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page 2) the Board also maintains a Home for Jewish Christians. The plan of work for all stations calls for the maintenance of Gospel meetings for adults and children; a medical department to assist poor Jews; a Poor Fund, to enable us to relieve the distress of deserving Jews and to give a practical demonstration of Christian love; a Literature Fund for the purchase of Hebrew Bibles and Testaments and to print tracts in Jewish. Mr. Cohn has written eight Jewish tracts which God has used to the conversion of many.

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To bind and loose, were terms used among the rabbis then and at present in connection with the laying on of hands when authorizing a man to be rabbi. In Hebrew they are "isser vehetter" meaning bidding and forbidding, granting and refusing, declaring lawful or unlawful, etc. As the Lord Jesus sent out His disciples as His representatives, He gave them the diploma of authority to decide all sorts of religious questions among the Jews, even marriages and divorces, just like the regular rabbis. This He did in order that the Jews should not say; "These men are ignorant and have no authority to teach us." The breaking of any one of the dietary and family purity laws to which the ancient rabbis added many hundreds of rules and precepts, was and still is considered by the Jews a great sin. But all those sins can be retained or remitted, according to the finding in the law, by one word of the authorized rabbi, "treif" or "assur" or "muter."

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Question. Please reconcile these scriptures. Matt 22:14 and Proverbs 24:23. Also the verse "God is not a respecter of persons."

—MRS. M. C. H.

Answer. The custom was to wear a long white robe at such festivals. The garments were prepared by the person inviting the guests. Any of them making light of the custom, preferring one's own garments, was worthy of punishment. Zeph 1:8. Such guests, although called to the feast, could not be chosen

to enjoy it but must be rejected and punished. The action of the king in approving good conduct and rejecting the culpable is not because of respect or disrespect of the person but because of righteous judgment. Many are called to accept the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation. Our great King, when finding one without His wedding garment, salvation, will say, "cast him into outer darkness."

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Question 1. Is it known what the "abomination of desolation" spoken of by Daniel is?

Question 2. Also explain Matt. 19:30?

Question 3. Are the Jews of America going back to the Holy Land or only the Jew of Europe?

—MRS. G. R.

Answer 1. The Lord Jesus in using the words, "abomination of desolation" in Matt. 24:15, refers to Daniel 9:27; 12:11; and 11:31. This certainly means Antichrist, the future prince of the revived Roman empire, the Man of Sin, II. Thess. 2:3-4, and the beast of Rev. 13.

Answer 2. Salvation and reward in heaven are not given by precedence in time, age or descent. Some Pharisees which were highly revered in their time were lost without Christ, while Paul, the chief of sinners (I. Tim. 1:15) became the chief of the apostles. The parable in the next chapter deals with this subject.

Answer 3. So few American Jews go to Palestine that no, may be said.

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## Salutation

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

My dearly beloved friends:

Especially at this hallowed season, let us all join the angels in their song, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

## Prince of Peace

Away off in the long ago, and on many occasions before the manifestation of Jehovah in His Incarnate Son born in Bethlehem, God declared Himself the Author, the only Giver and Promoter of peace. The first occasion when He did so was when Abraham, His friend, went on a military expedition. Abraham was prompted to undertake that enterprise not by his avarice or ambition, but by the principles of the Prince of Peace. The Prince, though invisible to Abraham's human sight, was present on the battle field. Owing to His presence, Abraham with his three hundred and eighteen men conquered a mighty army. That victory was greater than those much-celebrated triumphs of either Alexander or Caesar. And lest Abraham should attribute the conquest to the superiority of his few men and himself, the Prince of Peace revealed Himself to Abraham under the name Melchizedek, (righteous King) King of Salem, (peace) Gen. 14.

This righteous King of Peace, "Melchizedek," whose genealogy is not recorded, was the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, in human form, whose generation cannot be declared. The word of God describes His existence from eternity, as God, and as Mediator, Micah 5. The same Lord Jesus was disguised as Melchizedek. The only difference in the identity is that while "that holy person" born of Mary was begotten of God, Luke 1:35, the human form of Melchizedek was assumed. This will explain St. Paul's expression, "made like unto the Son of God." Heb. 7:3.

The Lord Jesus Christ is identified in Melchizedek not only by the description of His characteristics "King of righteousness, King of peace," qualities which cannot be attributed to any human being, but also by His action. He brought forth "bread and wine." Has He not appointed the same as the memorials of His body and blood, which are meat and drink indeed to the soul?

