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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

We celebrate this month once more the holy memorial of our Lord's passion, His crucifixion, and His triumphant resurrection. As world cataclysm seems to be drawing nearer and ever nearer, we cannot but feel that not many more such celebrations are to be ours here on earth. Someday, to the astonishment and shock of an unbelieving world, we shall be suddenly caught up, and gathered about the great supper table of the Lamb of God.

The Passover is perhaps the clearest and most easily demonstrated of all the types of Old Testament teaching. The date is fixed, and we know exactly when our Lord arose. I had hoped to give this month a detailed exposition of the Passover, with particular reference to its symbolism and to the wonderful way in which our Lord fulfilled the type, as the Perfect Lamb of God. But, space is again at a premium, and we ask our readers to pick from page 13, the few sentences that are given in reply to a question dealing with the Passover Lamb, as at least a little suggestion that you may follow in your study of the subject. There are three or four items of such paramount importance that I must give them right of way this month:—

First. How can we ever thank you for the continuous stream of gifts that are coming in day by day, to swell the fund from which we are to pay for the new building. The Lord has led in every step of this movement for the new building, and now He is giving the final seal of His approval and blessing by causing our dear friends to come to our help in the hour of need. One such devoted lover of this Mission writes us in a letter today, "The Lord is certainly with you—go ahead." And another generous friend said to me a few weeks ago, "For the last ten years never a day has gone by in which I have not prayed for you by name, at least twice." Do you wonder that God blesses the testimony of this, your Mission, when He has given us such devoted and self-sacrificing helpers, who count it their dearest privilege in life to co-labor with us for Israel's salvation in these last days?

MORE DEW ON THE FLEECE

What might be to many a commonplace, occurred in connection with the letting of the contract for the new building; to us however it was one of those striking reinforcements of God's leading and approval with regard to this undertaking. Our architects selected some twelve well known contractors, to whom invitations were sent to submit bids. Of these twelve, ten responded, and the agreement was that these bids were to be received by the architect, sealed; then they were to be brought over to our office and every bid opened in the presence of the architect and ourselves. It was agreed also that the financial responsibility of the contractor being satisfactory, we were to award the contract to the lowest bidder. When the bids were opened, the lowest price was found to be that of a contractor by the name of Musselwhite; and he was given the contract.

The next day he called on us, and to our surprise and pleasure we discovered within a few moments of conversation, that he was one who knew the Lord. With deep emotion he told us how that on the day previous he had arisen from his bed, had shut himself up in a private room, and there held communion with

God. He said to God, "Now Lord, thou knowest I have no more contracts, no more work to do, and thou knowest I have to pay expenses, and I have men employed to whom I am responsible for weekly wages; so I go out today, Lord, not knowing where to go nor whom to see, only as Thou shalt direct me or bring work to me."

He had hardly reached his office when the telephone rang and he was informed that he had been awarded the contract for our new building! "You know," he said to us, "If I never make one dollar of profit on this building, it will have been worth everything to me that I have had a part in such a work as this."

And so, once more we took courage and we realized how true it is that the Lord fulfills to us the promise of Psa. 37:5, 23:—

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way."

So, we count, under God, that you shall be enabled by Him to continue your love and faithful prayers, and your giving, so that this undertaking shall be brought to a full completion and His name be honored and glorified and our testimony here strengthened for a more thoroughly efficient Gospel program for Israel. In the event of His coming, at any moment, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we shall leave a building better equipped for the carrying on of the testimony in the tribulation days.

"I SEEK MY BRETHREN"

And now other calls press upon us; one such is, that, barring the possibility of another world war within the next few weeks, as a result of the new defiance thrown out by Hitler, the Lord is leading us again in a conviction that your Secretary must go once more across the water, as early in June as is consistent with the completion and dedication of the Marston Memorial Building. We hope to announce in May the date for the dedication.

This time the Lord seems to be leading to Palestine, then to Warsaw, for a visit with Brother Gitlin, and counselling with him as to the work there; then straight north to Riga on the Baltic Sea, there once more to counsel with our missionary and our beloved brother Peter Smoljar; then to London, then back to New York. I am sharing these matters with THE CHOSEN PEOPLE family early, because we want you also to be praying about it, and if the Lord shall lead you to fellowship with us in such a trip, we shall take that as the final evidence of His approval of our plans. Palestine just now is in a most absorbing stage, and it would be an important step for us to visit the land, do what we can to establish new contacts for the distribution of our Gospel literature among the Jews, so that our testimony shall be strengthened; and then gather information as to the state of the children of Israel at the present time, that you may have first-hand knowledge of what God is doing now through the movement of Zionism. I think of the experience of Nehemiah, in Nehemiah 1:2, 3,

"That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire."

