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## EDITORIAL

The Pot Calls the Kettle Black. A preacher noted for his positive convictions against worldliness, was once supplying the pulpit of a rather fashionable church in a city distant from his own parish. As he entered the Church study, he was greeted by a Deacon who wished to have a few words with him. "I understand," said the Deacon, "that you are outspoken in your condemnation of dancing among church members." "Yes," was the reply, "I always oppose the sin of dancing by church members." "But," said the Deacon, "some of our most prominent members dance, and if you speak against it this morning, you will offend them, and the church will suffer." So the preacher agreed that he would keep silent that morning on the subject of dancing. But the Deacon continued further; "I also understand that you attack card-playing, and theatre-going." "Yes," replied the preacher, "I do." "Well," said the Deacon, "I must tell you that only last night Mrs. B., one of the leading women of our church, gave a Bridge party at her home, and many of our best members were present; so I would strongly ask you not to say a word this morning about card-playing or theatre-going."

At this point the preacher appeared quite exercised, and finally exploded with this question: "Well, if I can't speak about dancing, and I can't speak against card-playing, nor against theatre-going, then what in the world will I preach about?"

This was quite a poser to the Deacon, and for awhile he was stumped. Suddenly, however, a brilliant idea came to his mind, and with a look of great relief on his face, he said to the preacher, "I'll tell you—hit the Jew! We haven't a one in our Church!"

And it seems that we have fallen upon evil days for the Jews in these apostate times. For, with a suddenness and an apparent unanimity of agreement which might even savor of a conspiracy, "hitting the Jew" has become a sort of popular indoor sport, and the lamentable part of the business is that some of the Lord's people themselves, unwittingly, let us hope, have joined themselves to the enemies of the Jews and "helped forward the affliction." Zechariah 1:15.

It is a solemn hour for the Jews the world over. There is a rising tide of anti-semitism which if unchecked must surely overwhelm the race which already has suffered hell agony from the nations of the world. Stalin in Russia, hater and oppressor of the Jews; Roumania, with sinister and subtle program for Jewish extermination; Hitler, with blatantly announced determination for a wholesale expulsion and ex-patriation of the Jews of Germany, these are only the distant rumblings of a storm which may break at any time upon this defenseless people with such a fury that can only be matched with the cruelties of the dark ages. As we write these lines, a news report is brought to our attention in The Chicago Daily Tribune, which we quote verbatim:—

The London Daily Herald said Friday that plans are complete for an anti-Jewish program in Germany on a scale as terrible as any instance of Jewish persecution in 2,000 years. The paper ascribed its information to a "highest source", otherwise unindicated. Tens of thousands of Jews, the newspaper continued, have been secretly indicted as communists and marxists and already are marked as victims.

As intimated above, not only are the nations of the world turning upon the Jew with a venomous hate, but here in America, the land of freedom and tolerance, and the land where the Gospel has had an abundantly free course, there have arisen in recent months Christians and Christian Bible teachers who have been adding fuel to the fire of Jewish hate, and even fanning the flames! This is not a good time for the Lord's people to engage in Jew-hating. On the contrary, this is the supreme hour to preach the text, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee."

One woman has been touring the country giving lectures and selling books containing the most amazing exaggerations and misrepresentations concerning the Jews in Russia. According to her statements, we are asked to believe that over 80% of the Communist party is Jewish; that Jewish officers high up in Communism are the ones who decree the slaughter of their own Jewish brethren who practice the rites and ceremonies of their own Judaism! Aside from the overwhelming facts which deal a crushing blow to these fantastic stories, our own common sense tells us that if the Jew were in control of Communism, they would certainly protect their own flesh and blood. Whereas, the truth is that if a Jewish rabbi is caught officiating in the synagogue on the Sabbath, or teaching a Jewish boy the Hebrew Pentateuch, he is taken out and shot, without even the benefit of trial. This of itself shows whose hands control Communism—Gentile hands, not Jewish.

And a thousand voices echo this false propaganda over the land, unthinkingly, and without investigation. And they are positive they are right, and will not listen to contradicting testimony. One brother was rather loud in his insistence that over 80% of all Communist leaders are Jews. We made a rigid research, and sent him official figures from authoritative sources, showing that in Moscow, the central headquarters, some 18% were Jews: in Petrograd, some 12%, and so on down to less than 5% in other centers. Imagine our surprise when he replied that he was not so far off after all, for when he had added up all the **percents** we had listed, the total came to 78%! Like the boy who came home from school announcing he had 100% that day in his lessons—50% in Algebra and 50% in English! With such logic there is no arguing; and yet this is a fair sample of what passes today as truth in certain quarters.

