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THE RETURN

*"Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away" (Isaiah 51:11).*

The cover picture, one of the plaques of the Knesset Menorah in Jerusalem, is of "The Return."

A sailor finally drops anchor, while a youth rejoices as he prepares to throw the guy line to anchor the vessel. A lad looks toward Eretz — Israel, as an aged Jew clothed in a prayer shawl reads a prayer of thanks to God Who is fulfilling His promise to Abraham.

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DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:

"God's Judgment of the Nations" is a Biblical theme wherein one studies prophecy by studying history. If Old Testament history were a drama, the *dramatis personae* would be God, the nations and Israel. After mankind failed and was judged at the Tower of Babel there was not only a division by tongues, there was also a division of the nations by the families.

*These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations (Gen. 10:31).*

Old Testament history is the story of Israel's relation to God on one hand, and her relation to the nations on the other. It was never God's purpose that Israel should monopolize the truth of God. God called Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees as the instrument to channel God's blessings to the nations.

*And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Gen. 12:3).*

As we study Old Testament history we realize its philosophy is basically that the Jews are in the hands of the nations but these nations themselves are in the hands of God. The nations perish; Israel persists. Israel is judged by her relation to God; the nations are judged by their relation to Israel.

In the past nations have been judged by the Abrahamic Covenant. God blessed those nations that blessed Ab-

raham and cursed those that persecuted him. As we seek to illustrate this truth we must clarify our position. We believe that there are many prophecies in the Old Testament which have already been fulfilled; however, in the study of prophecy we are futurists, not historicists. We believe that the vast majority of the prophecies, including those of the Abrahamic Covenant have not yet been fulfilled. We also realize that many of the prophecies, especially those against the nations that persecuted Israel have been fulfilled.

. . . Fulfilled prophecy is a proof of inspiration because the Scripture predictions of future events were uttered so long before the events took place that no mere human sagacity or foresight could have anticipated them, and these predictions are so detailed, minute, and specific as to exclude the possibility that they were simply fortunate guesses. Hundreds of predictions concerning Israel, the land of Canaan, Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, and numerous personages — so ancient, so singular, so seemingly improbable, as well as so detailed and definite that no mortal could have anticipated them — have been fulfilled by the elements and by men who were ignorant of them, or who utterly disbelieved them, or who struggled with frantic desperation to avoid their fulfillment. It is certain, therefore, that the Scriptures which contain them

are inspired. *New Scofield Reference Bible*, Footnote, p. 1339.

From Abraham to Christ the nations are mentioned in the Scriptures only as they relate to Israel. The enmity of the nations to Israel and thus against God in the past has invariably brought the judgment of God upon them. These nations that were judged include Egypt, Babylon, Moab, Damascus, Tyre, Ammon, Edom and Elam.

There are two other observations to note. God frequently used the instrument which the oppressor forged for use against Israel as His weapon of judgment against the oppressor. Pharaoh tried to force Israel into the Sea, but he and his hordes were the ones who drowned. Haman built the gallows to hang Mordecai, and he perished on it himself. God also used persecution as a means of blessing. If it were not for slavery in Egypt, there would never have been a Passover. Most of the prophecies concerning the Lord Jesus Christ came at times of world or national crises. In the midst of persecution, trial, and suffering, the God of Abraham is still in control.

### God Judges the Nations

#### by Their Treatment of the Jews

In the past God judged the nations on the basis of the Abrahamic Covenant. He still judges the nations for their treatment of the Jews. The maps of the world are changing, and the empires of a generation ago are now fourth-rate powers. It is easy to point a finger at Turkey, Britain, France, Spain or Germany; but we wonder if our beloved country is now being judged because in 1957 we insisted that

Israel must withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula. However, we know that God is now preparing the nations of the world for judgment. Ezekiel uses a very graphic sentence, "I will put hooks in thy jaws." This sentence is used in chapter 29:4 referring to Egypt and in 38:4 to Russia. These words seem to have been literally fulfilled in the past decade. For centuries Czarist Russia fought for a warm water port and failed. In 1967 Soviet Russia succeeded, and now the Russian fleet sails the Mediterranean.

It is evident from Ezekiel 29 that the "hooks in the jaws" of Egypt and Russia refers to the Nile River and its source.

*Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophecy against him, and against all Egypt: Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself. But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales (Ezekiel 29:2-4).*

"My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself." The Nile has always been the source of Egypt's wealth. Every summer the river flows from its source in the African mountains 4000 miles away. Each year the flood waters brought over 100,000,000 tons of rich volcanic soil to the Nile

Valley and made it the greatest agricultural wonderland in history.

This source of wealth was not enough for Egypt. Twenty years ago Abdul Nasser planned the huge Aswan Dam to control the waters of the Nile. The plan for this dam was the keystone of Nasser's diplomatic duplicities. He played the United States, Britain, and France against each other, and then he baited the hook that brought Russia into the Mediterranean by offering the building of the dam to Russia.

