

Marriage matchmakers, who are still an active institution in Jewish Warsaw, have established a trade union for the defense of their professional interests. Sentimental marriages are the greatest enemy to the matchmakers' "interests." It is not only the poor Jews who have recourse to the services of marriage brokers, for many marriages among the richest Jews are concluded by their aid. A certain Mr. Reichman is the most renowned matchmaker of Warsaw. He is reputed to have helped to arrange 80,000 marital unions. The modern system of marriage on a basis of love, Reichman declares, is not successful. He insists that the old-fashioned system of marriages based on careful study of all conditions by both families is much more satisfactory. Love matches and the special requirements of the present generation throw the old man into despair. "What can I do? All girls want to marry doctors and lawyers, and I have so many engineers on hand who would make excellent husbands!"

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## Salutation

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

*Dearly beloved Friends:*

Springtime with its warmth and sunshine is here. "The singing of the birds is come." And we are reminded to pray that you will be inspired afresh to always sing the "new song" which the Lord Jesus has put into your mouth. May the Holy Spirit never allow it to "depart from thy mouth". Amen.

## OUR ENEMIES SHALL BE ASHAMED

God has given us cause to always rejoice in Him. Even when the enemies of the Cross taunt and scoff at us, yea sometimes trying to do us bodily harm, we are comforted by His word which promises that they will be humbled and ashamed.

"Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed." Isa. 66:5.

It is evident that the Word of God here speaks of two different classes of Jews, one class is that which trembles at His Word. The Jew who follows the Lord Jesus Christ does so because of being convinced from the Word of God which Word he fears to slight. The other class consists of those who are indifferent to God's Word, following their own preconceived notions and rejecting Christ. We find this distinct division between the two groups of Jews in a number of prophetic passages. For instance in Isa. 1:21 Jerusalem is called a harlot. But when the restoration takes place Jerusalem is predicted to be called "The City of righteousness". Isa. 1:26. Again in Zech. 13:8, 9 we read that two parts of the Jewish people will be cut off during the great tribulation and only one-third will be left. and even that one-third will have to be refined as silver is refined. "And then they shall call on my name and I will hear them. I will say, it is my people and they shall say, the Lord is my God." Thus the passage quoted above is now made clear, viz., that those Jews who reject the Lord Jesus Christ and rail at, and persecute those of their brethren who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will be greatly ashamed. The Word of God is wonderfully rich in its far reach and in its application. It is not only true as touching the future upon the appearing of the Lord Jesus but it has also a meaning for the present. During the thirty-seven years of gospel work among the Jews (for right after the Lord opened the writer's eyes two years before this mission was founded we started to preach His Gospel) we have seen remarkable illustrations of the fulfillment of God's Word concerning those Jews who persecuted us. Some of the bitterest enemies we had at the very beginning are now confessing and following the Lord Jesus Christ. They came and humbly acknowledged that they had been wrong and were now ashamed of themselves.

## A JEWISH BOLSHEVIST CONVERTED

Only about two weeks ago we had another illustration of this prophecy being fulfilled. A young Jew about 22 years of age, bright and intelligent and well informed, used to come to our Saturday evening meetings at the Plaza Branch. As usual, (we make an exception there because of its being comparatively young,) we give them leave to ask questions. This young Jew would always take advantage of the permission. Not long ago we had occasion to refer to the Godlessness of the Bolsheviks in their opposition to religion. We pointed out how foolish those people are in fighting the Almighty God, referring especially to Trotsky who when he became minister of war and was invested with all the glory of Bolshevism, boasted that he would drive God out of Russia. But now God has driven him out of the land of which he was practically the Czar.

This the young man resented very much. He stood up and boldly defended Trotsky and the principles of Bolshevism. But to our great and agreeable surprise this same young man again put in an appearance at the meeting and as usual he stood up to open his mouth. But this time not against us but for us. He confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and very humbly apologized for having annoyed us by disrespectful remarks. He has been coming into the Reading Room and there Brother Schatkin talked to and taught him the Word of God until the Holy Spirit took hold of his mind and heart convicting him of his sin and causing him to put on the Lord Jesus Christ!