And I think also of the plaintive query of Joseph in Gen. 37:16, "I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks."

Then of course there are the continued opportunities of the work. We count so implicitly upon the Lord's provision for us through you who are His stewards, and our beloved friends, that we feel we only need to tell you of what is going on, even though we must tell it briefly, and we shall have the outpouring of your hearts and your prayers and your fellowship.

To all of these ends, we bespeak the continued love which is between us as one great family in the Lord.

Yours faithfully in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

EDITORIAL

The Deadly Parallel. The evidences multiply as to the shocking disloyalties to the Lord Jesus Christ on the part of the larger denominational boards. Just now it is the travesty of a Church Court trial of that courageous man of God, Dr. J. Gresham Machen, at the hands of certain Presbyterian leaders. They accuse him of insubordination to the rulership of the Presbyterian Church. And by a strange twist of Modernistic reasoning, they refuse to allow him to present as evidence the revelations of unbelief, Modernism, and even Communism, now insidiously masquerading on the Foreign Mission Field under the cloak of the Christian Church, and with the support of Christian money. One of the Bulletins issued by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, of which Dr. Machen is the valiant head, contains an array of destructive teaching now being sponsored at Nanking University in China, as contrasted with the clear teaching of the Word of God. Here, for instance, is one quotation taken at random from a text book used at the Nanking University at the present time, this by way of comment on John 11:14, "Then Jesus said unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead."

"It is quite unnecessary to suppose that Lazarus was really dead; that was only the belief of Palestinian peasants."

This quotation, together with a number of others set in parallel columns against the Bible statements, is from George Barton's book, "Jesus of Nazareth," which, the Bulletin reports, is now used as a text book in Nanking University.

In the Yenching University also, the Independent Board reports, there is a similar situation. The charge is made that the Chancellor is teaching doctrines that are nothing short of Communism! We have no room to quote

voluminously from the evidence supporting these charges, but we may frankly say that such evidence is overwhelming and heartbreaking.

What puzzles us is that sober men and women can in all conscience continue to give their money to such enterprises, and then expect God's blessing upon the work. Of course, fundamentally, it was a wrong thing for any denomination to undertake educational programs in the Orient; this has always been in direct disobedience to the Word of God, in which we find our instructions clearly given that we must evangelize, not educate. Modern education has already proven a curse in our own country; do you suppose it will prove anything else on the foreign mission field?

Another paper, this time the Baptist Watchman-Examiner, tells of similar soul-destroying conditions in Baptist circles, in Japan. The editor quotes from a paper published in Japan, entitled "The Christian Graphic," an article written by a Northern Baptist Missionary, Rev. Spencer Kennard. In this article, this Missionary, paid by Baptist money, reveals his frankly Communistic beliefs, and would cheerfully destroy the "terrible monster" of Capitalism, from which monster, strangely enough, he accepts his living month by month!

Incidentally, is it not strange for self-styled reformers here in America to attack the Jews as the fountain-head of Communism, when this devilish thing is a festering sore at the very vitals of so-called Christian universities, and in many Christian churches, in which no Jew ever has a part or even an entree!

How can the child of God continue to support institutions which are destroying the foundations on which the Church of God was laid? We know many noble and faithful pastors; we know their heartaches, their tears, and their bewildered dilemma; many of them are defeated men, knowing not which way to turn. They are in bondage to a system, a hierarchy just as cruel in its vindictiveness as the Roman system. They also are deceived with the specious argument that they ought not to withdraw from the "denominational program", because, forsooth, see how much money the entrenched Boards now have by way of endowments, investments, properties,

etc., and it would be a shame to lose all of those possessions! Other pastors are trying to ease their consciences by having their churches specify the gifts for certain missionaries under these boards, and so they may be able to say, "Our money is not supporting infidelity, for we know the missionary whose salary we are paying." But, dear Brother, do you not realize that for every dollar you thus specify, another dollar is released for use in supporting infidel teaching elsewhere?