Now it appears that Russian scientists did not take into account the fact that the ecology of Russia and Egypt are not the same! Claire Sterling in an article in *The Jerusalem Post Weekly* described what is happening:

Built without sluices, the dam is retaining all of the Nile's silt in the man-made Lake Nasser behind it. The clear water coming through the turbines is scouring the riverbed, undermining dams and bridges, and eroding the Delta coastline. It lacks the organic matter and natural fertilizers that made the Nile Valley the richest farmland on earth. New irrigation canals are spreading the endemic bilharzie disease, a debilitating intestinal and urinary infection. Worst of all, Lake Nasser is losing twice as much as had been expected in evaporation and underground seepage. . . . Now there will never be another flood in Egypt. The flood water runs into Lake Nasser and there the sediment sinks. Six hundred miles downstream the water flows so clear that you may stand on a balcony of the Hotel Semiramis

in Cairo and see through the river's sandy bottom. Any Egyptian clutching at your arm to show you this, will unfailingly add: "Terrifying, isn't it?"

Claire Sterling, "Aswan High Dam May Prove a Disaster" *The Jerusalem Post Weekly*, March 2, 1971, p. 12.

Read the Scriptures, then read the newspapers. God still judges the nations on the basis of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Finally, the Abrahamic Covenant will be the basis for God's judgment of the nations in the future. Our Lord said:

*When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and*

*took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me (Matthew 25:31-45).*

Please observe:

(1) The time "when the Son of Man shall come in his glory" — at the second coming of our Lord after the tribulation.

(2) The subjects of the judgment—"all nations."

(3) Three classes mentioned: sheep, goats, and brethren. The sheep are saved Gentiles, the goats unsaved Gentiles, and the brethren are the people of Israel.

(4) The basis of the judgment — the treatment of "my brethren."

Observe also the words our Lord chose for this occasion and relate them to Genesis 12:3:

"Come ye blessed" — "I will bless them that bless thee."

"Depart ye cursed" — "I will curse him that curseth thee."

These words are the deliberate choice of our Lord, not an accident of language. God will bless the nations that bless Israel; God will curse the nations that curse Israel. God's future judgment of the nations will be on the basis of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Faithfully yours in His service,



*Editor's note: This message will be reprinted in the new Congress on Prophecy book to be published by Moody Press.*

## TESTIMONY OF SHEILA EISENBERG

Denver, Colorado

**M**Y testimony centers on the fact that I am a Jew. I'd like to tell how I came to Christ as a Jew. I once spoke to a Rabbi and explained that I was a Jew in name only and being Jewish had no meaning. The Rabbi said I was a Jew whether I was a practicing Jew or not. But this did not change my feelings about being Jewish.

I grew up in New York City and went to college and worked. I was searching for some kind of purpose in life and at the same time going through a number of experiences that left me feeling guilty and unhappy with myself. When I became twenty-two I thought, "I've done all there is to do in New York; what next?" So, I decided to join the military and was stationed in Colorado Springs. But, I found I was still faced with the same problems I had in New York, and I had only made a change in my environment! I didn't know where to turn next for help as I had tried all human resources. The only thing left for me to do was to turn to God. Through a Christian man in my office I found out about the Navigators and attended one of their conferences. I asked one of the group leaders where I should start reading the Bible and she advised that I start reading the Gospels. This was in November 1972.

As I read I was really impressed with the life of Jesus. I was impressed that Jewish people came to know Christ at that time. And it isn't so strange for Jews to come to know the Lord for in Romans it says that all have sinned and come short of God's glorious ideal. Yet God declares us not guilty if we trust in Jesus Christ, Who freely takes away our sins. God was telling me that I was guilty. I was a sinner but God offered me forgive-

ness through Christ. If God says I'm not guilty then I need no longer say to myself, "I'm guilty. I can't change."

The verses from Romans chapter three stayed in the back of my mind. I continued to meet other Christians and attended some of the prayer breakfasts at Ft. Carson. At one of them I heard Rev. Blair from Calvary Temple in Denver and was impressed with his love for the Lord. I continued to read the Bible and God was working in me. I realized I was more at peace with myself, and one Sunday I watched Dr. Blair's television program. He told what it is to be a Christian; and, shortly after, I returned to my room and prayed to the Lord to take away my sins and become my Savior. I was overwhelmed with emotion. When I told a few of my Christian friends at work they told me that being a Christian wasn't just a feeling, but now I was to grow with God in reading His Word and having a quiet time with Him each day and fellowship with other Christians. I praise God for this advice and have followed it.

