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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved Friends:—

Let us praise God and thank Him especially for the birth of His only begotten Son Jesus. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. 4:6.

"AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE
ROUND ABOUT THEM." LUKE 2:9.

This was "the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18. R. V. That shining of the glory of the Lord about the humble shepherds which was so bright that "they were sore afraid", emphatically indicated that the Babe born in a manger was He who later said, "I am come a light into the world", John 8:12, and of whom it was prophesied that He should be "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." Luke 2:32. That light was not restricted in its radiance within the limits of the field of Bethlehem, but was shooting its splendor far each way, ever wider and growing ever brighter, and locating all its divine power and energy in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ, in which shone the glory of God; it reached out to thousands of millions of people, and delivered them from the debasement and tyranny of sin and darkness.

UNLIKE THE LIGHT OF MOSES

We are told that "when Moses came down from Mount Sinai—that the skin of his face shone." Ex. 34:29. That light, though unique in the history of mankind, cannot be ranked with the light of "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ". 2 Cor. 4:6. It was the close intercourse with God that put such a lustre upon Moses' face, that "they were afraid to come nigh him". For we read further on, that when Moses "put a vail upon his face", the people could not see that light in his countenance any more. But it was not so with the Lord Jesus' light which was the Shekinah Glory, God Himself, shining forth from behind the clouds of flesh which incarnated the Son of God and obscured the glory. Yet when on the Mount of Transfiguration, Luke 17, that vail of the flesh could not conceal the splendor of Christ. Beams of wonderful light darted from every part of that God-man so that even His clothes showed a profuse display of illumination.

TALMUDIC ESOTERIC

In early youth the writer was given lessons in the esoteric, or midrashic teaching, which designates an exegesis which goes more and more deeply into the spirit of the word of God, in contra distinction to the literal interpretation. On Gen. 1:4 specially the clause "and God saw that the light was good", the Midrash Yalkut says that this is the light of the Messiah. Furthermore, Psalm 36:9, "For with thee is the fountain of life, in thy light shall we see light", also refers to the Messiah who is the light, through whom we shall see light. Yalkut Isa. 60. This teaching puzzled the writer very much, not being able to understand or conceive of the Messiah being light. In fact no one among the rabbis could satisfactorily explain the connection of the Messiah with light; whenever the writer came to the word light, his mind always went back to that esoteric teaching wondering at the meaning of that idea of combining and blending, as it were, the Person of the Messiah with the element of light. But when the

Lord Jesus Christ laid His good hand on the writer and revealed to him a small portion of His light, lo and behold, all was suddenly made clear and true. The Lord Jesus, He is the light of the world. He enlightens the mind and through His light we can see wonderful things out of God's Word, Psa. 119:8, blessed be His Holy Name for ever and ever.

ANOTHER BAPTISM

And it was that same powerful light which suddenly shone from heaven round about Saul, near Damascus, Acts 22, bringing him down to the ground, operating upon his heart and eyes thus causing him to believe and see the glory of God in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ. The result of the touch of that "great light from heaven" was that Saul was transformed and became Paul. His words were made to glow with that light so that they illumined sinful men, and caused corrupt judges and governors to tremble at his preaching. Multitudes of souls were won for Christ and heaven and ever since then unto this very day that divine light has been animating many myriads of souls with passion, love and zeal for Christ. We have experienced that in ourselves and have found that many of our converts have felt the same way. On October 15th we baptized a Jewish brother of about 35 years of age. He told us that he has been to our meetings many times and listened to the preaching of the Gospel but he did not feel any inclination to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. He could see that the teaching about Christ was correct and scriptural but he did not think that it was right for him to follow the example of these Jewish brethren who have been suffering persecution for Christ's sake. But once after listening to a scriptural discourse at our meeting, to put it in his own expression, he said "I suddenly received a flash of light". It was at that time when we noticed while speaking to the audience that this brother who was always very attentive, dropped his head and tears were glistening in his eyes. Since then he has been a changed man and asked us to administer baptism because he wanted to make a public confession of the Lord Jesus Christ whom he accepted as his Saviour. At a recent meeting when we gave an opportunity for the converts to testify of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ he rose up and said how he loved the Lord Jesus Christ and tried to serve Him in every way possible. He then pointed to a boy of about 17 sitting beside him and said "You showed us from the Bible that the Lord Jesus Christ wants us to bring fruit. Well here is the fruit I have brought to Christ. This is my son and I have tried very hard to bring my entire family to the Lord Jesus Christ and my son has decided to follow in my footsteps. He has accepted the same Lord and Saviour who has saved me from my sins."

