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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *Who is the woman of Rev. 12:1?*

Question 2. *In Revelation 22:15 we read that without the city are dogs, idolators, etc. Please explain how such a condition can exist without the city, in a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

—Mrs. I. McK.

Answer 1. The woman of Rev. 12:1 is the nation of Israel, which gives birth to the man child who is the Lord Jesus Christ. This chapter gives in microcosm a panorama of the history of Israel from its beginning through to the very end, as foreordained in the purposes of God, and thus shows that the prime objective for which Israel as a nation was brought into existence, was that she may produce the man child the Lord Jesus Christ, first as suffering Messiah, then later as reigning King.

Answer 2. When Rev. 22:15 speaks of "without the city" it does not imply the new earth which will also be cleansed. It refers to the final abode of all the wicked, the "lake of fire."

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Question 1. *Hosea 1:10, 11. Does this mean that the Jews and Israelites shall join together and have one head?*

Question 2. *Does the 23d verse of Zechariah, 8th chapter, mean that the Jewish people will be fully established in the Christian religion and the Gentile Christians will go to them to be instructed?*

Question 3. *Who are the 7 shepherds and 8 principal men of Micah 5:5?*

Question 4. *Do you believe there will be a Jew come with the Spirit of Elijah?*

—P. S. A.

Answer 1. Yes the Word of God teaches in many places that all Israel shall be gathered together once more in Palestine and there shall be a nation under a true theocracy.

Answer 2. As we understand the Word of God, Zech. 8:23 will find its fulfillment after the Church has been caught up to be with the Lord and Israel is ruling here upon the earth, with the Lord Jesus Christ on the throne of David either in person or by proxy. The nations that are then upon the earth cannot be called Christian nations, as you intimate, in the sense that we speak now of the Christian Church, for the true

Church and the true Christians will have been caught up, although of course they will worship God and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

Answer 3. This is an obscure passage considered by Bible scholars to have a mystical meaning, showing that God would always supply a sufficient number of defenders of Israel.

Answer 4. Yes, in the tribulation days for Israel in Jerusalem.

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Question 1. *Are we to understand the book of Job as a drama?*

Question 2. *Did Jesus change the fourth commandment?*

Question 3. *Is Jesus coming in person to rule the world?*

—T. R. T.

Answer 1. Much evidence exists that Job was a historic character; the book itself lays claim to historicity, and it is certainly an error to assume that because the form of the book is that of a dramatic poem, therefore the book itself is a drama.

Answer 2. No; instead He fulfilled all the commandments, that is He was the only man, if we understand for the purpose of this statement that we speak of Him as man by incarnation, who kept the law perfectly. Thus He qualified to be the sacrifice for the whole human race, including both Jew and Gentile. This is not to say that the Lord Jesus Christ instructed the Church to keep the law of Moses; if Israel had been able to do this, there would have been no need for the Lord Jesus Christ to come as the Lamb of God.

Answer 3. Certainly all Scripture testifies to this blessed hope, and without such a hope this world of ours would be a sorry mess.

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Question. *Please explain Ezekiel 1:19.*

—F. M. M.

Answer. This is the vision of the wheels, and is intended to show that all the universe is moved, and rolls, in marvelous precision, under the control of the Master Creator. Darby says, "The movement of the whole course of earthly events, depended upon the throne. The wheels of God's government moved by the same spirit (emanating from the throne) and went straightforward. All was subservient to the will and purpose of Him who sat on the throne judging right."

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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

With joy unspeakable we greet you again after a separation of four months, in the words of Paul to the faithful believers at Philippi, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:3-6. The Lord in His great mercy has spared us and blessed us since last we sent out this little messenger. And if He has delayed His coming, we can find a responsive echo in our own hearts to that beautiful, though sad, Hebrew confessional, "I believe with a perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah, and if He tarry, yet will I wait for Him." And Job gives utterance to that same patient hope, when he says, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Job 19:25.

This letter is written in London. At least I begin it in London, but shall probably finish it in America; for I hope shortly to sail.

Too late for announcement in the May issue, it was decided I must make a hurried trip to Europe. Such terrible reports had been coming to us of Jewish agony and groanings in Continental Europe, and especially in Germany, that our hearts were deeply stirred. And we felt we must see and learn first hand. And we must do all we could to stretch out a helping hand of love and Christian sympathy. Through the organized Nazi propaganda in America, Hitler has been able to publish widely that the stories of Jewish persecutions and Jewish murders and Jewish brutalities were all false! That the Jews were actually happy and prosperous under the Nazi regime!

