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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

Once more the time has come to say "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other," for May is our last issue until October, a custom we have followed these forty years. So many of our readers are moving about during the summer months that in many cases the paper would never reach them. For us, too, it gives a chance to catch our breath, as it were, and do some of the thousand and one things which are shunted to one side during the over-busy, and sometimes hectic, winter months. The work goes on however, and we even add new activities such as the Daily Vacation Bible School, and some open air evangelism in the teeming Jewish quarters of Manhattan, in the Textile districts, Union Square, etc.

THE TEMPTATION

Our friends, God bless them all, often beg us not to give up THE CHOSEN PEOPLE in the summer; and many keep pleading, "Double or treble the size of your paper!" How they love the fellowship of these monthly communications, and how we do thank God for such a blessed ministry. But, we find ourselves invariably replying, "Please do not tempt us! We are not publishers, nor editors, nor even half-good writers! The task which the Lord committed to us is to give Israel the Gospel. Everything else is secondary. The moment we are led off to a side-track, to publish extensive magazines and books, that moment Satan has won a victory, and the Lord's missionary program has become weakened. We publish only what is absolutely necessary to keep up a medium of fellowship with our many beloved friends who have been led of God to be co-laborers with us for Israel's Salvation."

"THEY SHALL DWELL ALONE"

Much may happen between now and next October, when, if His faithful ones shall not yet have been caught up to meet Him in the air, we shall hope to greet you joyfully again in these columns. Wars, pestilences, earthquakes, distress of nations, persecution of His covenant people. See Matt. 24:6, 7. But perhaps the most sinister cloud on the horizon just now, is the cloud of anti-semitism, and perhaps a few further words concerning God's revelation in this connection will be of help to you at this time. For, after all, the roots of Jew hate are to be found in the soil of God's eternal purposes for this miraculously preserved people. We think of the prophecy of Balaam, "Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations." Numbers 23:9.

WHY THE JEW IS HATED

We were talking recently with an ardent Nazi enthusiast here in America. "The Jew," he said, "is always a Jew! No matter how long he has lived in Germany, he is never a German, but always a Jew! That is why we must get rid of him, drive him out!" And this poor, deluded Hitlerite did not know that with these words he was testifying more eloquently than a hundred orators could do, that the infallible Word of God is true—"they shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations."

EDITORIAL

"I am a heathen." So said General Erich Ludendorff on the occasion of his 70th birthday which was celebrated in Germany early in April. And for once he was telling the truth. For Germany has now adopted the old gods of mythology, Wotan and Thor, and has trodden under foot and treated despitefully the blessed revelation of God as given in His Holy Word. To the child of God this is but the natural sequence of Jew-hate. Once the Nazis embarked upon the sea of contempt and cruelty to those of whom God had said, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love," shipwreck must surely follow. But this latest reversion to paganism makes the situation plain. It is Christianity that Hitler is fighting, and the Jew is the scapegoat, for as Hitler claims, it is the Jew who brought Christianity into the world, and, thus into Germany! So it is the old demon at work under a new disguise! Perhaps we should go back a step to recall that it was Germany which taught the world the way of Cain; for it was in Germany that Higher Criticism, so called, was spawned and then promulgated throughout the world. So it is really true that Jew-hate in Germany began on the day that hate for the Word of God began. These two things always go together; first comes a disbelief in the Word of God, then comes a hatred for His people.

But how much we need to sympathize with and pray for the Godly remnant that still remains in Germany; among them there are many, we are told, who are suffering for their loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, just about as much as the poor Jews have been suffering. What a reckoning must be given some day by Hitler and his followers!

