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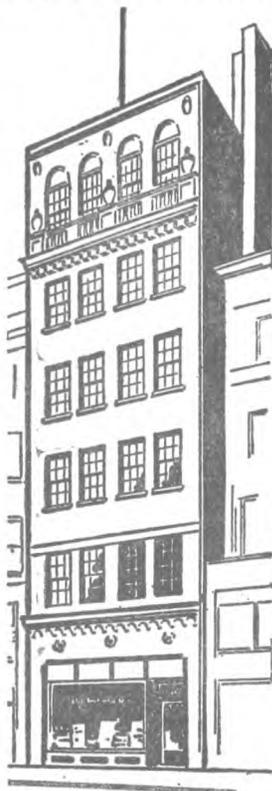
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Salutation

"We go down to salute the children of the king" — II Kings 10:13

Dearly beloved friends:

If only our politicians would read and believe the Bible! How desperately they need it as the chart for the calamities facing this doomed world! Only once did the Russian Bear say "yes" in all the hectic life of the United Nations travesty. And as we shall show later, that "yes" was not given because Russia loved the Jews, or even because Russia cared a snap for Great Britain or for America. It has to be remembered, and with shame, that we, the most powerful nation on earth, and the one to whom all the nations must look for leadership, were hurtled down a one-way street to ruin and desolation, on that fateful day when our leaders performed the old Esau act, of selling our birthright, and for a mess of pottage. We refer to the opening session of the United Nations Assembly back in the days of San Francisco. We were the host nation, and as host it certainly was our prerogative to determine how the meetings should be conducted. Our own Mr. Stettinius, a highly placed leader in State and in church (Protestant Episcopal), is the one on whom we must place the blame for the disloyalty to our historic national traditions. From the first days of the founding of our Republic, the fathers of the nation recognized implicitly that only as we put our trust in God, could we have the right to expect guidance at His hand. On our minted coins the words are still to be found, "In God We Trust." Our Supreme Court in Washington is on record as having declared that we are a Christian country. In those perilous days of the Revolutionary War, General George Washington was found many times kneeling in prayer, and wrestling with God for victory for our cause. And certainly no one can deny that the glorious record of the drama-filled pages of our history were made possible because this nation was founded in prayer and in trust in a prayer-answering God.

NO GOD RECOGNIZED

But, came the United Nations gathering in San Francisco. Came also the great opportunity of our nation's lifetime; it was certainly to be expected that just as when Congress in Washington opens its sessions, there is the Chaplain who commits the nation to the tender care of an all-merciful God, so likewise when this most important gathering of world nations, the most potentially significant event in the affairs of mankind since the world

began, the first thing to be done would be to arise and pay obeisance to the Lord God of this universe. To him we should turn for direction in all that might be done; only He can bring us out of the unspeakably terrible morass of strife, envy, and ill-will to which we had sunk so miserably and so helplessly.

But did we turn to God for help? With heads bowed in shame, we have to say no! Mr. Stettinius cravenly bowed to the will of atheistic and God-hating Gromyko, Stalin, Molotov, and all the rest of the horde of vultures that wait only to pick carrion from the putrifying bodies of the nations they are seeking to destroy. And so, not to offend these atheists and blasphemers no mention has ever been made of God or of His interest in the destinies of mankind! Mr. Stettinius was afraid that Gromyko might take a walk! And as we look back upon the dismal record of these nearly three years, of the United Nations travesties, do we not find ourselves wishing many times that we had allowed Mr. Gromyko to take that walk?

From that day to this, never has God's name been mentioned at the deliberations. Only squabbles and shrieking invectives have marked the tortuous pathway of the United Nations history. Is it any wonder that we have only confusion, and hate, and more envy and more greed than ever the world has witnessed heretofore? Is it not the exact picture of Psalm 10:4, "The wicked through the pride of his countenance will not seek after God; God is not in all his thoughts."

It is necessary that we lay down these preliminary considerations; because only in this way can we get proper perspective of what is going on. Can we not well imagine the appropriateness of Hosea 5:15, to the present scene? God tells Israel, "I will go and return to my place, until they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face." We know of course that in certain quarters it may have come to be a sort of popular indoor sport to condemn Russia and to hold these blasphemies up to ridicule and public lashings; but we must rise above that level of contumely and take the situation in hand as a matter of God Himself having to deal with mankind. We are not attacking Russia because we hate Russia; on the contrary, we can well imagine God grieving in His own heart and longing that these demon possessed wreckers of world welfare, may be brought to the place where they will bow the knee before Him, confess their sins, and become true children of God. This is the opportunity being held out not only to Russia but to all the nations of the world; for we are still in the Age of Grace, and no human being has yet lost the chance to accept the grace of God as manifested in His giving of His only begotten Son as a ransom for all who believe on Him.

NATIONS IN TURMOIL — THE HEATHEN RAGE

But facts are stubborn things; and we are dealing with the devastating facts of the depravity of the human heart, the rebellion of world nations against the authority of God, the setting up of the human ego as the master ruler of the world. While World War II was still in the midst of the holocaust of such bloodletting as history never before has recorded, we took our life in our hands, as it were, and we raised aloud our voices of protest. Our friends will remember we warned at that time that we as a nation were making the greatest mistake of our history when we clasped hands with the bloody criminals of the Kremlin. We pointed out then that our leaders

were only using our wealth, our equipment, our airplanes, our explosives, our machinery, even our most skillful engineers and scientists, to fatten the Russian Bear, and to equip and train his savage hordes to turn upon us eventually, to shoot down our children in the next war. And all of this with the money wrung from the blood-sweat of our people. For doing that in those days, we were condemned as traitors to our country, and as working only for the destruction of world peace. We had dear friends on both sides of the Atlantic who warned us solemnly and with much fear and trembling that we were taking our life in our hands. Even quite recently some friends told us that we had better watch out against the day when the Russian Communists would track us down and shoot us, because we had openly condemned them through our preaching and through our publications.

WERE WE SOLD DOWN THE RIVER?

But now, the shoe is on the other foot. Our nation has been shocked by some recent congressional exposés and revelations. For the first time we are told officially the real truth of the destruction our politicians accomplished for us in such under-the-table transactions as took place at Yalta, Teheran, Potsdam. These disclosures fairly reek with the stench of the treachery practiced upon our nation by the men who had been elected and paid to safeguard our welfare. And all this has come by lifting only slightly the lid that had been kept clamped down on the record of official incompetency and treachery. What may come next, only God knows.