FIRST HAND INFORMATION

So we went to learn for ourselves, and what we learned only broke our heart, and made us feel with Jeremiah of old,

"Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!"

And I have been living almost hourly in Lamentations, and in the 80th Psalm.

"O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure. Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours; and our enemies laugh among themselves. Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved." Psa. 80:4-7.

I promised faithfully not to divulge the names nor the places of hell tortures in Germany, or in Poland. The Nazi spy system is so thorough and so cruel, that one slightest hint would result in brutal treatment of those who give the information. You, our dear friends, for whom we thank God daily, love us, and trust us. And you will by far prefer to believe the words of trusted servants of the Lord Jesus Christ who have actually seen with their eyes what they have told me—you will rather believe such words, than the Nazi inspired propaganda which thrives on falsehood. Only a few days after I sailed, the world was shocked with the news of wholesale assassinations in Berlin under Hitler's orders. And one who thinks, cannot but realize that a Hitler who murders without trial, cannot be a Hitler worthy of trust, in spite of all the ballyhoo of Hitler-inspired outpouring of false propaganda in America.

WHERE SHALL WE GO?

So I come back to the facts. Over 70,000 Jews have escaped from Germany this year. Over 20,000 have somehow gotten into Palestine, and are being supported by Jewish relief. The rest are existing in scattered groups on the several frontiers, such as Poland, France, Switzerland. These, too, though living like cattle, are being fed by Jewish charity—money gathered from Jews all over the world. Paris alone has over 10,000 Jews who escaped, and were brought to Paris by French Jews. To see their haggard, drawn faces, the look of hunted beasts, the agony of 4,000 years of world hate, only brought vividly to my memory that unspeakably sad painting, "Wohin Sol Ich Gehen?"—"Where shall I go?"

But the real tragedy, indeed the tragedy of tragedies, is found in the sad lot of those Jews who during the past 25 years or more have become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are indeed in a pitiable condition, for they have no one to befriend them. The unbelieving Jews, who are receiving help, at least in a measure, from Jews all over the world, look upon these Jewish Christians with contempt and loathing, and accuse them of being traitors for having become Christians; so they will not help them. The Christian Church, so called, on the other hand, has cravenly and shamefully submitted to the Nazi decrees, and has actually agreed to the ousting of thousands of Jewish Christians from the Churches, on the ground that they are non-Aryans! So, to whom can the Jewish Christian look for help? He has three courses of action:—1st, he faces the same temptation which beset the early Hebrew Christians of the apostolic day—to give it all up, and go back to the empty husks of Judaism, and at least receive bread for his starving children. Secondly, he can stick it through, and slowly starve, with his family. And lastly, he can commit suicide. One missionary told me that a Hebrew Christian of previous high position came to him and said, "God helping me, I will not commit suicide, and I will not recant my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. But I will stick; and if I must die, I shall die."

Let me quote verbatim the words of another missionary, who saw with his own eyes what he reports:

"The situation in Germany is getting worse daily. 'Ritual Murder Cartoons' are being spread into every home in Germany, the most revolting lies are being told the German people by its anti-Semites. Men and women who have been able to conceal their identity up to the present are being found out, and they are in a dreadful plight. The tables are turned by Germany; it is not medievalism, it is very much worse. The inquisitors drove people into the Church, the Germans are driving them out of it. Let us be in no delusion about this matter. Many Jewish Christians whose allegiance to the Church was nominal and who now find themselves alienated from the Church, are returning to Judaism; some of them are forced by terrible privations to deny their faith; we pity them from the bottom of our hearts, and appeal to the Churches to help them."

JEWISH NOTES

Events are moving so rapidly in Palestine today that an annual survey is necessary if one is to keep abreast of the times. During a recent visit to Palestine this was brought home to us before ever reaching the land. Last year, owing to the increase in the number of Jews returning to Palestine, it was necessary for the steamship company to put on larger vessels. This year, however, so great was the number that two vessels had to be used, both leaving port at the same time.

On visiting Tel-aviv one is amazed at the change a mere twelve months has caused. It seems as if a new town has been added to the old Tel-aviv, itself but a baby of ten or fifteen years. The increase in the population is variously estimated at from twenty to thirty thousand during the year. Houses and shops cannot be erected fast enough. At Haifa the same feverish activity is evident. The new harbour has been completed during the year, and steamers now moor to the quay instead of anchoring in the roadstead. This is a boon denied to passengers landing in every other port from Port Said to Constantinople.