Brethren, pray for us. We are keenly conscious of the solemn truth of Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build

it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." And so, in deep humility, and with a sense of unspeakable need, we again ask a continued share in your prayer life. We know of a surety that the covenant-keeping God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has been our guide and keeper through these years of world distress. Only this fact, and none other, can explain why this Mission has weathered the storms and buffetings of the over 40 years of its history—40 years of wilderness wanderings when many a time in the hour of parched throat and weary spirit, the Rock of our Salvation has become the oasis in the desert, and has flowed freely with the waters that have refreshed our souls and sent us on our way with renewed trust in Him. But we are not so stupid nor so slow of mind as not to be cognizant of the fact that the Rock gushed forth its life-giving streams because men and women of God prayed for and with us. With humility and gratitude, we joyfully testify to the fact that God in the years gone by did surround us with Giants, giants of prayer, men and women who knew how to wrestle with God in behalf of this, our united testimony to Israel, that our feeble candle-light should not be snuffed out.

And so once more, we seek the only blessing and protection we know—the earnest prayer help of every child of God into whose heart He has shined with a divinely given love for His people, beloved for the fathers' sakes.

From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat—
'Tis found beneath the Mercy-seat.

To give unity and coordination to a volume of petition, may we suggest that since our own workers here meet regularly on Thursday at 11 A.M. for conference and prayer, perhaps our friends would like to set aside the same hour and thus unite in a fellowship that shall be as a sweet savor to Him.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Enemies in the Household

HARRY BURGEN, Philadelphia

Many of our friends who read THE CHOSEN PEOPLE will remember the account given in a former issue of the conversion of our Brother Philip Cogan of Atlantic City. This article will refresh the memories of those who are familiar with the story. It will also gladden the hearts of those reading the account for the first time.

After years of prayerful seed sowing in Atlantic City, some of the seed has fallen on good ground. (Luke 8:11).

It was during the summer of 1928 that a letter came to the Philadelphia Mission from a young man residing in Atlantic City. He said that he had read in one of the issues of *The Shepherd of Israel* of an offer of a New Testament for twenty-five cents in Hebrew, Yiddish or English. He enclosed the stated amount and ordered the Book. Though this did not come from a far country yet it was to us "as cold waters to a thirsty soul," as "good news from a far country." (Proverbs 25:25).

Later we visited our brother in company with Miss Sussdorff. We also met Mrs. Cogan. We had a pleasant talk with both. Brother Cogan was pleased to hear of our mission and agreed to meet us there for further discussion. At the appointed time (August 20) he came. We spent a most solemn hour in the presence of the Lord witnessing to Brother Cogan concerning our Lord Jesus Christ. According to the Law of Moses, the Prophets and all the Scriptures He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Saviour from sin, and coming King. At the end of that hour Brother Cogan too saw in the Lord Jesus Christ his own personal Saviour, Who died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and rose again from the dead for our justification.

From that time on Brother Cogan was happy and satisfied in his new found Messiah and Saviour. Although he has met with severe persecution, he is going on his way rejoicing. The Scriptures Micah 7:6 and Matthew 10:36, that the enemies of a man are they of his own house, have been literally fulfilled. In spite of it all he counts it all joy to suffer for Christ and reckons that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Rom. 8:18).

By profession Brother Cogan is an accomplished pharmacist, having received his education in the Russian schools of learning. But since coming to this new land he has not been able to continue in this line of work because of the language. So he has been working as a baker. Now when he came to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, he began by life and testimony to make Him known. He bore faithful testimony everywhere, including his place of employment. Most of his fellow workers are Jews. They often engaged him in conversation. Some railed in their opposition and resisted the truth. But he, by the help of God and the guidance of the blessed Holy Spirit, steadfastly continued to witness and testify for His Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. These fellow workers of his were not able to withstand the Scriptural proofs and reasonings concerning the Lord Jesus Christ given by our brother with no uncertain sound. So they decided to write to the editor of one of their most nationalistic newspapers. (Jews in this country do this when a problem arises in which they need advice. Instead of seeking the Rabbi or their leaders for counsel, they apply to their favorite newspaper.)

