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## Salutation

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

*Dear beloved friends:*

Our sincere prayer to God for you is that He will grant you a very joyous season while celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God born of the Virgin Mary.

## PETER'S WARNING

At this time when we commemorate His birth it is fitting and proper to emphasize the divine and historical fact that our Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin according to the Old and New Testament Scriptures. The Holy Spirit has warned us, through Peter, saying "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." 2 Peter 3:17. Notice with what careful incisiveness the words of the Holy Spirit are here chosen. "That ye also being led away—fall from your steadfastness." There is such a thing as being "led away," gradually, unconsciously, before a sad "fall." Heb. 2:1 is like unto this exhortation. "For this reason it is needful that we give the more earnest heed to the things heard, lest at any time we drift past them" (original). In the expression "drift" we read the idea of a piece of timber, drifting or floating on the water. In these days Satan is on a stage of new and sinister activities. Lying in wait to ensnare God's children, he does not tell Christians to openly deny the faith and its fundamentals. No, but working in the dark, like the mole burrowing under the ground, he is persuading people to agree that it does not matter what they believe as long as they are Christians and not Jews.

Recently the writer met a pastor who is known as a good Christian minister. Our conversation was about some of the so-called Modernists denying the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. His remark was that that dogma was immaterial, as long as they were Christians. I was greatly afraid that this brother was being carried away by the forces of darkness and yet did not realize that this was one of the devices of Satan.

## UNPARDONABLE SIN

The enemy of our souls who simply cannot endure the joy there is in heaven over one converted sinner, has chosen this wicked plan to move some people to deny the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and persisting in this unbelief, thus be carried into perdition as one of his trophies. Why? Because it is the sin against the Holy Ghost of which the Lord Jesus Christ told us "all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven (may be forgiven) . . . but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men." Matt. 12:31, 32. Now we are expressly told by the Angel of the Lord that "the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the highest shall

overshadow thee." Luke 1:35. But if one denies the virgin birth then he attributes the work of the Holy Spirit to men. We have the assurance of pardon for all sin through the blood of the Lamb. This is certainly most comforting, but how distressing it is to have His Word so clearly and cuttingly expressed, that blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall never be pardoned. This is the reason for the number of warnings we find in the Holy Scriptures against such drifting which might result in eternal condemnation.

#### AS A JEW

The writer being a member of the Jewish race, having been fully convinced by the past and present history of his people that the Word of God is yea and amen, believes in the virgin birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ because, first, the Holy Spirit through Luke has given us a fully detailed narrative of God's wonderful dealings concerning Mary and the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Second, because God spoke so clearly through His prophets 700 years before the Word became flesh, that the virgin shall conceive and bear a son. Isa. 7:14. In order to emphasize that miraculous birth he tells us through the prophet, "the Lord Himself shall give you a sign." The word "sign" in Hebrew is not used in the same sense as we understand it but it means a wonderful occurrence which will convince that it is the supernatural work of the living God. (We have a tract on this subject in Isaiah 7. It will be sent to you upon application). Third, we read, "How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man." Jer. 31:22. There God called Israel's attention to the new thing that a woman alone, without a man, shall compass or bring to pass a man. The Hebrew word there for man especially refers to the Lord Jesus Christ who is called in Isa. 9, "mighty God." Thus let us beware and not be caught in the dangerous net of slighting the doctrine of the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May I call your attention to a very sad fact. Mr. Englander and the Editor have been receiving heartrending letters from our countrymen in Czecko Slovakia and Roumania. They are practically without clothes and fuel. You can easily picture to yourself their terrible plight when there is no employment whatsoever. They ask help of us. If Christian people, whom we represent to them, will not help, what will become of these poor suffering Jews? We know a number of them personally and we have been corresponding with them for many years. Not a few among them are secret believers, in one town there are eighteen. Any contributions sent for this purpose will be most gratefully received and disbursed.

