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libraries and elsewhere. Anything in favour of the Jews is simply not published. Much in favour of the Government policy, of the anti-Semitic movement, much emphasis on the ill-deeds of Jews is to be had. But it is partisan, prejudiced. I have been told to wait till the new Nürnberg laws are published. I cannot wait. Let me describe only that which I have extracted from various sources, chiefly in private conversation with one and another. Whether the things described indicate the operation of laws already passed, whether they are only the effects of popular feeling, inspired or not, I cannot say. But they are facts.

This, however, first. One of the books shown me in a large library today was a publication of quotations purporting to prove that no cruelties are practised on Jews, and that German Jews themselves admit the non-occurrence of cruel treatment. The book was printed in three languages—English, German, French. It was so evidently propaganda, designed to whitewash Germany, that it was not worth a quarter of its selling price.

What then occurs? It is known that Jewish doctors have been displaced from posts in public hospitals; Jewish advocates from legal practice; both, in many hundreds. Not so well known perhaps that

Jewish workmen, artisans, shop assistants, have been discharged and left without unemployment relief, that the small Jewish shopkeeper has been boycotted and his tiny shop left deserted of customers: that the larger Jewish stores have been in some cases transferred, in others gravely injured: that Jewish-owned newspapers have been transferred to Gentile syndicates at a peppercorn price: that ministers of the State Church are, if not prohibited to baptize Jews, marked men if they do so: that Jews or half Jews are not permitted to intermarry with anyone of pure German stock, on the ground of "Rassenschändung," disgracing the race: that Jewish Missions are closed and their leaders fled. This applies to the gracious work of Dr. Frank in Hamburg, the ministry of Mr. Dolman in the same city; to Mr. Rudnitzky also, and others.

And where are the Jews who are thus made pariahs? Frankly I do not know. I have met small groups of them when they have emerged furtively from their obscure homes or hiding places; I have looked into their despairing faces and realized that the moral stigma resting upon them involves more poignant suffering than their material losses. They are not in evidence anywhere.

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Salutation

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

Dear beloved Friends:

The Preacher tells us, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6. And Isaiah gives amplified confirmation of this deep truth, when he says, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Isa. 32:20. This is the policy to which your Jewish Mission stands committed, and it was greatly encouraging to us to receive from our dear friends so many positive evidences that you see eye to eye with us in these matters, that the Lord has burned into your hearts as well as in ours, this all over-powering urge that we simply must promulgate the gospel message in these last days to every Jew whom we can possibly reach, even in the remotest corners of the world. It is one of those imperative obligations that God has put upon us, so that we find ourselves crying out with Paul of old, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel." I Cor. 9:16. Our friends did not need more than just to read carefully through the February issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE to grasp fully the significant fact that we want a Gospel testimony stake in as many Jewish quarters of the world as we can reach. And, so, you have said to us, heartily, generously, and sympathetically, "Go right ahead, and we are with you, in prayer, in gift, in daily fellowship." And this we are going to do, just as intensively and as progressively as the Lord will indicate to us, day by day, through the continuance of your faithful friendship and help. We know not which of our many ventures shall prosper the most abundantly or whether they shall all be alike good, but this we do know, that out of the world-wide seed sowing, He will water the ground, and to Him will be the gathering of the harvest.

THE PASSOVER AND ITS SYMBOLS

And now we are approaching the blessed season of the Passover, about which there centers so much of Old Testament truth and New Testament fulfillment, and from which there radiates the light of the cross of Calvary which shall shine unto that final day when the shadows shall flee away, and night shall be no more. The Passover and its typology is perhaps the most striking and the most perfect of all the feasts and types of the Old Testament. Above all other evidences, this feast, together with its accompanying feast of Unleavened Bread, presents incontrovertible proof that the Bible is a true historic record, and that it is what it claims to be, the Word of God. It must be said to the shame of those who seek to deny the Word of God, that they either willfully or ignorantly set aside this wonderful evidence which God has put into His own book as irrefutable proof of its integrity.

The word for Passover, in the Hebrew, is Pe-sach, and means door; so that the teaching in Exodus 12:23 is that the Lord will pass over the door. Thus, literally, the celebration is called in the Hebrew, the Feast of the Door, while to us in English it is called the Passover, based on the same sentence, "The Lord will pass over the Door."