This article was entitled "The Jew which believes in the Divinity of Jesus," and was as follows:—

"We are a group of bakers in a Jewish baker shop. We are all devoted union men—workers with progressive thoughts. But there is one among us who is keeping aloof or has separated himself. He is no more and no less than a faithful follower of Jesus. He believes in Him, in Jesus

Christ as divine. This union Jewish baker states that Jesus is the true Messiah, the true Saviour of mankind. He speaks with convincing proofs. He speaks logically and believes with every fibre of his being. We are not armoured enough to disprove what he says. What can we answer him? With what arguments can we, the rest of the workers, combat him? Therefore we appeal to you for ammunition. He, the missionary baker, is well equipped (or armoured). Therefore we cannot deal with him empty handed."

The editor, like those writing to him, was blind also. He had no real advice to offer. He ridiculed and told them to avoid religious dialogues. The people are as sheep without a shepherd.

The opposition our brother meets with is not only from without but also from within, for Mrs. Cogan is still in unbelief. She greatly opposes her faithful and devoted husband, so that till this present day the family is divided. Because of his firm testimony for Christ both at home and outside, Mrs. Cogan ridicules him. He desires by the help of God to walk the straight and narrow path, and refuses the ways and pleasures of the world. Mrs. Cogan tells him that he is "old fashioned" and that he was born in the "wrong century."

They have relatives in Brooklyn. Having not seen them for some time, they decided to make a trip there. Upon arriving and not being familiar with the streets, they asked a Gentile woman for directions. She gladly gave them the needed information and handed Mrs. Cogan a tract. Its title was "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" Mrs. Cogan, being somewhat surprised, turned to her husband saying, "This is from your sister." "I am glad," he replied, "In Christ she is my sister."

When returning home they again found themselves in difficulty in regard to directions in New York. They again approached a stranger for the needed help. This time it was a man—a Gentile. He also directed them aright and handed a tract to Mrs. Cogan. The title of the tract was "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" These things silenced Mrs. Cogan and caused her to stop and think.

All we can say to such blessed leading is, as did the Psalmist, "This is

the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." (Psa. 118:23). Our heart's desire and prayer to God is that the veil may soon be taken away from Mrs. Cogan's heart and the scales fall from her eyes; that she too with her husband and children may soon be found in Christ; and that they be united not only in family ties but also be one in Him.

"A Thousand Like You"

From our Pittsburgh Branch, Mr. Solomon is regularly sending out Mr. Oscar Wago, into the highways and by-ways, with a double mission: first, Mr. Wago is giving a testimony among the Churches concerning the shaking of the dry bones of Israel and the great privilege for the Church to stir herself in Israel's behalf. Then secondly, with the churches as the centers, many Jews are being attracted to these meetings, and are being profoundly impressed with the testimony of Mr. Wago. A recent report from Mr. Wago contained this paragraph:—

I was happy to find that through the newspaper announcements a number of Jewish people were attracted to the services in Wellsville, Connellsville, and Beaver Falls, who came to me after the message to express their appreciation. Some of those who heard me invited me to their homes, which gave me an opportunity to speak to them of their souls' salvation. It was most remarkable to see these Jews, some of them prominent business men, doctors, and lawyers, listen with rapt attention to the message, and even ask that literature be sent to them. One of these Jewish brethren, Mr. W. of Beaver Falls, Pa., was so enthused that when he came to express his appreciation, he remarked, "I used to think very little of Meshumeds (apostates) but I am going home and will pray to God to send a thousand like you to the churches, for I believe it would be the means of bringing Jews and Christians together." He invited me to have dinner at his house, but having to leave for Butler, where I had a service in the evening, I had to promise that I would visit him soon.

The miraculous change in some of these Jewish hearts is surely a sign of His soon return, and our great responsibility towards our brethren in the flesh.



He Has His Bicycle

Our friends will remember how a few months ago we mentioned in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE the need of a bicycle for our missionary in Latvia, Mr. Joseph Schwartz, and you will also remember how the Lord graciously provided the money, and within two or three days after THE CHOSEN PEOPLE was mailed to our friends. Now several photographs have come showing Mr. Schwartz on his bicycle and off his bicycle, and we thought we ought to let you at least see the look of happiness and pride in his face as he stands by the bicycle, with portfolio of Gospel literature hanging on the handle bar ready for a jaunt into some of the outlying suburbs of Riga. So here it is and once more you will give thanks with us that this brother is now spinning on his way with the gospel testimony to the uncounted thousands of the scattered children of Israel who have never yet heard what the true Gospel message is.