#### THANKSGIVING

We are also glad to report to you that our Thanksgiving dinners this year seemed the best we have ever had. On Monday evening one hundred of our boys and girls enjoyed a bountiful repast and then listened quietly as interesting, effective Gospel Messages were brought them. And on Wednesday evening, one hundred and twenty-five adults, after their fine dinner, spent two hours praising God in song and testimony. There was a wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Friends from a distance joined in bringing messages from God's Word. A Jewish hymn, composed by Mr. Englander about the Lord's coming was greatly enjoyed and the Young Peoples' and the Mothers' Classes added their notes of praise. We would that you could have seen the earnest faces betokening the real heart worship of God. We thank you for your gifts that made the feast possible.

Your faithful servant,

LEOPOLD COHN.

#### EDITORIAL

##### Why Was the Fig Tree Cursed?

What harm one small error can do! Over and over again we have read and listened in silence to the repeated assertions on the part of premillennial Bible teachers, every one of them devoted and humble servants of the Lord, that the fig tree was a type of the Jewish nation. Until in recent days we have come to realize how far-reaching has been the damage that has resulted from their erroneous premise.

In Matt. 24:32, 33 appears the injunction of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

In connection with these verses, all of the preceding thirty-one verses of the chapter have to do with predictive signs of the end of the age, such as wars, pestilences, murders, persecutions, false prophets, etc., etc., through a veritable gamut of tribulation. Then in the 32nd verse the Lord Jesus Christ says that just as the fig tree gives signs of fruit by first putting forth leaves, so when we see all of the signs enumerated by Him, we also will know that we are nearing the end. Not a word of any kind is spoken about the Jews as such, nor is the Jewish nation mentioned in connection with the fig tree. It would be as though the Lord might have said, "When the orange trees begin to blossom then you know that you are going to have oranges."

Now the fig tree is nowhere in all Scripture used as a type of the Jewish nation. Israel is spoken of at times as the olive tree, at other times as the vine, but never as the fig tree.

But just to show how dangerous a false premise can be, those who have jumped to the conclusion that the fig tree means the Jewish nation,

promptly, and logically enough, pursued the inevitable sequence by superimposing the pattern of the first premise upon the account which is given to us in Mark 11 of the time when the Lord Jesus Christ cursed the fig tree because it had no fruit, and made their original premise fit this new application with a vehemence that would be devastating, if it were true.

But the Lord cursed the fig tree nevertheless, and those who have thought that the fig tree is the Jewish nation, have likewise accepted the application of this incident, though it is contradictory to all Scripture. For, we are told by these interpreters that just as the fig tree was cursed by our Lord, so is the Jewish nation cursed and cannot bear fruit! But at this point these interpreters become most illogical. For if it were true that the cursed fig tree represented the Jewish nation then how could there possibly have been a single Jewish convert since that hour? It says distinctly that the tree was cursed and withered from the roots, and that this occurred immediately. Now to be thoroughly consistent, if we are to apply the simile of the fig tree to the Jewish nation, there could not have been a Paul, there could not have been a Peter, there could not have been a Jewish Church at Jerusalem, in fact the Jewish nation spiritually at least, would have had to dry up at that moment, from the roots.

Furthermore, these very interpreters fall into another mistake because they all talk about a day to come when the fig tree, meaning the Jewish nation, is to be restored and bear fruit again, referring possibly to the return of the Jews to Palestine. But, the record distinctly states that the fig tree was withered from the roots, and if a plant withers from the roots, it does not take much of a farmer to know that it can never live again. So how can



there possibly be a restoration of the Jewish nation, if it had been totally withered?

The record in Mark also states distinctly that it was not the time for figs. How then could the Lord have cursed a tree for a condition for which it was in no way responsible?

Remember that this happened in Bethphage where, the Talmud tells us, the season for figs was unusually late, about six weeks before Passover. There should therefore have been some figs remaining on the tree from the previous crop for a little research into the Old Testament gives us light on the laws of the harvest. We refer to Lev. 19: 9, 10, where the Israelite was told by God through Moses that when he reaped his crops, in the promised land, he must not "wholly reap the corners of thy field" and likewise when grapes were ripe he must not "gather every grape of thy vineyard." The instruction was, "Thou shalt leave them for the poor and the stranger." In other words, the Jewish farmer knew that he must always leave a little grain in the field, a little fruit on the tree, a few grapes on the vine, so that the poor traveler passing by might find something to eat. This was God's way of providing for the beggar and the destitute man. And now the Lord Jesus Christ comes and seeks to gather a few figs, but finds to his amazement that there are no figs on the tree. The Jewish farmer who owned this fig tree had been so selfish that he had disobeyed the law of Moses and had greedily plucked every fig from the tree. What was the Lord Jesus Christ to do? He would punish the owner by cursing the fig tree so that from that time forward the Jew would never again receive benefit from it. This method of dealing with the Jew finds its