Thus it was that on the night of the slaying of the first born of Egypt, God accomplished the deliverance of the badly shattered, and greatly discouraged band of bond-slaves known as the Israelites. And on that night a nation was born.

THE SECRET OF RACIAL PERSISTENCY

The celebration and preparations leading up to this epochal event were clearly and minutely defined by God through Moses. The manner in which this first Passover was to be observed in Egypt was never repeated: The sprinkling of the blood on the lintel and the sideposts of the door, the loins to be girded, the shoes on the feet, the staff in the hand, and the roast lamb to be eaten in haste—all these details were only gone through once. After that, the Passover supper and the feast of Unleavened Bread were observed as a memorial of the deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The supper was eaten deliberately, in comfort, in a reclining posture, and with profusely repeated thanks to God for all He had done for them. Wonderfully beautiful and touching is the instruction given to Israel through Moses in Deut. 6:20-25:

And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Pharaoh, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

Thus it developed down through the centuries that the Jewish boy seated at the Passover table would go through a ritual which involved his asking the father certain questions which might be described as a catechism. The questions would begin with, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" Then would follow the recital by the father of all those wonder events that led up to the Passover deliverance from the clutches of the Pharaohs. And so there was kept alive age after age that racial cohesiveness which made the Jew self-conscious and made him realize how, in so many wonderful ways, God has accomplished His miraculous preservation.

Seventy or seventy-five souls had come down to Egypt seeking Joseph, and seeking a haven from famine and pestilence; and that small company grew to 600,000 men, besides women and children. And what a miracle of God's dealing that Moses could take such a vast horde of untrained, discontented serfs and through a process of discipline and chastening and clashing of will against will, he could finally whip them into a coordinated nation under banners of regimentation and under the strict discipline of a true theocracy.

THE PASCHAL TYPE

But now to go back to the striking typology of the paschal celebration itself:—First, the lamb was to be a male, one year old, in the prime of life, without blemish. Against this prototype, came the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, at 33 years of age, in the very prime of life, without blemish, without spot, and offered up Himself as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, the Lamb that was to take away the sin of the world.

Secondly, the lamb was to be kept four days before being sacrificed. That is, the Jew was to make a selection of the lamb on the tenth day of Nisan, but he was not to slay the lamb until the 14th day. This gave four days in which the Jew could discover faults or blemishes in the lamb, for the lamb had to be without spot and without blemish. The Jew exercised the utmost precaution on this point. Here again the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the type; he offered Himself as King of the Jews on that day when He made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This was not, as the Romish cunningly devised fables would tell us, on Palm Sunday, but it was on the tenth day of Nisan, which happened that year to be on a Monday. Four days later, Friday, He was crucified and thus became the Paschal Lamb for the world. The figure four has further fulfillment in the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ was in the fourth year of His ministry; also, it was in the four thousandth year after man's history began.

JEWISH NOTES

A Jewish rabbi recently administered a stinging rebuke to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This organization has been among the front rank agitators in favor of the birth control movement which is gaining such headway. The rabbi is Herbert S. Goldstein, of the Institutional Synagogue of New York. He is quoted at some length in an article which appeared in The New York Times under the title "Judaism Held Foe of Birth Control." A few sentences from Rabbi Goldstein's pronouncement are as follows:—

Birth control is a violation of the very first commandment given to man, in Gen. 1:28, "Be fruitful and multiply." The committee on marriage and home of the Federal Council of Churches certainly lost itself in disbelief in Providence, when among the reasons for birth control it gave the economic question and the fact of overpopulation. These are satanic. As a matter of fact, it is the well-to-do and not the poor who usually practice birth control.

Furthermore, statistics prove that the third, fourth or fifth child is apt to be the best; for the first or second is most liable to "inherit some of the commonest physical and mental defects of the parents."

Is it not ironic that a Jewish rabbi, without Christ, blind as to the vital truths of salvation through the shed Blood of the Lamb at Calvary, should nevertheless be able to give so powerful a blow to professed leaders of Christianity? And think how the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ is crippled and damaged in the sight of Jews when they see how the Word of God is ignored and disobeyed by those who have assumed places of leadership in Christian circles. Now, if only the rabbi would have his eyes opened to see the Face of God in Jesus Christ, how wonderfully he could be used of God!

