

mented of their evil deeds. They have publicly confessed their crimes and declared that they desire to become Jews. They visited several rabbis requesting them to make them Jews and finally the rabbis of Warsaw, Poland, gave them the necessary instructions and received them as converts into the Jewish community. There is much dissatisfaction about this among the Jews, who think that such wicked people should not be admitted to the fold.

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About the middle of last January seven Jews left New York for Palestine. This is the first company of American Jews going to the Holy Land as pioneers, to help the upbuilding of that country. It is rumored that about 140 more are preparing to follow. Their plan is to establish a model farm in New Jersey where they will practice agriculture and in this way be in a position to follow such pursuits when they reach Palestine.

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Relief for 1000 Jews who have been quartered in Southampton for nearly a year, waiting to enter the United States, is asked, in an appeal just dispatched to President Coolidge by Lady Swathing who says the immigrants are victims of the immigration law through no fault of their own, and that they are unable to return to Russia or join their families in America.

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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

We greet you "all that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen." Titus 3:15. May we have a deeper inward sense of God's presence with us, for is not his name "Emmanuel," God with us.

"THE LORD WORKING WITH THEM"

It is human to shout when the victory has come. It is divine to rejoice "over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:7. No sooner did we complete last month's account of God's marvelous activity here during the old year, than He gave us fresh evidence of His working with us during the start of the new year. Through confirming His word which we preach, by opening many men's eyes to see and accept the Lord Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour, we have realized with joy and gratitude that His presence is with us. And since you are true and faithful co-laborers with us in this Mission we feel constrained to pass on the good news to you without delay.

A JEWISH PHYSICIAN

Early in January we received a letter from a Jewish doctor in Oregon telling us that he had been receiving The Shepherd of Israel for some time and has become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Two young Jews of about twenty-four and twenty-six came to us privately and confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They are highly educated in Talmudic and Hebrew literature. One of them is a writer for a Hebrew weekly in New York. We have given them instruction, studying with them certain parts of the Holy Scriptures and have great hope for their future. If the Lord leads, we will baptize them and send one or both to the Moody school or to some other school where they can receive a Christian education. We believe that the Holy Spirit has done this work in these two young men and He will use them eventually to the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A jeweller who has been attending our meetings for some time has confessed that he believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. He had a large business of his own but recently met with reverses. Thus he has had more leisure to apply himself to spiritual things. He is unusually respectable and not only has he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour for himself, but he also is inviting others to come to the meetings. Several Jews have accompanied him to our services and have become convinced of the truth as it is in the Lord Jesus Christ. They have not yet had the boldness to make public confession.

CANADIAN JEWS

A man and his wife who came here from Canada a few months ago visited our Gospel meeting and became intensely interested. Both the man and his wife as they sat on their chairs gave evidence of an entire concentration of their

whole mental faculties on the preacher. Their attitude was such as to attract the attention of the speaker. Recently they wrote a letter to their friend Mr. Singer, the Jewish missionary in Detroit, about their visiting this mission and that they have become convinced of the Truth and have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

AN ENTIRE FAMILY CONVERTED

A friend of this mission subscribed for The Shepherd of Israel to be sent to a Jewish family in California. After they had been receiving the paper for some time the friend wrote us that the entire family had been converted.

Another Jew and his wife have made confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They have been coming to the Mission for a few years.

A DRAMATIC SCENE

There is a man of about sixty years of age who has been attending our meetings for more than twenty years. Every one of the workers knew him by sight. He became quite a familiar face in our audience. Whenever he was asked by the workers about his faith he always gave a negative answer. We almost gave up hope of ever seeing him within the fold of the Lord Jesus Christ. A few weeks ago at our Monday evening meeting he suddenly came forward, and stopping in front of the audience, he raised his hand, pointing his index finger to the large Hebrew sign which contains the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. For about one minute he stood there a silent figure. The people were amazed and with bated breath were watching him and waiting to hear his word. Finally he broke his silence and said in Yiddish, "Children, do you know that chapter? Do you understand it? If not study it, for there is written plainly about the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe in Him for He is my Saviour." Then he went back to his seat. No sooner did he sit down than he rose up again, came again to the front and added the following, "I want to tell you children, (he thought he was the oldest in the audience) do you know that beautiful song repeated in the synagogue every Friday evening in honor of the Sabbath? It says (here he quoted the Hebrew) 'Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem. Shake thyself from the dust. Through the hand of the son of Jesse the Bethlehemite redemption came to my soul.'" Then he returned again to his seat and there was an agreeable surprise all over the audience.