counterpart many times over in the various incidents recorded of our Lord, but we have not the space here for details. We can only say that there is really a principle involved here, showing how the Lord Jesus Christ was able to tear the mask away from Jewish hypocrisy and sham.

But the point we want to stress just now is the evil which has been done among Christian people by the false teaching that the Jewish nation is cursed because the fig tree was cursed. Perhaps this may explain in large measure why so many of the Lord's people have no interest in Jewish Mission work. Their thought has been that the Jew is now under a curse and his time will not come until the last days; and so, in the words of some of these mistaken Bible teachers, "leave the Jew alone, God will take care of him in His own time." What a frightful mistake! If only such a brother could realize that the Jew who dies without Christ, is just as much lost as is the heathen who dies without Christ, what a shock that would be to him, and what an awakening might come to an intense activity to bring the gospel to the Jews, at least to make up for all the years of neglect and indifference, a neglect based upon a wrong interpretation of God's Word. There is no royal charm over the Jew that says that he must be saved just because he is a Jew. The Gospel today is for "whosoever will" and every one, Jew or Gentile, who dies without Christ, is lost—lost forever in a Christless eternity.

This is the reason why the friends of this Mission are so faithful and earnest and self-sacrificing in their work of gathering out the Jewish remnant that must be saved before the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

### Seed-Sowing in Atlantic City

By F. W. HABERER

May we request earnest prayer of our readers for those Jews whom we have been enabled to reach with the Gospel, especially those who have Bibles, Gospels and New Testaments.

One of the above mentioned Jews is a shoemaker, a Mr. B., who paid the writer some \$2.00 for a copy of the Hebrew Old Testament. He promised later to come to the meeting at the Mission, but when a Christian friend reminded him of his promise which he had made, he made an excuse and refused to come. Please pray for him, as he has heard the word of truth, but rejects the Saviour.

A young Jew bought a Yiddish New Testament, but does not seem to be very open to the truth. Please pray for him and his brother, both of whom have been dealt with.

During the past two years we have often dealt with a tailor, Mr. P., who heard Dr. Cohn preach in Brooklyn about 20 years ago. This Jew has some knowledge of the truth, but continues to reject the light. We are often able to reach other Jews through him. He has been to the meetings and on one occasion brought another Jew with him. Please pray for these two.

About a year ago we mentioned the conversion of a young Jewish boy, who is now about 17 years old. Some time after his conversion he requested baptism, and his people have made much trouble for him. They have threatened to send him to the reform school, because he is not working steadily but this is only an excuse, as their chief objection is to the fact that he is a believer in the Messiah. It is difficult for a boy to stand out against his whole family and he needs our prayers.

A faith strengthening experience came to us recently:—We had promised to give some coal to a Jewish family, but as we are limited in the amount which we may spend for each case, and this man had already received more than was allowed him, we were at the point of being compelled to refuse to give him the rest of the money we had promised. But God has other ways and means of meeting needs, than the regular routine. On the very same morning of the day when we expected him to call, there came a check in the mail, made payable to the writer, along with a note stating that a part of the money was from a shut-in who was interested in the work, and that the sender had added twice the amount; and sent us the check. We do not remember ever having met either of these two Christian ladies, nor were their names on our list of contributors. They knew nothing of the particular need which their gift enabled us to meet, but God was preparing the way even before we knew it. It was a direct answer to prayer as we were at a loss to know just what to do at the time, in the face of so many pressing needs.

We also request prayer for all Jewish believers here, especially those who are afraid to come out openly. There are many of this class, and they do not grow in grace as they should, because of their unwillingness to go all the way for Christ. Pray much that they may be strengthened to do His will and come out boldly and take up their crosses and follow Him.