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Bertha Carr-Harris tells in the Evangelical Christian of two widely known journalists who have recently criticized the blindness of some of our modern leaders of Christian thought. One of these journalists, the correspondent of an Anti-Christian daily, is writing from Jerusalem and says, "I have

often wondered that the return of the Jew to Palestine has not drawn more attention from Christians in our time. To the Christian of orthodox belief the return of the dispersed Jews to the land of their fathers is an event definitely linked with apocalyptic happenings. It is nothing less than the condition for the beginning of the Messianic era."

The other writer is none other than H. L. Mencken, who unburdens himself in the American Mercury with the following indictment: "The silence of the theologians is one of the incredible phenomena of these dangerous days. All I wish to point out is that the New Testament offers precise and elaborate specifications of the events preceding the inevitable end of the world, that a fair reading of them must lead any rational man to conclude that these events are now upon us."

Truly the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light!

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Germany continues her program of Jew destruction. The stories of cruelties and the tortures would be unbelievable, were it not for the fact that the reports are authenticated, and are beyond question as to their truthfulness. Recently, Rev. Samuel Wilkinson of London made a special trip to Berlin, and while there as an eye witness to some of these indescribable cruelties, he prepared a manuscript by way of a report, and entitled it "Jacob's Trouble." Here are a few heart-breaking paragraphs:—

A copy of Der Stürmer lies before me. It is edited by Julius Streicher and it is called his "fighting journal." It boasts itself to be the greatest anti-Semitic weekly in the world. It declares that by its means almost the whole German people have been won over. It states that the crown of its efforts are the anti-Jewish laws as framed by Adolf Hitler.

"What then must be done?" asks Der Stürmer. Along with laws which protect the German race, there must be a great advance in propaganda. At its mother's breast, the German child must imbibe the thought that a whole world separates it from the Jewish race.

Impossible to get enlightenment from books. I have inquired at

Question 1. *Do the Jews of today as we know them, preserve their tribal ancestry? Are any of them from the "lost ten tribes?" Or from Benjamin apart from Judah? If not, how can they receive their inheritance as given in Ezekiel 48, if this applies to the millennial reign? Or does it?*

Question 2. *How do you understand the "sealing" of Rev. 7? Why is Dan omitted after saying "all the tribes?" And why Joseph substituted for Ephraim?*

Question 3. *I suppose Christian Jews observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper? What do you think of using leavened bread? Do you think baptism and communion necessary to a Christian life?*

—Mrs. I. K.

Answer 1. No, the Jews today cannot identify their tribal origins. All records were destroyed finally by Titus in the year 70 A. D. However, certain patronyms are inherent identifications. For instance, the name Levy and all derivatives indicate that the bearer of such name hails from the tribe of Levi. The name Cohn with all of its variations, such as Kahn, Kuhn, Cohen, etc., etc., always indicates the priestly family, descending from Aaron. In the dividing of the inheritance as foretold in Ezekiel 48, and in the uniting of the twelve tribes as described in Ezekiel 37, we will allow God to bring out the revelation as to the tribal identities. Certainly God who has been able to preserve the Jewish race intact through two millenniums of hell agonies, can be trusted to do so small a thing as to reveal their tribal connections.

Answer 2. It is thought by some that because at the time when the prophecies of Rev. 7 are fulfilled, the Church will have passed out of judgment, and since the word Dan means judgment, this name is omitted from the list, and instead we have the two tribes from Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim. Others think that Gen. 49:17 "Dan shall be a serpent" may have a bearing on the omission of Dan from the list in Rev. 7.

Answer 3. Of course, if we understand that the Lord's Supper was the original Passover Supper as instituted by God in Exodus, then it would naturally be fitting that the bread shall be unleavened. As to baptism and communion being essential to a Christian life, how can one be a truly born again child of God and refuse to obey the commandments given to us by the Lord Jesus

Christ through whom alone our salvation has been made possible? It is the old question, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46.

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Question. *If Gog is the prince of Moscow and Tobolsk, how can he have part in Armageddon when he is mentioned in the postmillennial war of Rev. 20:8? We notice in Ezekiel 38 how peaceful Israel shall be at the time. A close study makes one think of the millennium! Furthermore, is the war of Gog and Magog to be a mechanical one such as Armageddon? When we consider Ezekiel 38 and 39, especially 39:9, 10 where they burn weapons seven years in Israel. In brief, doesn't it sound like the post millennial war when modern weapons won't be so plentiful due to beating them to plowshares and pruning hooks?*

—Mr. M. L. W.

