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## Salutation

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

*Dearly beloved friends:*

Let us, with the angels, sing "glory to God," and give Him special thanks for His gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, who in turn will give us, His true followers, His own glory. John 17:22.

## THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In thinking of the blessed Christmas season, I have been much impressed with the prophetic element foreshadowed in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ; and in preparing this message, I am sharing with you from the writings of a number of great men of God, some of which I have embodied in these lines.

The world has its many centenary celebrations of illustrious persons who claim their memorials of praise. But the Church of Christ knows and recognizes the commemoration of the birth of her Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ as supreme, more valuable and of more magnitude than all the monumental names in the world. Infinitely wonderful is the hallowed memory of the blessed Incarnation, because God in His compassion "when the fullness of the time was come," Gal. 4:4, took upon Himself man in order to redeem a lost world from perdition. So with joy and gladness of heart we extol and honor the gift of God, the incalculable, most valuable blessing through the coming of the Son of God to this sinful world. The narrative of His birth, according to St. Luke, the beloved physician, contains a number of significant points which are "good to the use of edifying." Eph. 4:29. The most essential of them all is the message of the angel, "I bring you good tidings (the Gospel) of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11. No sooner did the Holy Baby put in His appearance than an angel was commissioned to preach the Gospel, the good tidings. That angel was the first missionary.

## ANOTHER ANGELIC MISSIONARY

This is not the only angel who was sent from heaven to proclaim the Gospel. Toward the very end of the great tribulation we read:

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14:6.

At that time the Church of Christ will not be upon the earth, for all the true followers of Christ "shall be caught up—to meet the Lord in the air." I Thess. 4:17. This will be accomplished in order for the true Church "to escape all these things that shall come to pass." Luke 21:36. And since there will be no human missionary, God in His great mercy sends an angel to preach the Gospel. The Lord Jesus, when the Pharisees objected to the proclamations, which were ringing to His praise as the Messiah, "answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Luke 19:40. The preaching of and witnessing for Christ is the work of every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a great privilege and peculiar honor which God bestowed upon the Church. However, when under Antichrist men are silent, angels must become vocal to proclaim the blessed Name of the Lord Jesus. So when the *Word* was made flesh, and there was as yet no human voice to

testify, God sent an angel into the aerial region over Bethlehem to herald and, as it were, to introduce, the newly born Saviour. His truth must be testified to and His claims as the promised Messiah and Saviour must be spoken.

#### ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT

Now let us consider Heaven's special and careful choice of the town of Bethlehem for the birth of the Son of God. Did not this fact ever strike you as significant? Why did not God who owns the whole earth "and the fulness thereof, appoint one of the prominent towns of that day, as Rome or Athens, for the birth place of His only begotten Son? Most certainly the Lord in His sovereignty, possessing supreme dominion could make any such selection, but there is a strong reason for His choosing the small town of David in a subjugated country of circumscribed dimension, occupied by the Jewish race. Amidst all other nations and races the Jews stand apart and unique as God's chosen vessel to be used in His hand for the salvation of a sinful world. The Jews had been disciplined during many centuries, instructed and trained mentally and morally, controlled by chastisement and divine regulations, all of which worked out in them a character and faculty directly fitted by capacity to be God's instrument. For thousands of years there had been going on, in the midst of the Jewish family, a distinct process of preparation for the Incarnation, prophetic words were uttered, illustrious scenes were enacted, laws were given, all pointing to the one wonderful Saviour who was the Word in the beginning, and was to take upon Himself human flesh, by Jewish motherhood, in a Jewish town, in the midst of the Jewish people. So we hear the Lord Jesus Himself strongly assert, "Salvation is of the Jews," and so we hear the angel of the Lord as the first missionary, preach the Gospel first to the Jewish shepherds in the pastures of Bethlehem, and re-enforced by the Holy Spirit through Paul, "to the Jew first." The act of the all-wise God in choosing the Jewish race as His channel and medium to transmit salvation blessing to mankind has been justified, in part by the apostles and the first Jewish Christian Churches. However, "the end is not yet." That record is only the beginning. When the fulness of the measure of the sin of the Gentiles will come in, (Rom. 11:25) "the Redeemer shall return and come to Zion." Then all the remaining Israel shall be saved. Then they will be as life from the dead to the entire world. Then shall God's choice of the Jews be completely vindicated.