Jerusalem continues to expand, but

somewhat less rapidly. Many Jews have left the city to settle in Tel-aviv, where the surroundings are more congenial. The water supply in Jerusalem continues to be very inadequate, but pipes lining the road all the way from Jaffa indicate that the authorities are pushing on with new water works. Their intention is to bring water from the River Yarkon, which runs into the sea north of Jaffa, and which, it is believed, will provide a sufficiency for Jerusalem's needs.

In the country the Jewish colonies continue to thrive and expand. This was very noticeable at Ain Harod. A year ago the settlers had been there but six months, and but little progress had been made. Today they are the owners of a beautiful flock of sheep.

At Nahalal the Agricultural School for girls, maintained by the Canadian Jewish Women's Organization, was full to overflowing. Students remain two years under instruction, and then disperse to the farms all over the country. This is an institution of great value, and maintains quite a model farm.

From the above brief account it will be realized how wonderfully the country is developing and prophecy being fulfilled. The antagonism of Jew and Arab still remains, but the presence of British troops forces both parties to keep within bounds, and meanwhile the country prospers. Captain R. M. STEPHENS, R.N. in *The Life of Faith*.

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For Hewes Street Account	371.50
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For Students' Education Fund	201.65
Total for All Purposes	\$24,676.80

man to assist in the boys' work, who had been with us two years ago. When he first came to us we found that, although he was a church communicant, he was confused about the inspiration of the scriptures and deity of Jesus Christ; but as he was teaching only handicraft and was most willing to learn, we hoped and prayed he might see the Light. During the intervening years, he wrote a most beautiful letter saying he had found salvation through faith in the Messiah, and was thanking God for our Mission, where a Syrian boy had found his Lord and Saviour.

By way of statistics, our school record was gratifying: Total enrollment, 154; attendance percentage, 88% plus. Our offering for the period was \$23.16, to be divided among the five phases of missionary work presented.

We cannot fail to mention among our visitors one especially beneficial visit to our school. Our treasurer, Mr. Paul Graef, brought us an inspiring message. He told of how God had spoken to him most definitely one day upon finding a penny. He spoke to the children on "One cent vs. One Sent," and asked, at the close, for those who wished to be used of the Lord as "Sent" ones to come forward and receive a coin. Most solemnly and quietly, sixty, representing all ages, gathered to thus signify their earnestness of purpose. One little child, who came up, said to me, "I have already told a man about Jesus." Our people do go forth to tell; they come back to us and relate instances of their dealings with unbelievers, often being ridiculed and laughed at.

Our closing day brought to culmination a summer's work well spent. While no statistics can give an accurate account of how many accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, there were many who confessed Christ for the first time this summer. For these we thank God, but most of all, we thank Him for the privilege that was ours to witness for Him during another summer school period.

The Mothers' Class

By MISS A. E. SUSSDORFF

What a blessed privilege it was to teach the Mothers' Class. It was hard work for these dear mothers to prepare

the children for school and be themselves in class by 9:30, but most of them made heroic efforts to do this, and it was sometimes touching to see, from our windows, the mother come running down the street with her brood of children just ahead of her.

After the Bible study period, each mother was given a question sheet to answer on the morning's lesson. How hard they tried to answer, and what a help it was. The last day of our School each mother received a sheet of paper, and she was asked to write how the School had been a blessing to her. One mother wrote, "It has taught me to believe in, and love, our great Messiah, and it has brought great joy to my heart, and taught me many things. I enjoyed the songs and memory work we were taught by Miss Rose during the opening session. For this wonderful Mission I praise Him." This mother has accepted the Saviour as her Redeemer.

Another mother wrote, "This Vacation Bible School has been a great blessing to me; I have memorized so many Scripture verses. I love my Lord and will never deny Him."

Another wrote, "I am glad I ever came to the Mission to hear of the Lord Jesus." The next mother in the class wrote, "I learned more this year than ever before and the songs we were taught just touched my heart."

One mother has relatives who are Roman Catholics, and they tried to keep her from coming to the Mission. They said to her "Why do you keep on going to that Mission? What is the good of going there? What do you learn there anyway?"

"Oh, I learn about Jesus and pray in His name."

"But we believe in Jesus and we pray to Mary the blessed Virgin."