His reports continue to tell of the most faithful sort of activities and labors, and like Paul of old, he endures hardship for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here are a few paragraphs from one of his recent letters to us:—

I passed the second hand furniture market. There stood three gentlemen whom I addressed. These men behaved very well indeed. They listened to the testimony with due attention and accepted with gratitude the literature I offered. I told them that the Jewish masses recognized Jesus as the Messiah, but the leaders of the nation rejected Jesus just as they used to reject every prophet and messenger of God in ancient times. Several facts of Jewish modern history prove that our leaders recognized men as "Messiahs" who brought later sufferings and reproach upon all people. This proves that the teachers of the Jewish nation are just as liable to mistakes as all mortal men are, and God is willing to forgive the most crucial mistake if

it is sincerely confessed and regretted. But that is what the majority of our brethren refuse to do. Therefore we believers, are going from house to house, and shop to shop, persuading Jews to recognize the true Saviour and Messiah in Whom God's salvation is given to mankind. One of the three men was interested to know more about the message and urged me to give him a Hebrew New Testament if I had one to spare. I promised to give him one a few days later.

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I visited Mr. Klavansky, a sincerely interested soul whom I mentioned already in previous reports. He is a shoemaker and keeps with his ardent labors a wife and three children. Lack of work, low prices and as a consequence—desperate need at home, make the man frequently despondent. His

wife, in order to mitigate the grave situation at home, went to work at the unleavened bread last Easter and damaged seriously her arm so that the Insurance Office found her as an invalid and awarded a pension, of course too small as to make a minimum living of it. The man told me all this and added that he found no sphere where he could hear any word of comfort as only the sphere of Hebrew Christians who come to him. He admires the unselfishness and brotherly love of believing people. I gave him an outline of the fundamental principles of Christian life and emphasized that it is in no way man whom we should seek a pattern of holiness and love but Jesus alone in whom there is perfection, and the one who believes in Him is never disappointed. God help this soul to come to a deeper knowledge of the trust and to a decision for Christ!

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For Work Overseas, including Relief Funds	638.66
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *Please explain 1st Pet. 4:17,*
—Mrs. A. A.

Answer. Peter is dealing with the life of the Christian, and he shows how the child of God must suffer for the sake of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He says, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye." Peter himself knew what suffering for Christ meant, and he counted it an honor to be considered worthy of partaking of His shame and of His suffering. And now Peter comes to the 17th verse and explains how that the Lord is chastening His born-again children, so that in this way "judgment must begin at the House of God." He argues if the righteous must suffer so much, what shall be the awful end of the ungodly and the sinner. The blessed assurance is that these trials and judgments and punishments will be but light and short as compared to what will befall the wicked, whose punishment will be eternal. This is the blessed hope that possesses the soul and mind of every child of God, that there is coming a tomorrow and there shall be no more suffering, no more sickness, no more tears.

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Question. *Will you please explain in Rev. 11, what is meant by, "the court—is given to the Gentiles?"* —Miss C. G.

Answer. We understand this passage to have reference to the three and a half years of Tribulation, the second half of Daniel's 70th week. It is during this time that the Gentiles will profane the City, and the Anti-Christ will set up a worship of his own. In the midst of all this apostasy there will be the Godly remnant of believing Jews who will still stand true to the faith even in the midst of the most cruel persecutions that have ever been known in the history of Israel.

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Question. *Will you please answer in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, the following query: II. Cor. 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Do the redeemed enter into this "house" immediately at the time of dissolution; and, if so, when do they receive their resurrected and glorified bodies?* —F.E.B.