However, we must look at this business dispassionately, and through the long distance field glasses that God Himself has given us in His Word. Only in this way can we understand what is going on in the present hectic hour of world history. Only so are we to understand how near we are to the edge of the precipice that will send the world catapulting to such a doom that language can hardly be found to describe. So many of our dear friends have written to us lately begging that we shall put at least a little light before their feet as they walk down the pathway of these closing days of the present evil age. When even certain religious leaders are daring to state before the public, both from the pulpit and over the radio, that Russia is only blazing the way for the establishing of God's Kingdom upon this earth, then it surely is high time for the child of God to pinch himself to be sure that he is awake, and ask in all solemnity, "What is happening in this world, and where are we going?"

So, in response to these beseechings of our beloved friends, we are trying to put down in sober language at least a broad outline of what is going on, and see how closely it ties in with Scripture teaching. We are afraid of course that the best we will be able to do will be to present only a fragmentary picture and a scattering of our thoughts. But if you will forgive this sort of pell-mell treatment of the subject, and forgive us the lack of orderly sequence, we feel sure that somehow from all these fragments you will be able to piece out an ordered picture and regime. We do want to be of help to our friends, and we do want to be able, as God will give us the insight and the power, to say to our family, "This is the way, walk ye in it!"

WE ARE DEALING WITH GANGSTERS

Now let us go back to where we began, and that was with the Russian vote, the only time that Russia ever said "yes," at the United Nations

meetings. From this point we will work out a setting forth of what has taken place and what we have to look forward to in the days ahead. We said that Russia's affirmative vote was not given because she loved the Jews, or loved Great Britain, or loved America. The vote was given because the Russian Bear loved himself more than anything else in all the world. You will remember that the question under discussion was the matter of partitioning Palestine. Russian manoeuvres are practiced to the point of brutality. Last November I had to make a hurried trip across to London and to Paris, and on sailing I found that we had the Russian delegation from the United Nations on board the ship, with Vishinsky at the head. I think that Molotov went over by plane, but the number of delegates in the Russian contingent on board was some twenty-seven or twenty-eight. They used a private dining room, and Vishinsky would usually come in with a body-guard, who first had to go into that room to see that there were no spies there or potential murderers! Then the guard would go out and find Vishinsky and escort him in. We have rarely seen such faces as were possessed by these Russian "statesmen." We could only think of one word which would describe those faces, and that word was "demonized." In the hands of such men, our own statesmen and politicians become as mere pieces of putty. It seems that our leaders have forgotten entirely the results of the first world war, when the European politicians played havoc with our Mr. Woodrow Wilson and had him wound around their fingers. In other words, our political leaders are as babes in the wood when they seek to pit themselves against the thousand-year old tricksters of European political chicanery, men who are old in the ways of intrigue, treachery, double-talk and false dealings. But the memory of the public is notoriously short, and we have forgotten all about those days. Once more we have crossed the Atlantic, and now we have shaken hands with men who in their heart of hearts hate us with satanic fury, and seek only our destruction.

And these are some of the men that voted "yes" at the partition discussion when the problem was what to do with Palestine.

WORKING HAVOC WITH THE U.N.

The deep laid schemes behind such a vote, are now slowly coming to light; the Russians knew full well that such a vote must mean an army to occupy Palestine. They knew full well that the United Nations was not organized and certainly not authorized to bring such an army into being. But, the record was there that Russia was committed to the establishing of a partition basis for Palestine. This meant that in the event the United Nations should be split into a thousand factions in the arguments as to whether they shall or shall not send an army to Palestine, violence would in the meantime become rampant in the Holy Land. And what could be more natural than that in the crisis hour, "heroic" Russia should step in with smiling insolence and announce to the United Nations that she is prepared to keep her undertaking as implied in the partition vote. And since the other nations were not ready to put an army in Palestine, thus proving "recreant" to their trust, then Russia would do her "duty," and she would "rush" to the help of the poor defenseless Jews in Palestine! Which of course even to any novice in political manoeuvring would mean that Russia would just move in and proceed to take over. And this brings us to the

vivid picture that you will find as you study afresh the 38th Chapter of Ezekiel. It means that the Armageddon scenery is being moved into place.

LINING UP THE NATIONS

Notice also that already the western nations of Europe have quickly gotten together to form an alliance against any further encroachment of the iron curtain across defenseless Europe. For, swiftly, relentlessly, ruthlessly, the Iron Curtain moves west. The latest victim is Czechoslovakia, with its tragic sequences of suicides and murders. Britain, France and the Benelux nations have now united for common defense. The Benelux nations are Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxemburg. Now look again at the 38th Chapter of Ezekiel and perhaps your eyes will pop as you read the lineup of the nations that will go to battle in the last days, with Palestine as the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It is this that we have in mind when we speak about studying events impartially from the standpoint of Scripture revelation. Whether it be for weal or for woe, our own heretofore blessed America is, and must ever be from now on, a part of this greatest gathering of forces that ever the world saw, to be finally arrayed in deadly combat, such as never before history has recorded. It is in such an hour as this that Democracy shows its failure. The word "democracy" itself is made up of two words which in their literal meaning read "mob rule." A mob can be more savage than any single autocrat or despot would dare to be. A mob also is without responsibility. So here we have now the lines being laid, exactly as God has foretold it 2500 years ago. It is much like the expert safe opener. As he turns the dial, he listens acutely, and he hears the tumblers, each falling into its place, until finally the entire combination has been completed, and the safe door opens. So, tumbler by tumbler, world events and world nations are slowly but surely falling into their notches. And yet with all these things happening, we have a sort of begoggled and befuddled political leadership, and a *silent church!*

Now let us return again to Russia, because we want to go to the very root of these matters before we pass on to further considerations. We said in the beginning and we will repeat again, that Russia has no love for the Jews, and that therefore her profession of seeking to further the welfare of the Zionists in Palestine, is hypocritical. To bring Russia to the bar of justice in this matter, we refer to an article that appeared in the *New York Times* on February 15, with the heading, "Soviet Jews' Area Reported in Decay." This article presents a special dispatch that had been sent to the *New York Times* by its correspondent in Paris, Mr. C. L. Sulzberger. Mr. Sulzberger refers to the early history of how cruelly the Soviets treated the Jews in Russia only a few years ago, when the Zionistic Movement was captivating the imagination of millions of desperately distraught Jews through Central Europe. These Jews were living lives of the utmost degradation, they saw no future for themselves and their loved ones in the land of Russian persecution and bloodshed. To these Jews there came the message of Dr. Herzl, "The land of Palestine is the only hope for a world scattered Judaism." And so the dream of Zionism flamed in the breasts of those downtrodden people of the weary foot. It came to be the fondest prayer and hope of every Jew in Russia that some day he might find shelter, freedom and life in the land of his forefathers.