#### PAST AGES

It saddens the heart and makes one sorrowful to remember that for long ages the Church, after the apostles had gone to heaven, did not present the Gospel to the Jews. The checkered history of the Church of our era lays before us an almost continuous hostility toward the Jews. Not until the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, organized in 1809, did the Jews hear a loving Gospel message. Not only did that work result in hundreds of thousands of Jewish converts, but also in a revival in England of Christendom that had been dying. The story is told about an artist who at the request of friends to paint a dying Church depicted a stately building, elaborate pulpit, organ and windows. A box was hung in the porch. The words above it read, "Collection for Missions." But the slit where the contributions were to be deposited was blocked by a cobweb. The artist explained by stating, that the Church's life is shown by the missionary spirit.

Yes, the essential life of the Church is the spirit of Christ who came to save lost souls. The Church of Christ has therefore to implicitly obey His command to preach His Gospel to every creature. The fiat of the Holy Spirit through St. Paul is "to the Jew first." When the Church will earnestly labor accordingly, and endeavor to bring to pass the receiving of the Jew into the fold of Christ, then the "receiving of them will be but life from the dead." Romans 11:15.

With sincere prayer for a blessed Christmas season for you,  
Your servant in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

LEOPOLD COHN.

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JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN

**These things do the Gentiles seek.** Once in a while we find it desirable to have a frank talk with our friends, especially our newer ones, so that all may understand the foundations upon which the Lord has built this, your Mission. And once you have understood, then you become sharer with us in the responsibility involved.

**FIRST.** We cannot beg for money. We cannot send out frantic appeals, with dire forebodings of collapse unless a certain amount of money is forthcoming by a certain time. Such methods we have felt would be for us a dishonor to the Lord who put us here, and who has never failed us through a history of thirty-eight long years of trust in Him—years of leanness, years of plenty, years of sorrow, and years of joy; but always years of His conscious presence and guidance, and years of ample provision in the very hour of need. To us then comes with a keen incisiveness the exhortation of our Lord to His Jewish disciples in Matt. 6:25-34, from which we will quote a few verses:—

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Matt. 6:30-32.

**SECOND.** We have no human backing of any kind. Not a dollar is guaranteed to us by any one, from one year's end to the other. No denominational Board has a dollar of financial interest in us. No Church, or group of Churches, guarantees us support of any kind. There are a few individual churches, for which we thank God daily, who have caught from the Word the vision of God's will for them concerning Israel, and these Churches fellowship with us as God leads. Churches like the Wealthy Street Church of Grand Rapids, of which our beloved friend and brother, Dr. Oliver W. Van Osdel, is pastor. So we cannot appeal to an organization, through a system of secretaries and over-secretaries, and the shibboleth of "denominational loyalty." We have only God, and to Him alone we must look to move upon the hearts of those who place Him above Church, above denomination, and above organization. To many Christian leaders it has been nothing short of a miracle to see how, in the face of all of these seeming handicaps, the work of the Mission has prospered. One prominent pastor said of this Mission, "I can't for the life of me see how they exist. Alone, everybody's hand against them, Jews seeking their destruction, Christian Churches not sympathetic,—to me it is a constant marvel." But he forgot one factor—God. For only one, so long as he has God on his side, is a majority!

**THIRD.** We do need money. Every right thinking child of God knows that an undertaking of this magnitude must have money with which to carry on. But we cannot dishonor God by begging for it. "These things do the Gentiles seek." Simply because we do not broadcast desperate cries for money, some thoughtless person may feel that we are not in need. But our God knows better. And the thinking Christian knows better. The local community chests, the high pressure campaigns, the force used in extracting money from you, so that you must give "to save your face"—all these things do not in the least take away from the serious-minded child of God the responsibility concerning the Jewish work, for he realizes that the Jewish Mission, especially dear to the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ, must have a place, and the fact that there is no personal agent on hand to plead, and no campaign manager to pull, and no committee to press, brings home to his heart and mind an appeal more eloquent than the oratory of a Beecher or a Bryan: for the "still small voice" is more potent in the life of a child of God, than though one were to come "with wisdom of words."