Answer. This is one of the most difficult passages in the writings of St. Paul. The statement is, "If our earthly house—were dissolved." That is, there will

be some who will remain and be alive and whose bodies will never die, but will be changed into spiritual bodies at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The bodies we now have are only tents or tabernacles, and we will be clothed with the new bodies which will be eternal, not a temporary abiding place like a tent or a tabernacle. We cannot subscribe to the interpretation of some who have thought that this building of God, a house not made with hands, is a temporary body given to the soul at death, while the soul waits for the glorified immortal body to be resurrected; because, the statement is also made by Paul that this building of God is "eternal in the heavens." If this building is eternal, then, naturally, the resurrected glorified bodies could not displace them. We believe that the soul goes to be with the Lord Jesus Christ immediately after the death of the body; Rev. 6:9 tells of the souls under the altar, the souls that were slain for the Word of God, and it tells us that they cried with a loud voice; it says also that they received white robes, but it does not tell us that these souls had bodies of either a temporary or a permanent character. The permanent bodies which God has prepared for His children, will be given to us at the resurrection, by the transforming of our mortal bodies into the spiritual.

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Question 1. *Is the sealing of the twelve tribes of Israel mentioned in Rev. 7 typical or literal?*

Question 2. *Have not the ten tribes become so mingled with other nations, that their identity is lost?*

Question 3. *What basis is there in Scripture to, and to what extent should we pray for the dead?* —Mrs. V. McL.

Answer 1. The sealing of the one hundred and forty-four thousand is literal, not typical, and will take place in Jerusalem at the time of the great Tribulation; but we who are His born-again children will not be here on this earth; we shall have been caught up to be with Him for ever, and it may be our great privilege to behold some of these things from the Heavens in company with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Answer 2. Yes, the ten tribes have become either completely merged with the other nations of the earth, or, as happened in a good many cases, many of the ten tribes returned as individuals to the Kingdom of Judah, and thus became

a part of the nation through whom the royal seed from King David down to the Lord Jesus Christ was to be carried. Thus the Jews now living comprise in themselves practically the whole twelve tribes.

Answer 3. None whatever. Purgatory, and all the mercenary trappings that have accompanied this unscriptural teaching, was an invention of the Roman Catholic Church, and has been used by Rome as a method for getting money, the success of which has never been equaled.

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Question. *Who was Jesse's wife, and the mother of David; is there any record?*

—MRS. K. L. H.

Answer. The Bible does not give the name of David's mother. A Jewish legend, however, gives the name as Nazbat, the daughter of Adiel.

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Question 1. *What is the meaning of "He that sacrificeth a lamb as if he cut off a dog's neck." Isa. 66:3.*

Question 2. *Please explain Isaiah 11: 6, 7.*

—MRS. G. L.

Answer 1. It is our understanding that a certain part of the restored Israel in Palestine will undertake, perhaps in connection with the false and subtle overtures of the Anti-Christ, a blasphemous worship of God through some sort of a temple; but at this God will be displeased, and He in this chapter asks, "Where is the house that ye built unto me?" Thus, it will be that the sacrifices offered under such desecration will be abominable in God's sight, so that He compares it to cutting off a dog's neck, or to offering swine's blood, or to blessing an idol.

Answer 2. This is a beautiful picture of that millennial day of plenary blessing that will come upon the earth. Everlasting peace will usher in the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ and the setting up of the everlasting throne of David. In those days there will be no further need of armies, the League of Nations, or peace conferences, but there will be upon the earth peace and righteousness.

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Question 1. *Did God create the five different races?*

Question 2. *How long did it take those inspired men of God to write the Bible?*

Question 3. *Can you be a Christian without joining the Church?*

Question 4. *Do the Jews speak the Hebrew language in Palestine?*

Question 5. *Do they wear costumes, the long robes, and do they have long hair?*

—MRS. A. G.

Answer 1. The multitude of races upon the earth had their origin with the family of Noah; Shem, Ham and Japheth. The Word of God tells us that the flood covered the entire earth, and that every living substance was destroyed, both man and cattle, and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the Ark. See Gen. 7:23.

Answer 2. The 66 books of the Bible were written over a period of approximately 1,600 years.

Answer 3. Yes, but not a very happy one, nor one that would enjoy the most to be had in the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Heb. 10:25 tells us, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." One of the richest joys of being a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is the preciousness of fellowship with others who are like-minded and of the same blessed faith.