God has filled the void and emptiness in my life and He shows me purpose and love. Most important is the fact that I am a Jew for Christ. During a Navigator's Conference last winter I was reading in the Old Testament and God pointed out to me that this was my heritage as a Jew and that I shouldn't forget it. Before I was a Christian, being a Jew had no meaning to me. Recently I have met other Hebrew Christians and have become excited to see how God is working in bringing Jews to Christ. We need Christians to help as we have many obstacles to overcome in coming to the Savior. This is real peace as we share together, Jews and Gentiles, our fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ. Δ



Eisenberg



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## From the field

### THE DIFFERENCE OF A YEAR

By Charles Eisenberg,  
Missionary-in-Charge,  
New York City Branch

A year ago a young Jewish man was escorted around our 72nd Street Manhattan Branch. He was mild-mannered and did not seem to take issue with our beliefs.

For several months there was no correspondence. Then, just a few weeks ago Ron K called. The Hound of Heaven had been pursuing him. The Holy Spirit had led two believers into his life.

By permission, here are excerpts from a letter written by a believer who met Ron in the subway:

"My brother, where has been your reply? Admittedly I have worried over your situation and therefore hunger after word of your well being!

"Our Lord has nudged me in my heart prompting me to write you. Indeed, my heart wants badly to know of you. So please tell me of your progress, of your digress, of your feelings, and of your doings.

"I remember well our meetings in New York City and desire to share the things we then spoke of sharing."

Recently Ron met a Hebrew Christian at a bus stop. Richard W was reading his Jewish Scriptures. A conversation ensued and a witness was given that Jesus was the Messiah.

Since that divinely ordained meeting, Ron has been back to speak with us. Recently we spent over two hours to-

gether. Pray for this intelligent, sensitive person that he will find reality in the Messiah.  $\Delta$

### "I AM EXCITED"

By Jeff Schneider

Student Worker, Denver Branch

Recently I attended the morning worship service at a local Orthodox synagogue. I had been there only once before, and so believed no one there knew me. I saw it as an opportunity to meet some new Jewish people. Also I wanted to demonstrate that as a Messianic Jew, I could still attend synagogue.

As the service progressed, I noticed a young man slip in. He looked like a young man from my university and head of the Jewish group on campus. He also knew that I was a follower of Jesus. After the service ended, I purposely waited to meet him; and sure enough it was my friend and he recognized me. As we talked, I revived his memory concerning my beliefs and expected him to "turn off" but instead our conversation grew more friendly. He invited me to various events planned by the Temple and told me he would put me on the mailing list. He introduced me to a number of people and then drove me home.

I am excited to see how God is opening up a way to meet young Jewish adults in a favorable context so I might be able to testify to the transforming power of the Messiah. Please pray for this witness.  $\Delta$

### VISITATION REACTION

By Hanna Eurich

Missionary, Pittsburgh Branch

In our visitation program, we have been promoting our "Promise of Tomorrow" radio broadcast. We find that many Jewish people are listening to it, either because they have received a flyer from us or they discovered the program on their own.

Reactions to the broadcast vary. They range from open refusal to listen to this "propaganda" to an intense curiosity about our convictions and claims.

One afternoon while calling on people, I had an opportunity to explain to one lady why a Christian cannot limit his activity of talking about Jesus Christ just to other Christians. First of all, I told her that Christ commanded us to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, "beginning at Jerusalem."

The lady advised me to concentrate my efforts on feeding the poor, helping the underprivileged, and rehabilitating the criminals in our society. She went on describing how useful I could make myself by devoting my time and energy to help better the social and moral environment. My reply to her was that my work very often consisted of just these things, because Christ gives us love and compassion for the suffering. But, the Gospel is a cure for a far more serious kind of poverty, hunger, and misery. The Gospel of Jesus Christ can satisfy spiritual hunger, can cure the disease that is caused by a sinful heart, and can change a person's entire nature. I also told her that this kind of hunger and disease affects all men, whether wealthy or poor.

The lady then started to challenge the effectiveness of the central message of the Gospel — that Christ died for our sins. She charged that this was an encouragement to go right on sinning.

She felt that the belief that God would pardon us because of Christ's atoning death would only produce more wickedness because the fear of punishment was taken away!

I was amazed at this woman's honest effort to understand with her human mind God's work of grace. I explained that it is an essential part of the Christian faith that, after we have been pardoned and accepted by God because of Christ, we are expected to do works of righteousness and mercy.

Please pray with us for this lady and many others like her to be convicted of the greatest sin — unbelief, and to find salvation in Christ.  $\Delta$

### "WHAT A BLESSING!"

by Robert E. A. Miller

Field Evangelist, Los Angeles area

I had been invited to conduct a four-day Jewish Missions Conference (a first for this church) north of Los Angeles in a semi-rural area where it seemed unlikely that any Jewish people would be in attendance.

On the first night I gave an illustrated presentation of "Christ in the Tabernacle." After the service I was surprised to meet a young man whose mother was Jewish. He had been brought to the service by a young Christian who had known the Lord for less than a year. D H had never been to a Christian service before. Later, I learned that he had never known his mother. He did not know whether or not she was living. When he was only two-years-old his mother answered the call of the Jewish underground to aid in a daring attempt to rescue 15,000 Jews trapped in Hungary during World War II. She has never been heard from since being captured by the Nazis and sent to a concentration camp.