So we leave the responsibility with you. God is not bankrupt. He knows the Mission needs money, and in ever larger amounts. It is our duty as His servants, to tell of the work and its needs. After that the matter rests between the conscience of him who reads, and God. Just to show how God does work, here is a paragraph from a letter sent us recently by a dear friend: "My heart is strangely touched towards the Jews. I am enclosing what may seem a very tiny sum, but most everything I have seems going or gone—yet *I must help the Jews!*" And this, at bottom, is the only hope of the Jewish Mission—the conviction burned deep into the hearts of those who seek to do His will, aside from organization loyalties, or personal prejudices, that there is something very precious to the heart of the Lord Jesus in the giving of the Gospel to Israel who soon is to be rushed into such a day of anguish as she has never experienced in a 4,000 year span of torture and massacre.

**The Fiction of Jewish Wealth.** "As rich as a Jew" is a favorite proverb among Gentiles. Just what satisfaction there is in making out the Jew to be rich, we cannot imagine. All we do know is that this penchant for endowing the Jew with fabulous wealth seems to be popular these days. And it would not be so bad, if only it were true! And the further pity is that not only is it baseless in fact, but many of the Lord's people really believe it to be true! And Bible teachers seem to delight in passing on this "good news," both from pulpit and through the printed page. What a great responsibility is theirs, when they do not even take the trouble to investigate the truth of such sweeping assertions.

In a widely published Scripture exposition by a leading Bible teacher, we are surprised to read the following:

He (the Jew) is not only the money maker, but the money lender of the world. This was foretold of him before he had yet crossed over into the Promised land: "Thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." (Deuteronomy 28:12).

Now this good preacher, as a careful expositor of God's Word, should never have quoted Deuteronomy 28:12 without quoting with it its imperatively necessary companion verse, Deuteronomy 28:1.

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth."

If, if, if! Jewish wealth? Yes, but only if the Jews obey God! Nowhere in Scripture is wealth promised to the Jews, except in connection with their obedience to God, or with their restored condition in Palestine, in the millenium, when they will be "all righteous," and therefore, once more under God's blessing. This present age is the time of Jewish dispersion, of poverty, of distress, of God's displeasure for Israel's disobedience. How can there be prosperity?

But now for a few facts. First of all, outside of the private banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., there is not a single bank among all the important banks of New York, that is under Jewish control, or that even has a prominent Jew as a director! When the Anglo-French loan was floated in America during the world war, the largest loan in the history of the world up to that time, \$500,000,000, not a Jew had a thing to do with it! It was the house of Morgan that did the lending. Certainly no one will accuse the Morgans of being Jews!

Secondly; a number of years ago, Dr. Madison C. Peters, a respected preacher and scholar, made an exhaustive study of the Jewish question from many angles, and wrote a book on the subject, "Justice to the Jew." In that book there is a chapter entitled, "The Jew in Finance." From this chapter we will quote a few paragraphs, which we think will help our readers to understand the situation better:—

Because some Jews are rich, all Jews are considered so, and has given rise to the proverb, "Rich as a Jew." One of the causes of this idea has been that the Jewish poor have never been a burden to the general population, but have been entirely supported by the Jews themselves. The Jews are in fact the poorest of all people that can claim to be civilized. If their wealth were capitalized and equally distributed among the Jews, they would dispute with Ireland and Russia for the lowest place in the scale of wealth. The six hundred thousand Jews living in Africa and Asia are poor. The four and one-half millions who live in the east of Europe are only just raised above pauperism, while a goodly proportion are sunk below even that level. Among the four millions of Russian Jews only three names, Gunzburg, Poliakov and Brodsky, rise above the general level of hard-working poverty. On the Continent beside the Rothschilds, are the names of Bischoffsheim, Bleichroder, Hirsch, Konigswarter, Oppenheim, Pereire, Reinach, Stern, Springer, Todesco and Warschauer. Among the more than twelve hundred millionaires of New York City there cannot be found more than a dozen Jewish names, and not over twenty-five among the four thousand millionaires in the country at large. Surely this is a small proportion for so great a population.