But the Jewish mother has been better taught than that, and she replied, "That's wrong, you should pray in Jesus' name, not in Mary's. Did not the mother of Jesus say to the servants at the Marriage Feast in the Bible, 'Whatsoever He sayeth unto you do it?' And didn't Jesus say, 'Whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name,' not Mary's name, 'it shall be done unto you?' I pray in Jesus' name."

Praise God for answered prayer, praise Him for our Mission, where Jews can come and learn of Jesus, our blessed Redeemer.

Dear friend, put yourself in the Jewish Christian's place! What would you do? After all, he is your brother, a brother knit soul to your soul, through the common bond of the precious Body of our Lord. "If one member of the Body suffer, shall not all the members suffer with it?" I Cor. 12:26.

THE SHAME OF JEW-HATE PROPAGANDISTS

Nor is Germany alone in this terrifying situation. The mania for Jew-extermination is spreading like a creeping paralysis into all parts of Europe. And it is even getting a foothold in hitherto Jew-loving England and America. God pity those who have by the slightest hint, or word, or deed, lifted one finger to help along Jew-hate. What an account they must give some day to the God who said, "I have loved Jacob!" The bogey propaganda that has been so blatantly and industriously dinned into our ears, that there is a Jewish plot to rule the world, melts into thin air, and becomes only a hideous, hollow nightmare after one spends a day looking at the cattle-driven hordes of helpless Jews, faces gaunt, eyes hollowed by tears and starvation; and one cannot keep back the flood of tears, and the heartache and the hysteria of emotion that come like a torrent unstemmed and unstemmable.

A friend in London told me, but I have not verified the report, that Lord Melchett, the famous Mr. Mond, the Jew, who is at the head of the Corporation dredging the Dead Sea, had sometime ago become a Christian; but recently, when he beheld with sickening heart how the so-called Christians were treating the Jewish Christian in Nazidom, he recanted his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has returned to the camp of Judaism!

It will not do to argue that the "Jews are getting their desserts, because they shouted, His blood be upon us and our children!" For, in the first place, who are you to rejoice at Israel's discomfiture? Did God put in your hands the task of requiting Israel for her sins? "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord!" Dear child of God, the only command God ever gave you with regard to Israel, is that you shall show her Mercy! Take heed, oh Church of the Living God, that He judge you not on what mercy you have shown Israel!

And then, what kind of Christianity have the Jews seen for an example? A Hitler? A Nazi Aryan Church? A Satan inspired Protocol propaganda in America? Oh shame, shame, shame!

VETERANS FROM THE BATTLE-FRONT

In London I met with about 60 Jewish Christian brethren, most of them missionaries. They had come from Germany, from Holland, Latvia, Roumania, Australia, Hungary, Poland, Palestine, Danzig, and from other parts of the world, to consider Israel's sad plight. If you could have been present, the tears would have poured unbidden down your cheeks. It was hard to keep one's heart from breaking to see the sight. Some missionaries whom I had hoped to visit on their fields, I could not. So I asked them to come to London, and I would pay part of the expense. Here is a typical letter from one:—

"Thank you very much for your letter. Although we were sorry you cannot come to _____ we are glad to be able to see you in London, because we will go. You are so kind to offer me part expense, we will trust the Lord and undertake this journey. At first we thought I will go alone, but my dear wife has also a great desire to be at the conference and to see you. Many years she has gathered from her household-money little by little sums for such a journey and now she will go with me, hoping that it will cover her expenses for the way."

And I was so happy to say to them, when I saw them in London, "Our mission will repay the little sums of money you have gathered these many years, and have spent to come here." And they wept such convulsive tears, that I found myself struggling to keep back my own.

"THE CHURCH HAS PUT US OUT!"

Is it a gloomy picture? What can I do? I must try to show you what I saw. I condemn myself for writing these lines, and I try to think how happy I would be if I could only tell you a cheerful story. But one is strangely moved, in a small company of harrassed, spirit-broken Jewish Christian workers to be reminded by one who speaks in tones of determined encouragement, "We are the children of the Prophets! We are the heirs of the Apostles! We are the original disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are the Apostolic succession!" And another replies, "Yes, brother, but the Church has put us out!"