## Jehovah Shalom

The second event which the Lord Jesus Christ in the assumed form marked with that peculiar stamp "peace" is found in Judges 6:10-25. "The Angel of Jehovah" came to commission Gideon to deliver Israel from the oppression of the Midianites. This angel was not a created angel, for He is called there Jehovah, and speaks as one having authority, and not as a messenger. But He was the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who assumed the human shape, as a prelude to what He intended in the fullness of time, when He would take



our nature upon Him. In order to satisfy and remove fear from Gideon's heart, the same Lord spake to him saying, "Peace be unto thee, fear not." (verse 23). "Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah Shalom" (verse 24). The memorial of this vision, which Gideon set up, in form of an altar, was to preserve the remembrance thereof by the specific title "Jehovah Shalom" which being interpreted is, "The Lord Peace."

Space does not allow me to cite other similar passages in the Old Testament. These will suffice to show that what the angels announced upon the birth of the Prince of Peace, "And on earth peace" was in harmony with the already repeatedly intimated peace-title of the Son of God, in the Old Testament Scriptures. The fact that so much emphasis was laid upon this one attribute of the Son of God indicates that Christ's main function was to make peace between the sinner and the Holy Father in Heaven, by His atoning blood. "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. This was set forth by the Lord Jesus Christ, even before He made the actual shedding of His atoning blood, in the incident of the "woman in the city, which was a sinner." The Lord Jesus, who saw that her real love to Him sprang from sorrow for sin, and hope of forgiveness through Him, "Said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. . . . go in peace." Luke 7:37-50.

God's order therefore is, first remission of sins, then peace, peace between the sinner and an offended Holy God, peace in the formerly troubled heart, and peace between Jew and Gentile, "for He hath broken down the middle wall of partition. . . . for to make in Himself of twain one new man (the Church) so making peace." Eph. 2:14-15. Indeed this is the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding." Phil. 4:7.

#### Lest We Forget

While we thus rejoice over and glorify God for this wonderful peace, through the gift of His only begotten Son, let us not forget His poor blind brethren from whom He came according to the flesh. There is not another people on earth that needs that peace so much as the Jewish people. No writer can describe, no artist can picture or paint a resemblance of the condition of this long, down-trodden people. Today they read good news, tomorrow bad news. One morning brings exaggerated and highly colored announcements touching their restoration, the next day a voice of wailing is heard from across the seas.

Frequently the news concerning the Jews in Europe is so distressing that it pierces through the Jewish heart like a sword. The almost daily contradictory rumors touching the promised land is confusing their minds to such an extent that they know not which to believe and which not. At one time the promise to give them Palestine is reaffirmed and reassured, another time they are given to understand that all those promises are nothing but soap bubbles. On one hand they are ignored and counted as less than nothing, on the other, they are feared, lest they, with their wealth, sharpness and influence gain the upper hand in all things. Now you read that the Jews are driven out, and now they are admitted. Here they are considered a nation, having a flag and country, there they are counted as a herd of sheep and led to the slaughter. Is there any sorrow like unto their sorrow? Is there any people on earth that needs so much to be reconciled to their God and Saviour who is waiting to save them? Let this Christmastide create in us a Christlike compassion for this people and let us double our endeavors in carrying to them the gospel of the Prince of Peace who alone can save them from their sins and give them that Peace in which we rejoice.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmastide,

Sincerely yours,

LEOPOLD COHN.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 2. *Also Luke 10:18?*

—C. W. R.

Question. *Why do you make the statement in regard to Abraham or his father "His father was a worshipper of idols. He not only worshipped idols, but he taught others to indulge in the same abomination?"*

—MRS. L.

Answer. Because the Scriptures tell us so. Please read Joshua 24:2, where we read, "And they, (your fathers) served other gods." It appears from verse 14, that some of the children of Israel, out of reverence for their fathers, adopted that same idol worship for we read there as follows, "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord."

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Question 1. *What is the promise in Acts 2:39?*

Question 2. *What is the thorn in flesh in II. Cor. 12:7?*

Question 3. *Why did Paul say it was a shame for a woman to speak in Church; I. Cor. 14:35?*

—W. L. McM.

Answer 1. God's promise to Abraham as touching the possession of the land, Gen. 15:18-21. Then the people were reassured through Isa. 11:10, Ezek. 37:22-24 of a restoration to the land when Messiah comes. It also means the promise of the Holy Spirit by Joel.

Answer 2. It is supposed to have been a very grievous and continuous pain in his body, caused by some sickness, the nature of which we are not told. God's design was to keep his servant humble, always depending upon His grace. It is of no importance to us to know what that thorn in the flesh was.