Mrs. Allen (Hebrew Christian) and Mrs. Brick have been holding a class for small girls, and Miss Smith has a class for older Jewesses. We praise God for raising up these friends who are volunteering their services, and through whose instrumentality Jewish children and women are being reached with the Gospel. Intense opposition and persecution is the lot of those

who come to the Mission. Often they are accosted and persecuted right in front of the Mission building, and as it is only a small town, most of the Jews know each other, or know about one another, and there is much fear. Many times those who come to the Mission come in through the back door to avoid the prying eyes of the fellow-Jews who are watching.

Some time ago we promised to give a Bible to a young Jew who said that he was not able to pay for it. When we called on him again with the Bible, he had moved, and we were not able to get the correct address from his neighbors. Finally after some days, we located him and he was greatly impressed to see that we had kept our promise, and answered in somewhat the following manner, "Now I am already beginning to believe". It was touching to see a young man who was so cynical, and apparently with little or no faith in anyone or anything, who could be touched by the mere keeping of a promise made to him, and which he had not expected would be fulfilled. Please pray that he may be saved.

We also ask our readers to join us in praising God for two young Jews who confessed faith in Christ after one of our Gospel services. They came into the Reading Room in the afternoon and we dealt with them and gave them Gospels of John, and other literature. They returned for the service in the evening, as they had promised, and at the close they both confessed faith in Christ. Those of us who were believers then had prayer with them. They came back again the following afternoon and we talked with them, explaining things from the Word and answering their questions. They gave very good evidence of being earnest and sincere; and we request prayer on their behalf that they may be kept true to the faith as they go back to their people in Brooklyn,

and that God may use them to bring their family to a knowledge of the true Messiah.

Another cause for praise is the evidence of God's working in connection with our literature stand at the Atlantic City Show in the Auditorium from May 11-16 inclusive. Friends contributed more than enough money to cover the entire cost of renting the booth, electric lights and the hauling of the necessary furniture, which was loaned. Several friends helped in the distribution of the literature. Many hundreds of Gospel tracts in English, Yiddish and Hebrew were distributed and many people, both Jews and Gentiles, were dealt with. Please pray for one Gentile who confessed faith there at the booth. Also pray for a Jew, a secret believer, who requested a Bible but who is afraid to confess Christ before his own people. Also pray for a Jew who bought a Yiddish New Testament. Also pray for those who received literature and Gospels and who were dealt with. Pray for a Rabbi who wanted to know about our work and to whom we sent literature by mail. His name and address were given to us by a Jewess, during our stay in the Auditorium.

Please pray for a Rabbi from Jerusalem with whom we dealt, and to whom we sent a Hebrew New Testament.

Please pray for all the Hebrew-Christians here, especially Brother C. and Brother F. who are having times of severe testing.

We also take this opportunity to make mention of the kindness of a Christian physician, Dr. A. M. Stevenson, who has been giving free medical aid to the poor, both Jews and Gentiles, who come to the Mission on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Dr. Stevenson has been giving his services for this work without cost to the Mission since December, 1929. During

this period of time many have been helped physically, and this has proved a means of opening doors for the Gospel. Dr. Stevenson's kindly Christian attitude has endeared him to many whom he has treated. We praise God for raising up this man to meet this need, and for the opportunities to give the Gospel which have come as a result of this service to those who are ill.

Our readers may remember reading about Brother Harry Orenstein, who returned to Atlantic City after a very short stay in Moody Bible Institute. Brother Orenstein has gone to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and will appreciate our remembering him in prayer.

One night two Jewesses came into the Mission and stayed for the evening meeting. During the preaching of the Word there came such a change in the expression of the face of one, that it was quite noticeable. At the close of the meeting both of them confessed faith in Christ, and prayed to God, thanking Him for their salvation. Please pray for both of these Jewesses, especially for one who is being persecuted.