## ANOTHER EXAMPLE

A young Jewess who lived here with her parents at the time the Mission was founded, some years later moved to Philadelphia. This girl used to watch almost daily the missionary leaving the place of meeting. She would then consider it a great honor and favor to her God to throw a stone at him. But she was often surprised to see that the missionary received the blows without showing any sign of retaliation. This puzzled her and gave her no rest until she began to attend the mission along with other girls. While in Philadelphia the erstwhile girl came to full womanhood and found her occupation there. She became ill and had to go to a hospital. Our valued co-worker, Miss Sussdorff, happened to be in Philadelphia and visited the hospital. While calling on the patients, with whom she talked about Christ, leaving some literature with them, she met this young Jewess who was very glad to hear about Christ and to receive tracts. Upon learning that they came from this Mission she confessed to Miss Sussdorff with much regret and sorrow of heart that she used to throw stones and hurt us. How could she atone for that? First of all she said as soon as she got out of the hospital she must take a trip to Brooklyn and beg for the missionary's pardon.

These two incidents among many others illustrate the two classes of Jews. God says to the believing Jew, "your brethren that hated you, said, let the Lord be glorified". The blind Jewish brethren think that by persecuting the Jewish follower of Christ they do God a service, as if they would say "let the Lord be glorified." But the Lord Jesus Christ appears to the persecuted one cheering him up, and instead of worrying over the hurt from his unbelieving brethren he finds that there is a sacred joy in his heart. The assurance of the promise then follows; they (that persecute you) shall be ashamed.

Now these words are primarily addressed to Jewish Christians, but they also apply to every man and woman who, on account of their faith in Christ, is being snubbed by scoffers of this rebellious generation and in some cases persecuted. But all who love the Lord Jesus Christ have the blessed promise that He will appear to our joy and that we shall eventually see the enemies of the Cross bow their knees in humbleness and shame to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,

LEOPOLD COHN.

## EDITORIAL

**Why Do You Proselyte?** The March 1929 issue of our paper, *The Shepherd of Israel* contained an article in English entitled "Why Do You Proselyte?" This article has stirred so much thought that we have been led to reprint it in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE so that our Christian friends may have the information contained therein.

We feel that the Lord will use this article to clarify and stabilize the minds of many Christian people who have found themselves suddenly bewildered in the recent mass attack, well organized, on the part of Jewish leaders, upon the chief citadel of the true Church of Christ, the Missionary motive of the Gospel. In this shrewdly organized and nation-wide attack, the Jewish leaders have been able to enlist on their side many so-called Christian ministers of the Gospel, ministers who do not deserve the name, because for a little mess of pottage in the form of well-planned flattery, they have betrayed the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, and have repeated in the 20th century the treason of which Judas was guilty in the first century.

Here is the article:—

The Jewish Rabbis are excited. "Why do you proselyte?" they shout at us from their synagogue platforms, in Jewish publications, and in every public gathering place where opportunity offers. "We must put an end to this terrible practice of Jewish soul-stealing!" they cry in unison. And they fail to realize that every time they utter these hysterical laments of despair, they are committing two fatal errors. First, they are insulting the intelligence of every Jew, because they assume that he has not enough brains to decide for himself what is true and what is false. And secondly, their complaint is a naive confession that they themselves have failed to hold the Jew in the synagogue.

But why do we proselyte? Our first answer to the Jewish critic who asks us such a question is often this: "Why don't you proselyte? It's a free country." It is a strange perversity of nature that causes our Jewish rabbis, who know full well what hells of torture we suffered in Europe, and how happy we were to be allowed to enter America, the land of freedom, suddenly to presume to become self-appointed Czars over our lives! Liberty of speech, freedom of the press, the right to worship God as our conscience dictates, the privilege of propagating our faith—these are the sacred possessions of every American citizen, guaranteed to us inviolate by the Constitution of the United States. But Mr. Rabbi says to us, "You shall not proselyte"! Such a rabbi has sadly missed the genius of American liberty, and ought to go back to Russia to learn again the lessons of intolerance and bigotry.