ABRAHAM SAW THAT LIGHT

But the shepherds were not the first human beings to whom that blessed light was shown. We like to think that Abraham the friend of God, preceeded them in seeing that glorious light when he was beholding the awful darkness of the sin of his future people. We read that "an horror of great darkness fell upon him." (Abraham). Also, "And it came to pass, that when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp (a big flame of fire, literally) that passed between those pieces." Gen. 12:18. Abraham was in extreme depression when God exhibited to him that smoking furnace, indicating the gross darkness of sin of his descendants. Then to comfort him, the Lord displayed that "big flame of fire" in the midst of that darkness. That made him understand that the Lord Jesus Christ, his son in the flesh, the Light of the world, would come and shine in the darkness giving power to as many as will receive Him and become sons of God. Then too as well as upon other occasions, Abraham saw His day and was glad. John 8:56.

It is a long day when compared with the day of our time reckoning. Nearly two thousand years have passed since that blessed Light appeared to the shepherds, but that has been an extended, gracious long day of rejoicing and gladness to the dear children of God. Who can conceive of the greatness, influence and power of that Light whose wonderful rays have entered the hearts of multitudes and reproduced themselves there, working through the heart, shining out beautifully and causing people to praise our Father in heaven?

Sincerely yours,

LEOPOLD COHN.

MY JEWISH DEBT

BY JANE SMITH

(The following contributed article, from one of our readers, will be of interest to all and needs no comment:)

I have a Jewish neighbor and I had rather despised her. Her, with her kosher meat and her modern phylacteries and ancient inhibitions and rules. She did not live close by—four houses away, so it was not necessary that I cultivate her, and I never did. Nor did she, with her national inclination to exclusiveness, cultivate me, or the three Gentile families in the houses between.

The children of the block, as a small League of Nations, played Run-Sheep-Run and Beckon in unity; but the Jew and Gentile parents dwelt apart.

Until last Sunday morning—

I am quite a religious person and have been for ten generations back on both sides. And I was prevented from attending my own Gentile Protestant Sunday School by a foot swollen beyond the bounds of my best shoe. So, after the family's departure, I twirled the radio dials and happened on to a discourse on The Bible. I heard something which I probably already knew but had never thought of: the complete Holy Bible, which these ten generations of Protestant Gentile forebears of mine had built their life and conduct and hopes of heaven on, was written by Jews.

What a debt to owe to an alien race, and to one despised!

God had chosen them to nourish, develop and hand on to the world not only the foundations of our Christianity but that very Christianity itself. I had been teaching my children verses written by Jews, and stories told by Jews, to buttress them for life. These same verses and stories, written by Jews and learned in my youth had sustained me thus far. I was giving money to Bible and Missionary Societies and to colleges so that these Jewish writing could save the present gen-

eration and be handed on to the next one. And with all this, I was despising the Jews! I saw my inconsistency.

That was Sunday.

On Monday I called on Mrs. Abraham.

On Tuesday my children asked the little Abrahams in to a porch supper; for their Jewish Ruth and my Christian Mary had a common birthday.

On Friday Mrs. Abraham mended for an hour on my side porch and we talked religion. It started by my expressing my gratitude to her for what her race had done religiously for me. And I made the discovery that the Jews are not the only despised people. The Gentiles are despised also and misunderstood. I reorganized some of her notions and she reorganized some of mine. But the best of it was that she borrowed a New Testament to study the Jewish literature, history and religion therein.

In our block the Jews are despised no more.