Answer. We understand the Gog-Magog war of Revelation 20 to take place at the end of the millennial age, as being the final revolt of Satan against God. The battle of Ezekiel 38 however will take place at the time of Jacob's Trouble. Thus Gog and Magog of Ezekiel are literally nations which now appear to be Russia and her allies, while in Revelation 20 the literal is taken as a symbol. That is, just as Gog-Magog of Ezekiel are always in rebellion against God and try to destroy the Jewish nation, so a future uprising will take place of a nature similar to that which took place at the time of Jacob's trouble, only this time it will be a final effort of Satan to defy God. Thus, the prophecies have two wars in perview; the final one as described in Revelation will only prove once more the pitiful failure of human nature, that is, even at the end of the thousand year reign of peace, the human race, engineered by the devil and his cohorts will again plan rebellion against God.

We must recall the original account of Satan's fall, a fall which came as the consequence of his rebellion against God and his effort to dethrone God. See the description of Satan's once happy condition in the Garden of Eden in Ezek. 28:13 et seq. This first crashing of Satan's position was apparently temporary, for Satan has been loose in the world ever since. But now in Rev. 20 will come the complete extermination of Satan and his hosts. "This is the second death."

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Thirdly, the lamb was to be slain by the entire congregation. So likewise the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified by the whole nation of Israel in a representative capacity. The Talmud teaches that "one's agent is like one's self." That is, if I instruct someone to do anything, I am responsible for his deed. So, the chief leaders of the nation clamored for the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, and begged Pilate to have Him crucified.

Fourth, the Lamb was to be killed, according to the literal Hebrew rendering, "between the two evenings," and not as the English translation has it, "in the evening." This means that the lamb was to be killed from about shortly after noon to sunset. And so it was that the Lord Jesus Christ, at the ninth hour, which is at 3 p. m., literally "between the evenings," gave up the spirit, saying first, "It is finished."

Fifth, the lamb was killed on the threshold of the door of the house, where a small hole was scooped out, forming a receptacle for the blood, and thus serving as a basin. This is probably the reason why both the authorized and the revised versions have rendered the Hebrew word "Saph", as "Basin", instead of "threshold". This word "Saph" is translated elsewhere in the Bible, fully twenty times if not more, as "threshold". The blood therefore was to be taken up from this scoop in the threshold and then sprinkled upon the lintel and the two sideposts of the door. See Ex. 12:22. Now this gives us a perfect formation of a Cross:—the bottom is the scoop, then the top, then the right and the left sides, and thus we have a striking picture of the Messiah on the cross, with blood coming from His feet, blood from His forehead where the thorns were piercing the flesh, and blood from each hand on either side of the cross. And so the Jew had been unconsciously trained into this formation of the cross; so that through all the centuries preceding the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to Jerusalem, the Jew year after year was going through the motions of the Cross, and never once realized that here before him was the token of the finished work of our Lord as crucified Savior, a token in the shape of a cross, a perfect type of the Lamb without blemish and without spot, Who was "fore-ordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last days."

Sixth, not a bone of the paschal lamb was to be broken. And now see with what astonishing and impressive accuracy this seemingly trivial detail was fulfilled to the letter:—

"Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs." John 19:31-34.

Was it mere accident, dear reader, that caused heathen soldiers two thousand years after the first passover celebration in Egypt, to walk up to the cross, break the legs of the first malefactor, break the leg of the other malefactor, but when they came to Jesus, "They brake not his legs?"