DUAL CITIZENSHIP?

But what did Russia do? She declared first of all that no Jew could be a Zionist and at the same time a loyal Russian! So came an era of "liquidation" for poor hapless Jewry. Any Jew who was suspected of having Zionistic ambitions, was "liquidated." And there are the black pages of Russian history to testify to the wholesale murder of thousands of Jews, only because there burned in their hearts a love for the land which God had promised that they should have for eternal possession.

To deepen further the gloom of these poor Jews in Russia, the fertile brains of those soldiers of destiny who can hardly be described in better language than by the term "gangsters", filled with lust for power, these brilliant Frankensteins invented a new idea: They set aside an "oblast," or district, away off in the northeast part of Russia, which they called Birobidjan. It is on the Transiberian Railway in the far east. To this desolate area thousands and thousands of Jews were exiled and told that this is to be their Zion, their Palestine. Here is where they were to establish the seat of national Jewish culture! But, let us look at it a moment: After all these years of intensive urging and pushing and consigning, there are now hardly 30,000 people there all together. Let us quote a few paragraphs now from the *New York Times*:

The town is built entirely of wood except for fewer than a dozen brick buildings, and contains three cobbled streets, an Intourist hotel and a few small factories. These are a brick factory, a sawmill, a textile factory, and wagon and pipe works. The town has no sewerage system or water supply, the observer remarked.

Although families are not so crowded as in Moscow, and often have more than three rooms, they live primitively, usually in two-story wood apartment houses for ten to twenty families, according to the informant. The buildings, he said, are constructed around a courtyard in whose center are a lavatory pit and a garbage dump.

Most of these buildings were erected within the last fifteen years but were said to be in a state of delapidation. The town is built on swamps, and some foundations have sunk to a depth of ten feet, the observer said.

As a result, he went on, the brick buildings have cracked and the wood ones warped, with many floors rotted by the unusual damp of the summer rainy season. Only a few trucks and old buses were said to make up the transportation system. To obtain water the inhabitants often have to travel two or three miles in communal trucks.

Most of the population subsists mainly on locally grown potatoes and vegetables, according to the traveler. These are produced in allotments worked after hours in the factories and state projects, he said. To support their families, many of the men have to take two jobs, he added. One engineer was said to be feeding his wife and children by working nineteen hours a day.

And this is the Russia that now comes to the United Nations with an insolent smile, and proposes to "defend" the Jews in Palestine!

Now let us go a bit further, to take in prevue the whole panorama of the world nations and their present position in so far as God's Word is concerned. We will leave Russia at this point although perhaps we ought to add one or two additional startling facts that have developed in only recent weeks. We refer especially now to the fact that while our own country voted "yes" at the partition conference, it did not dawn on our delegates that such a vote would have the moral implications of forcing us to send our armies to fulfill our pledges. And so after all the voting is done and

the developments in Palestine came along with almost hurricane swiftness, it suddenly came home to our leaders that the situation meant only one thing, it required an army of force that could maintain order as between the Arabs and the Jews. This brought on an open split between our Department of State on one side, President Truman on a second side, and lastly, National Defense Secretary Forrestal on a third side. Thus was completed a triangle of contention and disagreement that will have to be ironed out somehow. Mr. Forrestal comes to the front with the statement that the partitioning of Palestine will prove to be against our national interest. And for what reason?

OIL IS SLIPPERY

Here it is, for all that it will bring to you by way of realization of what fatal complications the future holds: The partitioning of Palestine carries with it the electrifying fact that there exists a fatal threat to the great Middle East oil reserves which are vital to our defense in the years ahead! Forrestal now demands that we shall back out and withdraw more or less openly our support of the partition program! And the alarming fact, which all of this discloses to America for the first time in history, is that according to the latest engineering figures we do not have in America a visible oil supply of more than about 15 years' duration! We had a faint idea of what the lack of oil would mean when during the past few weeks of the most severe winter that we have had here in the East, the oil supplies became greatly shortened, and many people in the New York area actually suffered bitterly from the cold, because they had no oil. Imagine what this would mean if in ten or fifteen years from now our entire reserve of oil under ground will have been used up, and we will have to go across to Persia, to Arabia, and yes, perhaps to Palestine, for our oil! They are now making tests in Palestine itself, in the hope that oil there too will be discovered. So you see what a dramatic collapse faces us as a result of our own so much boasted "progress" and "civilization." The bountiful supplies that God had locked up in this earth that He gave for us to live on, supplies that were meant for our good, these supplies have been used for the destruction of mankind! May we say right here that those of us who are given to boasting of the progress of what they call "science" ought better to pause for a moment and re-examine their positions. What would not thousands of gold star mothers give if the Wright brothers had never lived? Just where is the "progress" in such death-dealing inventions as airplanes? Just what is the benefit from this crazed mania for speed? Are not our insane asylums already jammed to the full? We seem to be unable to build jails and penitentiaries fast enough to take care of our criminals; we cannot build insane asylums fast enough to take care of our lunatics. Is this progress? Is this civilization? Were not our grandfathers a thousand times better off than we? They sat in the quiet of their homes on the country hillsides; by the light of the kerosene lamp they gathered their little ones about them, and taught them the sacred truths of God's revelations. At night they thanked God that they had a roof over their heads and plenty to eat. Do you not find yourself many times with a nostalgia for such blessed peaceful days to come back? Do you not see that our boasted "civilization" holds within itself the seeds of its own destruction? Civilization without God is just plain suicide of the human race.

THE ARM OF FLESH WILL FAIL

The poor Jews, tossed about upon the face of the earth, abused by every world power, these poor Jews have yet not learned the arresting truth of Jeremiah 17:5, "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." These poor Jews have failed to realize that only in God is their possible hope and redemption.

Let us now hurry quickly to those towering verses to be found in Joel 3:1-2:

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have parted my land."

The Jew is the very center of God's redemptive program. As one friend wrote to us only a few days ago, "I realize more than ever that the Christian Jew holds the key to the solution of the world's problems." And it is about this Jew that God is going to judge the world powers; and we are afraid that the Church of Christ will come to condemnation also because of the shameful and unbelievably stupid neglect of the people of Israel, through whom alone God has determined to bring about world redemption. This is hard language, but you will find it in God's own revealed Word. We shall take up the entire world situation before we finish with this article, and shall show that Israel is the heart and key to all of it. We want to show what a frightful mess the whole world is in at the moment. We shall show that even the elements are out of order today, not only in America but all over the world. We want to show India facing eternal collapse, each killing the other. How foolishly our so-called Christian leaders have bowed to that arrogant self-conceited worshipper of a cow, Ghandi! Many so-called Christian preachers have actually praised him as being next to Christ Himself! It only shows how stupid our minds become when we take them off the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only yardstick by which we are to measure all pretenders!