FINANCES

December is the last month of our fiscal year as well as the calendar year. We have reached far and wide during 1928 in spreading the Gospel message to the Jews, so that truly our lines have gone throughout all the world. The Philadelphia work is abounding in opportunities of service which of course requires a continually increasing budget. We rejoice at this, and would not withhold a single dollar where God is calling for expansion. Likewise on another page you will read of our new undertaking for Atlantic City. Additional workers have been added to our staff this year.

It has been our unfailing experience that when once we have told you, our friends, of these things, you have responded generously. Again we come to you now and ask that we may continue with ever increasing aggressiveness the testimony that the Lord has called us to give. The world is giving to each other so called Christmas presents this month; let us who are called by His name, give to Him a present that shall be used for that which must be the nearest and the dearest to His heart, the work of bringing to His own brethren according to the flesh the knowledge of their Messiah.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Again the Lord Lengthens our Cords

A Branch Mission in Atlantic City! This is our Christmas announcement to our friends. On November 30th we took title to the property known as No. 2603 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J., and by the time you will be reading these lines, we hope to have held a dedication service, and to have consecrated the building to the Lord for a new testimony concerning the Lord Jesus Christ not only to the 15,000 Jews of Atlantic City proper, but to the countless thousands of Jews who annually visit that pleasure resort in search of relaxation, health or worldly amusement.

HOW IT HAPPENED

It really didn't happen. Nothing happens in the affairs of this Mission—every step is ordered of God; it is He that keeps us, and it is He that is planning for us every advance that is made. But the circumstances that brought about this new undertaking have their human elements, and only serve to reveal His ways of working. In the first place, there is a small group of praying people in Atlantic City; these faithful children of God banded themselves together some fourteen years ago into a Friends of Israel Circle, and for fourteen years the burden of their prayer has been "Oh Lord, open up a Mission to the Jews of Atlantic City!" Never once has their faith faltered.

In the second place, almost three years ago when we were so definitely led to engage one of our own converts, Brother Harry Burgen, and establish him as Missionary to the Jews in Philadelphia, he felt an unevadable conviction of God that he must include Atlantic City as a part of his field. In this we agreed, and so over all this period, at least one day a week was always spent by Bro. Burgen in At-

lantic City. Those of our readers who are familiar with the remarkable way in which Harry Burgen was brought to the Lord in our Mission over fourteen years ago, and how he took preparation afterward for Christian work, will realize that the Lord was fitting him for exactly this task of Gospel work in both Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

EARLY FRUITS

Thirdly, no sooner had we undertaken this one-day-a-week ministry in Atlantic City than the Lord began to work. Hostility, of course, was in abundance; we expect that, otherwise we feel we are not getting anywhere—"Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you!" But with the hostility came also tokens of His grace, for there were hungry souls, and there were Israelites "without guile". Our Field Secretary went down to Atlantic City and held some meetings. Some of the Jews who had shown kindness to Mr. Burgen, came to the meeting, and lo, one family made open confession of faith in the Lord, and was baptized in a local church. Since then, others have come, and still others are friendly but need the encouragement and the help which a Center of our own can give them. So, slowly, but surely we were being driven to face the need of a Branch station.

THE FIELD

It must be remembered that it is not only the 15,000 permanent Jewish population that Atlantic City offers by way of Gospel opportunity. The real opportunity lies in the fact that hundreds of thousands from all over the world crowd into that Resort, and the Boardwalk teems with these seekers of relief from the world's care and worries. We sent Miss Sussdorff down for a month last summer, to spy out the land more thoroughly, and her

report amazed us. Wealthy Jews and Jewesses on the Boardwalk? Yes, plenty of them. But Miss Sussdorff by tactful approach was able to engage some in conversation; and what did she find? Fatness of pocketbook, but famine of soul! They had money, but oh the hunger of their hearts. They had all the world can give; but they were unhappy! And one woman said, "Oh, how I wish I had some one in my own city to whom I could talk as I can to you!"

THE PROBLEM

So we went down to Atlantic City to rent a store for a Mission. With Brother Burgen we trudged the streets of the Jewish quarter. "There's just the store we want!" we both exclaimed. And to the agent we hurried. "What! a Jewish Mission? Are you crazy? Never!" *A Jew was the owner!* Again and again we went through this same experience; and we came home baffled. Did the Lord not want us to open a Branch? Surely He did. But it took us nearly another month before we saw the light—we must buy!