What can we do? Well, first of all we can pray—we must pray. And secondly, we must bestir the great Church of our risen Lord, and cry aloud unto her, "Awake thou that sleepest!" As one brother put it, the Church has been so engrossed with her foreign mission enterprises, and with her scheme for world reformation that she has forgotten completely our Lord's divine commission, "Beginning at Jerusalem" and it may be that God has allowed a dearth and a "hold-up of our hopes for the evangelization of the world—to remind us that a main part of His plan for saving the world is to use again the Jewish people as the missionary nation *par excellence*, as He used them in the pre-Christian ages, and in the founding of the Christian Church."

WE NEED A JOHN THE BAPTIST

One thing comes to me with vivid clearness; this Jewish people is now in a state comparable to those days just prior to the advent of the Lord 1,900 years ago. No hope, no future, battered and tossed about, their extermination threatened daily. A John the Baptist needs now to come upon the scene, and with a mighty shout of hope and cheer, cry aloud unto the nation, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!" And perhaps we may be the forerunner of that long-looked for hour when He shall appear in righteousness to deliver His people for all time! What would you not give to be in this day and hour what John the Baptist was in his day and hour?

The time has come, dear Christian brother and sister, when we must take capital funds and use them hilariously and prodigally for the Master.

I made arrangements with accredited workers so that we may fellowship freely and liberally with them on their respective fields. This, in addition to our present nation-wide commitments in America. We must hold up a banner to the believers in Israel all over the world, a banner that shall say to them, "Hold Steady! the Lord still lives! And we, His servants are His followers, and we love you. Hold fast till He come!"

To this divine call we invite you to fellowship with us. Heroic sacrifice, heroic giving, heroic love, these the hour of crisis calls for. Are you with us?

I must stop. Jerusalem is much on my heart, and I long to go there next; but I fear me you will not let me go if I can only bring you lamentations from Jeremiah!

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And now I am back in America. An absence of nearly six weeks. And, as I come back, I find your mission at home and throughout the United States, in full tide of labor and blessing. This has been a summer of crowded activity in making the Gospel message known literally to every nook and cranny of the United States, and then spilling over to all parts of the world. I am reminded of that remarkable experience, which is a matter of historical record, that Robert Murray McCheyne went through in the early days of the formation of the United Free Church of Scotland. He was a profound lover of the Jews, and to him it was given to see clearly how tremendously important in the mind and heart of God it was that Israel should be evangelized. So it was, that when those 475 delegates met to form the United Free Church of Scotland, Dr. McCheyne stood up, and with a voice of tender eloquence, he thrilled the

ing, preparatory to enter the Jewish rabbinate. This is the first time he has been in New York at the Mission (although he worked for a time in Detroit among the Jews) and has finally realized his desire of being baptized by Dr. Leopold Cohn whom he loves and reveres. He came to us for the summer from his studies at the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Dallas, Texas.

After a brief and comforting message by Dr. Cohn, the meeting was dismissed. Not a few remained to wish the Lord's blessing upon those who had so recently confessed the Lord in baptism. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

The Daily Vacation Bible School, 1934

By MISS M. HELEN BIBER

I know no Christian work that has better promises than that which is related to faithful laborers among God's ancient people. The Word is so explicit in regard to just this matter. Hear the Scripture as it tells of God's promise to Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." David bears similar testimony in Psalm 122:6, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

With such promises of God as a background, together with the constraining love of Christ before us, we workers labored to provide a program that would fit every need of each student. We desired that, by the grace of God, we should each come to the end of the session saying with the Apostle Paul, "Holding forth the Word of life; that I may rejoice in the Day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

Our school opened on July 9th. We were expecting a fine beginning and were not disappointed. A more enthusiastic group could not be found. All gathered in the chapel carrying out a formal service of opening exercises. A song service, led by Miss Collignon,

brought the message of salvation before us beautifully and plainly. We learned many choruses. Perhaps the one loved best was "Never Thirst Again." Almost daily they would sing:

"I am feasting on the Living Bread,
I am drinking at the Fountain Head;
And whoso drinketh, Jesus said,
Shall never, never thirst again.
What! Never thirst again,
No, never thirst again!
And whoso drinketh, Jesus said,
Shall never, never thirst again."

The school then conducted a most touching prayer period. Daily requests were brought for personal needs and for illness at home. Children of all ages entered into this service. One morning, four of one family prayed. We chose Phil. 4:6 as our prayer motto, and truly, supplication with thanksgiving marked the spirit of nearly every prayer. We not only made our requests known, but received answers. In the case of Lottie, one of our girls who was threatened with mastoid, the condition subsided in a short time, and she missed but a few days. Our Lord who said, "Ask of Me" did not fail us.