THE MODERN CELEBRATION

The Jew today does not celebrate passover supper exactly as it was originally given. There is a charm about the present-day celebration, but with it there is also a poignant heart-ache. The lamb is not there, but instead there is a shank-bone of a lamb. They eat the bitters to remind them that they were once slaves in Egypt; they set aside a special cup of wine, and they call it Elijah's cup. About this cup there centers much by way of tradition and legend. They wait eagerly on the passover night for the Messiah to come; always a boy of the family arises during the meal, goes to the front door, and looks to see, perchance the Messiah waits to be allowed entrance. The meal ends with the pathetic prayer, "Next year Jerusalem and the Messiah." Thus we have the miracle of a nation being knit together in that great Messianic hope; truly here God has given an unimpeachable proof of the truth of His revealed word. What a pity that the nations of the world do not, and will not, see and believe! And what a pity that Israel fails to see in these symbols the face of the Lord Jesus Christ. Of course one great obstacle we must in all honesty lay where it be-

longs, at the door of professing Christendom. It is impossible for the Jew to reconcile his conception of the Messiah of the Old Testament with the Christ and with the Christianity which has been presented to him through these past nineteen hundred years in the form of hatred, burning at stake, drowning, savage massacres, and tortures beyond the power of language to depict. What a grave responsibility this sad fact places upon the Church of Christ, and especially upon His true followers!

EGYPT AT THE MIDNIGHT HOUR

But now let us look once more at the beautiful type of the Passover blood as it finds its application to us, into whose hearts there has shined the blessed light of the truth of the Gospel. We, too, have been delivered from bondage in Egypt. For us, Christ has become the Passover. It is Paul who tells us, as he keeps in mind the Old Testament type, "For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." I Cor. 5:7.

Then there is another striking and comforting thought; for after all, this is one of the blessed characteristics of God's Word, that it often is two-fold in its application. The blood has been sprinkled on the doors of our hearts. Soon the angel of death, destruction, the time of tribulation for all the world, will come. The world in which we live may well be the Egypt to us as was the world in which the Israelites lived, the Egypt to them. God has foretold a black night for this world of ours, such a night as never was and never will be again. When that night comes, and just before the angel of destruction will strike, we who are under the blood, will be delivered, and caught up to be with Him, and we shall then sing with that indescribably magnificent celestial host, the song of Moses and the Lamb, the song of redemption at Egypt, redemption at Calvary and final redemption in the hour of great tribulation. Thus, the Israelites in Egypt on the night of the slaying of the first born, present once more a beautiful type of the Church of Christ, delivered in the last moment just before the death angel strikes. Think of the joy we shall have in that hour when we shall join in that grand chorus, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing." Rev. 4:12. What a testimony we shall give then to the efficacy of the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, a testimony such as is contained in the beautiful lines of Dr. Watts:—

Not all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ the Heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name,
And richer blood than they.

May God grant that every reader of these lines, as well as we who are united in this common bond of love and labor in behalf of Israel, when the death angel shall come to strike terror into the hearts of a wicked, unregenerate and Christ-rejecting world, shall find that the blood has been sprinkled upon the lintel and the door posts of our house, and that when the angel shall see the blood, he will pass over us!

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

P. S. There are many additional and important phases of the Passover Feast that I have not been able to touch upon in the above article, owing to lack of space. At some future time, the Lord willing, I shall hope to treat the matter at greater length, continuing where I have now left off, and carrying through to discussions on the actual night when the Lord partook of the Last Supper, and of the actual day of His crucifixion.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *How do you understand Gen. 3:22, 24? The sentence of death had already been pronounced upon them.*

—Mrs. E. B. W.

Answer. No, the sentence of death had not been pronounced as yet. The penalty had been declared, in Gen. 2:17, but it had not yet been put into execution. It is the same as laws that are passed here in our own country; the laws are placed on the books, but they do not become effective until someone has violated them, and then the courts proceed to pronounce the punishment, and thus put the laws in execution. The Hebrew pronouncement of the punishment, in Gen. 2:17 is literally, "dying, you will die" which means, that the moment Adam and Eve sinned, the punishment to be applied was that they were to become mortal, and from that moment on the germ of death was to set in. This mortality therefore became effective in the action of God in Gen. 3:22-24.

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Question 1. *How was it that our Lord ate the Passover Lamb before the right time? Which day was the crucifixion? John 18:28.*

Question 2. *Who are the two prophets who will prophesy 1260 days in Revelation 11?*

Question 3. *Did the saints who lived at crucifixion die again?*

Question 4. *Was Mary the Lord's mother a Jewess or a Levite, as was her cousin Elisabeth? —L. M.*

Answer 1. Our Lord was crucified on a Friday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Passover Supper was legally partaken of by Him on Thursday night, and it was also legally partaken of by many Jews on Friday night. Both were legal according to the Sanhedrin practice of that day. See our tract entitled "The Three Days and Three Nights."