PALESTINE PARTITION FROM A BRITISH ANGLE

Let us now, however, quote from a British paper which speaks of the Palestine fiasco. Under the heading, "The 'Settlement' of Palestine," the editor of *The Jewish Missionary Herald* of London has this to say in the February 1948 issue:

By the apparently intricate method of vote-casting, the future of Palestine has been "settled" in the United Nations. That is, theoretically. The real settlement is not yet attempted, and it can safely be predicted that the exertion of authority by the all too easy method of casting a vote will not accomplish it. The United Nations Commission that is to preside over the establishment of the Jewish and the Arab states is to have no force at its disposal to enforce its decision, and it must surely be one of the most arresting experiments in history to have it thus unarmed, come to grips with Jewish and Arab fanaticism and mutual hatred. That Britain should relinquish its responsibility for Palestine at an early date is plain common sense, and 1st August, the date officially appointed for evacuation, is not a day too soon. The British forces, engaged in their thankless job of maintaining order, will have many difficulties to encounter before then. But the British evacuation of the Holy Land causes deep regret to many Christian people and must be a shattering blow to the

belief of many good people that we were appointed to open the way for Israel's return to her covenant home. Those of us who remember the issuing of the ill-starred Balfour Declaration will recall the deep feelings stirred in Christian hearts everywhere as men thought they were seeing God's ancient promises being fulfilled before their very eyes. It is difficult for us to discern how the Most High will choose to fulfill His promises, and we are learning that it is safer not to be wise beyond what is written. Unless we have completely misunderstood the terms of God's promise, however, we are still of the opinion that the Land and the People are bound together in the Covenant promises of Israel's God, and that God will yet deal with His ancient People in their own land. The United Nations may attempt to divide the land between Arab and Jew, but the Lord has given it not to the child of the bond-woman, but to the child of the free.

Further comment on current world events in the light of God's Word must now be deferred: To my utter amazement, I have hardly gotten started with these discussions when I find my space is already used up. So, because our friends have been begging us to bring before them a little light on these perplexing and soul-trying problems, we will continue this panorama in the May issue of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE*, and we will start exactly where we have left off here, that is, with the quotation from Joel 3:1, 2, and from there we will go on to show the Jew as being at the heart of God's purposes. We will discuss the startling conditions in India, Korea, Manchuria, China, Great Britain, Germany, and so on throughout the world. Surely the world is being made ready for the harvest of iniquity. The ground is being laid for the coming of the greatest monster ever known in history, the anti-Christ.

"RECONSTRUCTION" DELUSIONS

So, dear reader, please keep this copy of your paper so that when you get the next issue in May you will put the two numbers together and will have as complete a picture as we can give you of present world catastrophe. In the meantime, let us remember that the call of the hour has to do with Israel; the organizations called Christendom go heedlessly on with strange programs of "reconstructions," "making the world a better place to live in," and all the other nonsense that goes with the preconceived notion of heathen philosophy that the establishing of the millennial kingdom rests with us poor human beings, and not with the Person of the Christ Himself. Our misguided churchmen do not seem to realize that when the ship is sinking, the wise passenger does not take time to fix the plumbing, or to adjust the furniture or get a new hair-cut. If he is in his right senses, he does not organize a movement on the ship to make the steamer a "better place to live in." No, the cry is sounded from stem to stern, "Abandon ship! Take to the life boats!"

And this solemn fact our leaders have failed to understand. Just imagine what will be their judgment in the day of accounting; for they have led thousands of trustful followers into the oblivion of their own misguided philosophy. So, the message to us who love His Word, and believe every line of it is to "hold fast until I come." Let us stick by the people of Israel, let us do everything in our power to give them the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, which the Church has failed to do in the years gone by. And with it all let us keep ever joined together in earnest believing prayer, the prayer that will unite us in the blessed fellowship that He has bestowed upon us by having given us to see the burning truths we have tried so fear-

lessly to expound in these few pages. Let us remember the beautiful lines of the old hymn:

There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Though sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy-seat.

There, there on eagle's wings we soar,
And time and sense seem all no more,
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,
And glory crowns the mercy-seat.

The pages that follow will give you only increasing joy and thanksgiving, because you will see how marvelously the Lord is blessing your fellowship with us and your investment of His money in a testimony that needs to be given so desperately in these last staggering days of a doomed civilization: The Lord willing, I shall have to go across the water again this summer; and I am counting heavily that you shall uphold my hands, and furnish us as you have done in days gone by, in generous abundance the means that will help us to fling far and wide the message of salvation to our people of Israel. We must also bring a bit of bodily sustenance to a people who have suffered much and for whom there seems to be no pity coming from the nations of the world. We need at all times, and we know that we do have from you, faithfulness in earnest believing prayer, and generosity in the outpouring of those things that make possible the carrying on of the vast undertakings of this, your Jewish Mission, which God has honored by making it the largest and most beloved Jewish Mission on earth. May it ever continue to be so, and may it ever be faithful to the trust that has been committed to it.

Ever gratefully yours in the midst of a world reeling in stupor and despair,

J. Hoffman Cohn

P.S. Some friends wrote in that I had made a mistake last month, in stating that the word "Easter" was not in the Bible. The answer is, that Acts 12:4 is one of the mistranslations frequently found in the King James Version. The Greek text is the word "Pascha", (Paschal lamb), which by the wildest imagination cannot be translated "Easter." All the revised versions have corrected this error so that the word reads, "The Passover," and not "Easter." Such King James Bibles as carry marginal notes, invariably have in the margin against this word "Easter," the correct rendering, "Passover."

The use of the word "Easter" by the King James translators constitutes evidence of both the Romish and the anti-Semitic influences that determined some of the policies followed by those translators.

Incidents In The Work

"DOST THOU BELIEVE?"

(A historic day of baptisms at Beth Sar Shalom in New York. Our brother, Rev. Alexander Marks, tells the story of the moving event, the first Baptismal service in our new building; the Baptistry was installed only a few weeks ago.)