THE FINANCING

So again we went, and to make the ending short, we *bought*. And even this buying was beset with baffling blockades. The wisdom of a serpent, the harmlessness of a dove—these were needed and used at every turn. And now we can announce we have the property!

The location is 2603 Pacific Avenue, one door from the corner of Texas Avenue and one block from the Boardwalk; three blocks south of the great new Convention Hall which is to seat 41,000 people.

The cost was twenty-one thousand Dollars. Of this amount, \$3,000 we paid in cash on taking title; \$12,000 remains as a first mortgage, and \$6,000 as a second mortgage.

There was no time to appeal to you

for money. We just took the step of faith—we had no other choice, for He was unquestionably saying to us, "Go forward!"

Now we tell you the whole story, and like Abraham's servant in the house of Laban, we ask you if you do not agree with us, that the Lord has led us. And if you do, then we have not a moment's anxiety as to the money coming for all the new needs this undertaking requires. We believe that once you know the facts, you will respond with such a shower of help that all the needs will be met, and money left over. You will say joyfully with Laban and Bethuel, "The thing proceedeth from the Lord." Perhaps there are among our readers some who have been saving the Lord's money for just such a chance as this. So here is your opportunity.

Three thousand dollars immediately to make up our advance on taking title. One thousand dollars for alterations, and furnishings, to fit the store at once for Mission use. These are the immediate needs, and ought to be in our hands by Christmas.

Then the mortgages. The Lord's property ought to be free of debt. Six thousand dollars second mortgage let us pay off as soon as we can. Then after that the twelve thousand.

Shall we have your response? We have never come to you with a need like this without your overwhelming answer, "Yes, and thank you for the rare opportunity to invest with the Lord!" So may it be again. And above all *pray*. Pray for God's signal blessing upon the undertaking, pray for souls. Pray for the financing. The Lord has now lengthened our cords; He will next strengthen the stakes. The Author of the good work must also be the Finisher.

Specify gifts, "For Atlantic City Fund."

Our Worker in Lithuania

Our friends will be interested in receiving fresh news from Brother Simon Azur in Lithuania. You will remember that he is the Jewish young man who was converted in such a marvelous way through the reading of *The Shepherd of Israel* which had been sent to him by Harry Burgen from Philadelphia. After his conversion he suffered great persecution, but was so filled with the conviction that he must give the Gospel to his blind brethren that he persisted in a courageous witnessing for Him.

A reader of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE provided the salary, and we engaged Simon Azur as our missionary in the Kovno District of Lithuania. Kovno is the capital city of that country.

Thus the Lord began to use this young man immediately and through him many thousand copies of *The Shepherd of Israel* have been distributed faithfully each month and many Jews reached with the Gospel message. Last summer however we felt that it would do the young man a great deal of good if he could be given at least a short-time contact and fellowship with other Christians, for strange as it may seem to the friends who will read these lines, Simon Azur knew of no Christians anywhere in his district with whom he could have fellowship. He only knew us by correspondence and through our literature, but so far as speaking face to face with another Jewish fellow believer, he had no such opportunity.

Accordingly we arranged for him to go to Danzig, Germany. This is a seaport on the Baltic Sea, and in this city is located the Jewish Mission in charge of Pastor Arnold Frank of Hamburg, Germany, with another Jewish Christian Brother, Mr. Rad, as local missionary in charge of the station at Danzig.

Here Mr. Azur found himself suddenly as though he were in Paradise. His letters to us glowed with joy and thanksgiving because for the first time in his life he actually met some dozen or more Jewish believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and he was cheered to speak face to face with others who had had a like experience to him and had gone through like sufferings. Mr. Rad, the missionary, was able to give the young man an intensive training for a few months, and he seemed to drink in everything that was taught him. Several letters came to us from Mr. Rad himself, commending highly the humble spirit of the young man, the eagerness to learn and the completely abandoned consecration to the Lord's service.