Answer 3. This was meant to forbid women to ask questions publicly, creating thereby disturbances and confusion in the congregation. But it is not an injunction to forbid women, like Philip's four daughters "which did prophesy," Acts 21:9, to speak in Church.

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Question 1. *Please explain John 2:4?*

Answer 1. Mary bearing in mind the marvelous birth of her Son did not cease to expect the time of His Messianic manifestation. No doubt she had many confidential conversations with Him on that very subject. The expression "mine hour" was familiar to her. So when the Lord Jesus arrived accompanied by His disciples, her deferred hope burst forth powerfully in her heart. This in addition to the baptism by John and the words spoken to Nathaniel, caused her to believe that the hour had come. But the Lord told her no. However, because Mary was so impatient, hastily charging the servants, "whatsoever He saith unto you do it," the Lord Jesus granted His Mother's petition, somewhat as in the case of the Syrophenician woman. Matt. 15. The word "woman," is the same as in John 19:26, when the Lord Jesus speaks to her from the cross with indescribable tenderness. It was the most respectful title employed in addressing a virtuous woman. The Hebrew for woman is "eashoh" (ea pronounced as in eating) "She shall be called woman (eashoh) because she was taken out of man." Gen. 2:23. Man was formed of the dust, but woman was taken out of man and not of dust, hence the high title woman. The phrase "what have I to do with thee" is frequently used in the Old Testament. I. Kings 17:18; II. Kings 3:13.

Answer 2. Our omniscient Lord and Saviour saw the end from the beginning. Upon the report of the seventy He saw the first signal of the weakening of Satan. Then He looked through the future and saw how Satan will be "cast out into the earth" Rev. 12:9. Then He saw the final and complete doom of Satan, "cast into the lake of fire" Rev. 20:10. All that will come upon Satan suddenly like lightning unexpected by him, but the certainty of his destruction as an outcome of Christ's work caused the Saviour to rejoice. This is the only time He rejoiced but He wept three times.

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Question. *Explain John 20:23?*

—A.

Answer. Remit and retain sins is another way of expressing to loose and to bind, rendered in Matt. 16:19, 18:18.

## JEWISH NOTES

The results of the last election have created a new record in the history of the Jews in America. For the first time two Jews in one year were elected governors of their respective states. Eight Jews were elected to Congress. Arthur Seligman, Democrat, was elected governor of New Mexico, and Julius Meier, Republican, of Oregon. In New York State, Lt. Governor Herbert Lehman was re-elected by a large majority.

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Ever since the so-called White Paper of Great Britain modifying the Balfour Declaration, the Zionists have not kept silence but stirred up almost the whole civilized world, aligning some of the greatest statesmen and politicians of England against the MacDonald government of Great Britain. The Zionists are still pushing every effort to bring popular opinion to bear on the situation. They have agitated some of the foremost statesmen to such an extent that they were led to express themselves in words and phrases which can issue only from shocked anger and bitter resentment. They call the change of the government through Lord Pasfield, a betrayal and perfidy. It seems that the many protests of the Zionists and their constant and rapid activities have brought a great weight of influence to bear upon the government of England as will be seen from the following clipping from the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle."

"London, Nov. 17th.—A big new development scheme for Palestine involving the expenditure of \$12,500,000 was announced by Drummond Shiels, Under secretary for Colonies, in the House of Commons today.

The scheme is supported by the British Government assisted by a loan and is intended to provide for settlement on the land of approximately 10,000 families a year.

The announcement, which was unexpected, came in the midst of debate in which the White Paper setting forth the government's position concerning Palestine had been vigorously attacked on the grounds of injustice to the Jews.

The White Paper is an injustice to both Jew and Arab, David Lloyd George, Liberal leader, declared, saying he could only understand that

White Paper if it was written by anti-Semitic officials.

"If the Government can't succeed in a Palestine mandate," the former Premier said, "it ought to hand the job back to the League of Nations."

All Britain wants, he said, is that justice be done to both Jew and Arab. Declaring that the Jews have been saddled with the blame for unemployment in Palestine, whereas in every other country unemployment is attributed to world-wide depression, Lloyd George added: "If a Jew gets himself murdered I suppose it's all his own fault."

The Jews in Palestine as well as the leaders of Zionism are far from being satisfied with this scheme. They say that most of that money will be applied to Arab colonization."

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Jerusalem, Oct. 28th.—the Greek Orthodox Church is reported to be offering for sale the famous Biblical site of Jacob's well at the ancient town of Nablus. The site is also known as the Samaritan woman's well, the gospels relating that Christ sat and talked with a Samaritan woman and preached to the Samaritans there. The spot is held in reverence by Christians, Jews, and Moslems.