REV. A. MARKS

SUNDAY morning, January 11, 1948, will ever be an unforgettable memory for us all at the Mission. The auditorium was filled with people who had come to witness a baptismal service the like of which we have never before seen, or will ever likely see again. The service opened with the old hymn, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Dr. Cohn read to us from Acts 8:26-40, and made enlightening comment, pointing out that it was the Jew who had given the Gospel to the Ethiopians. Following these helpful words, we asked God's blessing upon those who were to confess the Lord Jesus in baptism, and to give them courage to maintain a faithful witness in the face of fierce opposition from their Jewish loved ones. Another hymn was then sung, "Bringing In the Sheaves." "We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." This hymn reminded us of the faithful labors of our missionaries who have sown the Word of God in sweat and tears, but are now rejoicing in the harvest. The congregation then rose and recited the Articles of Faith of our Mission which are always recited at our communion services, and which read in part as follows:

"I believe with all my heart in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob . . . in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of

God . . . that He was born of the Virgin Mary, by the Holy Spirit, and through His death on the Cross became an innocent and pure sacrifice for my sins . . . that the Lord Jesus Christ after His death on the Cross for my sins, rose again from the dead, on the third day, and ascended into heaven, and is now seated on the right hand of the Father in heaven. I believe with all my heart that the Lord Jesus Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead and to rule the world in righteousness and peace, and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

A Hebrew Christian recently arrived from Poland who had suffered much at the hands of the Nazis, played a violin solo, "I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed." Another musical number was rendered, "My Jesus, I love thee." As the candidates were coming forward for baptism, the hymn, "O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end," was sung. Dr. Cohn then spoke about the meaning of baptism, making it clear it was a confession of one's faith in Christ. As each candidate was immersed, the congregation sang, "O Happy Day."

CONFESSING CHRIST IN BAPTISM

Among those who were baptized was a Jewish mother and son from Holland, whose father was a commander in the Dutch Underground Army. Upon their arrival in the U. S. the father, in search of employment, found his way to this Mission. The candidates were asked by Dr. Cohn, "Do you believe the Lord Jesus Christ to be your personal Saviour and Messiah." Each in turn answered emphatically, "I

do." A Jewish husband and his wife were baptized. The husband is from Austria, where he had been brutally treated by the Nazis. He is now rejoicing in Christ, and is in Bible School, being equipped for work among our people. An orthodox Jewish rabbi from Poland recently arrived in this country and found his way to our Brooklyn Mission where he asked our missionary, Brother Schatkin, for a New Testament. Soon afterward he confessed publicly to the Jewish people of his faith in Christ. His witness in Brooklyn has been a blessing to many Jews. A Jewess from Germany, a member of our refugee Bible Class, who was led to Christ by our Brother Singer, gladly made public her faith in Christ. Another Jewess, who found Christ in our Mission last October, and is now a faithful witness for Christ, also went through the waters of baptism. Dr. Cohn baptized nine at this service.

Following the baptisms, it was my privilege to give a brief message on I John 3:1-4. Then Miss Slater sang, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." After this Dr. Cohn gave the right hand of fellowship to those who had been baptized, and each candidate was given a Scofield Bible. Following this we all gathered around the Lord's table to remember the Lord Jesus in His death. We sensed the Lord's presence as we sang, "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross." Opportunity was then given for testimony, and it was a joy to hear Jewish believers tell what Christ meant to them. An aged Jewish believer, led to Christ by Dr. Leopold Cohn, twenty-five years ago, gave a touching word of testimony. This glorious meeting was closed with the singing of the doxology, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." As the audience dispersed, a hushed silence and spirit of deep

reverence prevailed. One friend told us that this was the most impressive Christian service she had ever attended in all her life. A brother was so profoundly moved that while Dr. Cohn was baptizing the candidates, he went into the elevator, shut the door, and wept out of sheer joy and spiritual ecstasy. "Surely God is in this place," another friend exclaimed.

And so ended the first baptismal service in our new Headquarters Building. Already a new list is being prepared of other converts who wish to be baptized.

PARIS IN THE SHADOWS

(A letter from Andre Frankl, our missionary in Paris gives some revealing insights into aching hearts, and crushed spirits.)

WITH the visit of our dear Director, Dr. Cohn, December closed 1947 in a very happy way. This year was rich in blessings and steps forward. The month of December began with the baptism of the young girl, Alice Frankel. She is 19, of German origin. She went away from Germany with her family to refuge in France in 1934. Her father gave her a good education as the orthodox Jews do. Her parents were not in a good understanding, and she continued to live with her mother and her young brother in Paris when her father went away. Alice had to bear the rebound of the misunderstanding of her family. During the occupation, we tried to help this family, and succeeded in sending Alice, who was only 14, to one of our pastor's houses at about 100 km. from Paris. There she was considered like one of the family, and for the first time she saw a happy life in a united family and the Christian devotion of our brother. This daily testimony of these genuine Chris-

tian people impressed her very much, and induced her to make her first steps toward Him who loved her.

FORSAKING FATHER AND MOTHER

After the Liberation, Alice came back to her mother. She hesitated a long time, perhaps because of the desperate letter her father wrote her when he knew she was going to confess Christ as her Saviour. During this year she was transformed, but she still hesitated to come out openly. She regularly came to the meetings of our young people at the church; she sang in the choir and wanted to show her new life to her mother who, in spite of her feelings which drew her toward Christ, has not yet settled her mind. Alice went through several crises of inside change. Then He who knows the heart of all men, finished the good work He had begun in her and she overcame all obstacles. Her baptism took place on the first Sunday in December and in spite of another crisis, a sentimental one this time, she is still growing in Him, who is our Lord.

ISRAEL—ONLY THE GRAVE!

Many people are still coming to the offices. I had a long talk with Miss Szilagyi. I hope you remember her. It is she who was so impressed by the service we conducted together when you were in Paris. For her, too, the Light shone in the dark of a strange and tragic life in all that happened to her. She is of Hungarian origin. She was deported to Germany where her father died in a camp of DP's. Since that time, she was lost, without any goal in life, and near to despair, and ready to kill herself. Now she has found peace. She knows that Someone Who is stronger than the world came into her life, and can always help her.

FRUIT FROM BARREN SOIL

We have been happy to find some ancient members of our community of whom we were without any news. Many of them were deported and died because of the wickedness of men. One of them, Weisbergas, came back and sent me a letter. Here is a part of it: "Believe in the sincerity of my feelings. Thank you, dear friend and Pastor, I could remain near the Truth you taught me to know. I shall never forget your goodness to us, the lost ones." He is a young man who used to meet with us. He was mobilized at the beginning of the war and was a prisoner in Autriche. I had never thought that this young man would be converted. He showed me the Bible I gave him when he went to the regiment. It shows the traces of his work and his numerous readings alone in the camp of prisoners of war and later with his Christian fellows. He was later sent to a special camp of Jewish prisoners of war. Even there, he went on studying and going forward on the up-hill road. His faith is still young and disorderly. We have to cut the branches which are not useful. But He who began this work in this young man's soul will finish it.