But Simon Azur had left his wife and baby near Kovno. It was impossible to get passports for them to go to Germany. And when he had hardly been three months in Danzig, urgent word came to him that he must return at once to Kovno because the baby was very ill; from what we can gather it seems that the child either had pneumonia or pneumonia was threatening. So as soon as he could he returned to Kovno, and from there he wrote us a hurried letter telling of his return and that he had been compelled to take the baby to a physician many miles away, and that at the time he was writing us the baby showed some improvement.

So profound an impression was made upon him by his stay in Danzig that he asked Mr. Rad to come to Kovno and make a missionary trip there for several weeks, and it may be possible that this will be done in the course of the next few months. In the meantime Simon Azur is a much better witness for the Gospel because of his having been to Danzig; there he saw trained workers carrying on

a Gospel testimony in organized form, and we know that he goes back to Lithuania with new zeal and larger vision for the work to which he has committed himself in Lithuania. We are hoping that perhaps by next spring he will be able to get passports for himself and his wife and baby, and then go to Danzig for at least a year's stay. This will be of great value to him because as a young convert he ought to have the opportunity and the privilege of a good training for the Lord's work. We want our many friends to join us in prayer that this plan may work out by next spring and in the meantime we must remember Simon Azur in our prayers that the Lord will bless him abundantly, that He will restore the child's health, and that Simon Azur's testimony shall gain a far-flung reach throughout not only Kovno but for many miles of surrounding territory.

Christ Crucified

By BERNARD SCHATKIN

"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Cor. 1, 23-24.

We are sincerely thankful to God for the reading room that He has provided for us at the Plaza Branch where the unsearchable riches of Christ may be known and the glad tidings of salvation and heavenly grace proclaimed to many of the lost sheep of the Children of Israel.

At Plaza Branch where the writer works each afternoon and evening there are untold opportunities for personal conversation and for explaining the gospel message to Jews who come to our door. To record all these interesting and enlightening conversa-

tions would require more space than allowed for this article. Let me mention a few of the recent conversations and occurrences.

A frequent visitor is Mr. M. He is employed in an automobile salesroom located next to the Mission. He is an intelligent and ambitious young man and he asks us many questions concerning the meaning of various parts of the New Testament which we gladly explain to him. "I have many Jewish friends that have given up the old faith," he remarked on one occasion, "and are interested in Christian Science, Jewish science and a number of other religious cults. I am eager to know truth, I want to learn more about this gospel that you missionaries preach and teach so persistently." We quote from the Old Testament messianic prophecies to him and tell him of their fulfillment in the blessed person of our Lord, and slowly, but yet surely, he is coming to the inevitable conclusion—salvation, redemption and eternal life are only through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

One evening three young Jewish men stopped at the mission windows and started to read the Word. As is our custom, upon seeing them, we offered them a "Shepherd of Israel", our Jewish monthly paper, and invited them to come inside. They accepted. After being seated we opened the Scripture to them and directed their attention to that which Martin Luther called the little Bible, John 3:16. After much questioning on their part they informed the writer that they lived in the neighborhood of the mission and we invited them to visit us again very soon. They eagerly accepted, and the following week saw them in the reading room once more where we read and explained to them verse by verse the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah and its fulfillment in our Lord, as recorded in Matthew 27.

These young men are regular visitors at the reading room now, and gladly listen to the old and ever new story of Jesus and His love.

A frequent visitor is a Mr. B. He has read all of our Jewish tracts and our Jewish monthly. He often attends our Saturday Gospel meetings and he was surprised to hear Jewish men and women testify in public, with great zeal and earnestness, of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He asked and received a Yiddish New Testament to read at home. Dear Christian friends, pray for this inquirer that the blessed Holy Spirit may lead him to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."

One afternoon a young Jew came into the reading room. He informed us that he had recently been graduated from New York University. In the course of our conversation he proudly announced, "I am familiar with the world's best literature, I know all of the ancient classics"; and in a very Pharisaical spirit, he said, "My friend, you cannot tell me anything more that will benefit me culturally." He admitted he never read the Bible. Tactfully and simply we told him about Him whom the "Common people heard gladly", who is no respecter of persons, being God Himself manifested in the flesh, yet He receiveth sinners and saves their souls. We then gave him a New Testament which he promised to read. This learned young man visits our reading room often and is an earnest inquirer.