Thus we have heard of ten or more (not knowing the number of persons in the Jewish family) new conversions in 1925 for which we thank God and give Him all the praise and the credit.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Thirty years ago last September when this mission was founded, it was pioneer work. The Holy Spirit's leadings were to gently teach this misguided people the truth, to defy boldly the fantastic bigotry, blind prejudice and the threatening menace of the powerful orthodox Jews. There was no appreciation, no encouragement or willingness to understand the message. There was no hopeful sign of approval on the part of the Jews from which the missionary could gain some inspiration. But step by step did the Holy Spirit build up an impregnable tower round about the little mission, protecting it from the fiery darts of ignorant enemies. Little by little He weeded out from the minds of some of them that wild growth of two thousand years of hatred. Then he laid dynamite at the foundation of the pillars of their old and mighty prejudice; they tottered, crumbled and mingled with the ashes of obscurity. Now we hear from the lips of thousands of Jews that they love, adore and worship the Lord Jesus Christ whom they once hated ignorantly.

SERIOUS HINDRANCES

We rejoice over these wonderful tokens of God's working with us, the more because of the great hindrances that have been put in the way by so-called Christian ministers and leaders. Not long ago, Dr. C. W. Eliot

came out with a statement urging the Jews to remain Jews. Jewish writers repeated this remark as a victorious slogan. They blamed some of their rabbis who advocate intermarriage, pointing to the words of Dr. Eliot whom they call a Christian and yet who advises the Jews to avoid intermingling with Gentiles. We also quote from a Jewish Daily which will show the great harm some ministers do to the cause of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in general and to the Jews in particular. "On Sunday evening the Rev. George Walton King, minister of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, preached a sermon on 'The Jew First.' Dr. King, who had invited the Jews living in the neighborhood to attend—and to his great disappointment just a handful came—told his hearers of the things the Jew had been the first to contribute to civilization. He referred to the Bible, King Solomon's Temple, The Psalms, and added: 'The Jew never forgets a kindness done to him.' What was most interesting in Dr. King's address was his plea that Jews should be Jews and Christians, Christians. He appealed to the young Jews to study their religion and to learn Hebrew. He appealed for mutual co-operation and very sharply attacked intolerance. Dr. King also expressed himself as opposed to proselytizing, though he could not forbear to say: 'Jews should accept the New Testament as well, since it was theirs.' This is all very nice. Reading the announcements of the topics preached by so many of our rabbis, it is quite refreshing to have some one tell Jews to be loyal to their faith. It may yet be that Christian clergymen will shame the Jews into being Jews."

Therefore we desire to emphasize the fact that the outcome of our missionary activities is due only to God's working in our midst, for no human wisdom or strength could ever overcome such harmful forces coming from so-called Christian leaders and modern preachers which repel the Jews from Christ. But the Lord Jesus Christ who is mighty God and everlasting Father, can alone destroy those evil influences and bring Jews one by one unto the Lord Jesus Christ. We can see already the pledge of the prophecy, "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light and the kings to the brightness of thy rising," (Isa. 60:1,2) in the present generation. While so many professors in Christendom are in darkness, behold the light of the Lord Jesus Christ is beginning to shine in the hearts of many Jews.