But in the face of all these blessings of the Lord on our testimony here, we are daily face to face with the fact that determined opposition meets us at every turn. The experiences that we are privileged to relate are only the results of personal and individual approaches to such Jews as the Lord seems to send to us almost by miracle. The authorities in political control here in Atlantic City are Jewish, and the Jewish leaders themselves have been able to exercise such an influence that we are blocked at every turn in our testimony. For instances, we are not allowed to speak in any open air meetings held on the beach, we are not allowed to distribute Christian literature on the Boardwalk, we are strictly confined to the limits of our Mission Store on Pacific

Avenue, and the visitation in such homes as still keep an open door for us. All of these conditions present to us a problem for very serious consideration, and present also for our readers a need of very definite prayer as to what our course of action is to be concerning the future.

### Busy Days at Pittsburgh

By REV. JOHN SOLOMON

Our motto in these days of busyness in the Lord's work, has been, "For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us". 1 John 1:2.

The many manifestations of God's tender care over our work, bring joy to our hearts and praise to our lips. We are glad to report to all our Christian friends, how God in answer to your prayers continues to shower upon us increased blessings day by day, by many tokens of His love and mercy. We are assured that our labors are not in vain.

Besides the regular services in our Mission, we have been holding open-air meetings for which we obtained a permit. At present we hold our meetings on Overhill Street, corner of Center Avenue, where hundreds of Jews pass by every hour. When we started meetings the first week of the month of May, some of the Jewish landlords and tenants protested. We heard the complaints daily, "Mister! move away from here, this is my property I pay taxes, and my tenants don't like your noise and singing." Another one more gentle, said, "Please go to the next corner, for my wife is sick and she needs rest." We took the matter to the Lord in prayer. "Lord, grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word". Acts 4:29.

### PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

And God in answer to prayer, softened the hearts of these very objectors, and gave them a spirit of inquiry with a desire to ask questions pertaining to the truth. And now they are glad to see us; in fact, they bring out their benches and listen to the preaching of the Gospel patiently for an hour and a half, especially when



the message is given in Yiddish by your Missionaries. We hear remarks from the audience; "Yes, he is right, it is true." At the close of the service on a Sunday afternoon, Mr. B., an Orthodox Jew, came near, and said, "May I greet you with a Hebrew benediction, 'Beruchim athem la-Adonoy'? 'Blessed are ye in the Lord'. You are awakening in us Jews a spirit of repentance toward God". "Praise the Lord!" I said, "That is why we are here, to direct you to the Messiah, whose name is Jesus, 'For He shall save His people from their sins.'"

A woman followed us to the corner of the street, there she stopped me. "Mr., I would like to ask you a very earnest question; what good will it do me, if I let Jesus into my heart?" "God bless you sister," I said, "it will be joy, peace and blessing to your heart and soul. Think of it. What a privilege it would be if our dear President would consent to be your guest, or mine? Would you not rejoice, and shout for joy? How much more, when the Lord of Lords is willing to be your guest, whose presence means blessing and joy for ever more? Will you refuse Him an entrance in your heart? I hope not." Her face lit up with a smile.

#### CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

Only eternity will reveal the valuable service rendered in preaching Christ to the children. How many times some of the Jewish mothers call their children away from us, "Come away! don't listen to them!" Yet the dear children love to hear the Gospel songs, while the Sister who plays the little organ smiles at them and whispers in their ears, "Jesus loves you dear Jewish boys and girls." How they enjoy hearing it. You should hear the children joining in the singing. "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling." "This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long," and so on.

A Jewish boy about ten years of age asked the teacher, "When I accept Jesus as my Savior, will I be a half Jew and a half Christian?" "Listen dear", said the teacher, "You will be a real child of God." "Where is Jesus" asked a girl; "He is in Heaven." "In Heaven! What is He doing there?" "Jesus is praying for you boys and girls."

"I like to hear about Jesus, my father never tells us anything about Him." These questions alone, are sufficient to stir our hearts to pray for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. God bless these dear children, how I love them.

#### CONFESSIONS

Mr. M., an earnest inquirer, and Miss P. have attended our services for over a year. These two have openly confessed their faith in Christ as their Messiah, and Savior. Please pray for them.

#### Happenings in Brooklyn

By PHILIP ENGLANDER

At a restaurant the other day a little incident occurred which demonstrated to me that there is no place where one cannot sow the Word of God.