Answer 2. It is possible that the two witnesses will be Moses and Elijah, one representing the Law, the other the Prophets. The events of these 1260 days will doubtless be the first three and a half years of the great tribulation, which will be ushered in after the Church is taken out and the day of the Lord, a day of judgment and vengeance, shall

be made manifest in the world. See 2nd Thess. 2:2-3. In the second verse the expression "day of Christ" is wrongly translated; it should be "day of the Lord." There are some who teach that the two witnesses will be Enoch and Elijah, on the theory that neither of these two tasted death, and therefore would be reasonably susceptible to the experience of death. Others have thought the two witnesses are not necessarily two individuals, that since in Revelation we have many symbols, the two witnesses might refer to the witnessing godly remnant of the Jewish nation that shall be gathered back in Jerusalem. It is not always wise to assert opinions on these questions dogmatically, particularly where there is room for several interpretations. It is well to keep in mind that prophecy was written not so much for the purpose of giving us secret and advance information, but rather for the purpose of vindicating God after the events have taken place.

Answer 3. Undoubtedly so.

Answer 4. Mary was not a Levite but she was of the tribe of Judah and of the royal family of David. See the genealogy of Mary in Luke 3:23. Here Joseph is called the son of Heli, but Heli was the father of Mary; therefore Joseph was the son-in-law of Heli, by his marriage to Mary. In Hebrew usage son and son-in-law are synonymous.

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Question. *We are studying Exodus 12. One of the questions is, Why must the lamb be "of the first year?" I do not understand verse 6 at all.*

—A. M. M.

Answer. This is a most wonderful type of the Lord Jesus Christ. The lamb being a male of the first year, typified Christ as being the Lamb of God, He only thirty-three years of age, being thus in the very prime of manhood. The lamb was to be selected on the tenth day, and then offered up on the fourteenth day. This gave four days time in which the Jews might discover any possible flaw in the lamb, for the lamb had to be absolutely perfect. So likewise the Lord Jesus Christ offered Himself to the Jewish nation on the tenth day of Nisan by His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Four days later he was offered up as the Lamb without spot and without blemish.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

Busy Days in Jerusalem

From our Missionary comes the report that the Gospel Gate Room is being kept busy dealing out saving truth to hungry Jewish souls. Mr. Boothby writes, "We praise the Lord for this, and for your special financial and prayerful help. To whom any honor is due, the Lord will give it. My heart rejoices in His loving kindness."

Mr. Boothby has also sent us a short article, dealing with the underlying problems of the Renaissance of Palestine. We believe our readers will be glad to get in condensed form this viewpoint directly from Jerusalem, which is rapidly becoming the vortex of the world's whirlpool:—

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Our Gospel Gate Room expectations of Jewish souls to be enlightened is by no means exhausted in these perilous times. It always reminds one of the Scriptural method of procedure, namely, "To the Jew first." It reminds us also that there will be plenty of gate room in the New Jerusalem. Up to the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, after the Armageddon battle of the Great Day of God Almighty, the name Jesus should be proclaimed as "the only name given among men whereby we must be saved." Who may know in what year the 15th day of the seventh sacred month may find Israel in the visible presence of the Lord Jesus? The span of time till then should have been used and should still be used in proclaiming Jesus as Saviour, Lord, Son of God and coming King to both Jews and Gentiles.

ANTICIPATED EXPECTATIONS

For centuries since the visible presence of Christ, and especially since the "Renaissance of Israel" in the year 1881, the saints have been looking for the fearful expectations that would

seize the whole world in the last war-cloud days, as indicated in Luke 21:26. We certainly have struck a most intense first degree of those growing expectations. There is not room enough, time enough nor strength enough to develop the various lines of this subject. We look for that Day, when the saints in the state of rapture, shall behold Israel being reclaimed from the hand of the enemy in the time of Jacob's trouble.

Water has been expected to flow up to Jerusalem since it was promised over two months ago. But on January 7th, 1936, the supply of water from Ras-el-Ain, below the foot of the mountains, started to fill the Romema Reservoir in Western Jerusalem. Since that date between four and five hundred thousand gallons daily have been provided from that source. The reservoir has a total capacity of about two million gallons (2,000,000). The long standing anxiety for the inhabitants of Jerusalem has at least temporarily passed away. The Lord gives "the bread of adversity and water of affliction." Isaiah 30:20.