We are intending, God willing, to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of this Mission some time in the near future. We have never done any celebrating before but since the Lord has been with us in such a remarkable way we will commemorate the occasion in order to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

At this celebration there will be one familiar face which will be greatly missed by all the friends of the Mission. Our valued and highly esteemed co-worker Miss Grace Bigelow, who for so many, many years was a devoted helper here, has gone home to be with the Lord whom she loved and served so loyally and faithfully. The readers of The Chosen People will remember that over two years ago we asked prayer for Miss Bigelow in her serious condition and the Lord was very gracious and gave her an extension to her life, as He did to Hezekiah. During her illness she was able to accomplish much for the Lord, for she started a Bible Class, which is continuing today, in the Sanitarium where she was treated and in the last few months of great physical weakness and suffering, she was a bright testimony for her Lord and His grace to all who visited her bedside.

We assisted at her funeral service and were glad to speak of her great interest in Israel and her desire to bring the Gospel to those who sit in darkness.

May the Lord raise up many more of His children who will inherit the zeal and love of our sister. Faithfully yours in His service,

LEOPOLD COHN.

EDITORIAL

MARK A. MATTHEWS ON THE JEWS

Corroboration is always heartening. When we find some greater mind than ours voicing the very doctrines which have been the burden of our hearts for so many years, not only do we respond with a fervent "Amen," but we feel an abiding gratitude, first, to God who has led the thoughts of our brother into the understanding of these doctrines; and, second, gratitude to the brother himself for having the boldness to express publicly his convictions as to these doctrines.

And it is in that spirit that we want to greet our friend and brother, Dr. Mark A. Matthews, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle Wash., a church of some 6,000 members, believed to be the largest Presbyterian Church in the world. Not long ago, and on the eve of his departure for a trip to Palestine, he preached to his people a sermon on the Jews, past, present and future. For clearness of thought, depth of insight, comprehensiveness of scope, and finally, sympathy of approach, the sermon must stand as a classic. It has already been reprinted in several publications, and it deserves to be printed in leaflet form for wide distribution.

We have selected several paragraphs from the sermon, which we want to pass on to our readers, regretting only lack of space for the entire sermon. These paragraphs contain in themselves enough Gospel to save any Jew or Gentile who reads them; and they contain also enough scripture doctrinal teaching to convince any earnest child of God seeking for the truth, that God's place for the Jew in the present Gospel age is "To the Jew First." Here are the paragraphs:—

"The prophecies we have been discussing ask the question and present the fact that, if the Jew has been rejected nationally what position does the Jew hold under the Gospel? In Romans xii, God says that He has rejected the Jew nationally, but not individually. Today the individual Jew and the individual Gentile are both included under disobedience, unbelief and sin in order that the grace of Christ may operate equally to save both.

The Jew at the present day could not nationally come to God, because the steps to be taken have not yet been taken. But, each and every individual Jew in the world may accept Jesus Christ, and by his vicarious death be regenerated. Thousands of Jews, individually, are accepting Christ and are, by His blood, being regenerated, saved and baptized into the body of Christ; for Christ has said that His body shall be composed of Jews and Gentiles.

There are but two classes of humanity in the world today—Jew and Gentile. The whole world, outside of the Jew is called Gentile. The fourteen million Jews in the world constitute the other classification. Christ has said that he who believes, whether Jew or Gentile, will be saved by the blood which He spilled on Calvary! and He spilled it as the Son of God, the son of David, through the line of Israel, for the salvation of Israel, and the salvation of whoever might accept His atonement for their salvation."

"Mr. Jew, you are the greatest fact in history. You are God's elected agent. God brought down through you His own Son, but you rejected Him and lost the national power, the national right, the national ability, and the national privilege of gathering your people and presenting to the world a nation, until certain things take place. What are they? You cannot make a king. God gave you a King. You were angry at the form of government you had, and, in a foolish moment, you got a king, a monarch, didn't you? But God gave you finally the King that was crucified. And you shall not have another king, and you cannot go back to the land without The King, and you cannot have the land without the sceptre over the land. Then what will take place?

This period is the period of the Church. The Church is not Israel. The Church is composed of Jew and Gentile, and in this period is the Church. In this period is the doctrine of grace. This is the period of preaching the gospel, and in this period the time of the Gentiles will end. It is only a definite period, but, when it ends, the King of the Jews will come, and the Jews, unregenerated, just as they are, scattered all over the world, will be gathered back into the national land, and when the remnant of Israel comes back to God and is then in possession of the gospel and preaching, the Jews shall be converted and their national existence restored.