One unique feature of our school was the daily written work on the lessons. Each person, from nine years up, gave expression to their daily learning in this way.

Our Bible study was from the Book of John, each chapter title bearing on the lesson chosen, as for example, Chapter I.—Messiah the Word; Chapter II.—Messiah the Joy Giver; etc., through the twenty-one chapters, thus giving these sons and daughters of Israel a comprehensive scope of their Messiah.

Our Kindergarten Department was ably supervised and given instruction in the Word. They learned verses daily, sang songs of praise to the One who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." I visited the class one morning in my rounds and found this group of little ones engaged in prayer. They stood with tiny hands placed over closed eyes, asking of the One who never failed to supply their daily needs. Milk and graham crackers were served to them daily. Besides the other work, these children learned seventeen Bible verses on the Love of God.

We had a fine group of teachers with but one aim in view—that of winning souls. It was our joy to have a young

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Again We Baptize

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32. The words of this Scripture have been proven true time and again in the lives of believers. There is a joy in confessing Christ that the world knows nothing of. Especially is it a joy to confess the Lord Jesus Christ before His own chosen people whom He so tenderly loved and to whom He so faithfully ministered. To just such a scene we were witnesses this past summer.

There was a hum in the meeting room of the Beth Sar Shalom one Friday night that betokened something of a special occasion. The faces of the men, women, and children present were aglow with a joy and radiancy wonderful to see. What was to take place? Let us wait a moment and see. Presently, Dr. Leopold Cohn, the founder of the Mission, comes forth in his baptismal robes and prepares himself for the service. "Just another baptismal service?" you ask. Another one, is true, for many have already been held in the Mission, but in no sense is this to be an ordinary one. The congregation is now singing heartily to the Lord as the first candidate for baptism comes forward. It is Esther who is confessing the Lord Jesus in her baptism. Dr. Cohn asks her in most explicit terms in the Yiddish language concerning her personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour from sin. In no uncertain tone she clearly makes reply, and is baptized. Then in order come her brothers, Louis and Irving, likewise glorifying the Father by confessing the Messiah, His Son. In the meantime the congregation gives expression to its joy by singing "Happy day," "There is a fountain filled with blood," "What a

friend we have in Jesus," and others, as Mr. Englander leads out with his clear, strong voice. But the service is not over yet. Finally, there comes forth Charles Lee Feinberg who was brought to the Lord through the Pittsburgh branch of the Mission and he too is baptized upon his confession in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then followed a glorious time of spontaneous and forceful testimonies from the believers present, many having themselves been baptized in the Mission in former years.

"ICH BIN ZUFRIEDEN"

But there is much history behind those who were baptized tonight. The first three who were baptized belong to a family where all are believers in the Lord Jesus, and where the father, mother, and older sister have already been baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ. Since these three tonight are still in their minority as to age, their parents' permission is needed. This was given without request and most gladly. It was a joy and continual inspiration to see the mother of this family and her six children, Herbert, Sidney (both too small to understand the gospel), Louis, Irving, Esther, and Frances, come every day for four weeks and a half to the Daily Vacation Bible School and enter in wholeheartedly with all that went on, progressing so rapidly in the Word of God and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can well imagine the joy of our missionaries as we hear the father rise to his feet and say: "I am glad to say that I and my whole family believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." And his whole countenance gives confirmation to his words, "Ich bin zufrieden" ("I am content.") In the course of the testimonies Charles gives his word of testimony to the Lord Jesus, relating how the Lord Jesus found him as he was study-

assembly by declaring that unless these delegates would lay down the foundation principle that they owed the Gospel to the Jew first, God could not bless the new movement. Then and there the delegates with one voice voted that this should be done, and forthwith, they appointed a committee consisting of A. A. Bonar and Robert Murray McCheyne himself to go at once to Continental Europe and there establish a chain of Jewish Missions that should be under the new United Free Church. Dr. McCheyne had a strong church in Glasgow, and was hesitant to leave the church, even for a few months, but he finally did so, and placed a young inexperienced theological student as a supply pastor. When he returned from his continental trip a few months later, imagine his joy to find the church in the midst of such a revival as it had not known in all the years of his ministry theretofore.