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Haym Salomon who so generously helped the American Revolution and has been left in undeserved obscurity, will at last receive belated tributes, one of which will be the erection of a statue in his honor in a prominent square in New York City. Haym Salomon gave all he had, about \$300,000, to the leaders of the American revolution and besides risked his life for the cause of liberty for which Washington fought so bravely. Mr. Charles Edward Russell wrote a book last month called "Haym Salomon and the Revolution." It was published by the Cosmopolitan Book Concern.

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The Borough of Brooklyn has the largest Jewish population of the five boroughs of Greater New York. The total number of Jews in all of New York City is slightly under 2,000,000. Of this number, over 800,000 Jews are in Brooklyn.

## EDITORIAL

## Hectic Days for Zionism

A bombshell has exploded in the Zionist camp. Great Britain, through her new Labor Ministry headed by Premier Ramsay MacDonald, has announced to the world a drastic reversal of her Palestine policies. From now on, no more immigration of Jews will be permitted into the land; worse still, there are to be many deportations from among those Jews who entered Palestine within the last year. Further, restrictions are placed upon all future purchases of land by Jews from the Arabs; these restrictions are so severe, that they virtually put an effective stop to any further expansion of property holdings on the part of the Jews. In short, England has put a "Halt!" sign upon the Zionist road to Palestine possession.

Admittedly, if England is determined upon this new program, and will not modify or repeal these new pronouncements, Zionism as a National movement is doomed. It is only a year since the shameful massacres took place in Jerusalem and nearby towns; when the Arabs, with the stealth of the fox and the cruelty of the wolf, pounced upon innocent Jewish men, women and children, and wantonly did them to death. That tragic event was a stunning blow to Zionists, but they determined by sheer dint of human strength and will power, to push on.

Then came an investigation. England sent a committee to conduct an exhaustive inquiry into the conditions that made such a massacre possible. The investigation lasted a year; and now, as a result of the findings, England gives out a pronouncement which would write "Finis" to the Zionistic chapter.

As was to be expected, the Jews have been holding protest meetings in the more important Jewish centers of the world. Abuse without measure has been heaped upon the head of Great Britain. She has been charged with treachery, perfidy and all sorts of other crimes. And the Jews have even recruited to their camp some vociferous Gentiles, so that these voices too have been heard in the chorus of protest. And only today, as we write these lines, no less a person than Lloyd George has come out in a scathing rebuke of the English government.

None of those who attack the integrity of Great Britain, seems to consider the most delicate position in which England finds herself. To continue Jewish aggression in Palestine—that means a holy war by the Arabs; and a holy war by the Arabs means unthinkable upheavals in Egypt and in India. Trying to carry water on both shoulders is a dangerous business for England when it involves the satisfying of Jewish demands for complete possession of Palestine, and at the same time placating Arabs who see themselves slowly but surely driven out of the land and the homes that they have possessed for these many centuries.

So we come to the heart of the problem. To the child of God, of course there is only one answer—God! But this brings us face to face with the staggering, but little realized fact that Zionism is without God! One wonders why, since these Zionist leaders have so little faith in the Word of God, they are so determined upon the possession of the land promised under oath by God to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. In the current issue of Harper's Magazine, appears an interesting article by Ludwig Lewisohn, in which, among other things, he tries to explain, on purely rational grounds, why the Jews insist on Palestine, with all the turbulence involved, rather than to seek a national home in some vast spaces of such countries as East Africa, or South America, for instance. In such places, a wide welcome awaits them. But no, they want Palestine. Why? Mr. Lewisohn argues that the Jews have in years gone by possessed the land for such a long period of time, that this actual duration of possession gives them the claim and right to have it now as a homeland forever. The answer to this, however, is that as a matter of historic fact, the Jews have been for more years out of the land than in it. On



Mr. Lewisohn's theory, if he is to be logical, Russia should be the natural Jewish homeland, for the Jews there have an uninterrupted record of 800 years of residence.

Again the true answer is to be found in God. A little verse in Isaiah 60:8, reveals a secret which explains much:—"Who are these that fly . . . as the doves to their windows?" A dove can never tell you why it flies hundreds of miles with the directness of an arrow, to its home-nest. Just so, God has put in the heart of Israel that instinct, which is more powerful, more impelling, and more propelling than all Reason or Economics or Philosophy, or Expediency. That divinely implanted instinct literally compels the Jew to steer a direct course to Palestine, although he himself knows not why he wants to go there, and even denies, oft-times, that God has any interest in his future. It is the instinct that has caused the Jew of all ages to say an emphatic and irrevocable "NO" to overtures that have been made to him through the centuries that he settle in Africa, or in South America, or in other parts of the world. "No," he has persistently said, "When we go to settle in a land, it will be our own land, or no land."