I received some touching testimonies of the gratitude of our friends who received your parcels of food. They are precious things to compensate for lack of food; and above all they made it easy for them to see the materialization of the feeling which unites us in spite of the distance between us.

CHRISTMAS JOY IN PARIS GLOOM

Our Christmas feast, the first true one since the war, was a success. The thoughts and the material things were all right. There was not room enough for all the people and I put about fifteen children in my office; the two

biggest rooms were filled up. The dinner was substantial, thanks to the parcels our friends sent us from America. The meeting lasted from 3 p. m. to 10 p. m. I led the services in two languages. We distributed many clothes received between Christmas and the New Year. Many American friends sent us parcels which are still arriving now. And we want to thank you for having started in this way. Rev. Wainer sent several parcels from Oslo to the brothers and sisters in Germany, and the letters I received from these poor latter ones told me their sincere gratitude.

In my next letter I shall enclose all these letters showing their gratitude which could be like a banquet to the Glory of Him who places this work on our hearts so that we can do it. It would be helpful to print these letters.

SHALL WE FLATTER HIM?

In my letter I enclose a photograph of me. Germaine (Mrs. Frankl) does not like it. She thinks that I seem too young and have not wrinkles on my face. What do you think of it?

At the beginning of this New Year, we all heartily wish that God might bless you and all those who work with you and He might settle us for His Glory and the recovery of our Jewish people.

In this thought and hope, believe me devoted in Him who loved us so much.

S. O. S. FLASH FROM JERUSALEM

Our devoted correspondent in the Holy City gives us an inside view that is heartbreaking. He himself is 87 years old, a Britisher to the bone, and a devout lover of Israel.

In the City of our great King, drifting towards Ezekiel 21:27. The latest record of overturning of Jews

here in Jerusalem, is 54 killed, 130 injured, and still mounting up.

Beloved, please turn to 2 Cor. 4:8 and read with fresh understanding, "We are crowded in on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not unto despair; without a way out, but not without a by-way; pursued, but not abandoned; overthrown, but not overcome." God has nothing worth having that is easy; no cheap goods in Heavenly market. Redemption cost God all that He had to give; everything worth having is expensive, bought at awful cost. All within the permissive will of God.

You have probably learned of the determined policy of the Heathen, fulfilling Psalm 2. But no tongue can tell the agonies suffered by Abraham's seed, amongst whom we are seeking the Remnant.

Our King's city is not only stirred, but soaked in Jewish blood. Its most important street in a total ruin, with the above record of 54 killed (so far) and 130 (for far) injured under the British flag.

I thought to cable you for assistance as before; but write instead, as more private to official gaze. But I hope my efforts to type won't weary your patience too much; there is more tragedy to follow. All the Lambie group has fled to Cyprus.

Isaiah 4:3, is our ordained orbit as being left in Zion. And to be called holy, sanctified for such service, indicates that our Lord has not put two aged ones, 87, and 81 (the wife), alone here. For there are millions praying for Zion who don't know the aged ones. You can understand how close we are to the scenes of slaughter, when I report to you that the clerk of my chamber was rushed, with babies and in night apparel, off the roof of his house; it is now level with the street, demolished and everything lost. And he is only one of the

outraged. If it is possible that your beloved establishment could repeat its bounteous relief by cabling to me a similar sum to last, with freedom to expand in this hour of torture, and perhaps with greater tortures to follow, especially food and clothing, I believe that the King Whom I serve will not attribute worthiness to us, but to the Grace which abounds from His eternal love. See Titus 3:4-6.

We have been protected in the midst of a battle all around us; the attack was against a Jewish colony which old Montefiore established a hundred years ago. How long, oh Lord, how long? But keep us faithful.

(Editor's note: We promptly cabled our brother one thousand dollars.)

BULLETS IN THE BALCONY

Our brother, F. J. Plotke, gives a vivid picture of hectic life in Arab-tormented Haifa.

CHRISTMAS I was still able to have a meeting with some seventy friends attending (last year well over a hundred), but immediately afterwards conditions here have developed into chaos. I fail to describe to you the savage slaughter of innocent workers at the Refineries by rioting Arabs, no security forces intervened in time, and I lost three close friends at this occasion; several others were wounded. Sniping and grenade-throwing make transport impossible; we hardly dare to move outside our quarters even in daytime; but at dusk all streets are deserted. The economy of the country is rapidly deteriorating. Thousands have lost their jobs, their homes, their possessions. You cannot imagine the sorrow and suffering of our people, the heroism of Jewish youth and the resignation of the older folks at the destruction of their last hopes of existence for which

they have sacrificed blood and sweat and tears for many years. Truly the time of Jacob's trouble is at hand!

Under these circumstances Christian work is badly hampered. We cannot gather for worship. I have now only a dozen or so daring to venture out from their homes for the Gospel service, and of course visiting is also most difficult for me at this time. A bullet passed a few inches by my forehead and hit the wall of my balcony — a wonderful escape for which I praise our Lord. When riding in a bus or car I am constantly praying that our Lord may have mercy on us, and it is truly remarkable that so far I have always just managed to be away from the spot where earlier or later some outrage or attack took place.

What I need most at this time is your prayerful intercession on behalf of the Holy Land and especially for the believers within our Jewish community, who are facing this struggle harassed by both conflicting parties. Will you kindly pray that our Lord's saving and keeping grace may abound around us in all perils, that His servants may be strengthened with grace sufficient unto the day to preserve in the sowing of the good seed, in proclaiming the Gospel and in holding up the torch of Light to those in darkness, to be a comfort and to inspire fresh hope to the weary and heavy-laden, to become truly all things to all men!

Praying that this will find you in good health and prospering in all your labours to Christ's glory, I am, dear Brother Cohn, with affectionate greetings.

Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isa. 62:6, 7.

("The cheese was wonderful!")