But why don't you proselyte, Mr. Rabbi? When God established Israel as a nation, His one purpose was that they should make God's Name known to the Gentiles. In the five books of Moses you will find that God provided special laws concerning proselytes, called "Strangers." See Exodus 12:49, Numbers 15:14. It was God's desire that the Jews should go all over the world and make proselytes out of the Gentiles. See Psalm 96:2, 3. Psalm 105:1. Likewise Abraham, proselyted, and had made many converts in Haran. See Genesis 12:5. Have you done this, Mr. Rabbi? How many Gentiles were converted in your synagogue last year? Come now, let's be honest—did you ever try to win one single Gentile to accept Judaism? Why not? It's a free country, and if you should undertake an aggressive campaign to convert Gentiles to Judaism, you will never hear a word of criticism or attack on the part of a single Chris-

tian, for the Christian understands better than you do, what Freedom of Speech means. So why not start right now a program of proselyting Gentiles? It is your duty, if you are a true Jew, and it is your right if you are an American.

But you know very well why you don't proselyte. It is because you have no message! A poor sin-sick Jew comes to your synagogue seeking a bit of spiritual comfort, and the assurance of sin forgiven; but all he gets is a lecture on some Broadway theatre play, or a harrangue on politics. And he goes out sadder than ever, and the burden of sin greater than ever. And when he is on his death-bed, how his soul hungers for some word of assurance that he is on his way to a better land! But all he gets is "I don't know!" And the synagogues are empty, and the Rabbis blame us!

And that is why we proselyte. We have a legal right to do so—the Constitution guarantees us that. Remember this, the next time you hear someone attack the missionary; we have exactly the same right to build a Mission building as you have to build a synagogue. We have a legal right to be exactly where we are, and to do exactly what we are doing.

And then, we have a moral right to proselyte. In the realm of Ethics, Truth is the prime consideration, and he who brings to us new truth is to be received with open arms, and is to be honored and loved. And any one, be he an Einstein or a Paul, who has truth to offer, is entitled in common decency to a hearing, and to an examination of the new principles he has to present. No Rabbi is big enough to denounce in ipse dixit style, the Jewish missionary; this is Czarism gone mad. Every Jew is entitled to have the Truth placed before his own conscience, and to reject or accept that Truth, so that his act shall be his own responsibility. Don't keep your religion in the Rabbi's name—it won't help you one bit on that last day when you must give an account to the Judge of all men.

And, finally, we have a spiritual right to proselyte. We are servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and His

command to us is that we preach the Gospel to every creature. And the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are doing their best to obey His command. So they are sending missionaries all over the world to every creature to tell every one of the Gospel of Christ. And as the Jew is also one of God's creatures, the true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ must bring to the Jew also the message of salvation through faith in His atoning blood poured out at Calvary. We do not ask or need the permission of any Jewish Rabbi in the world, to do this, and it is an impertinence for any Rabbi to say to the Christian, "We don't want you to convert us; go and convert your own Christians first." The time has not yet come when the follower of the Lord Jesus Christ needs the advice, or is ready to take instructions from any Rabbi, no matter how smart, or how high-sounding the Rabbi is. The Christian takes his orders from one Person only—the Lord Jesus Christ.

And don't be so simple minded as to believe the deliberate misrepresentations of the Rabbi. "There never has been a single Jew converted," he shouts. And he lies when he says this. For if he believes what he says, then why does he work himself into a frenzy over Christian Missions to the Jews? But he knows that is not true; we suspect he is only whistling to keep up his courage! The truth is, there are today thousands of Jews who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. They are to be found in Churches all over the world. Let the Rabbi come to our meetings some evening and we will show him a hall with Jews who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Don't be an ostrich. Open your eyes and open your mind, and let God shine some truth into your heart.

And then we have a message. It is a message of hope and joy and peace. To every Jew we say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." And the Jew who accepts this message and believes, becomes at once a new man; he has the sure hope of everlasting life, the joy of sins forgiven, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

Will you try it? Do you want to hear more? We will freely send you all the literature you need, and will gladly answer your questions.