There shall arise an antagonistic force, the anti-Christ. But Jesus Christ shall strike the mighty blow and destroy the anti-Christ, and the Governments of the earth shall yield to the Son of God, the King of the Jews; and Israel, with Christ as King, shall reign supreme over the earth for a thousand years.

Then why waste time, Jew, in all your rationalism? Why cease to be a blessing to the world by your bolshevism and socialism, and all other isms and rationalism? Don't follow Spinoza; don't follow Marx; don't follow those who reject Christ. But oh, individual Jew, let me beg you to accept Christ, that you may be with me a member in the body of Christ.

We are not following the order of the Gospel. It is our business to carry the message to the Jew first, and then to the world. It was His business to carry the Gospel to the Jew first, and to the world. It is your business as a consecrated Christian, a regenerated man, a child of God, to carry the Gospel to the Jew, and you do not do it. You have neglected him."

"What are you going to do about it? My friends, it is your fault that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not been given to the Jew all over the world. There are two million Jews in New York City, and just one or two little missions. That glorious people, yes, how I love them. I love them nationally; I love them individually, I love the prophecy about them; I love the steps of that prophecy yet to be taken; I love the glorious statement that we will ultimately be established under Jesus Christ, with Israel as the co-reigning power over this world. But we have not done our duty. We have not presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the only method of Salvation, to the Jew. He has been persecuted. That was logical. He had to be persecuted. But, my friends, he would not be persecuted if you and I, consecrated Christian men, were taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the blood of Jesus, to the Jew and offering Christ to him individually. I love the Jew individually and collectively. Let us do our duty to him.

Oh, lost Gentile and lost Jew, won't you take my Saviour? Won't you take Him who is called Jesus, your King, because you will be a member of His Bride, as well as a part of his reigning power, when He reigns supreme over this world for a thousand years?

Oh, Gentile Christians, isn't there a streak of repentance and regret over the fact that you have not performed your duty, that you have not carried the Gospel to this precious people? Will you promise today that you will be more prayerful? I would rather see him come individually today, through the cross of Jesus Christ, and be baptized into the body of Christ, than to have him established nationally."

Thank you, Dr. Matthews. And may many more of God's children accept and practice the truths you have so plainly and eloquently presented in these stirring sentences.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

By Philip Englander

My heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord for again leading me into Jewish homes where I may bring the marvelous light of the Lord Jesus Christ to some dark and cloudy corners. Recently visiting one house on such an errand, I found only the mistress, Mrs. B., at home. She once had been treated at our dispensary. As a rule we always offer literature to the patients, that they may read the Words of Life while waiting for the doctor to call their number. So Mrs. B. accepted our literature and put it in her handbag to take to her husband, as she could not read Yiddish. Had she known at that time what the literature was, she would never have taken it home because her husband is a strictly orthodox Jew and as soon as he realized the subject of the paper, she gave him, he threatened to throw her out if she dared to bring home any more such stuff.

Telling me all this, she asked me in a very polite way to leave before her husband returned so that he should not meet me and possibly start trouble. Before I had time enough even to turn around Mr. B. entered! As I was unknown, he politely answered my greeting and even returning my handshake, asking what he could do for me. Here I noticed Mrs. B. looking very frightened, so I too began to tremble, as Mr. B. is quite a husky fellow. But the Lord by His spirit whispered to me, "Fear not, I am with you." And so He was, Glory to His Holy Name.

When we sat down I began to discuss the terrible situation of the world and how sin had built up a wall of partition between man and man, especially between Jew and Gentile. "Yes," he replied, "but Zionism will

solve all that," and he tried to convert me to Zionism. But then I reminded him of the predicted "Time of Jacob's trouble" out of which nothing will help us until Jer. 23:5,6, comes true. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name, whereby he shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness."