I wanted so much for D to see the film of Les Crane interviewing Jewish believers which I was to show the next night. But he was working swing shift so we made arrangements to show it to him the following morning. What a blessing the Lord gave! He opened up his heart. He had been adopted by Jewish people from California who had come to the refugee camp in Trieste to get him. Three years later he was again "orphaned" when both parents were killed in an auto accident.

I noticed at the church that he carried a copy of the Tenach in Hebrew. He said that he read it regularly but did not understand very much of it. He knew nothing of the Messianic prophecies. He said, "I have never read the New Testament, but I will gladly do so." I gave him an Old Testament Prophecy Edition of the New Testament.

He assured me, "I want to believe all that God wants me to believe about the Messiah."

Here is the thrilling sequel of this report. One of our student friends told us that the next day after I had witnessed to D and gave him the New Testament, he trusted Messiah as his Savior. Needless to say, I am thrilled and thankful to the Lord!  $\Delta$

### A FULL DAY IN YESHUA

by Vickie Kress

#### Receptionist at Baltimore Branch

We met, a group of young Hebrew Christians, at 9:45 a.m. at our Beth Sar Shalom Center in Pikesville, Maryland to go to the Fells Point Fun Festival, an annual event in downtown Baltimore. It only costs \$1.00 to have a booth at this event which draws a large crowd of young people and families as well.

We had our literature table next to

a women's public speaking club on one side and on the other, a woman selling dolls for a church charity. After we had claimed our table site, we arranged our tracts and broadsides on top, then taped Jewish Art Calendars along the edges to attract attention. Jewish people requested 45 calendars and several of them stayed to receive a personal witness as well.

We took turns going into the crowd with shoulder bags full of broadsides. Two of our young men spent much time talking with a middle-aged man who had come over to our table. We all had adventures in sharing the love of Messiah in the course of the day.

By 3:30 p.m. we had given out perhaps 3,000 broadsides. We returned to Pikesville and Brian printed up more literature while Barry ran the folding machine. Meanwhile the girls cooked supper and shared their testimonies. We then drove back downtown to the Lyric Theatre to leaflet the crowd we anticipated for the appearance of Mr. Moon, a false messiah. He has been widely advertised recently as the living answer to "Christianity in Crisis." We found a lot of people already standing in front of the theatre when we arrived, and hurried across the street to offer them some tracts. But, they were the choir members who were singing outside the theatre to attract a following to come in and hear their master speak. They were not inclined to accept literature, but we did have the chance to offer tracts to the small crowd who came. Almost everyone took one! Barry also had a good chance to witness to one of the group's truck drivers. He gave the man the telephone number of our Center in parting.

We praise God for this day of witness and fellowship.  $\Delta$

## Jewish Notes

Althea S. Miller

### Dream Across The Centuries

It has been a unique dream—faint, hopeful, strong, shattered — yet always a fragment awaiting the grasp of Jewish hearts for fulfillment.

The dream, although now an official reality, is still a-building. A special kind of history more than 4,000 years in the making has gone into it. Now the 20th century fulfillment is celebrating its 26th year this month of May 1974.

Has the colossal struggle been worth the effort? Israel's tax bill is enough to break the strongest back; a disproportionate lump of it for defense. Reclaiming the land for living where once death prevailed demands the utmost dedication. Striving for political maturity and cultural superiority while not really knowing the God of their fathers leaves the people highly susceptible to emotional instability.

Yet, more Jews than ever are being converted—to Zionism. But Zionism without "the Deliverer (who) shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Rom. 11:26) is doomed. Messiah only can complete the Jewish heart and give it rest.

### Ancient Enigma

Misunderstanding, persecution and pogroms are not alien experiences to Jews, but are just a bit more difficult to accept from one's own people.

One such Jew suffered disparagement and admiration in his lifetime from his fellows. Flavius Josephus' name still evokes these emotions. Josephus was a noted historian and his

works show enormous national pride in the achievements and courage of his contemporaries. His writings provide an indispensable source of information about his times. The saga of modern Masada in Israel becomes more meaningful seen with the backdrop of Josephus' account of the fall of ancient Masada some three years after the destruction of the Temple by Titus in A.D. 70.



### Anti-Semitism in Enlightened U.S.A.?

Failures and emergencies demand scapegoats. Historically, Jews have been the world's target in this arena.

Two present world crises could well become the breeding ground for another crop of Satan's unending hatred of the Jew: the Middle East dilemma, and the matter of diminishing energy. Nor do these crises affect America alone. The nations find themselves increasingly interdependent as so-called progressiveness develops complicated living patterns. The Christian's posture in this important matter should be the Biblically positive: "I will bless them that bless thee (Abraham's family), and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3).  $\Delta$

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PHILADELPHIA AREA

by Larry Jaffrey, Missionary-in Charge

**T**HE Mission branch in Philadelphia is responsible for being an effective witness to Jewish communities of Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Northern Delaware. The total Jewish population in this area is over 400,000. We are striving to be impressive witnesses by our own direct efforts and by encouraging concerned Christians and churches to be witnesses to their Jewish communities.