A revolt must come; if God only would give us another Luther, or a Wesley, about whom there could be rallied a great reformation movement! As it is now, the individual pastor is in a difficult condition, from the human standpoint. To revolt and to withdraw support, may mean excommunication, shameful proceedings of church trials, loss of a pastorate, perhaps starvation. But, this is the only remedy, and we are not quite ready to believe that the day of heroism has passed; the blood of the martyrs has ever been the seed of the Church. Certainly the Jew knows what it means to forsake all and follow Him.

How we wish we had the wisdom and the power to sound out a trumpet blast that would awaken the Church of Christ, causing it to forget the entrenched wealth and possessions of the Boards, and giving it a new courage to step out on faith and trust God to provide new money, new properties, new investments. We need the commanding voice of the Lord Jesus Christ once more, "Launch out into the deep." Who knows what blessing awaits such a movement?

To the faint-hearted child of God, whether in the pulpit or in the pew, we ask earnestly, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him." 1 Kings, 18:21. There is one thing to remember, and that is, the longer you continue giving your money, the longer are you making possible the betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ. It has come to the point where we must be blunt, and the bluntness consists in telling you that money is the only language these leaders understand.

We wonder whether we are so close to the fulfillment of Isaiah 60:2, that the darkness foretold there shall also extend to the organization called Christendom, and whether it may remain in these last days for God to stir up from

among the dispersed Jews a handful who shall witness for Him and about whom there shall be a gathering of the Lord's people as a sort of rallying center. The verse in Isaiah reads like this:

"For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but the Lord shall arise upon thee (Israel), and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

Perhaps events are developing so fast by way of Gentile apostasy, that we are witnessing a sort of turning movement that may well be the beginning, at least a foretaste, of that Millennial Day when Israel shall be the channel through whom there shall go forth streams of blessing to all the world. God grant that it may be so; or if not, that there shall come a new awakening, a new reformation on the part of the Church of Christ, when men shall fall upon their knees, confess Him once more as Lord of Lords, and confess also their former sins of infidelity, and a new allegiance to the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Swift as Lightning. So will be the catching up of the saints. Even in world affairs, events sometimes move with the swiftness of lightning. See with what suddenness a Hitler sent two young girls to their eternal doom, a few weeks ago; the details of this revolting outrage are certainly shocking. The two unfortunate young women were carefully prepared early in the morning, their necks clean shaven, and they were led out, with great ceremony, to the butcher's block. Then the executioner, dressed in flawless apparel, even to the silk hat, came forward, the necks of the women were laid upon the block, and swish, the axe was wielded and their heads rolled off on the cement. We are not accustomed to this sort of thing in our present day civilization; but once more with the swiftness of lightning, the thin veneer of civilization was easily scratched off, and the ugly side of human brutality, savagery, and depravity was revealed. So let us remember that this civilization which boasts of culture and polish and refinement, can all be quickly scrapped, and stark realism may stare us in the face, in the form of a revival of savagery so unspeakable, and on such a large scale as the world has not known hitherto.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Psalms of Praise from Poland

Truly the Lord is with us and is directing every step of our way. Never have we been in such full tide of His blessing as we are at the present time. With renewed emphasis are these facts being brought to our consciousness just now in connection with our work in Poland. Not only did God give us unmistakable leading in the engaging of Brother Moses Gitlin as our directing missionary for the work in Poland, but with similar guidance He also caused us to undertake the support of Brother Moses Schiff as a helper to Brother Gitlin, and He sealed this guidance by the striking way in which He provided the salary for the brother's support for the entire year.

Now comes a report of a beginning of the harvest of this brother's labors. Mr. Gitlin has sent to us a few paragraphs from the reports written to him by Mr. Schiff, and some of these paragraphs we have selected so that we might share them with you, that your joy too may be full, and that you may continue to thank our Heavenly Father for the fellowship He is leading you to have with us as co-laborers, in such a mighty work of testimony to Israel in every part of the world. Here are a few extracts:—

The Lord has gladdened me with a large Jewish meeting. There

were present also some Germans. So that the entire church building was filled. The interest was great. Imagine, they did not even ask any questions. Tomorrow evening and Saturday afternoon D. V. we shall have again meetings for the Jews.