The child of God who has supreme faith in the sure promises of prophecy, need not be baffled or confused by these recent developments, if only he will keep in mind three or four basic considerations.

First: Zionism itself is not the goal to which God's prophetic program is driving. It is only a means to an end, and while the present Zionistic movement is not of God, but rather, anti-God, yet God foretells that He will use it for His purposes, just as He can make the wrath of men to praise Him. God's goal for Israel is *Christ*, the only begotten Son of the Father. Not Palestine, but CHRIST. In Jerusalem, the place where 1900 years ago they cried "Away with Him," there they must eventually mourn over Him, and in deep repentance accept Him as Lord and Saviour. Apart from this objective, Zionism should have no point or interest to the Christian. All blessings promised to Israel, you will notice, are to have fulfillment after the nation has accepted Christ, not before. The point here is, that it really should be of only passing interest to us as to what progress Zionism makes, because we know that it is only doomed to end in the greatest war and tribulation the world ever saw. What really should concern us is, how near are the Jews to accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour?

We are aware that some Bible students not fully fathoming God's deepest purposes in Israel's restoration, make great ado about every little item of Zionistic progress, and hail with delight each step taken; and sometimes they have given currency to some rather fantastic fabrications concerning plans and events that have taken place only in some one's fertile imagination. But in doing all this, we are afraid they have seen only the husk, and never noticed the kernel. In other words, the development of Zionism itself does not bring us nearer to the Lord's coming; that great event hinges upon the completion of His body, the Church; of which body a large number of Jews must form a part—the Remnant of which Paul tells us in Romans. The Lord never gave Zionism to the Church as a sign of His coming. That sign is distinctively Jewish, and deals only with the Epiphany, or visible appearance of the Messiah to deliver Israel from the enemies that will harass her in Jerusalem. In the Church, therefore, the focal point now is not how fast the Jews are going back to Palestine, but how fast is the Jewish Remnant being gathered into the Church?

Second: Zionism says, with the boast of the flesh, "We will go on, nothing can stop us!" But again, in all their boasts, in all their determinations, there is no God. And God, foreseeing all this, distinctly warned them in Jeremiah 17:5, "Cursed is the man that putteth his trust in man." And now they have received a new blow, this time from the very nation, England, who so sympathetically and with much kindheartedness took up their cause over 10 years ago. And of course they will go on—Prophecy says so. Prophecy, born not of the predictive will of God, but Prophecy born of the foreknowledge of God. They will go on, but in the arm of the flesh, in spite of God's efforts to give them warning. Through pressure, through influence,

return to Him void. I have prayed very much concerning the matter and God has given me many unmistakable evidences of answer to prayer. Have you heard from any Jews in Reading? Are there any on your mailing list? Quite a few tell me they are getting your paper monthly.

I have the names and addresses of all the Jewish families in Reading and vicinity which number approximately 600. I have reached them all with your paper and many of them several times. I have these addresses carefully listed in a note book according to streets. Since I have been over the city so often I scarcely need the note book. I reached these addresses about five or six times with literature.

I met the Rabbi of the Reformed Synagogue. He would not take any literature as he said he had read all the tracts and papers I was putting out and he did not approve of this wide-spread propaganda. He said I had better stop this and go among my own people and convert them. I told him the Lord Jesus Christ said we should go out into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

The Rabbi of the Orthodox Synagogue however took your paper, and a New Testament. He was very pleasant and approachable, much to my surprise.

I wish it were possible for you to open a Mission in this city. After all the wide spread distribution and propaganda it would certainly be a fertile field. In fact many Jews have been asking me about this matter but I told them I do not know if it would be possible or under what circumstances it could be done. Consequently they would have to write to you, for many things would have to be considered, and apparently God would open the way if He desired it.

Praying for God's blessing upon your various Missions that God's people Israel may come to the knowledge of their Messiah.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

In reply to your recent inquiry, I beg to say that we are receiving *The Shepherd of Israel* regularly, and that our workers are distributing it faithfully. In addition I would like to say that I enjoy reading it myself, and that the Jews who receive that little messenger are in most cases enjoying it too.

Thanking you, and wishing you God's richest blessing for your work among our own brethren.

### An Automobile Wanted

Our good brother, Elias Zimmerman, who is connected with us as assistant Field Secretary, and is occupied for the most part on the Pacific Coast, is greatly in need of a small car, to save time and expense in his travels, which are many.