A man and his wife were sitting at my table and we started a conversation. He was from Chicago, and during the course of the conversation, I gave him a copy of *The Shepherd of Israel* which he recognized, having seen it while in Chicago. He exclaimed: "What a strange coincidence! When I left Chicago the Missionary, Mr. S., gave me some missionary literature, and on arriving here again a Missionary meets me with missionary literature." I told him that it is a sure sign that the Lord wants him and his wife to receive salvation for their souls, for which the Lord Jesus has paid so dearly. After a considerable talk with him, he became very favorably inclined to the cause of Christ, but his wife greatly objected, saying: "Not as long as I live. Judaism is good enough for me!" They told me that the wife's nephew sometime ago became a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and had to suffer greatly for his faith. He became the black sheep of the family, was ousted from the Synagogue and Jewish community, lost his job and credit. Such a price she was not willing to pay.

However, when I mentioned to her the price which the Messiah paid for us, namely the crown of thorns, the cruel nails in His hands and feet and finally the spear wound in His side, this made her sad and she lost her former bitterness. She said she would visit her brother-in-law, a rabbi in New York, to consult him about this very important matter, but her husband and I advised her to consult God about it and so right there we had a hearty prayer for guidance. Do pray that the Holy Spirit may deepen the impression made.

#### A VISIT TO THE SYNAGOGUE

One Friday I noticed a large advertisement with a huge heading in one of the leading Jewish papers of New York, that on the following day, the Sabbath, a certain rabbi would speak in a synagogue on a most interesting topic ..... a remedy he had found for Jews which will lead them out of the troubles which they have suffered all over the world for nineteen centuries. Being anxious to hear what this rabbi would have to say on that important subject, I went to the service. The Synagogue was filled to overflowing but I managed to get forward and secure a standing place right near the rabbi.

The rabbi's wonderful subject and remedy was unity and for an hour he urged the Jews that they should all be united as the sand is upon the sea shore. (Gen. 22:17). After the speech, many of the hearers gathered in groups outside of the Synagogue, giving their opinions concerning the rabbi's speech. Each one had something to say pro and con. So I too made a remark that, "Unity will not come through Zionism nor by any other ism, but by the Messiah of Israel!" At that one of the men gave me a peculiar look, asking me whether I had been with Missionaries and heard such remarks there? "I think you have", he continued. "If so, take my advice, keep away from there. They almost got

my brother a few years ago. If not for me he would....."

All eyes of the group were turned on me as to what I would say for myself and indeed, the Lord gave me the right words in the right time. I pointed out verse 18 of Genesis 22, "And in Thy seed (The Messiah) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed," which means, when united in the Messiah. And again in Gen. 49:10, "And unto him (Shiloh, the Messiah) shall the gathering of the people be", which confirms my assertion that unity can and will be only through the Lord Jesus, the Messiah of Israel.

I am sorry to say, that some made very unfavorable remarks, even blaspheming and cursing, but some remained quiet. To such I gave *The Shepherd of Israel* for further information. May God give the increase.

#### In Memoriam

David Cohn, the youngest son of the Editor, passed away on the 10th of last month. He was born February 10th, 1900, and was taught the Word of God from his earliest youth and served the Lord Jesus Christ in every way as opportunity offered. While in Colgate University he enlisted in the U. S. Army and became a soldier. When he fell ill with tuberculosis he was therefore entitled to entry in the United States Government hospitals, first in Asheville, N. C., then in Fort Snelling, Minn., and finally in the Government hospital in Hines, Ill. Lying on his bed his suffering and pain did not hinder his testimony for the Lord Jesus. The Chaplain of the institution wrote that he enjoyed visiting David and was much helped by the talks on prophecy that the boy gave him. He preached the Gospel to his Jewish physician and gave him some of our literature.

Now he is in heaven, absent from the body, present with His Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *Would like to know your opinion as to a certain sect (The Adventist) who hold that Christ shall reign with the saints, not on the earth, but in heaven for a thousand years, during which time the earth will be desolate (Jer. 4: 23-27) and the devil and his angels shall rule supreme on earth. Is there any Bible proof for such teachings?* —A. B.