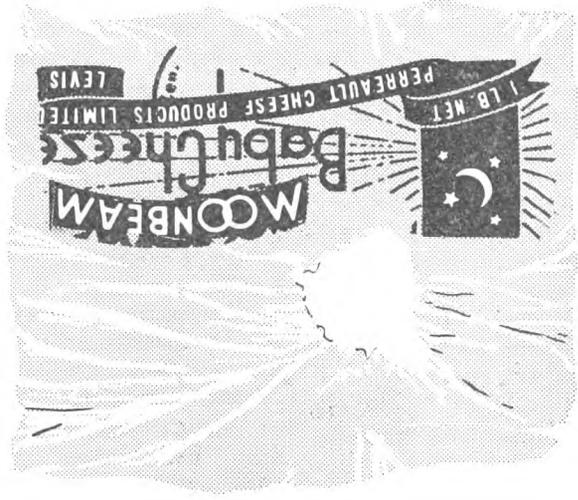
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Sehr verehrt Mr. Jones,
vom November am 15. January

I received the gift package
you so very kindly sent me
through Miss Smith. It was
some unwisely, because it have been
in a ship mice, you see it by the
cheese paper, what there is lying.
But it is nothing! The cheese was
extraordinary wonderful!! Please
accept my sincerest thanks, thank!
We wanted so lively coffee. We have
even so long time nothing of coffee,
8 years nothing of coffee.
If it was possible, beg your pardon,
it would be good for us, for our health!
With much gratefully greetings
in Germanic Yours
Betty Hoome & Josef Henis

Please, many thankfully
greetings to Mr Dr Cohn
and Miss Smith



In the cheesepaper was a hole
and a great hole of the parcel,
and all the mice have been
beast, only the paper!
On Vienna Zoll "They must now embark."
In spite of it was all very good! Gratefully yours
Betty Hoome

"THE CHEESE WAS
WONDERFUL!"

PATHETIC will be the picture
alongside of this little article,
when you will understand the back-
ground. Our Mr. Jones, in charge of
our Canadian work, has had the
privilege of shipping each month a
number of food parcels from Canada
to Europe, to a selected list of names
that we gave him, of needy and des-
perate Jewish refugees, or Displaced
Persons. It seems that one of these
packages had been put in the hold of
the ship where there was, apparently,
a supply of mice. One of these mice
worked its way into one of these
packages, and evidently made Roman
holiday with the cheese that he found
there. The poor family that finally
received the package of food, rose
to the occasion magnificently. They
wrote us a letter telling us that the
mouse had made inroads on the
cheese, but that even so, the cheese
tasted wonderful! They also enclosed
the piece of wrapping paper through
which the mouse had made his entry
into the package. We now reproduce
that piece of wrapping paper and the
letter, so that you will read it for
yourself and enjoy the experience
with us. It made us very humble to
realize that these poor people were
so desperately hungry that they were
quite willing to eat the cheese even
after the mouse had worked havoc.
We think of how much we have to
eat over here, and how wasteful we
are, and we can only ask the Lord to
forgive us and then to make us more
kindly and sympathetic to those poor
hungry people of Israel who have no
true Christian friendship, a friendship
which springs from our hearts be-
cause within us there dwells none
other than the Christ Himself. Such
a testimony, in the hour of agony,
is priceless in its fruitage.

FIRST CALL FOR SUMMER'S
END

JUST a whisper to tell you we are
planning already for the Summer's
End Conference to be held here in
our Headquarters Building. The dates
are, beginning with Sunday, August
29, and carrying through Sunday,
September 5th. A feast will await
you. Plan now to come. We are count-
ing on such speakers as Dr. Charles
H. Stevens, Dr. W. H. Rogers, Dr.
W. E. Pietsch, Dr. Charles L. Fein-
berg, your own General Secretary, a
number of our Field Staff and Missio-
nary Staff, including our good brother,
Elias Zimmerman, who plans to come
from Los Angeles for this occasion.

Keep this important Conference be-
fore you, plan to come if you can,
but above all, hold us up in earnest
persistent prayer that our Lord will
bless far beyond our expectations the
testimonies of these meetings.

THE GRIM REAPER VISITS
US AGAIN

WITH sorrow we announce the
homegoing of our Mr. Paul H.
Graef. For nearly 35 years he served
this Mission, first as a member of
the Board of Directors, dating back
to our predecessor organization, the
old Williamsburg Mission to the
Jews, and then later as Treasurer for
both of these Missions.

Within just a few weeks of each
other we have lost that stalwart de-
fender of the faith, Dr. Arthur I.
Brown, and then we lost our Mr.
Herbert Singer, and now it is Mr.
Graef. Where are the men who will
step into their places? Will you
not join in earnest believing prayer
that the Lord Himself will replenish
our ranks, and enable us even more
than ever before to carry on the
battle into which He has so clearly
placed us?

Studies in Amos

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INSTALMENT VIII

Chapter 8. The Vision of the Basket of Fruit



DR. FEINBERG

AT the beginning of the eighth chapter of Amos we have the fourth vision in the series shown the prophet by the Lord. The vision of the plumb-line showed the certainty of the coming judgment; this vision reveals the nearness of that visitation. The prophet sees a basket of ripe fruit and the Lord explains that this indicates Israel is ripe for judgment. Just as the gathering of fruit marked the end of the harvest, so Israel had come to the end of their national existence. Since the providential dealing of the Lord, His threatenings, His promises, and His early chastenings had not issued in true penitence, the hour for judgment had arrived for the northern kingdom. There is a forceful play on words in this vision: "summer fruit" (*qayits*) and "end" (*qets*). See Joel 3:13 and Ezekiel 7:2, 3, 6. The words "I will not again pass by them," meaning that the Lord will not again forgive them, resume the thought of judgment in Amos' prophecies, interrupted by the accusation and opposition of Amaziah. Compare 7:8. Because the same Hebrew word is sometimes translated "temple" and at other times "palace," students of verse 3 have differed as to which songs are referred to, whether those of the temple or those of the palace. Both are referred to in this book—temple songs in 5:23 and songs in

the palace in 6:5 and probably 8:10. The important feature is that they will not be silenced merely, but will be changed into howlings and wailings because of the ravages of death on every hand. The dead bodies will be so numerous that they will be cast forth in every place in an indiscriminate manner. While occupied thus they are commanded to silence: "Hush!" It is the same charge to silence as in 6:10; it is an exhortation to submit beneath the severity of the judgment of God. The grief is so great that words are utterly useless. Why resort to words when the slaughter is so vast that the customary rites of burial cannot be performed? Truly, Israel was ripe for judgment and that stroke was not far off.