Perhaps some reader of *THE CHOSEN PEOPLE* has a car which he or she would like to devote to the Lord's service, and if so here is a need which the Lord may lay upon your heart, if you take the matter to Him in prayer.

The car, in order to be of real service and help, should be not more than a year old, and it should be of the four door Sedan type, as Mr. Zimmerman would like to arrange the rear compartment for sleeping purposes. A Ford Fordor Sedan would be ideal for his needs. But it ought to be almost new.

There was a time when the Lord Jesus sent two of His disciples, saying unto them, "Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him." Luke 19:30-31.

In these modern days, we live at too swift a pace for colts and such things. So may we paraphrase the message of our Lord through the disciples of two thousand years ago, by passing on to you this present need of the Mission, by saying to some one who may have an automobile that he or she feels the Lord ought to have, "Loose the automobile; the Lord hath need of it!"

This need is especially mentioned for the benefit of any of our friends on the Pacific Coast, or say within 500 miles of the Coast, so that Mr. Zimmerman could easily go for the automobile and drive it back to Los Angeles.

It may be also that someone who reads these lines may not have an automobile to give, but might just feel led of God to provide the money with which to buy one. In either case will you please communicate with us as to this matter.

### Some More Letters About The Shepherd of Israel

We continue, for the encouragement of our friends, the printing of further letters telling of the way in which the Lord is using the little Yiddish paper *The Shepherd of Israel*. There was no room for all of these in the November issue, nor is there room in the present columns for still many other letters we have, but we shall plan to give one more installment, in the January issue and then we will call the matter finished for the time being. As you read the letters, give thanks to God with us, and pray with us for the further convicting power of the Holy Spirit to be made manifest through the publication of the Gospel messages to the Jews of the entire world:—

FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Am glad you wrote and inquired about the distribution of *The Shepherd of Israel*.

I truly believe that if you or any other Christian came here and preached to the Jews that you would have a full house.

When the Lutheran Zion Society went up to North Minneapolis last summer, (where most of the copies of *The Shepherd of Israel* have been distributed,) to hold street meetings, they had large crowds. They listened quietly until the meetings were over. But at the close of one meeting a young Jew stood up and said they could not come back to hold any more meetings unless they brought police protection with them, for there would be trouble. The leader became frightened and they never went back. This happened just shortly before the disaster over in Palestine. When the Jews are rejecting Jesus, and refuse to have the Gospel preached to them, and making it unsafe, what else can they expect, for there will never be peace for Israel until they accept Jesus.

Most of the papers are sent in the mail, to rich and poor, so that way I do not have an opportunity to speak to them. When I have gone up in the Jewish section to distribute literature, not many refuse the paper, some ask for it, one man took two; they admit it is good reading, and a fine paper.

Not long ago I handed *The Shepherd of Israel* to one and asked him if he ever got any in the mail. He said, "yes all the time." When I asked him if he believed Jesus to be the Son of God, he said "Sure, Israel's Messiah is none other than Jesus."

One time when a sister and I went up to scatter papers and tracts, a crowd of boys followed us; the largest one, about 14 years, began to ask questions. When he seemed to be satisfied he took some tracts and walked away; he was a believer. We also met another Jew the same evening who confessed he was a Christian.

Once when I had been scattering tracts and was coming back the same way to wait for the street car, a little Jewish boy stepped over and said, "Are you the one that was giving out those things?" I said, "Yes, but I have not one left." He felt bad and so did I. Many Jews profess to believe in Jesus, but they are not converted. There is no one to preach to them. A Jewess who lost her eyesight about a year ago, is seeking the Lord; we are praying for her that the Lord may open both her spiritual and physical eyes. Please pray for her and please pray for all Jews in Minneapolis, and pray for me that the Lord may be able to use me to work in His vineyard.

I would do more work but my health fails me, perhaps it is for the reason that I shall not do too much in my own strength.

Between seven and eight hundred have received *The Shepherd of Israel* through the mail, but not all at the same time. We believe the Lord will bless according to His word, that it shall not return unto Him void, and that our work is not in vain in the Lord.

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FROM READING PA.

Replying to your recent letter of the 21st relative to the distribution of your paper, *The Shepherd of Israel*, I wish to state that I have been carefully and prayerfully distributing your paper among the Jews.

I distributed every single copy you sent me feeling my responsibility under God to do it and I have found great pleasure in the work. I distributed them with absolute faith and confidence in God, who gives us the assurance that His Word will not

through politics, they will overcome obstacles, remove prohibitions, until they shall rear for themselves a seeming success; and, just as they shall say "Peace and Safety," suddenly will come the destruction of Armageddon, to astound, to confuse, to smite.