Answer. There is no Bible teaching for this theory. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Romans 8: 22. Again, in verse 19 we read "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." So the earth which has been under the curse since the fall of Adam, is waiting for the coming of her Lord to bless her. Furthermore, the saints who are in heaven, enjoying the presence of the Son of God, are praying for the time to come when "We shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5: 10. In connection with the predicted Kingdom of Christ, the Branch of the root of Jesse, we read Isa. 11: 9, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Also Numbers 14: 21 says, "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." Psa. 72 which is a prophecy of Christ's Kingdom says, "Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight." Psa. 72: 11, 14. This cannot refer to a kingdom of Christ in heaven, for there is no blood in there. Jer. 4: 23-27 is foretelling the sad plight of the Jews after the destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar.

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Question 1. *Are verses 16 to 19 in Mark 16 in the original Greek copy? I have read in a statement of scholars that they are not.*

Question 2. *Does the phrase "born of water" in Jno. 3: 5 mean water baptisms? If so, does it not logically follow that it is inseparably related to birth of the spirit so that there cannot be any birth without it?*

Question 3. *If the phrase means water baptism, would we not be justified in reading, Except a man be baptized in water, and be born of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God?* —R. McD.

Answer 1. There are a few differences in expression as for instance "demons" in the Greek, "Devils" in English; "speak with tongues" in the Greek, "speak with new tongues" in English, "emersed" in Greek, "baptized" in English. However, these differences are not a tangible basis for the statement you refer to.

Answers 2 and 3. Baptism by water is a symbol of repentance, (Romans 6, "baptized unto His death"). The water of baptism is therefore the visible emblem of repentance and acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Then the Scriptural consequence is pardon, forgiveness for sins, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. "Be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," Acts 2: 38. While the words are plainly pointing to the necessity of baptism by water for pardon we must bear in mind that this virtue is not possessed by water in itself; it belongs to it only as an emblem of the atoning blood of the Lamb. These three, water, blood and the Spirit are also closely connected by I. John 5: 6. It would therefore, be too hard to conclude that birth cannot be without it. It is not for us to judge, but to do as the Word of God bids us do.

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Question. *Do you believe that all the Jews that have died in their blindness are lost forever? I think about them very much and don't believe they are lost. They were and are chosen people.* —B. H.

Answer. It is very kind of you to think so of the Jews. Of course they are God's Chosen People and He still loves them. However, He said once for all, "Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them." (Deut. 27: 26). If a person takes poison by accident and refuses to take the antidote, he will surely die. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only antidote for sin and the curse of God. If a Jew can keep all the commandments that God gave him through Moses that will be counted to

him for righteousness. "And it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all the commandments before the Lord our God, as He commanded us. (Deut. 6: 25). But this is an impossibility. \* \* \* \*

Question. *Please explain to me Daniel 9: 27. Also 9: 25. Notice what it says about the weeks. I don't seem to be able to understand it.* —W. B.

Answer. "Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks: the streets shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people, Romans, of the prince Antichrist that shall come shall destroy the city Jerusalem and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with storm, and to the end war, the determined desolations. And he, that prince Antichrist, shall confirm a covenant with many Jews for one week, seven years, and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease and for the overspreading (protection) of the abomination he shall make it desolate even until the consummation, and that which is determined shall be poured upon the desolator." Daniel 9: 25-27. (Special translation).

The word which is here translated "weeks" is literally in the Hebrew, "sevens," and means a period of seven

years. Therefore, from the issuing of the decree for the rebuilding of Jerusalem with its streets and walls until the time of the Messiah there are two periods of time, viz., seven periods of seven years each (49 years) and sixty-two periods of seven years each (434 years). This is to be followed by the last period of seven years, time of Antichrist, which totals seventy periods or 490 years. (See verse 24).

The first mention of a decree to rebuild Jerusalem is in Nehemiah 2: 1-8, where Artaxerxes issued it in the twentieth year of his reign. During the next 49 years the rebuilding of Jerusalem was completed. Then 434 years later the Messiah was rejected and "cut off, but not for himself," but for the sins of the world. This makes a total of 483 years from the decree and up to the Crucifixion of Christ.

Verse 27 looks forward to the time of the Great Tribulation which will occur during this final seven years (total 490 years). In between the period of 483 years and the last seven years is the present Church Age which is nowhere in view in Old Testament prophecies.

The Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel for seven years, but in the middle of the period he will break his treaty and then will begin 3½ years of terrible persecution which will culminate in the battle of Armageddon, when the returning, glorified Christ will destroy the Antichrist and his armies and set up his reign of righteousness upon the earth.

## SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

OCTOBER 1st to OCTOBER 31st, 1931

Covering Receipt Numbers 59,205 to 60,104 Inclusive

|                                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| For General Fund .....                        | \$6,385.81 |
| For Relief to the Poor .....                  | 142.98     |
| For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts) ..... | 100.00     |
| "The Chosen People" (Subscriptions) .....     | 391.60     |
| Dispensary Income Account .....               | 86.15      |
| For Hewes Street Account .....                | 85.00      |
| For Philadelphia Branch .....                 | 69.00      |
| For Pittsburgh Branch .....                   | 85.00      |
| For Atlantic City Branch .....                | 46.50      |
| For Detroit Branch .....                      | 4.00       |
| For Plaza Branch Account .....                | 145.00     |
| For Work in Europe .....                      | 88.00      |
| For Atlantic City First Mortgage Fund .....   | 2.50       |
| For Work Among the Children .....             | 17.88      |
| For "The Shepherd of Israel" .....            | 369.25     |

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## JEWISH NOTES

At a time when all the world complains of an economic crisis there is prosperity in Palestine. A member of the staff of a Jewish Daily who recently returned from a visit to Palestine has reported the above facts. He said that there is practically no unemployment in Palestine. The government published statistics which indicate that there are several hundred unemployed in Tel Aviv, and a similar proportion in Jerusalem and in other cities. However this unemployment is normal and has no relation to a crisis. It includes the people who are either seasonally or always without employment even in the best times.

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The Palestine Electric Corporation is now quite active. It supplies about 10,000 consumers, and its income has reached £100,000 (about half a million dollars).

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The Palestine Potash Company, Ltd., completed the erection of its first two factories and has begun to export.

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The orange season in Palestine was successful despite the increase in unemployment in England and Germany, to which countries most of the oranges are exported.

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Jewish ownership of land was added to by the purchase of 25,000 dunams (4 dunams is an acre) and the area under plantation was increased by 6,000 dunams.

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The Vice-President of the World Federation of Maccabees, Jewish Sports organization, recently paid the United States a visit of several months. His object was to create an interest in the Maccabiad which is scheduled to be held at the city of Tel Aviv, Palestine, next March. He has a twofold Mission in his visit to America. First to interest Jewish youth in participation in the Palestinian Sports festival. Second to enlist public interest in the building of a stadium in Tel Aviv, which will be used initially for the Maccabiad and will subsequently become a center for Jewish sports in Palestine. It is very strange that the Jews in Palestine occupy themselves

with these sports on the Sabbath. One would think that being in the Promised Land Jews would be careful to strictly observe the Sabbath. But the Jews do not seem to care much about the Sabbath, neither do they pay any attention to the protests of some of the Jerusalem rabbis.

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John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has been informed that the museum which is being erected in Jerusalem with his money is being constructed without any Jewish labor. Upon investigation through his attorney, Raymond B. Fosdick, it was shown to the New York Zionists that he is unaware that Jewish labor is being scrupulously avoided, and stated that the gift which he made is administered by the British Government. This proves to the Zionists that the Government has taken an attitude of discriminating against the employment of Jewish labor on public works in Palestine.

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That prominent Mohammedan Indian leader, Shawkout Ali, invited Nahum Sokolow, the President of the Zionists world organization, to come to the All-Mohammedan Congress in Jerusalem and there discuss the demands of Zionism. Mr. Sokolow refused to accept the invitation but said that the Jewish agency would welcome the possibility of a Round Table Conference with Arabic representatives for after preparatory transactions they might come to an understanding.

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Following the call of Senator Fulida of the new Spanish republic for the Sephardic Jews (descendants of the Spanish Jewish exiles of 1492) to return to Spain, some of these Jews from Salonika did do so. But they did not stay long and reported in Salonika that they could not get any employment, that they find traces of the old hatred against the Jews and that Spain is economically unprepared for Jewish immigration.

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