### AND NOW—WE ENTER RUSSIA

We want to put before our friends a new opportunity. It has to do with Poland, Soviet Russia and the Ukraine. Our years of labor in the Lord's work have taught us above all else, one thing: and that is, when the Lord opens a door for us, we have no choice but to enter in. Every extension of our work has been made on this basis, and each time the Lord not only opened the door, and not only allowed us to go in, but He always gave the new undertaking His divine approval in such ways as to clearly indicate that no mistake had been made.

For a number of years our hearts have been turning to the vast and pathetic spiritual needs of our Jewish brethren in Europe, particularly Poland, Russia, Roumania and Czecko-Slovakia. In Lithuania God gave us a convert through the medium of *The Shepherd of Israel*, in the person of Simon Azur, and we have been employing him ever since as a missionary worker at Kovno. From Russia and Poland we have been receiving many letters in connection with *The Shepherd of Israel*, and occasionally we have responded in a small way to the needs

of individual Jewish Christians who have been suffering for Christ's sake.

Recently it was our good fortune, providentially arranged, we believe, to entertain for several weeks Rev. Peter Smoljar and Mrs. Smoljar, who have been faithful missionaries under the

Mildmay Mission to the Jews of London for over 19 years. These friends have been for the last few years stationed at Riga in Latvia, a seaport on the Baltic Sea. Previously they had in charge a very flourishing work in what is now Soviet Russia, in the southern part of the Empire, their headquarters having been at Ekaterinaslav, from which as a center they established missionary connections within a radius of over 100 miles.

In Ekaterinaslav,

Mr. Smoljar built up a fully organized Jewish-Christian Church, with some 40 members. The work was in a state of high spiritual tide, when suddenly the Soviet Government planned to seize Mr. Smoljar and exile him to Siberia. Mr. Smoljar got word of these plans and escaped to Riga. He left in charge of the work there a very able assistant, Mr. Gregory Guberman, who continued to shepherd



Gregory Guberman

the flock under the support of the Mildmay Mission to the Jews. Not long after this the Soviet Government passed such restrictive measures governing the carrying on of Jewish Mission work by outside organizations, that the Mildmay Mission to the Jews reluctantly concluded to withdraw all activities in Soviet Russia. Another society took up Mr. Guberman and some other workers, and supported them for several years; but that society, through unfortunate circumstances, encountered financial curtailment. The position in which Mr. Guberman and his Jewish Christian associates were placed led his friends to appeal to us to take him on our staff.

Knowing as we did the uncertainties of work in Russia, we began a careful investigation, in the meantime sending a small amount of money as emergency relief. Such reports as we could get were favorable, but they were in the nature of correspondence and we had no direct personal testimony. Then came the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Smoljar; these good people of God not only confirmed verbally all that we had learned through correspondence, but they begged us with tears in their eyes, that we should take up the support of Mr. Guberman and certain other workers with him, and that we must not under any condition forsake those destitute brethren who are now left as sheep without a shepherd. "Upon me will be the responsibility" fervently pleaded Mr. Smoljar.

After prayer and consideration, we have been won over, and are ready to say to our friends, "Come and help us undertake a work in Russia"! We have done everything possible to safeguard the investment of any money which we are going to ask you to

put into Russia. It has been our determination that we will never undertake work in Europe unless we can be assured that we can administer it in such a way as to keep the confidence of our friends. And now we feel we have just that opportunity.

Our field secretary, Mr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, is planning a missionary trip to Poland to get into direct personal touch with such workers as we may want to support, and to inaugurate a basis for carrying on gospel work along proper lines.

You will be interested, just as we were, and your hearts will rejoice as ours did, if we let you read a few lines from a recent letter to us from Mr. Guberman:—

Thanks be to God, He at last has heard prayers of His true servants, and is giving us again the possibility to spread the gospel of the Kingdom among our suffering brethren who are in the depths of sin and unbelief, without hope. The hard times through which our people have passed in the last few months have made them indifferent to all spiritual things. We must waken them, we must cry aloud and show them that the Saviour is alive. Praise the Lord for He gives us now the possibility to carry out this glorious service among His people. I thank you for your confidence in me. I must tell you the truth. I have no special ability. I am weak and ignorant. All those who stand with me in this Holy work of God must pray for me very much that the Lord of the Harvest shall give me strength and wisdom to carry on the work in His field with greater success than until now.