Third: Is not this then, only a marvelous opportunity that God is giving to the Church in these closing days of the age, to point out to the Jew, "these things, these set-backs, these massacres, are only God's S. O. S. to you to tell you you are not in His will! It is yours to accept the Lord Jesus Christ now, and save yourself the terrible sufferings of the time of Jacob's trouble."

And while it is true that, just as Pharaoh hardened his heart, and obeyed not, Israel nationally may harden her heart, it is also true that (1) there will always be the remnant who will hear, and respond, and be added to His body, which will, by that much hasten His coming, and (2) the Church, like Moses of old, will have proven obedient to the command of God, to deliver the message as given by God. And thus, the responsibilities of the Church will have been fully discharged. Moses could easily have said, "Lord, thou knowest Pharaoh won't listen to me. Why not release me from going to him, and just send him the plagues anyway?" But he did not dare do that. His it was to obey God.

And so today, God bids the Church give the Gospel message to the Jew. And woe be it to the Church if in the final day of the accounting of works done and undone, she shall stand convicted of having neglected this major task.

Fourth: There is a striking parallel between Zionism or Modern Judaism on the one hand, and organized Christendom on the other. Both are in a state of apostacy. Of Israel's apostacy we have already spoken, and it is truly pathetic. But more pathetic still is the apostacy of so-called Christendom, a Christendom that makes of the Lord Jesus Christ only an ethical teacher, and lowers Him to the level of a Confucius or a Mahommed, or even a Moses. The tragedy here is, of course, that such an apostacy robs the Church of her only excuse for being, and leaves her without a message to either Jew or Gentile. There is not a statement for instance, that has been made, in recent years by the so-called Modernist leaders, to which any Jewish Rabbi in America could not cheerfully give his assent. And consistently enough, the Federal Council of Christian Churches has actually created a committee on Good Will to the Jews; and this committee has already held several public conferences between Jews and Christians, claiming that "We each can learn something of value to the other!" What kind of a testimony can such a committee give to the Jews? And how could a Jew ever be led to Christ through such a compromising program?

The Church's task clearly is that of a testimony to the Jews in the very hour of apostacy. Not that we expect a nation converted, any more than was Noah's generation converted; nor any more than was Pharaoh turned to God. But Noah's task was just as necessary as though they had all responded; and Moses' task also was absolutely required of God.

And so in these days, God has His remnant, both in the Church and in Israel. The faithful few in the Church will give out untiringly the testimony to Israel; and the remnant in Israel will by the same token, respond and accept the Lord Jesus Christ, be added to the Church, and hasten His return.

This, then, is the function of the Jewish Mission undertaking in the present hour—a faithful testimony in an unbelieving age.



## IMPRESSIONS OF A DETROITER

It was our privilege, the early part of November, to have as a guest of the Mission for a period of a week, Miss Eunice M. Perkins of Detroit. Miss Perkins has been used of God in Bible teaching work, particularly throughout Michigan. For a number of years past she has been giving of herself in season and out of season, to the cause of Israel's evangelization. She had heard many times about the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and finally felt a great desire to visit the work and see how it was being conducted.

On her return home, she wrote us a letter expressing such joy at what she had seen and heard, that we feel we ought to pass her words on to all of our friends so that they too may get a little of the reaction that a total stranger to the work gets when first brought into contact with it. We feel also it will strengthen the faith of our friends to know in this somewhat different way something of what the Mission is endeavoring to do here by the grace of God to the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So here is the letter:—

It is with gratitude, both solemn and joyous, I thank God and you for the week I have just completed in observation of the blessed work conducted from Beth Sar Shalom.

For the fact that long years have passed ere I have experienced this truly special privilege I am deeply sorry because I know now that the arch enemy of us all has caused the delay. At last, however, he is a conquered foe in practical reality, in this particular, as in many others.

From henceforth it shall be my delight to sound forth the praises of "what God hath wrought" and is continuing to work through the labors of the Williamsburg Mission. It was with keen satisfaction I noted its every activity, for to me it was the feeding of a hunger that had hitherto been unfed. To have found a Christian Mission where the Jewish people—men, women, young people and little children actually attend in gratifying numbers through rain or shine is a great joy. To have heard given to them such straight Gospel messages with no apologies and such edifying lessons from the Word of God is an added delight. The sympathetic Christian observer is thrilled by both quality and quantity. The genuineness of the supreme experience which the goodly numbers of Hebrew Christians exhibit without hesitancy—oh, it is one of the greatest reasons for an overflow of praise and thanksgiving I have ever known. REALITY was so evident and seemed so sweetly natural for the new born life without any savor of cant or sanctimoniousness that I was reminded of a sentence I read years ago, "The Hebrews have a talent for religion."