We mention only a scattered few of the countless incidents at our Plaza Branch. It will give you an idea of our labors by the grace of God in this portion of His vineyard. Please pray for those Hebrews that visit our reading room during the day and evening and for our Gospel meetings.

First Impressions

By FRED W. HABERER

After my graduation in August from the Jewish Missions Course of the Moody Bible Institute there seemed to be no opening for me in Jewish work wherever I applied. However on October tenth when I met Mr. Joseph Cohn and he gave me the opportunity of working in Brooklyn, I felt that this was an open door which the Lord has set before me, and accepted his offer.

Upon my arrival at the Mission I was received and welcomed most cordially. The first meeting I attended was on a Friday evening and I was impressed by the large number of Jews present and the attention given. At that service I had the opportunity of giving my first testimony in Yiddish before a Jewish audience.

The Baptismal Service on the following Monday night was very impressive. I do not know that I have ever been in any service anywhere, where there was a finer evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit, than at that meeting. The sight of a Jew confessing his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism was something new in my experience; and the testimonies of the Hebrew Christians who were present were inspiring and helpful. Those who testified were all converts who have been led to the Lord through the Mission, and to hear them in the presence of their unbelieving brethren, give their testimonies and urge that the unbeliever also take the same stand and confess Christ in baptism, was wonderful. This is especially true when one considers how much the Jew fears baptism. It takes a real work of grace in a Jew's heart to bring him to the point of confessing and maintaining for years, in the face of all opposition, his stand for Christ.

Not only is this spirit manifest

among the converts, but there is also a wonderful Christian spirit among the workers at the Mission, for which one can rejoice and praise the Lord that He has seen fit to place one in such a place to work with others of His children in bringing the gospel to Israel.

My special work, is with the boys of both the Main Building and the Plaza Branch. We are now working toward the organization of a Boy Scout Troop, and hope to have this accomplished very soon. The boys are especially attentive during the Bible lesson, and there has been no objection on the part of anyone to listen to the Gospel. May we ask your prayers on behalf of these boys and those who have the oversight of them.

Also, in this connection, we would ask that you join us in prayer for the plans we are contemplating in connection with a young men's work. Since the evening services are mainly in Yiddish, and the trend of the younger generation of Jews is toward English, and many do not understand Yiddish, they are not attracted to a Yiddish service. Then, too, a young man over seventeen or eighteen will not be interested in Boy Scouts. So we are face to face with a very serious problem in the matter of what we shall do to draw the young men.

Please join us in prayer for this very important request, for He has said, "If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it."

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" Girl Scouts - 3:30 P. M.
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Thursday, Sewing School - 3:30 P. M.
" Young Women's
Class - 6:30 P. M.
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Covering Receipt Numbers 32,649 to 33,671 Inclusive

For General Fund.....	\$5,171.55
For Relief of the Poor.....	148.85
Fir Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts).....	143.80
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions).....	404.40
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For Work Among the Children.....	17.00
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For Plaza Branch Account.....	50.00
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For Jewish Christian Home.....	19.84
For Philadelphia Branch.....	17.10

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1: *Please explain Jude, verse 9.*

Question 2: *When was Satan cast out?*

Question 3: *Why did Jesus give his mother into John's care from the Cross, if he had brothers and sisters?*

Question 4: *What became of the bodies that rose at Christ's resurrection?*

Question 5: *Why did Jesus rebuke the fig tree when it was not time for figs?*

Question 6: *Do we read in the Old Testament of Jesus being the Son of God, or did he become the Son at His birth into humanity?*

—C. B. MORR.

Answer 1. God concealed the grave of Moses for the express purpose of preventing the Israelites from worshipping their dead hero and deliverer. Satan wanted to make Moses' grave known in order to tempt them to worship it. Michael the Archangel eagerly and earnestly contested and came out victorious. However he did not bring a single railing accusation against the devil. This teaches us not to use any railing or opprobrious language in a dispute. Truth needs no support from falsehood.