#### OLD FALSEHOODS REVIVED

Another brother has recently published a tract in which he has scavenged from the rubbish heap the old Henry Ford accusations against the Jews. In this tract he accuses the Jews of being the super-fiends of the world, and charges them with a scheme to corrupt the nations of the earth, as well as to gain despotic powers over them. He speaks once more of the exploded so-called Protocols and of a fictitious group which he calls the Elders of Zion. Now, of course, everyone knows by this time that these absurd charges were proven utterly false some 12 or 15 years ago, and at that time Mr. Ford was compelled to issue a public apology for the falsehoods that he had caused to be circulated throughout the world. Mr. Ford was challenged to present proof of the existence of such a fantastic society as the Elders of Zion, but could produce no such proof, and even the so-called Protocols were proven to be a fraud and forgery. Now it does seem strange that when a man like Henry Ford, who so far as we know is not even a professing Christian, found himself obliged to abandon the position he took in his attack on the Jews, there should now come along some 12 or 15 years later a gentleman who is both a professing Christian and a Christian minister, to take up the old worn out, false issues and bring them to life again. The chief contention of this particular brother seems to be that the Jews seem to possess ambitions for world conquest.

But, the truth is that the Jew in Russia, and indeed the Jew in every other part of the world, has no ambitions for world power. He would be very happy if only the Gentile nations would let him alone, and give up persecution and massacre of his people. When it is remembered that out of a total population of 160,000,000 people in Russia there are only 3,000,000 Jews, and that these Jews are living in daily fear of their lives, certainly it must be realized that the Jew would be truly bereft of all reason if he should concoct any such scheme for world power and world debauchery as this particular brother accuses him of.

History is replete with tragedies that have come upon the Jews through perjured testimony of a nature similar to the accusations contained in these so-called Protocols. Even in recent years, ignorant and vicious peasants in Russia have been known to swear that they had personally seen Jews slaughter Gentile girls at the time of the Passover Feast, so that they might have Gentile blood to use for the Passover celebration! And upon such wicked and preposterous evidence, the mob spirit would be let loose in the various communities throughout Russia, and then there would ensue a veritable tidal wave of Jewish massacre and bloodshed. Now those of us who are acquainted with the Word of God know that it is an impossible thing for Jews ever to be guilty of such a heinous crime, but it was enough that one peasant swore under oath, and the populace turned with a blind and unreasoning fury against the Jew. Similar tragedies occurred in other countries of Europe and many of our readers can still recall the shameful farce of the Dreyfus case in France, when several of the other nations of the world made official protest against that injustice.

#### WHO ARE THE SWINDLERS?

Still another brother, and one whom we love dearly in the Lord, and whom the Lord has used wonderfully for many years past as one of the lonely voices in the wilderness of America crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," has recently issued a booklet which purports to be an exposition on the life of the great patriarch Jacob. Imagine our astonishment when in turning over the pages, we found, in connection with comments on the general subject, "The subtlety of Jacob", this paragraph:—

It is a witness of that cunning and sharpness by which the Jacob of succeeding ages has always outwitted the Gentile. He has been oppressed and robbed, but always he has been able to come out ahead in the cheating, the cunning and the deception. Today.... as a people, as a race, they are the richest on earth.

It comes with strange and ironic inconsistency that the Jew should be accused of having always outwitted the Gentile when we recall that every major swindle that has been perpetrated upon the human race found its origin in Gentile brains, and experienced its execution by Gentile hands. We need only refer to frauds and swindles of recent times by way of evidence on this point:—the great East India South Sea bubble burst with all its fury upon England, leaving a wake of wreckage that up to that time had not been known in the history of the human race. And everyone connected with that swindle was a Gentile. In our own country there are still some living who remember the Mississippi River bubble, and again that fraud was engineered by Gentiles. In quite recent days we have had the Hatler swindle in England, which really was the precursor of our own panic in 1929. Then came that vast network of fraud and swindle engineered by Ivan Kreuger, who made his final denouement by blowing out his brains in a hotel room in Paris. He was a Swede and brought down in the collapse of his speculative temple five hundred million dollars of crash. Certainly no one will have the hardihood to tell us that Kreuger was a Jew. Then we have the sad story of the Insull Utilities scandal in Chicago, where a three hundred million dollar structure went shivering to pieces. The senior Insull is now resting comfortably in the safe internment of Greece; and he would certainly resent it keenly if anyone called him a Jew. A few weeks ago the Stevens scions, both father and son, were caught and arrested in a railroad station in Chicago, as they were about to embark on a trip which possibly had for its objective the joining of their friend Insull in Greece, thus removing themselves from the jurisdiction of the United States in the indictments of another gigantic betrayal of the people's trust, again