EXTENSIVE AND INTENSIVE EVANGELIZING

And so it has been in some measure here during my own absence across the water. Space in these columns is so limited that we cannot give you all the details, but at least some of the high spots of the summer's experience are related in the pages to follow, and as you read them, you will rejoice with us, and you will join us in the deepest thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ who is operating in such miraculous ways in these dark hours so that the true Remnant of Israel is being rapidly called out, and, we are so happy to realize this, through the ministry and testimony of your Mission.

The July-August issue of "*The Shepherd of Israel*," you will also rejoice to know, reached the astonishing circulation of 50,000 copies. These have literally gone throughout all the world. This little paper is like the testimony spoken of in the 19th Psalm, where we read, in the 4th verse, "Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world." God has wonderfully blessed this little monthly testimony to Israel scattered throughout the world. Here is just a sample of the sort of letters that come to us by way of appreciation of the work this paper is doing:—

"These '*Shepherds of Israel*' are the very best thing I have yet seen in Jewish work. And they come so far ahead of anything I've used that all goes by the boards now but this one thing. If you keep it like this recent issue or anywheres near it, it will be well worth the time spent in careful and prayerful distribution. The Doctrinal Article; the Article on the thing that pertains to present situation and political import; and the simple testimony of a Jewish Christian—well, it is simply just right."

Baptisms you will find again reported in the following pages, including that of our brother, Charles Feinberg. He had been waiting for several years until, in the Lord's providence, he should be brought here to the Mission, so as to be baptized at the hands of my father, Dr. Leopold Cohn; and this long-coveted experience was finally given to him, to his great joy and satisfaction. Mr. Feinberg is the young man, you will remember, who was brought to the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of our Pittsburgh missionary, Brother John Solomon, and whom we have been maintaining as one of our students in training for the Lord's work. In June he received his Master's Degree from the Evangelical Theological College of Dallas, Texas, and this Fall he goes back for another year, this time by special invitation of Dr. Chafer, under a Fellowship, so that, the Lord willing and tarrying, he may receive his Doctor's Degree. For the summer months we thought it would be a great blessing to him and to the work to have him come to Brooklyn and engage in definite Jewish work, which he did, and was so much blessed, that he said to me a few days ago, "I would not take ten thousand dollars for the experience of this past summer."

MORE ROOM!

Every activity of the work cries aloud to us, more room! more room! Friends who come to visit us from all parts of America stand amazed at the way in which every square foot of our space is utilized for the Lord's work, and

they marvel at how we can do it. But dear friends, this is only as it should be, if the true Gospel message is given out in faithfulness and in earnest prayer; we are the torch-bearers for these last days to make known the Lord's provision for Israel's salvation, both in the present hour, if Israel will have it, and in the future day of Restoration. And, of course, all these things are made the more possible because you, and every friend of this Mission, have stood by us so faithfully, and in many cases, at heroic sacrifice. All over this country there seems to be a rising tide of hate for the Jew. Some of this hate seems to emanate from sources which claim to be Christian! This is the strangest sort of paradox, and oftentimes we must hang our heads in shame when we see what is being done by way of deliberate poisoning of uninformed minds against Israel. We have said so much about these things during the past twelve months, that we feel now, we need to say very little, for the Lord has truly fought the battle for us, and our friends have come to our help the more nobly and the more determined than ever before. As I write these lines there comes a letter from a friend of many years' standing, who has rejoiced with us in our victories, and who has sorrowed with us in our sorrows; and from the letter I just want to quote one paragraph, for it hits the nail on the head:

"I am still wondering why it is that certain *apparently* fundamental and Christian editors devote almost their entire magazine to articles which put the Jews in a bad light. Has not enough been said and done by non-Christians, and is not the work of Christians to seek and to *save* the Chosen People? It is getting sufficiently on my nerves that I no longer appreciate the arrival of the magazines in my home."

Now, this letter already is too long, and I will close immediately. We count for the months to come, just as we counted during the past summer months, that you will stand with us—your prayers, your gifts, your very selves—all devotedly consecrated to the task to which He has called you; and we know we shall not be disappointed. We cannot tell you with what emotions we have witnessed the faithful help that you have sent these past summer months; to us it has been a miracle to behold how our God has cared for us day by day and has placed in our hands faithfully and always at the time of need every dollar for the wide and ever-wider expansion of the Gospel propaganda to Israel. We need large sums for the coming Winter, but we have a God who is able to give largely, and though distress and even famine seems to threaten our beautiful land, yet we have every confidence that He will see to it that this testimony shall go on, just as He nourished and kept Elijah in the days of locked heavens and barren earth. For our own building here in Brooklyn we ought to have \$20,000 in extra gifts that we may enlarge the accommodations, as we are now working in woefully cramped quarters. Will you not pray about this? Perhaps some of our readers have this money which should be set loose at once that the Lord's work may not be hindered. We also should have by way of extra gifts at least \$25,000 for a far-flung testimony in Continental Europe. The needs there are beyond human description.