"Nonsense," he exclaimed, "when the Messiah comes who will know whether he is a branch of David? Are we not all mingled and mixed up with each other, who knows what tribe we come from?"

At that I very carefully explained that when the Messiah came the first time, people knew that He was a descendant of David, and when He comes the second time we will recognize him according to Zech. 12:10, "And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

Then all of a sudden he remarked, "I suppose you too must have been at that dispensary and it seems that they made a good job in you." "God has made the job," I replied and I told him of the entire plan of God's salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. B. had a very rough look but he is not terrible after all. He listened to every word, every quotation I had for him. Let us pray that God in His mercy will make a good job in him too.

It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

By Rev. A. M. Lewis

After many varied experiences, the Lord in his providence has led me to labor among my Jewish brethren and I am thankful for the opportunities here to present the Lord Jesus Christ to many who so greatly need Him.

When visiting another home I found an aged couple, a son of about 35 and a Real Estate man who was trying to sell them a house. I inquired for the patient who had recently been at our dispensary and the father replied that she is quite well, praising our physicians for a speedy cure. But the old man added with a sarcastic smile, "Yes, you have everything of the best, but it is only for the purpose of catching people in your net and making Christians of them." "How do you know that, sir," I asked? "Oh," he answered, "I remember well in Russia, how the missionaries tried to get me, and in Hamburg, while on my way to America they tried again. And now here you too have found us and even sent us literature with the patient, didn't you?"

As all were attentive to hear my answer I repeated his previous remark that we have everything of the best and added, "even the Lord Jesus the Messiah, the best of all, in whose name we work and who said, 'But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.'"

The Real Estate man now remarked, "If Jesus is good, the Jews, who know what good is, would surely be the first to accept Him and secondly He Himself somewhere said, 'a good tree bringeth good fruit.' If this is so why should so many massacres be committed in his name?"

I explained that those who massacred others were not real Christians but rather those who had heathen, beastly inclinations as in Spain and Russia where pogroms were committed.

I also impressed on them the special goodness of the Messiah in paying the price for sin, in order to make us free from its curse, quoting Isa. 53:5.

Praise God this talk was a decided blessing. The Real Estate man has been at our meetings twice since then and is greatly interested in his soul's salvation.

I spend a large part of each day visiting the Jews in the neighborhood of our Missions, and offering our gospel paper "The Shepherd of Israel" to them. Sometimes I am able to sell the paper for two cents a copy but often I must give it to them free of charge and in this way have disposed of hundreds of copies. I find that some people enjoy reading this little monthly but many others oppose it, thinking we missionaries are trying to mislead them and that we believe in another God. As soon as I hear these objections, biased by ignorance and prejudice, it gives me a good chance to explain the truth to them. I try to show them that true Christians are the best friends of Israel and if it were not for them the Jews would have a very hard existence. I tell them of Christ and that He is their Messiah who was predicted by the prophets in the Old Testament.

I also meet many Jews who tell me that in their hearts they believe that Jesus is the Messiah, but in order to avoid persecution they keep the fact a secret. However they hope the time will come when the Jews as a mass will come out boldly, declaring Jesus as their Messiah so that they can join such a movement. I hear that even many of the rabbis entertain the same hope. I can testify that it is only the fear of tribulation which keeps many Jews from a public confession of Jesus Christ. However, I feel personally encouraged in my work seeing that in spite of all difficulties the seed we are daily sowing is falling constantly upon good soil, bringing forth good results, for many men and women, young and old, become converted and openly confess Christ as their personal Saviour. Our part is to work faithfully and patiently, praying in season and out of season for God's blessing.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONAL WORK. V.