involving many millions of dollars. Recently also we have been treated to the spectacle of prominent bankers, heading some of the largest financial institutions in the world, testifying before the Senate Committee to such shameful and fraudulent practices as would make even the mythical Shylock turn in his grave. Certainly none of these malefactors were Jews, and for our brother to make such a bold statement as he made in the paragraph quoted above is truly the pot calling the kettle black. Perhaps the admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ to the self-righteous hypocrite in Matthew 7:3, 5 would be appropriate at this point:—

Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Nor is the last statement of the paragraph quoted from our brother's booklet true. If there is any one fact clearly established in the world, it is that the Jews are not the richest people on the earth; on the contrary, they are the poorest nation. We have had occasion to give our readers in previous issues of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* such facts along this line that provided unimpeachable evidence on this point. Why Bible teachers should constantly persist in repeating over and over again this exploded fallacy, we are at a loss to understand. There is no truth in this statement, either historically or scripturally. The Scriptures clearly teach that the present age is the time of Jewish poverty, suffering and dispersion, conditions that you will find vividly portrayed in such a chapter as Deuteronomy 28. Jewish wealth in the Word of God is mentioned in connection with their restoration into God's favor, specifically the establishing of the Throne of David in the millennial reign.

But we go on further with our brother's rather doubtful exposition, and we are even more astonished when our wondering eyes fall upon a passage like this:—

Let me give you an illustration of a characteristic trait:

"And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother." (Verse 10.)

"And the sheep." And this characteristic, looking at the material side of things, continued to the last.

Note again this trait.

Joseph's brethren came up from Egypt whither they had gone on account of the famine, and they found at last Joseph was alive and in the place of power; they told their father all this, but Jacob believed them not.

"And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived." (Genesis 45:26, 27.) When he saw the wagons, the material things, the evidence of prosperity, and wealth, then it was his spirit revived.

We confess that we read this passage over several times and rubbed our eyes to make sure that we were seeing the correct print. Such prejudice and such misconstruing of motives we have seldom seen in scriptural exposition. This cannot be any stretch of the imagination be called exegesis; it is just the opposite, eisegesis, which means reading into the text that which is not there. This work is usually done by a clever lawyer who resorts in legal battle to what is called special pleading. We do not, indeed we cannot, believe that the

brother who wrote these lines did so intentionally or realized just what mischief he was doing when he wrote them. Even a ten year old child can understand from the simple language of the Scripture verses above quoted that the presence of the sheep with Rachel was the occasion that caused Jacob to roll away the stone so that the sheep might have water. Thus was the chivalry of Jacob brought to the surface and not the greed which our brother draws upon his imagination to supply. Likewise when we read further that Jacob saw the wagons come, a ten year old child would know readily that the wagons were the evidences to Jacob that what the sons were telling him was the truth. Thus the modern-day men of God seek gratuitously to malign the character of the great patriarch, forgetting that they hope some day to sit at the same table with Jacob at the great Passover Supper of the Lamb in celestial glory; forgetting also that God is proud to call Himself over and over again, the God of Jacob.

About a year ago we had occasion to write in these columns a defense of Jacob, and it was rather shocking to us to receive a number of letters expressing genuine hatred and showing such a really vicious spirit that we could not understand how a child of God could exhibit so carnal a spirit.