I rejoiced too in the beautiful Christian harmony among the workers which is maintained largely, no doubt, by their regular meeting each week for prayer and conference. Getting together frequently on our knees—there's nothing like it to foster the love for one another which our Lord commanded us to have!! The command so oft-repeated! Also the strong doctrinal statement to which workers must subscribe demands a unity of thought and purpose which must cultivate the spirit of harmony. It was good, too, to note the freedom permitted the workers to be Spirit-led in discovering and practising best methods in their various departments. One thing more I must mention—the quiet, orderly, effective system of the business offices, and the wisdom and grace with which the entire Mission is administered. It would seem that "the great executive of the Godhead" Himself had planned it all and that He is fulfilling His purposes through the lives yielded to Him at 27 Throop Avenue.

Each night as I retired to the bright, comfortable room in the Mission Home where I was so kindly welcomed by dear Mrs. Fuchs and her fine family it was with the comforting conviction that "Beth Sar Shalom" is in happy reality, the House of the Prince of Peace in Whom alone our peace is assured—deep and strong and tranquil.

Yours in His faithfulness, "till the day dawns and the shadows flee away"

EUNICE M. PERKINS.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

## A Rabbinical Student Accepts Christ

By Rev. JOHN SOLOMON,  
Pittsburgh Branch

One Monday afternoon, the telephone rang. Mrs. Solomon, in my absence answered the call. "This is Rabbi F. speaking, at what time will Rev. Solomon be in?" "He is out on his visitation tour and will be home after 9:00 P. M." Arrangements were made to meet the inquirer at the close of my class that evening.

Carnegie Library was the place where we first met. We introduced ourselves. He was a young man, just graduated from the University, he also holds two diplomas from Hebrew Schools, and was ready to enter the Hebrew Rabbinical Seminary this Fall. He wished to discuss some important religious subjects and because the Library was too public, we decided that my office would be the right place for that purpose.

## THE DISCUSSION

On the following day in my office Mr. F. told me "that for some months Christian tracts, and *The Shepherd of Israel*, had been placed in my letter box. They were from Williamsburg Mission to the Jews." He did not know that I was the one that had put these tracts there. He read these tracts very carefully and in secret so that his parents, who are orthodox Jews, should not know anything about it. After he had read them he destroyed them.

"God works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." These tracts had stirred up his mind and made him restless. He sought to discuss these religious problems with a university student, Mr. M. This young man happened to have been one of my pupils in a Hebrew class, and he advised Mr. F. to see me. This is why he came, anxious to hear how I would explain these problems.

## OUR CONVERSATION

For several hours we talked on Sin and Repentance, "How can a sinner approach God direct without a mediator, or High Priest?" With the Bible open, I tried to persuade the young man to accept the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. But he said, "I cannot say anything just now; please give me time to con-

sider the matter very carefully. Goodbye!"

After he left, we prayed earnestly asking the Holy Spirit to touch his heart and bring conviction to his soul.

"ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVING  
YE SHALL RECEIVE"

About ten days later he came again to the Mission and said, "I am ready to be in the will of God, and to do whatever He wants me to do." From that day, he attended the services regularly, also told us that he is fully convinced that Jesus is the Messiah and Saviour of Israel. "I want to be a shining light to my Jewish brethren."

## GOD PREPARED THE WAY

The burden of this newly born brother began to press upon us more than ever before. Here was a fine young man, a university graduate with a B.A. degree, and a Hebrew teacher. What were we to do with him? Where could we send him to establish a sound Christian foundation, and prepare him for the ministry? Where was his support to come from? In answer to prayer, I came in contact with Dr. Bob Jones, who was conducting evangelistic services in Pittsburgh at the time. I mentioned the problem to him. That same evening the young man and I attended the service. Dr. Jones was so impressed with this young man that he offered to give him free tuition, also board and room at the Bob Jones' College in Florida. "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." The only remaining problem was money for the transportation. Our Field Secretary Mr. J. H. Cohn, passed through Pittsburgh the very next day, and stayed over for a few hours, talked to Brother F. and discussed matters with Dr. Jones, and immediately advanced the money for the transportation to college.

## "YE ARE MY WITNESSES"

Since then, letters have come from Bob Jones College, telling us how God is already using this brother's testimony for the saving of other precious souls.

God bless the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and their Branches all over, especially the Pittsburgh Branch! We solicit your prayers in behalf of this brother, and other earnest inquirers who are afraid to come out boldly for fear of the Jews.