In our previous articles we have suggested appropriate answers for questions which a Jew might ask you and now it is your turn to ask him to permit you to put one question to him, as follows:- You Jews had the wonderful privilege of God's revelation to your people. He has given you the "Torah" (Hebrew word for law). You professedly love that law above all silver and gold, for the Psalmist voices that sentiment by saying "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver," Psalm 119:72. Now as a matter of fact almost a fifth part of the Torah is occupied with the law concerning sin and sacrifices. I refer to the book of Leviticus. It says "If a soul shall sin thru ignorance against any of the commandments of the law," Lev. 4:2, then follows a list of the various sacrifices which the sinner has to bring in accordance with God's instructions given there. Sin according to the Bible is a most awful thing. It separates and cuts off the soul from God. Read Isa. 59:2, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Sin makes such a thorough separation that even the prayer of the sinner cannot reach God. Therefore God in His mercy provided a remedy for the sinner in the sacrifice which made atonement and reunited the sinner to God. Then read to him the first few verses of Psalm 51. David immediately upon being convinced of his sin, poured out his soul to God in prayer begging for mercy and pardon. He besought God in his great distress over sin, "wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." It shows that David realized the awfulness of sin which defiles and renders us odious in the sight of the

Holy God who hates sin. So deep a sense of his sin did David have that he was continually thinking of it with sorrow and shame. Now therefore how can the Jews as individuals and as a people rest complacently in their sins against God, without any grief or disturbance? They certainly have no remedy to make atonement for their sins because God never gave any other way to insure His pardon than by sacrifice. For God expressly told the Jewish people in unmistakable terms, in Lev. 17:11. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your soul." Then again we read Lev. 16 where the entire chapter is devoted to the instructions of how to attain forgiveness for sin on the day of atonement. Referring to the scape goat it says: "And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness. And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited; and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness." Since you Jews have no temple, no high priest and no sacrifice, then the entire load of that terrible sin lies heavily upon your own shoulders and separates between you and your God. Have you ever thought of this terrible condition of your soul? No wonder that God, in expressing the dreadful destruction and havoc that sin causes in our very being, says, "Cursed be he that confirmeth not the words of this law to do them." Deut. 27:26. And God does not wish that man whom He created in his own image shall be banned and cursed, therefore He gave a sure remedy namely, the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that makes atonement for sin and reconciliation between man and God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *In Rev. 12:9 Satan (Prince of the air, Eph. 2:2) is cast into the earth. Does this have anything to do with clearing the air for the Lord and His saints? 1 Thess. 4:17. Is there any intimation that the air will be their abode, prior to His coming with His saints to execute judgment? Jude 14. Does this reference come in with Matt. 25:31?*

—M. R. MILLER.

Answer. This conflict is about the time of the Rapture when "the dead in Christ shall rise, and we who are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." But we are not told that it is for the sake of clearing the air. We are plainly told in 1st Thess. 4:17, "and so shall we ever be with the Lord." How long the abode in the air will be we do not know, but we are sure to return to the earth with Him at the end of the great tribulation to reign with Him. 2nd Tim. 2:12.

Question. *If the true church or bride, together with the righteous dead are "caught up" to meet the Lord in the air previous to the events described from the fourth to the twentieth chapters of Revelation, how can the resurrection spoken of in the 20th chapter be the first resurrection?*

—DAVID BOYNTON

Answer. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order." The first resurrection therefore is not one summary event, but will take place in sections. It does not occur all at once. In the 4th chapter of Revelation John's vision of an open door in Heaven indicates the resurrection and rapture of saints referred to in 1st Thess. 4:16-17. The saints he saw there were from the earth for they sang of being redeemed by Christ's blood. In Rev. 7 we have another group still belonging to the first resurrection. But you will notice that those are distinguished from the others by the fact that "they came out of great tribulation." Verse 14. Then later on we have the two witnesses slain by the Beast and raised. They, too, will also be caught up probably together with their disciples. In Chapter 14 there is again another company consisting of 144,000. Reference is also made in Rev. 20:4 to the last group of the first

resurrection, those who have lived in the very last days of the Anti-Christ, for it says, "and which had not worshipped the Beast, neither his image." Thus we see that the first resurrection will take place at different times for different classes under different circumstances. The participants in the second resurrection, which will consist of those who do not belong to Christ, will be raised at one time for we are told concerning them "the rest of the dead."