In our Philadelphia work, we can look at the past year as one of beginnings and one of endings.

### A YEAR OF BEGINNINGS

This past year was the beginning of four more regular Bible study groups in our area. The original Thursday evening study expanded to such an extent that we were able to divide the group into an adult study and a young people's study which is conducted by Mitch Triestman. A second study was started on Tuesday afternoon for those who could not come to the evening studies. Rev. Arthur Watson began a third study group in the Lower Bucks County area, reaching out to the Jewish population in that area. Finally, as a result of your prayers, a group is meeting in Wilmington, Delaware for Bible study.

Along with the Bible study in Wilmington, we began conducting special meetings in the area. These are Jewish in nature for the purpose of enabling Christians to bring their unsaved Jewish friends to a meeting geared for them.

As a result of our Bible studies and meetings in the Philadelphia area, we have made many new contacts with unsaved Jewish people. From these contacts several have come to receive Jesus as their Messiah, and some have even followed Him in baptism. We

rejoice about this, knowing these people are beginning a new and wonderful life in God.

An example of this new life with Christ is J, a local high school student. Her mother is a new believer and last spring she began attending our meetings, but the daughter would not come with her. When I visited their home, J would not even come out to say, "Hello." About two months later J's mother called to ask if someone would come to their house to talk with J who wanted to know how to accept Christ. I went over and shared the plan of salvation with her and she accepted the Savior. Since then J has become an active witness for Christ. The Lord has used her to win her best friend and an uncle to the Lord. She is a great spiritual influence to her family.

### A YEAR OF ENDINGS

For years, when the Philadelphia work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews has been mentioned, the names of Harry Burgen and Mrs. Walter Smith came to mind. These two faithful servants of the Lord worked together at 717 Walnut Street for 29 years. This past January both re-



*Dr. Fuchs addressing a group of believers at the retirement dinner for Harry Burgen (2nd from right top photo) and for Mrs. Jean Smith (at left of lower photo). Mr. Jaffrey presided at the meeting.*



tired from full-time service with the Mission.

Mr. Burgen served the Lord through ABMJ for 47 years, and Mrs. Smith was his secretary for 29 years. Many of you have witnessed the fruit of their labors. If one would go to center city Philadelphia, he would find many Jewish businessmen who know Harry Burgen and what he stands for in life. The work that these two faithful workers established will continue as our Rev. Arthur Watson takes over the ministry on Walnut Street. Mr. Watson is our former Minister of Visitation. Pray for him as he carries on the work at the Center and pray also for Mr. Burgen and Mrs. Smith as they begin their retirement.

#### "ZEEDONKS"

by Mitch Triestman

Beth Sar Shalom has been a recognized student organization at Temple University for over four years now. Each week we have publicity tables at various places throughout the campus. These tables provide interaction with the students and open wonderful witnessing opportunities. Each semester we try to have an evangelistic meeting that is open to the entire campus. The last meeting we had featured a local Hebrew Christian pathologist who presented a slide program which refuted the theory of evolution. A packed audience listened intently for over an hour before they swamped us

with questions. Some students were hostile, but many were open and all clearly heard the Gospel.

Temple has a large Jewish population, and our literature table is designed specifically for the Jewish students. When I first began at the table, we were positioned next to the Jewish Defense League. One of the young ladies who was working at the JDL table was extremely vocal. We had contact with her throughout that entire semester. She would return frequently with her arguments, but occasionally she would listen. During the school year she explained to us that you could be a zebra or you could be a donkey, but "zeedonks" didn't exist, thus Hebrew Christians didn't exist. We understood her analogy and carefully explained the term Hebrew Christian, but it seemed to fall on deaf ears. This young lady labeled herself as having a terminal case of Zionism. Her zeal for Judaism endeared her to us, and we were particularly burdened when we discovered that she wouldn't be returning to Temple the following year, but would be transferring. Although we could no longer witness to her; the Spirit of God continued working in her heart, and at Penn State she found her Messiah! She returned home to tell us the good news of how she had become a "zeedonk." She has been a blessing when she came to our young people's Bible studies. We had the joy of seeing her follow her Messiah in baptism.

There have been others who have found the Messiah through the Temple U work, and I'm certain there are many more. We just thank God for the great amount of literature He enabled us to distribute, and the many Jewish students with whom we have shared the Gospel.

#### AN OLD BUT NEW MINISTRY

by Arthur Watson

Working in our Walnut Street Branch, I can see the limitless opportunities that exist here. Many people pass by our window display which features a large print copy of the poem "The Jew." Some stop in for copies of the poem and other literature, while others come in out of curiosity. It is a joy to see how the Lord is using this window ministry to bring many Jewish people in to hear about their Messiah.