The Jewish nation will never have great wealth until it will know how to use it properly for the glory of God. And of course the Jew will never know this divine art until that blessed day shall come when Israel as a nation shall see Him, when His blessed feet shall rest upon the Mount of Olives. And Israel shall not only bow in contrite penitence, as did those brethren of Joseph on that memorable day in Egypt, but they shall also proclaim Him with triumphant outburst of glory, in the words which our Lord will put into their mouths, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." Matt. 23:29. It is then that we will see the fulfillment of such wonderful promises as are to be found in the prophecies, of which Isaiah 60:11, 16, 21, are splendid examples:

"Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified."

In the last quotation, "Thy people also shall be all righteous," notice how closely interwoven has God made the fabric of Israel's prosperity with Israel's conversion. No money, no wealth, no peace, no permanent possession of Palestine, no real blessing of any kind, apart from conversion, apart from a turning to God, and a true righteousness through the Lord Jesus Christ.

All of which means the strongest kind of incentive to the child of God to evangelize the Jews, instead of sitting complacently by with assertions about the so-called wealth of the Jews. As true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we recognize no wealth apart from God. Even the Jewish millionaire with all his millions, but without Christ, is not a happy man; while the poorest Jew that has the Lord Jesus Christ in his heart, is truly rich, and can well be the envy of that Jew who is rich in this world's goods alone. Without Christ, the millionaire's palace is a beggar's hut; with Christ, the poor man's hovel becomes a mansion filled with the glory of the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who having stood at the door and knocked, was eagerly invited in, and became the royal guest of the humble man who received Him in simple faith and obedience.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Edited by JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN

## We Open A New Fund

It will be known as the Student Education Fund. Gifts designated for this Fund will be used to help Jewish Christian young men and young women who, having been definitely called of God,



BENJAMIN KOLTON

have consecrated their lives to Him and are studying at some recognized Bible School or Seminary in preparation for any field of service the Lord may have for them.

Hitherto, we have cared for such needs from our general, undesignated gifts; but as it may be that some of our friends have special leadings of God to invest stewardship money only in the actual training of future Jewish Christian leadership, this new Fund will furnish you with the channel for carrying out that which He is leading you to do.

At the present time, although we have made little or no mention of the matter publicly, it is our privilege to be supporting Benjamin Kolton at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago; also Charles Feinberg, at the Evangelical Theological College in Dallas,

Texas. Concerning both these young men we have written fully in past issues of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. Mr. Kolton, our friends will recall, was brought to the Lord at our Atlantic City Branch. Mr. Feinberg found the Saviour at our Pittsburgh Mission, through the faithful labors of our missionary, Brother John Solomon. When we reported their stories in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, a number of friends quickly supplied the money to send them to school for training for the first year. Both have made good records in their studies, in their lives and in their testimonies, for which we give thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Last Fall, we sent another student to the Moody Bible Institute, a Jewish girl, Mina Klayman, who was so remarkably converted over a year ago through meeting our Mr. Karch at an evangelistic service in New York.



CHARLES FEINBERG

Then there is a dear Gentile brother in the Lord, Eric Priestley, who will soon finish his years of study at the Moody Bible Institute. This brother was so definitely led of God to Jewish work, that we agreed to employ him

for part time as colporter among the Jews of Chicago, so he could earn his way through school.

Again, from time to time, special calls come to us from worthy students,



ERIC PRIESTLEY

but not our own converts. And to these we want to be able to give a word of cheer, with a little practical evidence in the form of a check, even though the amount may necessarily be small. So last summer a newly converted Rabbi, for many years among the better known class of Reformed Rabbis here in America, came to us for temporary relief in the hour of transition. And we were privileged to respond. He is now a special student in Princeton Seminary.

So we pass on the invitation to our friends, to share at any time the opportunity of investing in a life—a life to be devoted to the Lord and to His cause. Surely this is a statesman-like investment, for it is a far look into a future day when the boy or girl you have now helped to train may stand in a crisis and give testimony concerning the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ, when such testimony may mean martyrdom, or it may mean a thousand souls for Him.