#### ISRAEL'S NEEDED MESSAGE

Now our own friends do not need these exhortations to love the Jew, for they have for years been profoundly convicted and led of the Holy Spirit to realize the wonderful blessing that God has in store for those who really love Israel; and indeed, the very existence of our work even in the midst of world wide depression is the proof of the abounding loyalty of our friends. But we feel that we owe it to our readers to provide them from time to time with the weapons with which to meet the attacks that come rather suddenly, and that is why we have written these lines now. It does seem to us that the message of the true child of God to the Jew in these closing days of the age is that of Isaiah 40:1-2:—

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The sands of time for the Gentiles are surely running out in the hour-glass of God's destiny. It must be remembered that the Gentiles have had world swing for over 2500 years, and they have certainly made a sorry mess of it. They have not done very much better than the Jews did when they had their time of testing. Which only proves that all human flesh is a failure whether it be Jew or Gentile.

Unemployment, bank closings, earthquakes, tornadoes, nations in perplexity, wars again looming on the horizon, certainly these are times for serious thought, and not times for the child of God to put his hand even with the slightest touch toward generating hatred for the Jew. The Jew is still God's people, and it is still true that he that toucheth Israel, toucheth the apple of God's eye. Let us be careful how we treat the Jew, what we say about him, and above all let us remember that the only commission God gave to the church of Christ as regards the Jew in the present age is, "that through your mercy they also might obtain mercy." Let us show the Jew mercy, so when we stand before Him in that final day of accounting we shall stand unashamed. "This people have I formed for myself," says God; and He is perfectly capable of dealing with them in judgment without any outside help. Let us trust Him.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

### Showers of Blessing at Pittsburgh

A letter from Miss Nan King, one of the dear friends in Pittsburgh who is giving volunteer help to Brother Solomon in our work there, contains such an inspiring paragraph that we must pass it on to all of our friends that they may share the news with us, and thank God once more for the continued manifestation of blessing on the work in Pittsburgh.

May I take time just to tell you about our meeting last Friday. It was the Monthly Day of Prayer and Praise. Unfortunately I cannot get there in the afternoon when there is intercession in behalf of Israel, but I am told that a goodly number of both Jews and Gentiles gathered and remained over for the evening service. When I got there a goodly number had already gathered about seven thirty, and before eight o'clock, the room was filled to overflowing. We had to borrow chairs from a store across the street, and the only aisle we have was filled too, and I have to admit there was scarcely breathing space. Many stood all night. The meeting lasted until eleven twenty. Of course my sister and I did not get home until the next morning hours. I do actually believe the meeting would have run on all night had we not been compelled for various reasons to pronounce the Benediction. What a wonderful gathering it was. Brother W. testified and his face was radiant. He also sang a solo entitled "The world must see Jesus in me" and next came Brother M. He has been faithful ever since the meeting began, but we have never been quite certain of his acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour until two weeks ago when for the first time he publicly confessed Christ in testimony. After Brother W., Mr. M. was next, and gave a message with four points. (Regular preaching). Then Mrs. P., a Jewess and Brother L. with a happy countenance told of their faith in Christ, while an aged Brother, Mr. S., played his violin for Jesus. Remember this aged brother in prayer. He is past working age, and quite tottering and practically homeless. Rev. Mr. Biles, a dear Baptist pastor, with a heart of love for

Israel gave a message on "Be ye reconciled to God." Of course we had a powerful message from Brother Solomon, and two solos from a dear sister, one was "Break every tender tie, Jesus is mine". Other testimonies too numerous to mention, more singing and more preaching, but oh the joy! Joy indeed, unspeakable and full of glory.

Again at the Sunday afternoon meeting when Brother Solomon asked for testimonies of at least a verse from the Scriptures, up got Mr. M. "I have a verse of Scripture, Brother Solomon," and proceeded with Psalm 66:16, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul". Following him Brother S. gave his testimony in Yiddish for the very first time, and, Brother Cohn, although I did not understand him, it brought such joy to all the other Jewish converts that our meeting ran on until 6 P. M. You cannot know how glad our hearts are to see the Salvation of our Lord in our midst, and we can truly say in Psalm 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad" and so rejoice with us and pray for us.

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A later word from dear Brother Solomon contains this sentence:—"Mr. S., assistant cantor at the Roumanian Synagogue, who has been playing his violin at our services for the last six months, gave his heart to the Lord and testified for the first time openly in the presence of a gathering of Jews and Christians, that Jesus Christ is his Lord and Saviour."

Again we say, Praise the Lord.