Question 1. *In my English Bible, Numbers 21:9 reads, "Moses made a serpent of brass." In my Norwegian Bible, same verse, it tells us that the serpent was made of copper. Which is right?*

Question 2. *In 11 Kings 18:4 the serpent is called Nehustan. What does that name mean? What does it typify?*

—GEORGE T. MIDBY.

Answer 1. Both are right. The Hebrew word N'chosheh is used both for brass and for copper. Ezek. 1:7; Judges 16:21; Daniel 2:32, 45; 10:6. It is also used for money. Ezek. 16:36.

Answer 2. The Hebrew word N'chosheh is here formed into the adjective Nehustan, meaning copper. They worshipped the brazen serpent as a divinity, but Hezekiah who broke it up said, "This thing is only made of copper, why worship it?"

Question 1. *Please explain Matt. 28:19-20.*

Question 2. *Also 1 Cor. 11:3-16 and application of each scripture.*

Question 3. *Also, does the Bible teach infant baptism?*

—BELL WARNER.

Answer 1. The Lord Jesus commissioned the apostles, who were prejudiced against Gentiles, to preach to all nations. The Jewish conception had been that Gentiles must first become proselytes to Judaism and then be received into the Church by baptism. Baptism was to be performed "in the name" not "names," indicating that Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the now revealed name of the true God. They must teach His doctrines and commands, not their own inventions. Christians must be trained in the teachings of Christ only. His promise to be with them "even unto the end of the world," includes all succeeding disciples, in every age and nation. His spirit was with the

apostles and has been with all His true followers as counsellor, Isa. 9, and as a comforter. John 16:7.

Answer 2. "The head of Christ is God," relates to Him in His character as Mediator, who subjected Himself to the will of the Father. But at the same time "in Him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily," Col. 2:9. The women in Eastern countries showed, by being veiled or covered, their subjection to the man, in accordance with God's ordinance. Gen. 3:16. This was their decent custom. Any impropriety along that line would disgrace the man. Hence the injunction for women not to pray with the head uncovered. On the other hand the man that prays with his head covered dishonors Christ, his Head, by appearing unsuitable to the rank in which God has placed him. The word "power" refers to the veil or cover which indicates the authority of the man. The word "angels" refers to Isa. 6:2 where it is said they are veiling their faces, and may be considered as present in our assemblies. Yet "neither is the man without the woman." They are to be mutual blessings and comforts, not one a slave, and the other a tyrant. From the final argument we learn that the Christian religion sanctions national customs which are not against its principles and holiness. One must be very contentious who would object to customs of people. It was evidently the custom for women to join in public prayer and prophesying veiled.

Answer 3. No.

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Question. Heb. 12:1, "Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." Did Saint Paul mean the Jewish people or the Church at that time, or all down the ages, and is the witness to heathen nations and unbelievers?

—C. D. MYCUE

Answer. This verse refers to the preceding chapter where is given an account of the strong faith of believers under the Old Testament dispensation. They had great and many difficulties to encounter but they always persevered in faith and patience. They are witnesses to all believers of God's faithfulness, and are as innumerable as the drops of water in a cloud.

Question 1. Will you kindly explain to me Joel 2:28,29, Acts 2:17,18 regarding "your daughters and my hand-maidens."

Question 2. And to whom does Paul refer in 1 Cor. 14:34,35 and in Tim. 2:11,12. Is it the unconverted woman?

Answer 1. The prophecy in Joel 2:28,29, will be completely fulfilled at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to reign on earth. But as it was connected with the coming of Messiah, the Holy Spirit through Peter referred to it at Pentecost in connection with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit was not a complete fulfillment of that prophecy, but it was "that," meaning a sort of a pledge or a forecast of "that" which when it shall come to pass will be a pouring out of the Spirit upon all flesh, without distinction of sex or classes.

Answer 2. To women who caused disorder and confusion with their loud talks and questions.

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Question 1. How did the ancient Jews observe the Sabbath? Were any religious services required by law on the Sabbath Day? The 4th commandment being a part of the moral law, are we not required to observe it as well as any other part of the moral law? How did the early Christians observe the first day of the week?