If you are definitely led, just specify your gift, For the Education Fund, and thus strengthen our hands to seize new opportunities He may send us from time to time. Even as we write, our missionary in Pittsburgh, John Solomon, is begging us to send two young men to School for training. One of them, Oscar Wago, we wrote about last month. But we must wait, we told Brother Solomon, until the Lord lays it on the hearts of His children to take up the responsibility.

## White to the Harvest

By SOLOMON KARCH

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4: 35.

"Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the gospel." Mark 16: 15.

I have seen many hungry people this summer. I have seen them searching for something and not being satisfied. I have been to Coney Island and seen the mad throngs swarming from one place of amusement to another. I have seen the worn looks upon their faces. I have seen the marks of sin upon them. I have seen these multitudes for which Christ died going on their tedious way through life unaware of the peace and joy which is awaiting them in Christ if they would only accept Him.

One Sunday evening in the early part of the summer I found a faithful little group of Plymouth Brethren holding a street meeting at Coney Island. I joined them in the service and had an opportunity to testify for the Lord. After the meeting, we took copies of *The Shepherd of Israel* and other literature and distributed them as we dealt with different people that we met along the way. This work we kept up until after midnight and yet we barely touched the fringe of that enormous crowd.



Coney Island is a needy field and we try from time to time to reach some of the many people who go there, but most of my time this summer has been given to the work at Far Rockaway. I have been spending all my Sundays and some of my Saturdays there, working with Miss Strain, Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, and Mr. and Mrs. Green, who have been endeavoring to reach their Jewish neighbors at the beach.

At Far Rockaway I found a more intelligent class of Jews than at Coney Island and much more can be accomplished with them in the same length of time; for many are willing and even eager to stop and listen to the gospel and to accept literature. Sunday after Sunday I joined with these earnest Christians. We would meet together for prayer and then go from door to door with copies of *The Shepherd of Israel* and other literature, and would have some conversations with people. If anyone thinks it is easy to walk in the heat and on the sand with literature, I invite him to come and try it.

I have never seen such a hunger for the Word of God. Many greeted us with thanks, but a few with curses. One even went so far as to burn my hand with a cigar. But we did not mind this and other persecution, for it helped to strengthen our faith. God showed us fruit and the joy of it. In one of the open air meetings where Mr. Wiggins and I spoke, I noticed quite a crowd of Jews. They stood there from the beginning to the end of the meeting and when the invitation was given to accept the Saviour, about eight hands went up. And so it was at almost every meeting. Our meetings were usually over at about eleven-thirty, but these earnest Christians did not rush home even though it was late. They stayed for another hour or so in conversation with those who were interested. One woman came to me and said, "You are a Jew, aren't you? You ought to be ashamed of yourself for turning to the Gentiles."

"Yes," I replied, "I am a Jew, but I have never become a Gentile. However, I would like to know why *you* turned Gentile?" "I," she exclaimed, "I—a Gentile! No! I am a Jewess and not a Goi." "My dear lady," I replied, "Will you please tell me what that word 'goi' means? I see you do not know, so I shall tell you. It means a 'nation,' especially a 'strange nation,' a nation which is strange to God, has turned to idols, to other gods. Now you have turned from God and from His Messiah and from His Word to idols which are money, business, etc. So you see, you are a Gentile, in a sense, while many of these whom you call Gentiles have turned from their idols to God. So, which of us is really a Jew?" "My!" she replied, "I wish you could talk to my father. He also is a learned man like you." I thanked her for the compliment and asked for her father's address. Mr. Wiggins had similar experiences but of a different nature. I am certainly happy to have had a share in this summer's work in this very needy and promising field.

#### Autumn Beginnings in Detroit!

By MISS EUNICE M. PERKINS

Resuming the work, after vacation, with the Jewish Holidays just ahead—that's the story of the fall months in the Detroit Mission this year.

Our regular Mission Prayer Meeting didn't take a vacation. It never does. Some one has truly said "If the devil can't beat you in your prayer-life, he can't beat you anywhere". We have just a few true intercessors and they are faithful. Without such we would not attempt to "carry on". With such we are joyfully confident in Him Who answers true prayer, as indeed we witness the wondrous things He doeth.