### A Visit to a Christian Science Hall

By MISS IDA LOIS ROSENTHAL

Shortly after my arrival here I met one of the Hebrew Christian girls whose name is Mina Klayman. I was very much attracted to her from the very first, because of her sincere Christian character.

We had occasion to discuss the Moody Bible Institute, the life, activities, the students, etc. Mina was very

interested in the Institute and through the wondrous workings of God it was made possible for her to enter Moody last September. Before she left we planned to have an afternoon and evening together.

Wednesday, September 21st was the never-to-be-forgotten day. After dinner she and I walked near Fifth Ave. and 8th Street to see some of the historical places. While we were walking, singing reached our ears. We were guided by the sounds to a large meeting hall. On entering we found it to be a Christian Science church. We hesitated about going further for neither of us had ever been to a meeting of this kind. Nevertheless we thought it would be interesting to see and hear what the meeting was all about.

Mina and I entered the hall and were ushered to our seats. A man who was called the Reader was reading from different parts of the Bible and from Science and Health by Mary Baker Eddy. The reader's voice was utterly expressionless, for in the same tone he said, "Let us pray, silently first, and then repeat the Lord's Prayer." When this was done it was announced that it was testimony night and that all who wished could give their testimony of healing. A few people did testify, but none referred to healing. During the time we were there, a deadness which only could be accounted for by the absence of the Holy Spirit was most noticeable. It was almost unbearable and while I was praying in my heart that God might reveal Himself to these people, I heard the clear, sweet voice of Mina. She was giving her testimony! And it was how the Lord Jesus Christ through His atoning death healed and saved her soul, and that now she had a peace and joy which passed all understanding.

After her testimony was given, the Reader said, "If our sister would study into Christian Science I am sure she would understand God better." The

congregation sang another hymn and the meeting was at an end.

Out in the hall we were met by a few people who tried to convince us that Christian Science was the key to the real knowledge of God. Mina spoke to one group while I spoke to another. I noticed that there was an elderly Jewish gentleman who listened very attentively. Later he came over and asked me several questions, which I answered from the Scriptures. After meeting Mina the three of us walked back to where I lived, continuing the discussion as we went. His conversation revealed his belief in Jesus as a historical person, not as Christ The Anointed One. Both Mina and I had an opportunity to tell him of Jesus Christ who is the express image of God, and of His power to save. We know that God's Word is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. We are keeping this man on our prayer list and pray that God will convict him of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. We thank God for the marvelous opportunity He gave us to witness for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." John 7:17.

### Sowing the Seed in Daily Faith

By SOLOMON KARCH

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside,—some fell upon stony places,—some fell among thorns;—but others fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit." Matt. 13:3-8.

On Friday mornings my regular work is to distribute circulars to Jewish people on the streets, in the stores, and in the open market. These leaflets, which are printed in the two languages, Yiddish and English, are announcements of our regular Friday evening meetings. On this day before



the Sabbath it is not advisable to carry on the regular program of visiting the Jewish homes, as on other mornings in the week, because the women are too busily occupied with the extra baking, cooking, and cleaning. So the distribution of circulars to people on the street takes the place of the regular visitation work.

One meets with many interesting and varied experiences in this work. Almost everyone will accept a leaflet out of curiosity. In some cases, however, as soon as the person discovers what the circular really is, he rips it to shreds, throws it upon the sidewalk, and sometimes even spits upon it and tramples on it to show his disgust. Other people throw the circulars away and spend their energy in shouting curses after the missionary. Still others call the missionary back and try to start an argument with him or begin to ask foolish questions in order to embarrass and make fun of him. But there are also many other people who accept the announcements in a kindly spirit. Some simply read the circulars and stuff them into their pockets and others are inclined to stop and talk and often ask really sincere questions.

I had a very interesting interview with a young Jewish storekeeper in connection with this work of circular distribution. I saw him standing in the doorway of his shop and gave him a leaflet as I passed by. I had gone but a short distance further on when I heard him calling to me to come back. He invited me into the store and then began to question me. He was very much concerned over the fact that I, a young Jew, should be willing in any way to help the cause of Christianity and especially to try to lead other Jews to a consideration of Christianity. He felt that I must have been misled in some way and that I was blindly stepping into something which I would regret later. He talked to me with a sincere brotherly interest

and I honor him for his conscientiousness and his faithfulness to his convictions.