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O, God be thanked and praised for the opportunities in Rozyszcze. Imagine, the first evening there were present about 150 Jews, and I spoke on "Our Mission." Last evening there were present, according to the pastor's statement about one thousand Jews. The church building accommodates 1500 people. All the seats were occupied. I spoke on "The Three-fold meaning of the Tabernacles." This afternoon at 4 P. M. we are awaiting the whole town.

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Hallelujah, O dear one, your prayers are heard. The Lord grants us wonderful meetings. On Saturday the big church was overcrowded with Jews. A Jewish

woman who heard the Gospel through Brother Smoljar years ago has now been reawakened, and took her stand at the Lord's side. On Sunday, Germans came for 15 kilometers on foot. The Lord granted here a time of revival. One man gave himself in a 100 percent way to the Lord. He offered me his wagon and horse and proposed that I visit the surrounding villages and preach the same sermon. So that the Lord is opening up for me wide doors. I believe that both of us will have to come here for a month. They want to have you here. It is a dry field that longs for watering.



MOSES SCHIFF

The church has gotten to love me and they want me to stay for another Sunday. I had yesterday four meetings.

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O how gracious is the Lord. I have meetings every night in a different village. A repentance spirit breathes over us here. People give themselves to the Lord. There was a church here filled with schisms. The Lord used me as a peacemaker. The Jews of Rozyszcze are requesting for another meeting. So that D.V. on Saturday I am again to speak to the Jews in the large church. On Sunday there is to be celebrated here the Harvest Festival, and the believers beg me to stay on for it.

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O God be thanked. Wonder of wonders. Brother Gitlin, "Wolyn for the Lord" has to become our motto. The village where I am now has unitedly invited me to preach in the synagogue. Also the leader of the Beth Medrish invited me. Many Jews came together in his house. The Jews are farmers here. So they gave up their work and came to converse with me. True, they are very simple minded, but hearty. D.V. next winter both of us ought to come here. Perchance God will enable us as Paul of old to preach in the synagogue.

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In another letter Brother Schiff reports that to a certain meeting of his, farmers came on 65 wagons. It looked like a big market day around the church. I mislaid somewhere the letter and cannot quote directly from it.—*Footnote by Mr. Gitlin.*

My Twenty-seventh Anniversary PHILIP ENGLANDER

This month marks the twenty-seventh anniversary since the Lord in His infinite mercy called me to be a co-labourer in this part of His vineyard, carrying the glorious truth of God's grace to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

My heart is filled with praise and thanksgiving as I recount the manifold and countless blessings the dear Lord has bestowed upon us in ministering the Word to hungry hearts in season and out of season; on street cars and in parks; in the stores and in the homes. Some seed fell on good ground and yielded fruit immediately; some other seed seemed to fall by the wayside, but the harvest time was not yet full, and through much watering and by much prayer of the saints it brought forth fruit unto life eternal in due season.

About twenty-seven years ago the Lord opened the way to minister the Word to a Jewish couple who heard, believed, and made their open confession of faith through the ordinance of baptism. They are now asleep in the Lord. Mrs. M...., the mother of that family had a son of about 14 years by her first marriage, who heard about the Lord Jesus Christ in his home many times through his parents, but we lost sight of him for a number of years. When we met him again and spoke to him about his soul's salvation, he repeatedly rejected the Lord Jesus. However, I did not give him up. The Lord gave me the assurance that some day he would follow his mother's footsteps in the faith. Years rolled by and I again prayerfully approached him with the gospel, but he put me off for "tomorrow". Many "tomorrows" passed by; many prayers went up to the throne of grace in his behalf. Finally the Lord answered prayer. He too was convicted by the Holy Spirit of his need of Christ, and he made a public confession of faith in the Lord Jesus which rejoiced all our hearts at that service, and since then he has been bringing his children to hear the Word of God.

TO THE GENTILE ALSO

But this is not all. There was a Gentile boarding in his home, who was raised in Catholicism but had neither faith nor hope nor assurance of eternal life. Oh, how he too needed the Lord! When the witness was given, he was present and listened attentively several times. To our surprise and great joy he too rose one evening at our service and confessed Christ as his personal Saviour, and, God willing, he will soon be baptized.