Last week, two students from the Jefferson Medical College came into the Center. One young man, who was Jewish, did not appear to be interested in the Messiah, but he listened attentively to the discussion I was having with his friend. Upon leaving, both accepted the literature that was given to them.

Another day, a young Jewish man about 25 years old, came in to see what we "stood for." We told him we believed that Christ was the Jewish Messiah, and he said he also believed in Christ as his Messiah. He is mar-

ried to a Christian and is about to join her church in New Jersey. He expressed an interest in having a Bible study at his home.

Later in the day, an elderly Jewish man stopped in to ask if I knew Mrs. .... I told him that I had known her, but that she had gone to be with her Savior about seven years ago. He told me that she was his sister and he had not seen her for 14 years. I was able to tell him what his sister believed, and how she had accepted her Messiah. It was an excellent opportunity to confront him with his personal need of the Messiah. He listened politely, but did not commit himself. We gave him a copy of "Messiah in Both Testaments" and he promised to read it. There will be further contact with him as I endeavor to find out where his sister is buried. Please pray as I take him to the cemetery that I'll have further opportunity to tell him the good news of salvation in the Savior.

Many Christians come in to pick up literature for their Jewish friends and business associates. Some ask how to witness and we have opportunities to show them Scriptures that will help in their efforts to win Jewish people to Christ.

Please remember our various ministries prayerfully as we proceed to modernize the building and ministry. Pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that we do and that God's name might be glorified. △

## Questions and Answers



By HENRY J. HEYDT, Th.D.

**QUESTION:** How much of the present wall of Jerusalem was standing in the days of Christ?

**ANSWER:** Let us have one thing clear. The present wall and its gates were not standing in the days of Christ. Josephus tells us those walls were all leveled to the foundations excepting a part of the western wall which was spared "in order to afford a camp for such as were to lie in garrison." (*Wars of the Jews*, Book I.1.1.)

For a very excellent summary on the history of Jerusalem see the 39-page article in *The Jewish Encyclopedia*. The following facts are gleaned from there. See the article for the historical connections.

Hadrian attempted to erect a Roman city upon the ruins of Jerusalem. "After a while the walls were repaired; but the city does not seem to have had the same extent as before. The new wall did not include part of Ophel and Mount Zion, and seems to have stood on the south where the present wall is found." Another rebuilding of the walls took place under Valentinian who died before this was accomplished. "In 450 the empress Eudoxia, widow of Theodosius II., restored them, enclosing within them the Pool of Siloam." "In 1219 the walls of the city were taken down by order of the Sultan of Damascus; in 1229 by treaty with Egypt Jerusalem came into the hands of Frederick II. of Germany. In 1239 he began to rebuild the walls; but they were again demolished by Da'ud, the emir of Kerak. In 1243 Jerusalem came again into the power of the Christians, and the walls were re-

paired." In 1481 Meshullam of Volerra visited the city and reported that of the twelve gates in the Temple area, five were closed. The next rebuilding of the walls took place under the Ottoman Turks. "In 1527 Sulaiman I. began to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem . . . The Tower of David was also restored, the walls being finished in 1542." A letter written about a hundred years later by an unknown traveler from Carpi states that the city had eight gates. "He describes at length the city and its monuments, especially the western wall where the Jews were allowed to congregate in times of peace." When Samuel b. David, the Karaite, visited Jerusalem in 1641 he gave an account which mentions six gates. Another Karaite, Benjamin b. Elijah visited the city in 1785, and "He mentions six gates: the Western, David, Hebron, Damascus, Pillar, and Lion."

Regarding modern Jerusalem the article states: "Excavations have shown, however, that the old city extended farther to the south; while to the north, and particularly to the west, the modern city far exceeds the ancient one. . . . The western city wall coincides with the line of the original wall; the northern wall is held by some to be identical in its course with the ancient third wall, and by others with the second; and the eastern wall follows the course of the eastern Temple enclosure. The present wall, erected by the Osman sultan, Sulaiman the Magnificent, is thirty-eight and one-half feet high. . . . It is pierced by eight gates: Jaffa, Zion, Dung, St. Stephen's, Herod, Damascus, New, and Golden, the last named being sealed."

**QUESTION:** From what Scripture did Martha learn to expect the Messiah (Christ) as the Son of God which should come into the world (Jn. 11:27)? Where is it so stated in the Old Testament in such a manner that she could put her finger on it and say, "This is it" and "You are He"?

**ANSWER:** For the Old Testament expression see Ps. 2:7 and Prov. 30:4. John the Baptist understood the title and so used it in Jn. 1:34. Nathanael also knew it (1:49). Christ Himself used it in His teaching (5:19-29). See also 9:35 and 10:36. It would be strange, indeed, if Martha had not known its significance.

