of girls who have quite a knowledge of the language. This has been brought about during the last ten or twelve years when Jewish scholars began to agitate for the study of Hebrew among Jewish children. Among the several resolutions passed at this convention was one which called out a storm of applause. It was to the effect that a declaration be made to the Christian people of America that Hebrew is the only Jewish national language, and therefore, it should be added to the curriculum of the public schools.

For a very long time Rome endeavored to establish her superiority over Judah. While Rome is called the Everlasting City the Jews are called the Everlasting Nation. Rome in her great desire to outlive Jerusalem, to deal a death blow to the latter, and to gain eternity for herself, went about creating great armies and deadly weapons, while Judah did nothing of the kind. Her only claim to permanency, was the little Hebrew book of God. (But how often she forgot to follow its precepts.) We are told that after the Jewish heroes had been brought to Rome as chained prisoners of war and the noble ladies of Rome were given the pleasure of seeing enraged lions crush the bones of these Jews in the arena, Rome was so sure of the utter ruin of Judah that she stamped on her coins "Judah is conquered." But look at Judah now, compare Rome with her. The former is beginning to bud and blossom, and again use her own language, which has never been dead and is now gaining new power. Hebrew is on the

program of education in many high schools and colleges here and abroad. In Jerusalem, and the colonies nearby, the Jewish language is Hebrew, and now in the greatest modern city, New York, Jews have begun to speak Hebrew. But Rome and her prestine language, where are they? Where are her power and glory? They are only ruins and antiquities.

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Judge Hugo Pam delivered an address at a dinner to celebrate the completion of a campaign for one thousand members by the Zion Association of Boston during which he declared that Zionism is the only hope for the Jews in America. He traced the moral and spiritual deterioration of the American Jew and said that the synagogues and temples could not hold the young men of Jewish faith. "Zionism," said he, "is the one thing which would redeem the race from its demoralization." He said that the Jews in America in an atmosphere of equality and liberty have the greatest chance to develop the movement. The American Zionists have never been so well organized as at present. European Zionism is completely disorganized, because of the war. Zionism has been forced on American Jews and it is for them to shoulder the burden alone.

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Mr. Norman Hapgood, the well-known American Journalist, at present in London, cabled from there that in London political circles the opinion is strongly expressed that after the war a Jewish state will be established in Palestine, under the protection of the United States. He further states that Zionism has been helped greatly by the war. Zionism is of interest, not to the Jews only, but also to statesmen of Europe. There are organized circles of Christian people in England, who are advocating Zionism. In Paris, also obtain the same conditions. There is an influential group of Christians in Italy who are working for the Zionist idea.

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| 24642 | 1.50   | 24739 | 4.50   | 24833 | 4.50  | 24926 | 4.25       |
| 24643 | 1.00   | 24740 | .50    | 24834 | .50   | 24927 | 1.50       |
| 24644 | 1.00   | 24741 | 5.00   | 24835 | .50   | 24929 | .50        |
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| 24647 | 3.00   | 24743 | 1.50   | 24837 | .50   | 24931 | 9.50       |
| 24648 | 4.50   | 24744 | .50    | 24838 | .50   | 24932 | 5.00       |
| 24650 | .50    | 24745 | .50    | 24839 | .50   | 24933 | .50        |
| 24652 | 4.50   | 24747 | 1.00   | 24840 | 26.37 | 24934 | 9.50       |
| 24653 | 4.50   | 24748 | .75    | 24842 | 1.50  | 24935 | .50        |
| 24654 | 7.50   | 24749 | 9.25   | 24843 | 2.00  | 24936 | .50        |
| 24655 | 2.50   | 24750 | 300.00 | 24844 | 1.00  | 24937 | 2.00       |
| 24656 | .50    | 24751 | 25.00  | 24845 | .50   | 24938 | .50        |
| 24657 | 2.00   | 24752 | 25.00  | 24846 | 1.50  | 24939 | 4.50       |
| 24658 | 1.00   | 24753 | 24.50  | 24847 | .25   | 24940 | 1.00       |
| 24659 | .50    | 24754 | 1.00   | 24848 | 2.50  | 24942 | 1.25       |
| 24660 | .50    | 24756 | 1.25   | 24849 | 1.25  | 24943 | 4.00       |
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| 24664 | .50    | 24760 | 1.00   | 24853 | .50   | 24947 | 4.50       |
| 24665 | .50    | 24761 | 2.00   | 24854 | .50   | 24948 | .50        |
| 24666 | .50    | 24762 | 2.50   | 24855 | 1.50  | 24949 | 2.00       |
| 24667 | .50    | 24763 | 1.50   | 24856 | 1.50  | 24950 | .50        |
| 24668 | .50    | 24764 | 4.50   | 24857 | 1.00  | 24952 | .50        |
| 24669 | 4.50   | 24765 | .50    | 24858 | .50   | 24953 | 1.00       |
| 24670 | 5.65   | 24766 | 1.00   | 24859 | .50   | 24954 | .50        |
| 24671 | .50    | 24767 | 5.00   | 24860 | .50   | 24955 | .50        |
| 24672 | 2.00   | 24768 | 2.00   | 24861 | .50   | 24956 | 1.50       |
| 24674 | 1.00   | 24769 | .50    | 24862 | .50   | 24957 | 9.39       |
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| 24677 | 7.00   | 24771 | .50    | 24864 | 1.50  | 24959 | .50        |
| 24678 | 3.00   | 24772 | 1.00   | 24865 | 2.50  | 24960 | .50        |
| 24679 | .50    | 24774 | 1.00   | 24866 | 1.50  | 24961 | .50        |
| 24680 | 1.00   | 24775 | 10.00  | 24867 | 10.00 | 24962 | 10.17      |
| 24681 | 3.00   | 24776 | .60    | 24868 | 1.50  |       |            |
| 24682 | 5.00   | 24777 | 14.00  | 24869 | 2.50  | Total | \$2,878.90 |