The first thing that is necessary is to rent a hall where to hold meetings. I know that every large thing begins small, as it says in Job 8:7, "Thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase." Yet do I venture to present to you several expenses which are necessary at the very beginning:—chairs, a platform, a small foot organ, and other similar expenses. Of course all these things must be begun on a small scale. Our

ecclesia is called "The House of Meetings for the Hebrew Christian Congregation". We speak and sing hymns in Yiddish. The Jewish people who visit our meetings feel themselves at home, not like in the Russian Church where they feel strange. In this district there are about forty believing Jews, among whom there are some able preachers. They all help in the work, but alas, there are among them sick ones and many who suffer from lack of means. It will be necessary therefore at the beginning of the work to help them a little at this very hard time. This will refresh them, and their painful hearts will be strengthened.

If the Mission will permit, I would like also to make a missionary tour to Moscow, Kiev and Odessa, for the purpose of uniting the Christian Jewish brethren in those cities into one Band and in this way to be able to report to the Mission concerning all the circumstances in which our brethren are to be found.

Mr. Guberman's salary will be \$60 a month, plus expenses for itinerant missionary work to such points as Odessa and Kiev, where there are also Jewish Christian congregations that need encouragement and strengthening. Then we will need \$50 a month to pay the rent of a suitable hall in Dnjepropetrowsk, which is the new name for Ekaterinaslav, with other expenses for janitor, heat and light, etc. Then each additional worker will require \$50 to \$60 a month salary. Thus you will see that the amount of work to be accomplished will depend upon the amount of money received by us for this purpose. Other expenses needed will be for literature, the hire of halls in Odessa and Kiev; and rather generous amounts for the relief of the suffering Jewish Christians in those cities. We ought to have at least \$100 a month to spend in this way alone.

Now dear friends, make this a matter of earnest prayer and let us know as soon as you can what the Lord is leading you to do. Gifts for this new

department must not in any way effect the gifts to the general work here, for of course the Home base must have its first support if we are to continue to do our work successfully. This money must be in addition to anything that you have been giving for the Home work.

Briefly, \$50 or \$60 a month will support a full time missionary in Soviet Russia or in Poland; \$50 a month will pay the rent and incidental expenses for a preaching hall in Dnjepropetrowsk or Odessa or Kiev. If you feel led to support a missionary for full time, or if you feel able to pay half the salary of a missionary, we will appoint a missionary with your money, and give you his name so that you may know exactly who your missionary is, and may pray for him definitely.

Not wishing to be blind as to what so far has seemed to be God's will for us, we have forwarded already several hundred dollars to Mr. Guberman to help out the situation temporarily, feeling sure that the Lord will through His children, send in not only the money we have so far paid out, but will also supply all future needs for this undertaking.

And now, dear friends, we leave the matter with you. Somehow we are persuaded that we shall have such an outpouring of your gifts that we shall have to say with Moses of old "It is enough."

#### Suffering for Christ's Sake

By MISS A. E. SUSSDORFF

Beloved readers of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, I wish that you were able to go with me when I am visiting in the homes about us, encouraging the sad and suffering, telling of the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation and sometimes, where there is real need, passing on some of the money which you have sent to relieve those who lacked. You would then receive a real blessing as you would realize that you were fulfilling the words of the Lord Jesus, "I was hungry and ye fed me."

But let me tell you of a few whom you have helped through us, that you may appreciate the situation in some measure.

In the Mother's Class is a young

woman who has been attending the Mission for years. As a girl she came to our Sewing School but now that she is married and has a small daughter of her own, she attends the adult's services. Recently, on profession of her faith she was baptized at the Mission. Her husband is not a believer but does not oppose her faith and on her twenty-first birthday he gave her a nice Bible. He is the janitor of a large apartment house and they live in the building.