I explained to him that I was neither deluded nor bribed into doing this work and I went on to tell him of my love to Christ and of what the Lord has done for me and was eager to do for all. The man listened attentively and seemed much impressed. He remarked about my sincerity and declared that he would not want to take such a satisfying and peace-giving faith from me.

I gave him some literature which he accepted very graciously and even eagerly, and he invited me to come and have another talk with him again soon.

I am praying for this young Israelite and I trust that many who read this will join their prayers with mine on his behalf.

#### Have You a Stereopticon?

Miss Biber would very much like a stereopticon machine which uses electricity, that she can use in the various classes when giving Bible talks on Old and New Testament narratives, such as the life of Christ, the life and labors of Paul, the story of the patriarchs, etc.

If any of our readers have a machine that is in good condition and would like to loan it to us or make a donation of it, will you please write us about it?

#### Hear Mr. Solomon

Rev. John Solomon, our worker in Pittsburgh, will be glad to supply pulpits in Pennsylvania and Ohio towns adjacent to Pittsburgh and tell of what God is doing among His people Israel. Mr. Solomon may be addressed at 1861 Rose Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### Clothing Needed

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#### JEWISH NOTES

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, in its issue of Monday, February 20th, 1933, printed an interesting report of present conditions in Palestine. This report pictures so clearly and comprehensively the conditions that now exist in Palestine, that it answers in many ways numerous questions that our readers have been sending to us during the past year or more. Therefore we are reprinting the report in this column just as it appeared in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle:—

Prosperity, striving for a foothold in a distracted world, has found one in Palestine, the cradle of mankind's religion. Reports received by Brooklyn Jewry that the Chaltzim, or Pioneers of Palestine, have routed the depression, wiped unemployment out of their confines, and bettered the standard of living in their colony, were speedily confirmed today by Louis Lipsky, President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Making a return to the world arena, elusive prosperity seems to be picking its spots cautiously. The Eagle a week ago related that it had begun to tuck itself in "down under" in Australia.

Now comes Palestine, reclaimed desert area of the Near East, with a boom-time saga comparable to the opening of America's West. Its area, scarcely more than a pin-head on a world map, is about that of Vermont. Its population, 1,800,000, equals that of West Virginia. Of this population, 1,600,000 are Arabs, taking slowly to the Occidental civilization and industry growing up about them—comparable to the American Indian. The remaining 200,000 are Jews, reclaiming their homeland. A substantial number of these are American Jews, of whom, according to Mr. Lipsky, many have returned anew to the "promised land" because of the depression here.

"It should be an old story to Americans," said Mr. Lipsky. "Palestine is

a pioneer state. Capital is flowing in. Homes and industries are going up. Agriculture is being developed. A new harbor is being dredged to bring the giant oil deposits of Iraq to the world. The Dead Sea and its big potash deposits are being opened up.

"Where," he asked, "is there room for unemployment? How could there possibly be a depression?"

"The Chaltzim," Mr. Lipsky continued, "this year reaped their greatest rewards for their pioneer tilling of Palestine's barren soil over the last decade. The intensely developed farms on the Mediterranean coast produced bumper grain crops; the plains of Sharon and Enekin inland returned record harvests of dates, figs, olives and fruits. And, to cap the rewards of their long struggle, the Chaltzim had a market for their products in the prosperity of their colony.

Tel-Aviv, the principal Jewish settlement in the protectorate that Great Britain has given a degree of self-autonomy, is pictured as a thriving city of 50,000, laid out, down to its public buildings and architecture, on American lines. The Biblical city of Jaffa is presented as similar to a buzzing port that might be found on the west coast of the Atlantic, but soon to be supplanted by Haifa, where the facilities of a more natural harbor are being perfected.

Old Jerusalem, center of the strife that has prevailed between Arabs and Jews since its halcyon days, is pictured as responding to modern influences, slowly but surely.

A principal incentive to Palestine's prosperous era, said Mr. Lipsky, is the growing amity between the Jewish and Arab factions. The absence of rioting over the past three years is testimony to this. More important, the population drift, carrying the Arabs from the deserts to the outskirts of the Jewish cities, is illustrative, with many Arabs accepting employment in the upbuilding.