**QUESTION:** Since all the fulness of the Godhead dwelt in Christ (Col. 2:9), and this certainly included His glory, how do you explain the prayer of Jn. 17:5?

**ANSWER:** You are quite correct that the Lord Jesus Christ possessed *all* the attributes of Deity (which fact is not to be confused with the exercise of them). God can never be any less than He is. He cannot be diminished. Thus the Lord Jesus Christ could not lay aside the glory of His Godhead when He came to earth. He could veil it but not separate Himself from it. But this was not the glory He asked to have restored in John 17. The glory mentioned there is a glory He had *with* (Greek, *para*) the Father. This was a positional glory which He laid aside when He became the servant. All His own shall see it one day (17:24), for this prayer was answered at the time of His return to glory.

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## THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Matthew 24: 15-28

In the first section of this prophetic discourse the Lord Jesus the Messiah has been setting forth the features of the first part of the tribulation time for Israel, called the "time of Jacob's trouble." With verse 15 we have arrived at the middle of Daniel's seventieth week and begin the time called The Great Tribulation. The portion reads thus: "When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand), then let them that are in Judaea flee unto the mountains: let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house: and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak. But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath: for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and

shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you beforehand. If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the coming of the Son of man. Wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

The passage before us dwells upon three areas of truth. The first sets forth vividly

### The Time of Trial. 15-22

The sign of the approaching great distress, will be the hour when the godly remnant of that day will witness the setting up of the abomination of desolation in the holy place. Some think the abomination was the Roman ensigns and military banners; others feel it is the man of sin, the embodiment of evil and the masterpiece of Satan; but the expression evidently refers to an idol. 1 Kings 11:5, 7; 2 Kings 23:13. See the parable in Matt. 12:43-45 relative to the nation. Cf. Rev. 13:11-17. This is the idol spoken of by Daniel the prophet (9:27; 12:11). It will be set up in the temple in Jerusalem. The Lord makes special mention that they are to understand,

for there is an implied warning that the prediction might be misunderstood. In the earlier section of this chapter (verses 4-14), the signs have been of a general character; now the details are given. This period is seen in Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 12:14 ("time, times, and a half"); in Revelation 11:2; 13:5 ("forty-two months"); in Revelation 11:3 and 12:6 ("1,260 days"). The setting up of the idol will be the signal for the flight of the godly. Notice the setting is in Judea. At the time of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. the Christians in the city fled to the mountain city of Pella where they were preserved. There are many students of this passage who believe the godly Jews in that day will flee to Petra.

The believing remnant are commanded to flee to the mountains without any delay to take anything from their homes. The housetops are flat, so were convenient for relaxation and fellowship. They could be reached from the inside and the outside of the house. It will be the better part of wisdom not to go back into the house to carry away possessions which would just be hindrances to flight. Every instruction here is intended to convey the urgency and desperateness of the hour. If the hour of disaster strikes while the workmen are in the field, they are not to turn back for their

cloaks. Not a moment is to be lost, and there will be no time to spare. Haste will be called for in order to escape the flood of calamity. Cf. Lot and his wife. Luke 17:31, 32.

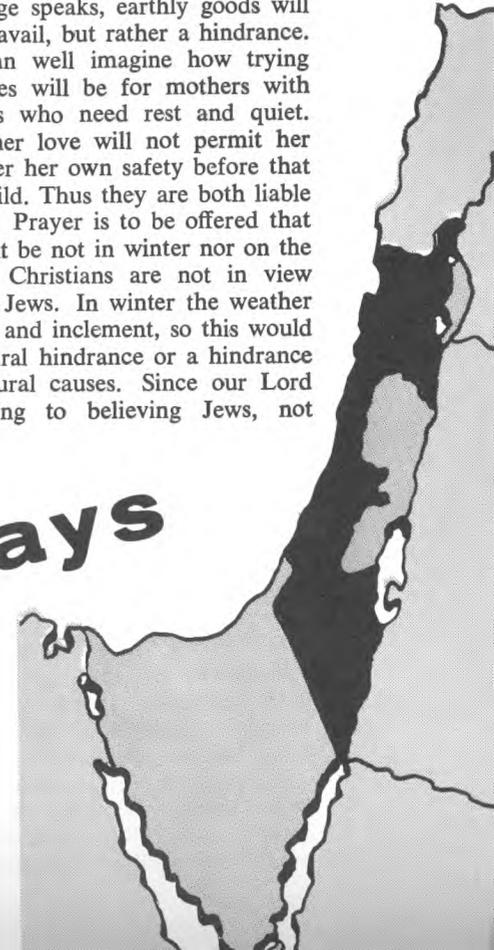
At the overthrow of Pompeii, in the year 79, among others who fled from the torrent of lava from Mt. Vesuvius, was a lady who tried, not only to save her life, but also some valuable jewels she had. With her hands full of rings, bracelets, necklets, chains, and other treasures, she made her way out of the city, but was then overwhelmed by the rain of ashes from the volcano. She perished with her hands full of jewels; and later in the course of building operations outside the area of the buried city, her petrified body was unearthed. Similarly, in that day of which our passage speaks, earthly goods will be of no avail, but rather a hindrance.