WARNINGS TO THE OPPRESSORS OF THE POOR

Amos now directs a scathing rebuke against those who enrich themselves at the expense of the poor. If they could, they would swallow up the needy (2:6, 7) and cause them to cease from the land altogether. See Isaiah 5:8. Their covetous spirits took the joy out of the feasts and sabbaths because, although they observed them in a perfunctory way, they were continually thinking only of the end of these sacred days when they could give themselves again to their relentless pursuit of material gain. The new moon was a holy day on which business and trade were not transacted. The sabbath, of course, was a day on which such pursuits could not be carried on. Compare Numbers

10:10; 28:11; II Kings 4:23; and Nehemiah 10:31; 13:15-18. The mention of new moon and sabbath is another indication in this book that, while the people were keeping the rounds of idol worship, they were practising the appointments of the Mosaic law as well. Those who have no real piety have no honesty either. Thus we find these oppressors not giving the proper weight in food, while they increase the price. (In those days money was weighed out, Jeremiah 32:9). The law had forbidden both these dishonest practices. See Deuteronomy 25:13-16. Every transaction was marked by fraud and dishonesty. The poor were ultimately reduced to slavery. For the least amount the needy had to sell themselves into slavery. Leviticus 25:39 prohibited such dealings. And that which an honest dealer throws away, the refuse of the wheat, they sold. Grievous as these conditions are, they are not without parallel many times over in our own day. The Scriptures indicate that similar conditions will prevail in Christendom before the return of the Lord. Note James 5:1-6.

THE COMPREHENSIVE JUDGMENT

As the prophet begins to describe the many-sided judgment on the people of God, he states the fearful truth that the Lord has sworn by the excellency of Jacob, that is, by Himself (as in 4:2 and 6:8), that He will never forget any of their works. They had heaped up sins unto the day of wrath and God was mindful of every one of them committed. Only God's glorious provision in grace can blot out the memory of any sin before the Lord. So great will be the impact of the judgment from the Lord that the land will tremble, all the inhabitants of the land will mourn, and the land itself will rise and sink like the Nile, the

river of Egypt. Some understand the verse to be speaking of an earthquake, but the thought is rather that the land will shake from the weight of the judgment it is called upon to bear. The same concept recurs in 9:5, but there it is introduced to show the omnipotence of God. In that same day of chastisement the sun will go down at noon and the earth will be darkened in a clear day. It has been suggested that the reference is to an eclipse of the sun. This could hardly be a description of an eclipse even from the viewpoint of the language of appearance. Could this be an allusion to the terrible day of the Lord? A comparison of this passage with Joel 2:2; 3:15; and Matthew 24:29-30 will readily show that such phenomena will take place in the day of tribulation and judgment. But many epoch-making events in the Bible have their foreshadowings in previous historical events, and this may be just such an instance. For example, this expression is employed when one is destroyed in the midst of prosperity. It is a metaphorical setting forth of the change from prosperity to extreme adversity. Not only will earth and heavens be affected by the comprehensive judgment, but all the inhabitants of the land. The feasts in Israel were always occasions for great joy and rejoicing, but now they shall be turned into mourning and their songs into weeping. See Hosea 2:11. Sackcloth on all loins (Ezekiel 7:18) and baldness on every head (Isaiah 3:24 and Jeremiah 16:6) are alike marks of deepest mourning. Theirs will be as the mourning for an only son, the one in whom the family name was to be perpetuated. Joel 1:8 gives us a related figure, while Jeremiah 6:26 and Zechariah 12:10 have the identical picture. Just as in Egypt of old there was mourning in every house for the dead (Exodus 12:30),

so similar conditions would now obtain in Israel under the heavy judgment of the Lord. Nor will the trouble be a transitory or a temporary one, but a sorrow that would continue on in its bitterness.

FAMINE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Another phase of the judgment of the Lord must be set forth before Amos presents the last vision in the concluding chapter of the prophecy. The distress of the people will be outward and inward, temporal and spiritual. Their spiritual plight is depicted in terms of a famine, but not a famine for bread nor thirst for water; rather it will be a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. What can this mean? The Old Testament Scriptures reveal clearly enough how God in His boundless love for Israel sent them messages through His servants to draw them back into the path of His choosing and into conformity with His will for them. But these prophets and servants were opposed; their messages were scorned; and they were told to cease their ministrations. Now the Lord tells them that, since they despised His Word through the prophets when it was brought to them, they were to know the cessation of all prophetic communication. Note Ezekiel 7:26 and Micah 3:7. The Word of the Lord will be withdrawn from them. Like disobedient Saul in the hour of his extremity (I Samuel 28:6), they will seek after the Lord in order to obtain relief from physical distress and consolation for their troubled hearts. This is divine retribution for such opposition to the truth as seen in 7:12, 13. Compare also for the same principle of divine dealing Luke 17:22 and John 7:34; 8:21. Finally, Amos assigns once more the reason for the conditions envisioned in verses 11 to 13. In

short, they were so taken up with the false gods that they could no longer hear the Word of the true and living God. They had forsaken the Lord and He now forsakes them. It was their practice to swear in the name of their gods. God had charged them to swear in the name of the Lord (Deuteronomy 6:13; 10:20), not in that of other gods (Joshua 23:7). By the sin of Samaria the golden calf at Bethel is meant. See 4:4 and Hosea 8:5. The god of Dan was evidently the bull image set up by Jeroboam the son of Nebat. I Kings 12:29 ff. The way of Beersheba (5:5) was the last of the three oaths made in the names of the three idol sanctuaries. Swearing in the name of inanimate objects may be strange to us, but not so in the Orient. Mohammedans are accustomed to swearing "by the pilgrimage" to Mecca, as well as in the name of countless other objects that may come to mind at the time of the oath. All these oaths were after the form which the Lord Himself had instituted: "As the Lord liveth!" It is appropriate for the Lord because in Him is life and He exists. It is senseless when employed of idols which represent no living entity. Paul's estimate (through the Spirit of God) of idols is the only true one: "we know that no idol is anything in the world" or as the newest translation of the New Testament puts it: "we know that an idol has no real existence." I Corinthians 8:4. The doom upon them for such idolatry is tersely stated; they shall fall and never rise again (see 5:2). The fulfilment of this word began with the dissolution of the kingdom of Israel and continues until their national restoration which is promised in such passages as Ezekiel 36:22-31 and 37:15-23. Apostate Christendom, as well as guilty Israel, will share this famine in the

time of Great Tribulation. Both have turned now from the light of the truth to the darkness of fables.

"SHALL SEEK . . . SHALL NOT FIND"

These are indeed sad words and speak of a woeful condition. But thank God it is not true for any lost soul in Israel now. It cannot be said they shall seek now and shall not find the Lord. The gospel of God's grace in their Messiah is meant

for them now and whosoever among them shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13. God asks us to make this blessed message available to them. It is our rich and joyous privilege to see that this word of truth and invitation unto salvation reaches them through called and devoted servants of the Lord. We dare not pass by the opportunity. Let us buy it up. And the King's business requireth haste.



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