One day recently she was sitting in her home reading her Bible when a Jewish neighbor came in and saw her reading. The neighbor immediately reported this to the owner of the apartment and stirred up several of the families in the house, saying, "We do not want a Missionary to be the Janitor here."

In fear of the Jews, the owner dismissed the Janitor and ordered him to move out of the house. In addition to this, the girl's father-in-law came in on the same day and seeing the Bible, tore it in pieces, calling his daughter-in-law many vile names.

In their extremity the girl came to us and we made several suggestions and through the Poor Fund which you have supplied, we will help them a little till the husband gets a position.

One Sunday evening, another member of our Mother's Class, came to the meeting asking for help. She has nine children, her husband is ill and there was no food in the house. How grateful she was for a little assistance to tide her over this hard place. She is a believer and some weeks ago, her faith was sorely tested, for two of her babies were kidnapped by a colored man. She earnestly prayed in Jesus' name that her babies might be restored and the next morning at two o'clock the man was caught and the children returned to their mother.

Many times during the past winter when I have been able to relieve special suffering, the mothers have said to me, "Oh, you have saved us; may God bless you", but dear friends, the blessing belongs to you and I am just passing it along that you may enjoy it.

Winning the Jewish people back to God by love is God's method and brings its sure reward. Three of the members of our Mother's Class have recently followed the Lord in baptism.

### True Messengers

By PHILIP ENGLANDER

We are thankful to God for the sacred privilege of being one of His ambassadors in this section of His vineyard where we may proclaim the glad tidings of salvation and redeeming love to His brethren according to the flesh. All the agencies of our work are used for the furtherance of the Gospel and the Dispensary has its part to play as well as the Meeting Hall.

One day a Mrs G. walked into our dispensary, and asked me for a private conversation. Her face told of much suffering and my heart was filled with compassion for this careworn daughter of Israel.

She said that she had four children and a husband who was out of employment. Two of the little ones were sick and there was no money to buy food. "Some time ago", she continued, "my husband was persuaded by an irresponsible agent to buy a little house and invest our life-time savings therein. Now, we cannot meet the payments on the mortgages and here is a notice from the Bank. If we do not respond within a few weeks the house will be foreclosed and we will lose our money. My husband is very much depressed over it and speaks of suicide. What shall I do? . . . What shall I do? . . . Somebody advised me to come to you people for good advice". At this she burst out with a cry—"please help us from destruction."

This story touched my heart and after a prayer for guidance, I investigated the matter and helped them materially as well as advising them what to do in connection with their house in order not to lose it.

Consequently the hearts of both husband and wife were ready to receive further messages, for these tokens of love opened their hearts to listen to the story of the Lord Jesus Christ who could satisfy the greater spiritual needs of their lives. They have come to our meetings many times and listen gladly to the message of Salvation. Years ago, they confessed, they wouldn't even stop to talk to a missionary; now they think that we are "the true messengers of God."

We are looking forward to the time when they will definitely accept the Lord Jesus Christ and we ask your prayers on their behalf.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *Will you please explain Rev. 20:5.*

—MISS L. SWIFT.

Answer. There are going to be two resurrections. First, "they that are Christ's at His coming," 1 Cor. 15:23 "the resurrection of life." John 5:29. The second which is called "the resurrection of damnation", will take place after an interval of a thousand years. The words in Rev. 20:5, which read, "this is the first resurrection", refer to verse 4, in which the first resurrection is described. The martyrs under Antichrist will be resurrected at the end of the tribulation immediately before the return of the Lord with His saints.

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Question 1. *I am asking a question which others are interested to know. Rev. 11:19 "And the temple of God was opened in heaven. And there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." Do you think this Scripture is literal? I have thought in my study of Scripture that the ark is Christ.*

Question 2. *What can you give me on Mark 14:51-52?*

—L. A. DRAKE.

Answer 1. It is literal. There is a temple in heaven from which the one on earth was copied. Ex. 25:40. It is then, at the last trumpet, that the rending of the veil of the temple to open the way to the holiest is actually realized. The ark of God's covenant becomes visible as a token of the recurrence of those and many more wonderful things which accompanied the ark. Jordan was driven back before the ark. Psa. 114:5. Jericho's walls fell down flat before it. Josh. 6:20. It also indicates that God is now going to fulfill all his words written in His covenant, through His holy prophets. Then follows the wrath of God, manifested by lightnings, thunderings, earthquakes, etc., bringing punishment upon His enemies. But the ark is bringing joy and hope to all the people belonging to that covenant.