One more word, and this to our dear friends who may be the innocent victims, particularly in the Middle West, of the great drought that has come to try the patience of men's souls. May we assure you of our earnest prayers in your behalf that the Lord shall Himself comfort you and provide for your every need, and that yours shall be the experience of Psalm 37:25. For our part, we shall feel honored to continue sending to you "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE" month by month, without the slightest obligation on your part, so long as we know you are thinking of us and praying for us. Later on, when the Lord once more fills your barns with plenty, you will rejoice to fellowship in the material things as you have done in days gone by.

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

EDITORIAL

Forty. Under God's grace and mercy, we start with this issue Volume 40 of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. Forty years ago this October, the Lord established this work. And how He has nurtured, and watered, and blessed it! And how He has raised the host of friends to rally around us, to pray for us, to co-labor with us, to rejoice in our victories, to sorrow in our trials! Many of those dear ones have gone on to that better land, just a bit ahead of us; and these, we delight to believe, are a great cloud of witnesses that cheer us on in the race until that blessed day shall dawn when we shall see Him face to face. What a transcendent day of meeting that will be!

But in the meantime, we must do with diligence, the King's business. What an important message is ours to give to Israel, to the Church, and to the unbelieving world, in this tragic hour! And if important, Oh dear friend, is it not important also that you help? The devil is busy putting forth his propaganda. Shall we be slow in our zeal for the Lord? Should not this little paper be multiplied a hundred fold in its world reach? Should not the Church of Christ, His precious Body, be shaken as with an earthquake, with the cry of Israel's need? Should not every true child of God whose eyes have been opened to God's purpose and will concerning Israel, make the Jewish work a major obligation in his or her economy? Ought there not to be an outpouring of prayer and gift for Israel's help and salvation such as has never been known hitherto? Is not this a reasonable service to ask, when it is remembered that the Church as such does so little for Israel? England, staggering under a back-breaking load of taxes and debts, gives nevertheless, close to \$500,000 a year for Jewish missions. Shall we in America be put to shame? They give heroically in Great Britain because they believe God's Word, "To the Jew first."

What say you? Let's make the 41st year the greatest year in our history!

Pass this little paper on. Don't let it die. Subscribe for some of your friends. Send for extra copies, give them out in your church. Stir up your pastor, he is a man of God, and will welcome your stirring him to good works. Pray, give, get others to pray and to give. We know not how near the candle is burned out, but we do know that in the last days it is God's will that light shall shine upon Israel, and from Israel shall radiate to all the world! Hold up our hands, dear brother and sister, as never before, and we shall behold wonderful things.

Boomerang. Drought, famine poverty. These are the stark realities facing America just now. Oh that our Government heads would read the word of God and believe it! God cannot be mocked nor deceived. When He blessed our country with such crops of wheat and corn and oats, and cattle and cotton as the world has never known before, did we thank Him? No, instead our leaders bought up a million hogs and destroyed them! We burned our cotton, we burned our corn, our wheat. What astonishing treatment of God's prodigality of prosperity!

And now we have drought, and famine, and no water and no rain. Shall we not earnestly seek God's forgiveness, and seek to know His will? This can be the only solid foundation for prosperity. Shall we not pray that the punishment of Ahab shall not come to us, when God locked up the heavens, and for three years there was stark famine, with all of its attendant suffering? If our leaders will turn to Him, He can and will, make the heavens once more black with clouds and wind, and give us the happy sound of an abundance of rain.

Transfers. Our brother, Solomon Karch, goes to Chicago to finish his courses of study at the Moody Bible Institute, where he will also act as our colporteur for the distribution of *The Shepherd of Israel*. Mr. Litfin, we are happy to report, is now enrolled as a student in Dallas, at Evangelical Theological College, sufficient funds having come in to encourage us in this step of faith. Our readers who have been keeping this matter before God in prayer, may rejoice with us in this answer; and continue to pray for full supply of needs; also that the Lord will bless Mr. Litfin in his new step.