One can well imagine how trying these times will be for mothers with little ones who need rest and quiet. Her mother love will not permit her to consider her own safety before that of her child. Thus they are both liable to perish. Prayer is to be offered that their flight be not in winter nor on the Sabbath. Christians are not in view here, but Jews. In winter the weather is stormy and inclement, so this would be a natural hindrance or a hindrance from natural causes. Since our Lord is speaking to believing Jews, not

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# The Last Days

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Christians, they are to pray that the calamity does not strike them on the Sabbath. This is the end of the Jewish age which is under consideration, so the command is in point. No Christian today is ordered to keep the Sabbath of the Jews; in fact, the apostle Paul forbids it distinctly. Col. 2:16-17. The Jewish custom with regard to travel on the Sabbath would make it hard for the Jewish remnant to make any journey on that day. They would bring down upon them the wrath of the mass of the nation. In order to impress His hearers with the gravity of the occasion, the Messiah tells His disciples: "then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be." Is it not strange that, in the light of these plain words, some should still speak of the Great Tribulation Period as though it could be compared to other times of general distress and catastrophe? No, friends, it will be unique, just as our Lord said. So unbearable will be the time of trial that, unless these days were mercifully shortened, no human life could escape physical death. But for the elect's sake it will be shortened. There is a chosen people for heaven, the Church. Here the Messiah is speaking of His earthly chosen people. For their sake and because of His love for the remnant in Israel, He will sovereignly shorten the days.

After this detailed description of the tribulation time, the Lord now gives them

#### **The Warning Against Deceivers. 23-26**

Because impostors and frauds always flourish in a time of stress and trouble, there will be many claiming to be the true Messiah. 2 Thess. 2:1-12. So cunning and crafty will be these false Messiahs and prophets, that, if it were possible, they would lead astray even the believing. This passage does

not say it is possible, but just the opposite. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. The intent of the whole prophetic discourse is to warn them ahead of time. And the times will produce sensational features. There will be those pointing to a Messiah in the wilderness or in the inner chambers. They are warned against a secret coming. Any report or sensational news that He is in one special place will be enough to show the word is false. The Messiah and Redeemer is to return from heaven, not from these other places. How easily are the unbelieving led astray in our day; they will be even more susceptible in that day ahead of us.

When a shepherd in Scotland was asked if his sheep would follow the voice of a stranger, he said: "Yes, when they are sick; but never when they are well. A sick sheep will follow anybody." The believer is not willing to follow the false teachers and "fad-dists" of the age when he is fed on the Word and the Lord.

With this picture of events in mind we come, in the last place, to the truth of

#### **The Sudden Coming of the Lord. 27-28**

Why will it not be safe to credit the reports of a secret coming of Messiah? Because when He comes again it will be the exact opposite of His first coming. Then it was in quietness, in comparative obscurity, in a manger in Bethlehem, but in His coming again it will be as the lightning in its quick flashing from east to west. Two features of lightning are well-known: (1) its suddenness or unexpectedness; and (2) its universal or wide extent. There will be no time for preparation or of gradually making known His coming. No false Messiah will be able to imitate this coming. And when He comes this time, it will be to strike with judgment.

Where the carcass is, the eagles will converge. Birds of prey gather where dead bodies are found, so the Lord's judgments will fall suddenly when corruption has reached its height. The judgment will be (1) necessary (because of corruption); (2) sudden (as the vulture flies); and (3) unpreventable (no hindrance possible). This summarizes the whole picture in verses 15-28 for us.

Some time ago a man died against whom the whole city of New Orleans rose up, because as its sanitary inspector he urged that special precautions be taken against yellow fever. The business men flouted him. The chamber

of commerce said, "Shut him up, or he will ruin our trade!" The alderman did shut him up, and the city foolishly said, "Thank goodness!" . . . until the yellow jack came and cost it millions.

Dear reader, the Lord has forewarned all of the coming judgment. How will you stand in the matter? How do you stand now? The only safe place is in the Rock of Ages, Christ Jesus, the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world. Have you made Him yours? In a very real and personal transaction you can make Him yours now by faith. But you must act now! △

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## Stewardship of Assets

by Wesley J. A. Jones

AS well as the stewardship of our income, the stewardship of assets is often overlooked by the believer who is considering the final disposition of his worldly goods. There are many forms of such stewardship available toward this end. For example, consider the many advantages of a living trust. There are several types designed to accomplish almost any purpose you desire.

If you are led to share in this ministry to bring the Gospel to the Jews now and you wish more information about this valuable stewardship device, please write to Dr. Daniel Fuchs, Executive Director at New Jersey headquarters. △