Truly, our blessed Lord honors His Word: "My word.... shall not return

unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isa. 55:11) God's Word sown in the hearts of this man's parents twenty-seven years ago sprang up into everlasting life—a two fold blessing—"to the Jew first and also to the Gentile." (Rom. 1:16) Glory to His holy name.

God's Mysterious Ways

REV. JOHN SOLOMON, Pittsburgh

God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. When we were still on Rose Street, I attended an evangelistic meeting at the 2nd Presbyterian Church. At the close of the meeting my attention was called to a Jewish woman who raised her hand for prayer. I was very glad for this special opportunity. I talked to her about her soul's salvation and asked her to kneel down so that we might pray. After a short season of prayer, she confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour. My heart was filled with joy and praise for this precious soul.

Almost four years have passed since that time. Last week I was at a prayer meeting in Sharpsburg, Pa. Before leaving the church, a woman greeted me, by saying, "Do you know me? You don't recognize me, do you?" "No! I do not." "I am the Jewish woman you prayed for and God answered that prayer. Here I am—a member of the Baptist Church."

Praise His name! His promise is, "My word shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please." Isa. 55:11.

Are You a Stranger?

MISS ELLEN TODD, Philadelphia

Is the joy that comes to one's heart from telling the story of the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus utterly unknown to you, my Christian friend? If it is, you have missed the greatest joy that could come to you apart from that which comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of your sins.

For many years, as foreign missionary, it has been my privilege to witness for my Lord to many who had never heard the Gospel story, and to many many more who were Gospel hardened.

But during recent years, the Lord has given me an experience and a joy to which I had been a stranger all my life as a Christian. He has given me the privilege of telling the redemption story to His own people (in the flesh)—those to whom were committed the oracles of God (Rom. 3:2). And I always remember that at one time I was an alien from the commonwealth of Israel and stranger from the covenants of promise. Can it be? Yes, I am now made nigh by the blood of Christ and am no more a stranger and foreigner. So many look upon the Jews as the foreigners, but according to God's Word we (Gentiles) are the foreigners, until we are brought into the family of God by the blood of Christ (Eph. 2). Those of us who have the knowledge of sins forgiven, were redeemed by the precious blood of a once despised Jew; we are today being kept by the intercession of that Precious One—the Son of God and yet a Jew. Our Bible, that precious Book from God, was given us by Jews; could we part with it today? Why not go to those who are so blinded by sin and carry to them the blessed Gospel of love which their believing forefathers gave to us?

DOES IT PAY?

But you say, does it pay? Yes indeed it does! Just a few very brief experiences from our Branch here in Philadelphia:—A little more than a year ago, the name and address of a Jewish young man was brought to our attention. We and a faithful Pastor spent two cents on postage, the cost of an envelope and some literature, many hours in giving him God's Word and many hours spent in prayer; and that precious soul was won to Christ. Many things happened, such as loss of home, etc., but through God's faithful children that young man was cared for and now he is in Bible School training for the Lord's service; and from reports we learn that he is a trustworthy student and constantly witnessing to lost souls.

A young Jewess, in a home which we had been visiting monthly for several years, leaving our Yiddish-English publication, became interested. She earnestly read the Word of God; much prayer ascended in her behalf; she was invited to attend a service in a Christian church where the Gospel is always sounded forth; and she not only ac-

cepted the invitation, but she accepted Christ as her Saviour. Does it pay? Yes, a thousand times, yes.

"IT WILL DO YOU NO HARM"

A business man in Atlantic City gave careful attention to our testimony and after many visits was interested enough to say that he would read the New Testament. This is a despised Book to them and an utterly unknown Book to many Jews today. This man expressed his desire to read it and in a later visit he encouraged his daughter to accept the New Testament and read it saying, "It will do you no harm." Will this pay? We know not, but one thing we do know is this:— we have sought to discharge our duty and we continue to witness to them, knowing that He, Who has begun a good work in them, is able also to perform it. His Word will not return unto Him void.