In spite of their own religious Holiday spirit being in the air, *forty-two* of the Jewish women and boys and girls gathered in our classes at the Mission and listened to the Bible lessons and Christian prayer, and engaged

in the singing of the Christian hymns with apparent delight. Some of our mothers have been threatened with treatment verging on real persecution but they do not permit this to prevent their coming. Several of them confess belief in the Saviour Messiah, even Jesus Christ, The LORD. Six of the girls went with our Missionary to one of the churches to attend a special meeting for women addressed by Mrs. Demarest (Victoria Booth-Clibborn) and it was the first time that four of these dear Jewish girls had ever been inside a church. There have been six new girls in the young women's class and four new boys in the boys' class this fall.

Yom Kippur was a rainy day in Detroit—quite in keeping with the supposed solemnity in the synagogues and temples of the Hebrew people of our great city. Armed with umbrella and bag of literature, out upon the streets went our faithful Missionary and hundreds of Jews received from her a copy of the tract by I. Saxe, "A Day of Atonement and No Atonement." From some Jews she received bitter treatment, but the Holy Spirit can cause these very ones to read and believe unto salvation. We pray for and count upon His work.

Into stores and homes of highways and byways our Missionary has gone with the words of life, both verbal and printed, and she has found several who have been ready to admit that their hearts are hungry for the true manna from Heaven. One Jewish young man requested a New Testament, two older men asked for copies of the Old Testament; one of these men had read the New Testament through and all of Mr. Cohn's tracts and is very friendly. In a Jewish home where our first call was being made one elderly woman wept as she talked, and willingly assented when the Missionary offered to pray with her there.

And now we have to tell you that from almost the very first day since vacation Satan has been openly opposing us. His attacks have been directed toward the Monday night meeting, and toward the classes of the boys and the junior girls. In connection with this unpleasant fact are two marvelous truths which make our hearts rejoice. The first is—GOD must be accomplishing enough through

our Mission to bother Satan or he wouldn't bother himself to bother us. And the more glorious truth is that the powers of darkness can never prevail if we pray and claim the all-conquering victory accomplished in the cross of Calvary.

"Having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over *them* in it." Col. 2:15.

"Praise waiteth for Thee, O GOD, in Zion." Psa. 65:1.

#### Our New Missionary in Latvia

You will be glad to know that the Lord has enabled us to engage Brother Joseph Schwartz about whom we wrote last month, and he is to be our Missionary in Latvia having begun his labors for us long before this paper will reach your hands. A letter has come from him which we are going to let you read, as follows:—

"I have been exceedingly glad receiving your announcement through Mr. Smoljar about my acceptance. It was an answer to the clamouring need of spreading the Gospel among the Jews on the one hand and an answer to eight years of prayer and waiting on the other. I have been working as preacher in Baptist circles all these years coming in touch with Jews very often. However, it was not an open door entirely to Jews. I resigned the Baptist Union and started giving English lessons in faith that the Lord will open the door. Those waiting on Him are never ashamed. He is always glorified in those who trust Him. Thus He was faithful to me. I feel really unworthy of the commission, but since you are led by the Lord to give it to me, I assure you of my earnestness, loyalty and sincere gratitude."

We know that all of our friends will join us in earnest believing prayer for this dear brother that the Lord will bless richly his testimony among the hundreds of thousands of Jews to whom he will go, and he will go to them as one of their own flesh and blood, and bring to them the message of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

## JEWISH NOTES

By LEOPOLD COHN

The dollar inquisition in Russia is being continued. According to a report received from Russian Jews by relatives in Palestine 40,000 Jews have been arrested, kept in prison under cruel conditions and commanded to produce the dollars sent from their relatives in America. If they have no dollars they must pay as many rubles as they have in their possession. Some of them were tortured until they got some money from their families in order to save their lives. The Jews thus treated asked their wives and children to sell every bit of furniture and give the proceeds to these tormentors. Another letter from Kiev, Russia, said that the president of their Synagogue was sent to Siberia because he dared to perform the ceremony on Passover night, not only for himself, but also for 75 other Jews who found it impossible to have the ceremonial supper in their own houses because of their children who have been trained as Communists.