Answer 4. Yes, the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus has achieved this much in Palestine that Hebrew is the official language, and no other language is recognized. The use of the Hebrew language in telegrams has been established. January 1st, the first message in Hebrew was sent over Palestine telegraph wires.

Answer 5. No; recent photographs that we have seen are quite disillusioning, for they show even young Jewish girls in khaki knickers working on garden plots. It is all modern in the extreme.

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Question. *How long will the Battle of Armageddon last and how long after the Rapture will it be before Christ returns to reign on this earth?*

—F. F. M.

Answer. We do not know; nothing is gained by speculating or guessing. We do gather from the Scriptures that the Tribulation itself will be not longer than three and a half years, so we do know that the Battle of Armageddon itself will be less than three and a half years. Nor do we know how much time will elapse between the Rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation. There are some things concerning which the Scripture is silent, and when the Scripture is silent, who are we to speak?

JEWISH NOTES

Just as we go to press there has come an important bit of news, which while it appears today in all the newspapers, yet may be missed by many of our friends. We refer to the propaganda known as the Protocols. The Cantonal Court of Berne, Switzerland, has today declared these so called "Protocols" as "forgeries, obvious plagiarism, immoral, and manifestly prepared for the purposes of inciting popular passion against the Jews." *New York Evening Post*, May 14, 1935.

Switzerland last year enacted a law making it a criminal offense to circulate falsehoods against a race. Until now there has been no protection of this nature in all the world. In our own country libel is only criminal when directed against a living individual. Thus, for the first time during these years of Protocols agitation, the Jews as a race were given an opportunity to try the issues in a public court. A number of Nazis who had been circulating these Hitler falsehoods in Switzerland were arrested last fall and put to trial as criminals under this new law. The defense in a charge of this kind is to prove that the statements are true. This they tried their utmost to prove, having taken over six months, and having marshalled all the forces and wits of the Nazi leaders, even from Germany, and having also played all possible tricks for delays. Today the Swiss Court convicted these Nazis and expressed its condemnation of these propagandists of Jew-hate. We wonder if those who have been guilty of an unchristian attitude to God's ancient people, will now have the Christian courtesy to apologize. We should think they would feel like stopping every Jew they meet in the street, and begging his forgiveness. If the Swiss Courts have now declared it immoral and criminal to circulate these wild stories against the Jews, how much more shameful is it for men to do so who profess to follow the Lord Jesus Christ?

It is a revealing fact that those who have been most vociferous in their Protocols propaganda are the ones who have done the least to give the Jews the Gospel. And the Word tells us, "That through your mercy they (the Jews) also may obtain mercy."

And yet how sad it is that one of these leaders in the Jew-hating campaign does not hesitate to declare pub-

licly that the Jew is a cast-away and has no hope of salvation in the present age! What an awakening he will have one day.

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Not a single Jewish student has been admitted to German universities or colleges during the past year, a report by the Reich Ministry of Education reveals. Whatever Jews were attending German colleges had been admitted before Hitler came to power. According to the report made public recently, out of 87,000 students now attending German colleges and universities some 590 Jews are registered, of whom no more than 13 actually attend classes. There are 223 Jewesses registered out of 15,000 women students of whom none attend classes.

However, even the handful of Jews now attending classes can be ousted under the terms of the new decree which restricts admissions to schools only to those actively identified with the Nazi party or its affiliates. This, it will be recalled, applies to high schools, trade schools and elementary schools as well.

Side by side with the elimination of Jews from the colleges there has been a tremendous reduction in the number of college students generally. The German youth is being prepared for the battlefields in military training and forced labor camps, and the German woman is being groomed for the duties of child bearing.

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The *New York Times* of March 16th, 1935, gives a thrilling account of some new Palestine finds, on the site of the ancient city of Lachish. These discoveries, the *Times* tells us, undermine completely the foolish fantasies of the so-called "Higher Criticism." But will the "higher critics humbly confess their ignorance and folly?" No, they will go right on, blandly proposing new nonsensical theories and assumptions, and never even apologize for the falsehoods of the past! And so the Word of God is once more vindicated, and once more we see the biting truth of the Psalmist, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God!"