A certain Jewish man in Camden, N. J., had been spoken to a number of times when taking our paper to him. I learned that some time ago he moved to Philadelphia, and while living there our paper has been taken to him monthly, and a faithful testimony given. He confessed to me his belief in all the essential truths concerning which I asked him; the Bible being God's inspired Word, Christ being God manifest in the flesh, His death and resurrection, and finally the Jew's own need of a Saviour. Then I asked him that since he believed all this, why would he not accept Christ as his Saviour? He said, "I tell you I am a contrary Jew, and no other reason." Will this pay? We know not, but Christ was able to break your contrary will and mine. Is this case too hard for Him? He is not willing that any should perish. Are you? Am I? Paul said, "I am debtor" and surely we are debtors. Let's pay our debt which we owe the Jew by taking to them or sending to them the precious Gospel which was given us by their believing forefathers.

How Christ Found a Jew in Washington

IRVING KUGLER

To readers of these pages I am as yet a stranger; to the Lord Jesus Christ I am an intimate friend; I fell

in love with Him almost two years ago in the quiet of my room when I fully realized His beauty, His purity, my impurity and utterly lost condition without Him, and God's infinite mercy and love towards me in that He gave His beloved Son that I might be saved to the uttermost.

On Palm Sunday, 1933, I was received into the Wallace Memorial U. P. Church on profession of faith, by my beloved friend Dr. C. E. Hawthorne. However, I was not really saved until the glory of Christ shone into my heart and like a beacon light showed me up as a culprit in the sight of God and man and I sank to my knees before Him confessing my sins in utter shame, with moanings and tears, and pled forgiveness in Jesus' name. When I came to God with a contrite heart the Lord knew I meant business. Before that, at the official baptism in the church, it was rather a haphazard confession of faith, and I hardly knew what it was all about. It helped lead me into the faith, yes, but I was not yet born from above.

But that evening in May, the truth of the Lord Jesus' statement to Nicodemus was proven true to me. I had to be born again. And, I was born again, because I was there when it happened. I almost hesitate to tell this, to everybody, but I do not care even if some would doubt, perhaps, saying it was a phenomenon of the brain. I did not see any heavenly beings. I heard no really audible voice; but Christ was there, and I heard His voice far clearer than any voice I ever heard before. I pleaded my case before Him, and I heard something I never heard before, and it just pierced through my heart and soul as I stopped in the midst of my prayer: "Your sins are forgiven. Go and sin no more." I rose to my feet a new man glorifying God. I lay down on my bed glorifying God for His salvation. I drifted into sleep glorifying God with praise on my lips. My sins were forgiven. God had cleansed me from my sins through the blood of Christ. It was a heavenly night for me, and I always date my conversion back to that time. "Ye must be born again." (John 3:7).

GOD USES A GENTILE

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

A PASSION FOR SOULS

(Rom. 10:17). How did I find out about Christ, my sins, and God's plan of salvation? It would take many pages to tell you in full how I came to Christ, but in my limited space I will merely relate what power brought me to Him. First of all, there was a Bible on my desk that evening, and the Spirit of God was there to teach me. But someone had placed that Bible in my hands and prayed faithfully for me, that I might be saved. That "someone" happened to be a Gentile Christian woman, a reader of these very pages. She worked in the same office where I worked, was kind to me, and after a while she concluded that I, being a Jew, was no different from anyone else and needed the same Christ, the same love, and the same salvation which she had and enjoyed. One day she invited me to come to her church. Then she went home to talk to Jesus about me. I did not go to her church. She then wrote the American Board of Missions to the Jews asking them to send me some literature; which found its way quickly into the waste basket when I saw what it was. Then she asked some other Christian friends of hers to pray for me. She brought me once to a prayer meeting. I have recently received a letter from a dear child of God saying, "You don't know it, but I prayed for you before I ever saw you or knew your name and that makes my interest more personal." My being a Jew did not dismay that group of staunch Scotch-American people. They just trusted God and kept on praying for fully six months for my soul. While they prayed, God worked; and now, to make a long story short, I worship among people who loved me before they knew me, even as Christ loved me before I knew Him. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hears and answers prayers. Though we are faithless yet He abideth faithful.