Question 2. Does not Psa. 110:1 tell us when Christ will return?

Question 3. Does the phrase "our gathering together unto Him" (2nd Thess. 2:1) mean our gathering at the time of the rapture?

—CELIA J. RILEY

Answer 1. By absolute rest from all labor. Ex. 20:10. Special sacrifices had to be offered in the temple on the Sabbath but no services were held. Num 28:9. In Deut. 5:15 a reason for the keeping of the Sabbath is expressly given, namely "remember that thou wast a slave in Egypt. Therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath Day." This does not apply to any other people than the Jews. However in Isaiah 56 God makes it optional with any Gentile who desires to keep the 7th day Sabbath and promises a blessing for it. The early Christians observed the first day by the Breaking of Bread. Acts 20:7.

Answer 2. Yes.

Answer 3. Yes.

JEWISH NOTES

Dr. Chaim Weizman, President of the Zionists, is now paying his fourth annual visit to the Jews of America. He arrived on the 12th of February. He is planning to stay here one month, then he will return to London to accompany Lord Balfour to the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on the first of April. He has just finished a world tour during which he was enthusiastically welcomed by Jewish communities and received by some governmental dignitaries. This world trip also includes an extensive investigation of Jewish colonization in Palestine. He gives very encouraging reports, saying that great and steady progress has been made in Palestine during the past year. In every part of the Zionist program, immigration and agricultural developments he reported striking forward-steps. On February 16th he held an enthusiastic meeting at Carnegie Hall, New York, to start the raising of a fund of one million dollars for Zionist purposes.

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For centuries the Holy Land has been cursed with certain diseases, as malaria, trachoma, etc., but immediately upon the Armistice, sanitary and public health service was introduced and it has been gradually but effectively ridding the land of these diseases. The Hadassah Medical Organization has been waging an intensive campaign to teach the people correct principles for public health. It also established public health centers throughout the country. Infants from the day of their birth up until the age of two years are looked after in those centers. In addition to that, a complete pre-natal service for prospective mothers is freely given. The Hadassah is largely an American organization, guided by the modern public health practices of American states. Its service does not extend to the Jewish population only, but equal attention is given to Arabs. Altho the latter are still heavy sufferers from malaria and trachoma, it is because of their superstitions which stand in the way of medical and nursing service. For instance, Arab mothers and also some of the orthodox Jewish

women refused at first to have their babies weighed in the clinics, because they believed evil would befall them. It is predicted that after the upbuilding of Palestine, the country, because of its climate which is similar to California's, will become one of the great health resort countries of the world. Tourists will begin flocking to Palestine as they now go to the great watering centers of Europe and America. Tiberius has springs which have been noted for their curative qualities, and Tiberius will rival Carlsbad, Baden, Hot Springs and other famous resorts.

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As mentioned in previous numbers, the so-called Ruttenberg plan of establishing an electric plant in Palestine, has already been commenced. The main source of the power is in the waters of the Jordan. But this enterprise of Ruttenberg has incurred the envy of Greece. A Grecian engineer by the name of Navranatis claims that the Turkish Government granted him the concession of water and electric power before the war. He therefore sued the English government for depriving him of that concession by granting it to Mr. Ruttenberg, the Jewish engineer. The Greek government, taking his part, applied to the International League at The Hague for justice. History repeats itself. It was Greece that interfered with the Jews when they were a nation in Palestine. It is an echo of olden times. The Greek Ambassador in Paris appeared before the League as the lawyer for his government and Sir Douglas Hog is defending the English Government. The Ruttenberg concession has previously had many difficulties to overcome. It was fought against for some time in the English Parliament and the Arabs tried to boycott the electric light produced by the plant. Opposition still continues.

The English government, however, has rejected the Greek claim and the Jews are now going ahead with great speed to complete their plant.

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A remarkable news item came from Russia a few weeks ago. Eleven Russians who took active part in pogroms upon the Jews some years ago have been stricken with remorse and have re-