The little colony also boasts that its cultural life is keeping step with its material development. Tel-Aviv's newspapers are edited in accordance with American ideas. The Hebrew University near Jerusalem has won world recognition. Three Theatre groups, the Habinah, Ohel, and Matapeh, are thriving.

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A total of 8,819 Jewish immigrants settled in Palestine during the year 1932, according to official figures which have been published by the Jewish Agency.

The figures includes 3,339 Jews who came to Palestine as tourists, and have been given permits by the Palestine Government to remain in the country permanently.

Of the number, 892 Jewish immigrants belong to the so-called capitalist category, of whom 391 have come from the United States.—The New Palestine.

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The Jewish Record reports that the ruins of Sodom and Gomorrah have been uncovered north of the Dead Sea by a priest whose name is Mallon, and

who is Director of the Institute Biblique Pontifical in Jerusalem.

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A Jewish Christian, Prof. Otto H. Warburg, was recently awarded the Nobel prize in medicine, for research work on cancer cells. Prof. Warburg is the head of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biology in Berlin.

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The Vatican is now openly propagating the theory that the Palestine Mandate should be entrusted to a Catholic country, and there is evidence that Mussolini is pulling wires behind the scenes to accomplish two purposes:—first, that Great Britain shall express willingness to give up the Palestine Mandate; second, that the League of Nations shall, when the proper time comes, be favorably inclined to transfer the Mandate from Great Britain to Italy. These facts may explain at least in part the continued accord as between the Pope and Mussolini, and in this connection it is well for the student of prophecy to realize that the Scriptures foretell of a treaty or covenant to be made between the Jews and the Roman Empire, not England.

#### SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM FEBRUARY 1st to FEBRUARY 28th, 1933

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| "The Chosen People" (Subscriptions) .....    | 221.15     |
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| For Pittsburgh Branch .....                  | 65.43      |
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#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *I would like to ask you what was the "sop" of John 13:26 that Jesus gave Judas.*

—MRS. A. E. B.

Answer. We think that Edersheim has best explained and described the sop of John 13:26. The modern observance of the Supper by the Jews, explains Dr. Edersheim, begins by first eating a piece of the unleavened bread, then of the bitter herbs dipped in Charoseth; and lastly two small pieces of the unleavened bread, between which a piece of bitter radish has been placed. But at the time of Christ, the "sop" which was handed around, consisted of these things wrapped together; flesh of the Paschal Lamb, a piece of unleavened bread, and bitter herbs. This custom practiced about the time of Christ's bodily presence here upon the earth is attested to by Hillel. Thus, the "sop" which Jesus, having dipped it for him in the dish, handed first to Judas, as occupying the first and chief place at the table, was the combination above referred to. It only remains to explain that the word Charoseth means a sauce or paste made of finely chopped nuts and apples, with condiments, and is meant to typify the bitterness of the life in Egypt, particularly as experienced in the making of the bricks and mortar.

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Question 1. *Luke 23:28-30. When are those days?*

Question 2. *Luke 23:31. What is meant by the green and dry tree?*

Question 3. *Luke 23:43. When was he with Him in Paradise?*

Question 4. *Matt. 27:52, 53. Please explain these two verses.*

—A. G. E.

Answer 1. The days referred to are those indescribably frightful days of the tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble, when the Jews will be the principal sufferers of all the nations of the world. So terrible will be the agony that the Jews will, as it says in verse 30, cry to the mountains, "fall on us; and to the hills, cover us." An example of what such suffering will be is found in the historical records of Josephus, who tells us that in the time of the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of Titus, the Jewish mothers actually cooked their own babies and ate the flesh.

Answer 2. Again our Lord stresses the tribulation of those last days, and the argument is, if they perpetrate such tortures and such agonies upon me who am a green tree, only 33 years old, and just in my prime, how much more easily will the nations of the world carry out murder and torture to the dry tree, that is to the Jewish remnant that shall be gathered in Jerusalem, a last residuum of the Jewish nation that has been without a king, without organization, without spiritual life. This last remnant will be literally dry, without hope, and looking with consternation up into the skies, and all about them, only to see the gathering hoards of Gentile fiends swooping down upon them with utter destruction as their goal, the skies overhead black with air fleets, the horsemen on every hill, the armies seething for battle. Truly Israel will be dry, and ready for the burning.