For the sake of such of our readers who may need the details of these marvelous, new discoveries, here are a few paragraphs from the article:—

Jerusalem, March 15 (AP).—Twelve pieces of broken pottery found on the site of ancient Lachish destroy the very

foundations of biblical "higher criticism," Dr. E. L. Sukenik, Professor of Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, said today.

Professor Noah Harry Torczyner, expert on Semitic languages at the University, definitely ascribed the potsherds, with their inscriptions in the ancient Hebrew language, to the time of Jeremiah, 2,500 years ago. He called it "the most valuable find ever made in the period of the first temple (Solomon's)" and Dr. Sukenik said the potsherds were the greatest discovery since the Siloam inscriptions in 1890.

A remarkable feature, Professor Torczyner asserted, is the fact that they appear to be written in ordinary ink. Dr. Sukenik declared their most amazing characteristic was the fact that many of the words and names used are spelled exactly as they are in the traditional Masoretic text of the Pentateuch. (The Masoretic text is the form of the Hebrew scripture as used today by Jews throughout the world.)

The spelling would indicate, Dr. Sukenik declared, that the Bible was written by scribes during the time in which the events it chronicles actually occurred, and that the scribes were eye-witnesses of the incidents they reported. This would tend to destroy the theory of "higher criticism" that the narrative was written many centuries later, he said.

Professor Torczyner believes the discovery on the site of ancient Lachish, greatest fortress in the southern area of the kingdom of Judah, adds irrefutable testimony to the accuracy of the Bible in its account of the period of the Kings.

Lachish was the fortress which offered resistance to Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, when he swept down upon Judah after King Zedekiah had renounced the allegiance of his kingdom to Babylon. Jeremiah was the great prophet of that era.

No archaeologist had believed that the humid earth of Palestine would be able to preserve any document through the centuries, although the dry sand of Egypt had caused the preservation of a number of important writings.

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"From time immemorial the Dead Sea has been a synonym for all that was useless and unproductive, and the expression 'Dead Sea fruit' had denoted bitter disappointment, while

travelers' tales had made it out to be a spot where the climate was unbearable and deadly, and where it was impossible for human beings to live.

"Now we know that the Dead Sea represents hope and hope fulfilled. The Dead Sea is, in fact, a thing of life, and today is pulsating with health and conferring benefits on thousands of human beings.

"The Dead Sea is, indeed, becoming a health resort beyond compare. The air contains more oxygen than elsewhere. The sun heats without scorching. No germ can live in the water of the Dead Sea, and to bathe therein is health-restoring, youth-renewing, life-giving.

"Approximately one-third larger than the Lake of Geneva, its waters of a maximum depth of 1,300 feet, the Dead Sea has an ever-increasing mineral content, which is deposited by the inflowing Jordan and various streams and springs along its banks. The salts of the Dead Sea which are only now being made available for the world's use, are, beside common salt, magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, potassium chloride. Easily and cheaply obtained by water pumping and sun evaporation, the salts are transported by road and rail, via Jerusalem to the port of Haifa, in a manner simple and speedy. The monetary value of the vast quantities—thousands of millions of tons—of these salts contained in the small area of forty-seven miles by ten miles, makes the Dead Sea easily the most valuable spot in the world.

"This Dead Sea wealth, because so vast in amount and so easily obtained, is destined to play an ever more important role in the world's economics, as well as in the world's politics. In the world's militarism, it may even be! War calls for potash in particular, and potash exists in the Dead Sea in such quantity that 'if no other potash from any other source were used, the quantity existing in the Dead Sea, would last the world (for normal needs) for over two thousand years.'"

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"A total of 5,200 Jews immigrated to Palestine during the month of February, it was learned here (Jerusalem) today. Official circles predict that Jewish immigration in March will be the highest on record and will exceed any other month by at least 600 new entrants."

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