Answer 2. Some Bible students are of the opinion that the young man was one of the followers of the Lord Jesus. But from the manner of dress he is here described to have worn we should judge that he was not a Jew but a poor

Arab, who was aroused from his sleep by the tumult. The Jewish religion never allowed a Jew to walk around naked with only a cloth cast about his naked body. But according to statements by travelers the poorer people in Arabia have nothing but a sheet or blanket wrapped around them. However, it does not matter who the young man was. The reason the Holy Spirit recorded this incident seems to be to show us that the crowd of the enemies of our Lord was entirely in Satan's possession. So shamefully did they allow the Evil One to control them that they violently attacked a man who was entirely unknown to them and unsuspected of any part in the matter.

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Question. *Will you tell me the significance of Acts 2nd chapter 38th verse "be baptized that you may receive the Holy Spirit" and Acts 10:47, Cornelius the Gentile, "be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit."*

—J. E. WEST.

Answer. Peter's address was delivered to Jews who were deeply convicted of the sin of crucifying the Lord Jesus Christ. They must be baptized in order to show openly their death, burial, and resurrection with the Lord Jesus Christ to a new life. This act would be a declaration of faith in Him and of the change that had been wrought in them by the Holy Spirit. Thus it was necessary for them to be baptized first to show forth by a visible ordinance their true repentance and sincerity of belief. Not so with Cornelius, the Gentile. There we are taught that those who are filled with the Holy Spirit and have not been baptized, should be so in obedience to the word of the Lord Jesus.

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Question. *Please explain what is meant in 2 Peter 1:19 by "the day star arise in your hearts."*

—M. R.

Answer. The word of God through the prophets, foretelling the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is to the darkened mind like a little lamp in the night. Although it gives some light, yet there is obscurity to the benighted understanding. But when we read of the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, all

of which are literal fulfillments of prophecy, then there comes to the once darkened mind a wonderful enlightening like the day-break, advancing and diffusing in the soul until it makes perfect day. Prov. 4:18. This minute fulfillment of prophecy in the first coming is indisputable proof of Christ's second appearing which was foretold by the same prophets. The Lord Jesus is called "Sun of righteousness", Mal. 4:3, because He is "the light of the world." He is also called the "morning star", Rev. 22:16. Therefore the Holy Spirit enjoins us to take heed and study God's word of prophecy until He who is "the light of the world" and the "day star" will arise in our hearts when we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

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Question. Please instruct me as to what persons, the wonderful Holy Anointing Oil, as mentioned in Exodus 27:20, was used upon? Was it used upon other than Kings and Priests? Was the oil mentioned in Leviticus 14, verse 18, the Holy Anointing Oil?

—MISS M: J: UNDERWOOD.

Answer. The oil referred to was used for the light. In Lev. 14 other oil was used in the purification of the leper. The expression anointing, Hebrew Mashach, Greek Chrisma, from which is the Hebrew *mashich*, the Messiah, and the Greek *Christos* derived, is used first in the consecration of the priests, who had to be anointed. Ex. 28:41. Then the kings had to be anointed with oil, the first one being Saul, I Sam. 10:1. Again the prophets had also to be anointed, altho in the Scriptures we find only one instance, that of Elisha, I Kings 19:16. It is understood that this was not an exception to the rule but every prophet had to be anointed. These three offices of king, prophet and priest, could never be held by one person. Uzziah, the King of Judah, attempted to usurp the priesthood and was smitten with leprosy. 2 Chro. 26:16-23. However, we are assured by God's Word that all the three offices centered in the Lord Jesus Christ. Zech. 6:13 plainly refers to the Lord Jesus Christ who combined in Himself all the three offices. Psa. 110 shows that the Lord Jesus took upon Himself the office of the priesthood. In Deut. 18:15 He is

the great prophet, and in Isa. 32:1 He is the King. All those three, king, priest, prophet, were anointed by men. The Lord Jesus was anointed by God, the Father, with a more precious oil than His fellow kings, priests and prophets. Psa. 45:7. All those were only types, pointing to the One greater than all. That is why He is called by the name Messiah, the anointed one, "thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed." Acts 4:27.