Answer 2. That has not been yet but will occur in the future. The Lord Jesus Christ said to the disciples, "I beheld Satan like lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18. He referred to the war in heaven between Michael and his angels and Satan and his angels. The cause of the war we are told in Rev. 12 will be over the "man-child" which means the Church of Christ when about to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Satan will oppose the translation of the saints, but will lose not only in that battle but will also lose his position in the heavenly places, for he will be cast down. Hence they (Satan and his emissaries) will never return to the "high places," Eph. 6:12, but will remain on earth. This will be a preliminary step to the shutting them up in the abyss.

Answer 3. It was most fitting for the two loved ones, who were the most precious treasures of our Lord on

earth, to be thus bequeathed one to another as mother and son.

Answer 4. It does not say that they returned to their graves. We believe that they went up with the Lord to Heaven. Eph. 4:8-10.

Answer 5. A thorough acquaintance with the Biblical laws which governed the people in this matter will clear up and do away with all questions on this subject. In Lev. 19:9-10, the Jews were forbidden to wholly reap the corners of their fields and the gleanings of their harvest. In Deut. 24:20, we read, "when thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again, it shall be for the stranger," etc. From this the Talmud, in volume Chulin 131, infers that the law of leaving the corners of the harvest field for the poor, applies also to all fruit trees. In Lev. 26:20, we read that the trees also were to be cursed in case of the people's disobedience. It is said in the Talmud, Pes. 53, and elsewhere, that Bethphage was that part of Bethany where late figs grew, the gathering of which was last of all in Judea, namely about six weeks before Passover. The word Phage means in Hebrew, unripe figs. The Lord Jesus Christ was looking for the lawful provision for the poor, namely the corner with the remaining figs, for the rest had been gathered about a month before. When He found none and when it was recognizable that no other poor person had visited the tree before, He cursed the tree because of its owner's disobedience to the law.

Answer 6. In prophecy the word of God speaks of the Sonship of Christ as of a thing already done. Isa. 9:6. Prov. 30:4.

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Question 1: *Do the Jews believe Moses story of the fall of Adam is in any way allegorical? If so what parts do they regard as allegory? What is your belief?*

—MR. J. B. FOX.

Answer 1. With the exception of the reformed Jews, their number being very small, all Orthodox Jews believe the narrative of creation and the fall of Adam as the Word of God and therefore literally true. This is also the whole-hearted belief of the writer.

JEWISH NOTES

Ever since the Zionists started their activities nearly thirty years ago, there has been a straight line of divergence between them and all other Jews who refused to come into the Zionist ranks. Orthodox Jews on one hand and Reformed Jews on the other found that the movement was out of harmony with their lines of religious thought. The Orthodox Jews who constitute the vast majority of the Jews all over the world said that they have been and still are praying to God that He Himself will bring His people back to their land and rebuild their ancient home there and their temple and the altar and re-establish the priesthood. So they said, "If we take a hand in it ourselves the way the Zionists propose to do, that will mean that we reject God who has His own way and His own time, trusting in our own strength." This therefore caused the Orthodox Jews to stand aloof from Zionism. The Reformed Jews also declined to have anything to do with Zionism on the ground that they had long ago given up any hope for the restoration of the Jews to their own country, their belief in the prophecies and their hope for the Messiah.

Dr. Chaim Weitzman, President of the World Zionists has been working quietly for the last four years or so to get all the Jews interested in Zionist work and now he succeeded upon his visit to this country last month in bringing about a large conference of non-Zionists and working out a plan whereby Jews which are not Zionistically-minded can join the Zionists and participate in the rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish national homeland. This has been considered the greatest success in the history of Zionism. There is now a bright outlook for the future of the work for it is expected that none of the Jews will withhold their support

from the enterprise of restoring the Jewish homeland. Of course the strictly Orthodox Jews of European countries will not enter into a compromise of this sort in which now many American so-called Orthodox Jews joined hands with the Zionists. Religious difference does not seem to deter them from aiding the cause of helping those struggling Jews of Palestine in their efforts to build up a home for themselves. This great need of the 120,000 Jews in Palestine over-balanced the American Orthodox Jews on religious scruples. So far the Zionists have collected and spent more than \$50,000,000. They began the work ten years ago. They have added to the population of Palestine between 80,000 to 100,000 Jews.