Not long after I was converted I caught the evangelistic fever which every child of God should have, according to the scriptures. I saw countless men and women without Christ, without the gospel, and without hope. What a black and dreary sight it is! Souls, souls, souls! There were many times in my prayers to God since my conversion that I cried out to God to give me souls, but I did not get my passion for souls until I asked the Lord to consecrate my life and use it for His glory no matter what the cost to me. Again my God heard my prayer and separated me from the world and gave me His work to do. I thank God for His wonderful blessings in His service. He has used me to preach the gospel to both Jew and Gentile; in season and out of season; by personal contact and from the pulpit; in Washington, in Maryland, and now I am here in New York; to children, adults, and young people wherever I am and whatever I do God enables me to minister His holy Word. And to think that before my conversion I was about the rankest kind of an atheist that ever walked the streets of America. When I think of it myself, I just marvel at God's grace. Nicodemus, when the Lord told him that he had to be born again, immediately asked, "How?" I have stopped asking "How?" It seems impossible, in the sight of man, to convert a communist and an atheist. I was both, and now I am a child of God. I was bought with a price, even through the precious blood of Christ. Way back at Calvary, the Lord Jesus in His agony, bearing my shame upon the cross, saw me and died for me, and now I am redeemed "not by works of righteousness which I have done, but according to his mercy he saved me, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." (Titus 3:5).

JEWISH NOTES

An interesting item appeared recently in the American Hebrew telling of the part some Jews played in the American Revolution. It was printed on the Children's Page, but we think it is just as valuable and informative for grown-up children, and so here it is:

Just as there were Jews who showed their patriotism during the French and Indian War, so too were there heroic Jews who played important roles in the American Revolutionary War. In Charleston a voluntary infantry corps, composed almost entirely of Jews, was raised. Among those who distinguished themselves were, Francis Salvador of South Carolina; Major Benjamin Nones of Philadelphia; Esther and David Hays of New York; Rabbi Gershom Seixas, a trustee of King's College, now known as Columbia University, and founder of a synagogue in Philadelphia.

There were twenty-seven Jewish officers in the Revolutionary War, among them four lieutenant colonels, three majors and six captains. In 1784 Lieutenant Colonel David Franks was sent on a peace mission to Europe and was later entrusted with confidential diplomatic tasks abroad. He was given a tract of land in recognition of his services in the war for Independence.

Most of you have also heard of the illustrious name of Haym Salomon who suffered imprisonment by the enemy while serving the cause of the colonies. After his escape, he was entrusted with the supervision of the colonies' finances. In reply to the congratulations George Washington received from Jewish communities, he wrote: "... May the children of the stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig-tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

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We shall never know until we reach the other shore, the important part which our friends have played in the safe-guarding and nurturing of this, your Gospel testimony to Israel. Especially has this loyalty been manifested in these last few years, when the propaganda of Anti-Semitism has reached a tide hitherto unknown in America. "Don't apologize," writes one, "for keeping us informed of the

We need to be informed, and we thank God for your courage in exposing these falsehoods."

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And here is a letter which a faithful friend sent us a few weeks ago:

"I enclose herewith a check to be used in the Lord's work of saving the Jew. He will show you where it is most needed. The following letter which I wrote to Mr. may interest you:

"During the past year your attitude toward the Jews has convinced me that I can now dispense with your paper, but I think that His desire is for us to do all we can to save them from their unbelief, leaving their persecution and the exposing of their wrongdoings to such as Hitler. Whatever your intentions may be, I think you are only arousing hatred toward an already hated people. I wonder if this is what the Lord is expecting of us in these latter days when the time is short in which to labor for Him? My money must go to getting the gospel to these people and not to the furtherance of their persecution. The Lord was not a reformer. He was a Saviour, and His command was 'Go... preach the gospel.' I think this command is still paramount to Christian people, particularly in this time of terrific apostasy and unbelief. I am, therefore, asking that you discontinue my subscription to the _____. I shall pray that the Lord may give you light upon your activities."

It is certainly a time when every born-again person should be exerting every effort to give 'to the Jew first' the message of salvation. Isn't it amazing that from the Christian pulpits we hear nothing—or practically nothing of the Jew. Why aren't Christians alert to this responsibility? Certainly there will be a day of reckoning for those who neglect so great an opportunity."