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Question 1. Is the Sermon on the Mount the Law or condition of the Kingdom of Heaven or the millennial reign of Christ with His church? Matt. 5:38-44. Is it not of this Kingdom that He says, except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

Question 2. In Isa. 65:20 the sinner a hundred years old is accursed. Will there be sinners in that day and enemies also of Israel?

—MRS. D. BIRCHFIELD.

Answer 1. The Sermon on the Mount gives the holy constitution and principles of the Kingdom of Heaven when it is established on earth. However, it also sets before the followers of Christ, in every generation, a standard, a model in accordance with which we have to regulate our lives. Nevertheless, we are not here told that except we carry out those principles or laws we cannot be saved. If our salvation depended upon our strictly observing those laws and high ideals then we would be saved by our works and not by His grace. We are more likely to endeavor to live a holy life when such a high ideal is set before us. If we had a lower standard our efforts to approximate to a Godly perfection would be much lessened.

Answer 2. Yes. At the end of the thousand years of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ there will be those who will be persuaded by Satan to make war with the greatest of all kings. This shows that the corrupt nature of sinfulness will assert itself even after that reign of righteousness. But the Church of Christ, redeemed and made glorious will never be under the dominion of Satan and sin.

### JEWISH NOTES

Justice Jacob S. Strahl of the Municipal Court, New York, has espoused the Zionistic cause and spoke on its behalf in the Temple Sinai, Brooklyn. He related his experiences on a recent tour through Palestine. His purpose was to study the situation from different angles. In this way he obtained a clear knowledge of all the affairs in Palestine. Now he is in a position to tell intelligently of the needs and problems, urging financial support. He said that there is the bright prospect of the Jews becoming a nation of their own with a government of their own making and a flag to be proud of. "Now is the time for Jews to grasp the opportunity of making history for the Jews. After two thousands years of wandering and persecution throughout the world, having been ostracized since the time of Christ, they have kept alive their brotherly love which is indestructible. The eyes of the world are today focused on the Jews, waiting to see if they are made of the same stuff as their ancestors". The Judge is learned in the laws of the United States but he knows little of God's Word. God spoke very plainly through the prophet Jeremiah, that the cause of all the evil God brought upon Israel was because their fathers forsook their God, "and ye have done worse than your fathers for behold ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart". Jere. 16:10-12. And again this learned judge lays emphasis on silver and gold as a means of building up the Jewish nation. "For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money." Isa. 52:3.

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Again the so-called Jewish Passover

is at hand, bringing with it in some parts of the world the horrors of the past blood accusations. The world is boasting of civilization, education and culture. But as Satan is the same old devil so the people who are without the light of the Lord Jesus Christ are obsessed of the same old devilry. The news has come from Prague, Czecko-Slovakia, that in a Jewish town called Boskowitz, Moravia, the so-called Christians were very much excited, storming the rabbi's house and planning a pogrom upon the Jews in general. The reason given for it was that the Jews through their rabbi murdered a Christian girl for the purpose of obtaining blood for the ritualistic ceremonies at the Passover festival which was approaching. The rabbi had a so-called Christian girl as a general houseworker. Some trouble caused her to commit suicide by gas asphyxiation and when this girl was found dead immediately all the so-called Christian people stood up with one thought, to kill the Jews.

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One of the oldest Jewish cemeteries in the world may soon disappear. It has stood for 1,000 years in the heart of Prague and contains the bodies of famous Jewish savants and rabbis.

It marks the old Ghetto and is today the busiest part of the capital. Modern buildings have been erected around the cemetery, but the government encounters opposition wherever an attempt is made to transfer the remains of 15 generations of Jews outside the city wall.

The Jews of Prague are understood to have support from abroad in their efforts to prevent the destruction of the cemetery.

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