Answer 3. The verse itself tells us—today. See our Editorial article on pages 3, 4, and 5 of the March issue. After our Lord was crucified and gave up the ghost, He went to Paradise, and there preached liberty and redemption to those that were waiting. The thief was with Him in Paradise at that time.

Answer 4. It is thought by some that these resurrected bodies of the saints ascended into heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ, being among those first fruits, the spirits of just men made perfect. Heb. 12:23. Nothing is said in Scripture as to whether these bodies went back to the graves and died again, and so it is a matter only of speculation. The bodies were resurrected however after our Lord had given up the ghost and had gone to Paradise to accomplish the announcement of liberty of the saints in waiting. We have not sufficient Scriptural background to enable us to take a dogmatic position on this mysterious and awe-inspiring record. Whether these saints were actually clothed with the resurrection body, or with the body which they formerly had, we cannot say of a surety. We know too little of the connection between the other world and this. Notice particularly however the care with which the Scripture in verse 53 takes occasion to emphasize that these bodies came out of the graves after His resurrection.

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Question 1. *What is the meaning of Matt. 24, verses 16 and 20?*



Question 2. *Is not the Gospel of the Kingdom referred to in 14th verse of Matt. 24, the news of salvation through the atoning blood of Jesus? Or does it have reference to the news of His second coming into the world?*

Question 3. *If a thousand years is as a day and a day is as a thousand years, are we not living in the latter part of the sixth day now? And are we about to enter into the seventh or sabbath which will be the thousand years reign with Christ upon earth?*

Question 4. *Will there be any chance for a Gentile to be saved during the tribulation or will the times of the Gentiles have been fulfilled?*

—T. K.

Answer 1. See the answer to Question 1 of A. G. E. above.

Answer 2. Bible scholars distinguish between the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Gospel of the grace of God. In Matt. 24:14 the reference is to the actual time of tribulation in Jerusalem, when once more God will raise witnessess for Himself who will go about among the Jews and preach to them the Gospel of the Kingdom, that is the literal rebuilding of the Throne of David and the establishing of the Jewish nation in Jerusalem through their acceptance of the Messiah as King. This is not the Gospel of grace, for the Church will have been caught up to be with the Lord, before these days of tribulation.

Answer 3. Yes, your interpretation is quite reasonable and plausible. In Jewish eschatology it is taught by the mystics that the first 6000 years of the world's history are to be compared to six days, and then will come the seventh day, which is called "all Sabbath" meaning what we would call in the English language, the millenium, of the seventh thousand years.

Answer 4. Rev. 7:9-17 seems to make it clear that there will be Gentiles saved during the Tribulation. In the R. V. verse 14 reads, "The great tribulation" and verses 3 to 9 of Rev. 7 speak of the Children of Israel who have already been "sealed" in this terrible period. Then verse 9 speaks of others from "all nations", etc., who are praising God. But doubtless these will not have the same position in eternity as the members of the Church.

Question. *Could you throw a little light on Jer. 51:5, the latter part?*

—J. B.

Answer. The declaration is here made by God that Israel in spite of all of her wickedness and sinfulness is still beloved of God and has not been forsaken. This is the burden of all prophetic messages in the Old Testament, that while Israel is being punished for her sins, yet God still loves her and has a program for her ultimate redemption.

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Question. *Will you please explain James 5:14 and 15. Is this for this day and age?*

—Mrs. O. E. P.

Answer. Of course you know that the Epistle of James starts out very definitely by stating that it is written, "to the twelve tribes who are in the dispersion". To the Jew God has always been Healer and Physician. The Jew has always believed that all healing comes from God, and that we are to use every means at our disposal which God has given to us, and ask God to bless that medium or instrumentality. This same thought has been carried over into the realm of all true saints in the Church of God. We have been reliably informed that our very dear friend Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore, one of the greatest living surgeons, and one of the most devout and saintly men it has ever been our privilege to know, never goes into the operating room without first kneeling down and asking God to guide both his head and his hand. Jas. 5:14 itself says, "having anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord." It is a well established fact that in those days the physicians all used the method of anointing with oil as the great panacea for human ailments. So what the Holy Spirit is saying to us through James is simply, "Use all the means at your disposal, and then pray to God to bless those means". The prayer of faith, we are assured, will save the sick, but are we always sure that the Lord gives to His saints in every case, the prayer of faith? This is a large subject and we have only space to answer the question by giving suggestions for further thought and study.

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