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Emil Ludwig, the well-known German Jewish Journalist, issued a call to the Jews to unite all their forces and fight Anti-Semitism. In connection with this appeal he makes the following striking confession. "Until forty years of age, I was almost unconscious of my being of Jewish descent. However the assassination of Rathenow (a German Jewish millionaire and a famous philanthropist) aroused me so much that a few days after that I gave up the Christian Church (he does not say that he gave up Christ) of which I was a member formerly and published that I declare myself a member of my race which is being persecuted. When I learned of that assassination I had a vision of what would happen following that terrible murder of Rathenow and that vision is now being

completely fulfilled. All the cultural contributions which the Jews gave to German music, literature, theatre, art, all these are now hated by the mobs of Germany. Germany stands degraded in the eyes of the whole world. I studied many great men of the past and present I have not found one Anti-Semite among them. Bismarck had a Jewish doctor for five years, a Jewish banker for thirty years. From all other great men that I studied I have not heard anything but respect for the talent and character of the Jews. We are able to fight the Anti-Semitic movement if we can do it with a united front."

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The leaders of the Jewish people in New York have for a long time realized that there is an unbelievable ignorance of the Bible among the Jews. Those Jews who have been brought up in America and gone through the governmental schools do not know much about their Jewish religion, its tenets and traditions. Now they are going to try to solve the problem by opening a school for Jewish adults. Regular courses have been organized in the Jewish Seminary, the Schechter Seminary of New York. It has been the complaint of old that Israel did not have the right knowledge of God. The Holy Spirit through Hosea said long ago, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge I will also reject thee, that thou shalt not minister to me." (literal) Hosea 4:6. Shall we hope now that these leaders will help that ignorance? However from their catalogue of the various courses which they are prepared to teach to the people we fear that our hope will not be realized for it is as it is written "that turneth the wise man backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish." Isa. 44:25. One of the courses announced is "Lectures on Spinoza," another "Old and New Elements in Jewish music."

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The Jewish papers have reported with much melancholy that statistics from reliable sources have given the number of Jews who accepted Christ during the last fifty years as 224,000.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By LEOPOLD COHN

Question. *Please make some comment on the 13th of Matthew as paralleling the messages to the seven churches of Asia. Do not these seven parables conform with the seven ages of the Christian Church as related to the messages to the seven churches of Asia?*

—MRS. P. W. E.

Answer. The seven mysteries of Matt. 13 refer to the sowing of the Gospel seed, its fruitage and the final result of wheat and tares, the good and bad. The seven churches in Revelation, chapters 1 and 2, represent seven periods and seven different kinds of Christians in every Church and in every period. The characteristics of the seven periods co-exist in every period, good and bad, true and false, with the only distinction that there may be greater or less vigor in one period than another. Likewise regarding the religious qualities in the members. Every Christian in any sort of a church and at any time is either an Ephesian in his character or a Smyrnaite, a Pergamite, etc. Every age, every Church contains specimens of each. Thus the seven parables and the seven Churches agree that the Church of Christ in all ages and periods and in all the world will consist of good and bad to be left until "the angels shall come and sever the wicked from among the just." Verse 49.

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Question 1. *Please explain 1 Peter 4:6.*

Question 2. *Are we to understand from 1 Peter 3:3 that it is wrong to wear jewelry or plait the hair?*

—MRS. K. B. D.

Answer 1. 1 Peter 4:6 means that the cause or purpose of preaching the gospel to the dead, in sin, is that although they might be persecuted by men filled with the lusts of the flesh, yet they might live eternally, by God in the spirit. Romans 2:12 teaches that the Jews who have the written law will be judged according to that law. The Gentiles again to whom the law was not given, Psalms 147:19-20, will be condemned for their sins without that written law, for they have the light of moral principles which the Creator placed within every man, to direct and show the difference between good and evil. The light of nature teaches obedience to parents, pity to the miserable, keeping peace and order, it also forbids

murder and stealing, etc. Thus there is no excuse for those who have not the law.