There were present at the Conference 400 leading Jews from every part of the country. A resolution was unanimously adopted to take steps toward the setting up of the Jewish agency as an instrument through which Zionists as well as non-Zionists will be united for the actual work of re-construction in the Holy Land. Dr. Chaim Weitzman rejoiced greatly at the results of his hard work and said that the country which is to all Jews alike very near and dear, that country unites us all to work for the glory of our Homeland which is the common denominator which draws us together in united efforts and endeavor. It is now expected that the conference will have immediate beneficial effects upon the actual rebuilding of Palestine. A larger financial program for reconstruction will now be possible. Palestine will soon witness its most prosperous era in history, with the Jews of the world united for the first time in giving their encouragement spiritually and financially.

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Palestine's total population is 900,500, the majority of which consists of Arabs

which number 554,000. They do not feel friendly toward Zionism. They say that Zionism is a political movement and not a Jewish movement. They say that the Jews themselves share their opposition to it. Some pro-Zionist Jews left Palestine as Anti-Zionists, claiming that they were deceived as to their prospects. This was declared by the Arab Executor who said further that the Arabs always welcome the Jews to Palestine on the basis of having them enjoy equal rights, but that they are not welcome on any basis which assumes that they will become the dominant race or that they will establish in Palestine a Zionist state. "Jew and Arab are racial cousins historically and we therefore have never hated the Jews but our objection is to Zionism."

Would Reconvene Jewish Sanhedrin

Under the above heading, a most interesting article appeared in the "New York Times" of November 14th. This article is so fraught with potentialities as they relate themselves to the startling fulfillment of prophecies in present day events, that we are giving it to our readers herewith in full.

"Convocation of the Jewish World Sanhedrin, the religious 'Parliament' which has not met since the Roman era, to deal with problems of Orthodox Judaism raised by recent social and economic changes and modern life generally, was urged last night by the Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendez in a talk broadcast by radio station WJZ. Dr. Mendes was the principal speaker at a 'radio dinner' arranged by the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America in tribute to his more than fifty years of religious and public service.

Dr. Mendes, who for twenty years was President of the Union, said that the time has come to reconvene the 'Jewish Supreme Court, the Sanhedrin, to decide on religious questions brought

up by modern conditions.' He explained that such a gathering of delegates would consist of 'religious, judicial and lay authority' and 'would command the respect of Jews in all parts of the world.' He urged the Union to prepare the ground for the Sanhedrin.

The decisions of such a body would be binding on Orthodox persons, according to Dr. David De Sola Pool, rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, who was one of the speakers at the 'dinner.' He said that the question of the calling of a Sanhedrin has been 'in the air' for some years, Jerusalem being considered an appropriate meeting place.

The Great Sanhedrin of ancient Jerusalem consisted of seventy-one members and, according to the International Encyclopedia exercised 'supreme decision over life and death and all questions of general importance were exclusively in its hands.' It fixed religious dates, and watched over cultus matter generally, at one time regulating the entire administrative life of the country.

The nearest approach to a revival of the Sanhedrin in modern times was the 'partial' body of seventy-one members convened by Napoleon to formulate answers to twelve questions submitted by him. Its sittings lasted from February to April, 1807, but its findings were binding only on French Jewry."

Thus ends the article in its reference to the establishing of the old Sanhedrin. Of course, it must not be taken at the moment too seriously, but it is simply another straw showing which way the wind is blowing; onward is the march of events in God's program, not a jot or tittle of what He has promised will fail of the promise. This proposal to reestablish the old Sanhedrin is simply a reminder to those of us who are today watching world events, of those blessed days to come upon this earth when Israel, ransomed of God and truly serving the Lord Jesus Christ shall be the medium through whom the Lord will reign over the earth.

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob: and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

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