May the Lord richly bless such friends as these; it is they who are saving and protecting the Ark of God in an hour when everything seems to be in a state of collapse. After all, it is a rather contemptible way to make a living, by spreading hate against a people whom God still loves. And we would not want to be in the shoes of such a one in that day of reckoning

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *Will you kindly explain the following Scripture? In Romans 11:26, "and so all Israel shall be saved"—does this mean nationally? —Mrs. J. N.*

Answer. Yes, it has to do with the remnant of Israel that shall be delivered from the enemy in the great day of Jacob's trouble. It does not mean every Jew now living, nor does it mean every Jew that will then be living. On the contrary, many Jews living in that terrible time of tribulation will be destroyed. Zech. 13:8 and 9 clearly imply that two-thirds of the Jews that will be present during the time of the Battle of Armageddon shall be cut off, and the third part He will bring through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined. This will be the remnant who will call upon God's name and to whom God will say, "It is my people." Notice the rest of the verse of Romans 11:26, "as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." This you see has direct reference to the coming of the Messiah in that day when His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, and therefore has nothing to do with the Church. When this event shall happen, the Church will already have been caught up.

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Question. *Is it right and proper to bar a believer who has not been baptized from partaking of the Lord's Supper? Baptism has certainly been mixed up in these days. Some have been sprinkled in infancy and saved later in life and not submitted to water baptism then and yet I know of such who are very spiritual Christians and walking with God. Should they be barred from partaking?*

—E. C.

Answer. Baptism is not essential to salvation. When the Phillipian jailer came trembling before Paul and Silas, and cried out, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" the answer was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." The added phrase, "and thy house", referring of course to the first named stipulation, to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing here is said of baptism. Baptism, however, is a humble act of obedience, cheerfully given, on the part of the one who has been truly born again, in compliance with the command of the Lord Jesus Christ; and so we have the records over and over again that those who believed were baptized.

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Question 1. *Why was the Passover lamb taken up on the 10th day of the month, instead of the 1st day? Is there any special significance attached to the first ten days of that month?*

Question 2. *Where is the record to be found that Bath-Sheba was the granddaughter of Ahithophel?*

Question 3. *Will the city of Babylon be rebuilt during the reign of the Anti-Christ? And if so, please explain Rev. 13:15 in connection with Rev. 18:4.*

Question 4. *Who does the Woman and the Man child in Rev. 12:1, 2 and the Woman in Rev. 17 represent?*

—J. H.

Answer 1. No, but the 10th day of the month was four days from the night of the slaughter of the first born of Egypt, the 14th of Nisan. The lamb was to be selected on the 10th day so as to allow four days to make sure that the lamb was without spot or blemish. This foreshadowed that later event when the Lord Jesus Christ made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, on the 10th day of Nisan, just four days before He was offered up as our sacrifice, thus becoming the perfect Passover Lamb. 2nd Peter 3:8-9 tells us that with God one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day. From the time that God gave the promise of the Redeemer, Gen. 3:15, to the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, riding upon an ass, there is a lapse of exactly four millenniums. In other words, a thousand years were as one day.

Answer 2. 2nd Sam. 23:34 mentions Eliam as the son of Ahithophel, the Gilonite. Eliam was the father of Bath-Sheba, see 2nd Samuel 11:3. Thus the direct line is established and Ahithophel is the grandfather of Bath-Sheba.

Answer 3. Yes, we understand the Scriptures to teach that Babylon will be rebuilt and will be the center as well as the symbol of world commercialism. It was in Babylon that the children of Israel learned the system of commerce, also idolatry, also greed for money. Up to that time the children of Israel had

always been a farming people, and had known nothing of the scheme of things as we have them even now by which one exploits the other, the clash of labor with capital, each trying to strangle the other. In the days of the tribulation, this former city of devilry will be rebuilt and then will meet its final destruction. See Zech. 5:1-10 for a description of the rebuilding of Babylon in the land of Shinar. We understand your references to Rev. 13:15 and Rev. 18:4 to be a warning to those who will be passing through the tribulation, that they shall come out from the abominations, and even in that late day take their stand for God. This does not refer to us, as we shall have been taken out from this earth before these terrible things happen, thank God. Isa. 13:6 predicts the complete destruction of Babylon in the Day of the Lord, which of course refers to the time of tribulation and judgment.

Answer 4. The woman of Rev. 12:1 is the nation of Israel, which gives birth to the man child who is the Lord Jesus Christ. This chapter gives in microcosm a panorama of the history of Israel from its beginning through to the very end, as foreordained in the purposes of God, and thus shows that the prime objective for which Israel as a nation was brought into existence, was that she might produce the man child, the Lord Jesus Christ, first as suffering Messiah, then later as reigning King.

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