Answer 2. No proper apparel is forbidden, but that frivolous affectation and vanity, which delights in finery and wastes time, attention and money in such decoration. The ancient medals and works of sculpture show the plaited tresses, with all the expensive and fanciful head decorations of ancient women which the apostle condemned.

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Question. *Will you please give your understanding of Isa. 4:5, 6, "And Jehovah will create over the whole habitation of Mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be spread a covering. And there shall be a pavilion for a shade in the day time from the heat, and for a refuge and for a covert from storm and from rain."*

—E. D.

Answer. In verse 2 we read, "In that day shall the Branch of Jehovah be beautiful and glorious." The reference is to the Lord Jesus Christ who is called the Branch of David, Jer. 23:5, 33, which means the Son of David according to the flesh but here He is called the Branch of Jehovah, Son of God. He is God-man. Romans 1:4. When the Lord Jesus will return personally to bring judgments upon the nations and establish His kingdom upon all the world, the Son of Jehovah, the true Messiah will be greatly honored by the escaped of Israel. During the great tribulation only a third part of the Jews will escape. Zechariah 13:8. Verse 4, refers to the judgments to come before Israel will acquire the lofty position described in verse 3. Verse 5 tells of God's presence to protect and shelter all that dwell in Zion, and all her assemblies. The Lord will manifest Himself by the ancient symbol of a fiery cloud: "all her assemblies" denotes the entire Church that will return with the Lord Jesus; "dwelling place of Mount Zion" means literally, over the whole extent of Mount Zion, "for upon all the glory shall be a defence." This clause of verse 5 has altogether a different meaning in the original. The word "cover" is in Hebrew "chupa," meaning a canopy which is used at a Jewish wedding, and "chupa" is the name for it among all the Jews. The word occurs in Psalm 19:6 "which is as a bridegroom coming out of his 'chupa'" not chamber. The idea is, after the



wedding is performed under the "chupa," canopy, the bridegroom comes out proud and rejoicing. Thus the last clause of verse 5 signifies the marriage of the Lamb, Rev. 19:7, and it reads: "for over all those deserving honor there will be a 'chupa' at the marriage of the Lamb." Verse 6 refers again to the complete protection given but it is expressly stated that the protection will be through the One who is called the tabernacle, the Hebrew word of which is *Sucah*. In *Psa. 27:5* we read "for in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion." Now the word pavilion there is the same as the word used here and interpreted tabernacle. And as the word Branch is used for the Messiah in two different aspects, indicating the Son of David and the Son of God, so also the word *Sucah* translated pavilion or tabernacle is used in the same manner, signifying the same doctrine, the humanity and the Deity of Christ. In *Acts 15:16* the tabernacle of David is referred to, quoted from the prophet *Amos*, (9:11) where the Hebrew for it is the same, *Sucah*, so this is the Lord Jesus Christ who is called David's *Sucah* and the *Sucah* of *Jehovah*. In this way we understand that He, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the tabernacle of *Jehovah*, who dwelt in him bodily, will be the only protection, as given in the 6th verse. *Isa. 32*: "And a man shall be as an hiding place," points to this future protection by Christ.

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Question 1. *Did the cherubim over the mercy seat on the ark have four faces and what were they like? What was the typical significance?*

Question 2. *Did the Cherubim of Ezekiel with 3 sets of wings resemble these of the ark?*

Question 3. *What is the difference between the Seraphim and Cherubim?*

Question 4. *Some say the tabernacle resembled the Egyptian temples in form and furniture and that these things were taken from Egypt. I thought God gave the pattern to Moses. What do you think about it?*

—A. B. C.

Answer 1. No.

Answer 2. According to the description of the Cherubim given in *Exod. 37:8, 9* and the description of the angels in *Ezekiel 1*, they do not resemble one another. The former does not appear to have the form of angels. The word Cherubim in the Hebrew means birds and they were made in the form of birds, while in *Ezekiel* the vision speaks of creatures altogether different from birds. They were living creatures and moved from place to place and their appearance was like burning coals of fire. So they were angels ministering before the throne of God.

Answer 3. These are different ranks among the ministers God created to His own honor and glory.

Answer 4. We must not believe men rather than God. God showed Moses the tabernacle in heaven and told him "According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it." *Exod. 25:9*.

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