The greatest coming tragedy is expected by many, of which the week of Palestine horrors, the pogrom of 1929, was only a mild warning. This future tragedy seems to be at the very doors ready to be fulfilled in the latter time of the indignation. Daniel 8:19. Daniel speaks of that greatest instigator when he says, "In their security shall he destroy many." Dan. 8:25.

FINAL EXPECTATIONS

All covenants, conditional or unconditional, must be fulfilled or made complete in Christ Jesus, Israel's Messiah. However, what a loss of years to those that enter the open door of the Kingdom of God at the last moment of opportunity and get a sight of the wounded hands and side! What a cause for mourning! But, how much more, what a cause of weeping and gnashing of teeth when the rejectors to the uttermost find the door shut and hear the unseen Judge from within say, "I know not whence ye are," and worse yet "Depart from Me." Zech. 12:10-11; Luke 13:25.

WHAT ABOUT THE JEW?

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Nearly two thousand years ago a Christian Jew asked the significant question "Hath God cast away His people?" He was moved by the Holy Spirit to answer it in this emphatic way, "God forbid." Indeed not!

God hath not cast away His people. They are not divinely doomed. Some, says Paul, are already saved; and he was one of them. All of them might be saved but for their unbelief in Christ the Messiah. All of them will be saved in the scheme and purpose of God (referring to Spiritual Israel, the true seed of Abraham) when the "fulness of the Gentiles" has arrived.

THE EIGHT ADVANTAGES

Speaking of Israel historically the Apostle Paul unfolds the significant place the Jew has held in God's divine plan. He calls attention to eight remarkable facts which have characterized the Hebrew people in the prophesies of Jehovah.

First. They are the "people to whom pertaineth the adoption." They have been placed in the exalted position as sons in relation to God, and called "the chosen of God."

Second. They are the people "of the glory." The tabernacle, ark, altar and temple were the sublime manifestations of Israel's glory and the tokens of their privileges in the favor of God. No nation has ever had such manifest and visible evidences of the divine presence. For them, the Red Sea was driven back and they passed over dry shod. They were miraculously fed in the wilderness, and divinely sheltered by Jehovah and guided by the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. At the blowing of the ram's horn the walls of the besieged city of Jericho fell. The sun and the moon stood in their courses that they might

slay their enemies. Truly the Angel of the Lord encamped about them.

Third. They are the people "of the covenants"—the wonderful agreements God made with them as with no other people.

Fourth. They are the people "of the law." God gave the law to Israel, and not to Gentiles, although the Gentiles have been great beneficiaries of the law of God through the Jew.

Fifth. They are the people "of the service of God"; that is, religious service, including the ministries of national worship as prescribed by Jehovah and performed in the Tabernacle and the Temple.

Sixth. They are the people "of the promises," all the promises which relate to Christ, "Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Seventh. They are the people "of the fathers." Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the three great worthies who tower above all in the religious history of the world, are their ancestors.

Eighth. They are the people through whom came the sovereign Saviour of mankind, "Who is over all, God blessed for ever." Romans 9:4, 5.

WIN THEM TO CHRIST

If God has not cast away His people, we cannot and should not attempt to do so. If God has not doomed them, why should man? It is the Christian's task to do all he can to win them to Christ, and that can only be accomplished in the atmosphere of kindness and love. I have no sympathy with the present persecution of the Jew. I love the flesh and blood relatives of my Lord and Saviour, and lament the fact that so many of them, like several Gentiles, reject Him as Messiah and Saviour. I do not condone the unscriptural practices of the Jew any more than I do the sinful practices of the Gentile. I recognize that many of the children of Israel

have forsaken God's covenant, thrown down His altars (1st Kings 19:14). I also recognize that this condition constitutes the challenge facing the Church, yoked to the challenges which come from the nations of the earth because of a like condition. There are groups of radicalism, lawlessness, atheism, and Communism among both Jew and Gentile. But we are never going to capture the Jew for Christ by persecution any more than we are the Gentile. I know the "Shekinah" has departed from Israel, and I earnestly pray that it shall soon be restored, but bitter epithets from the lips of Christians do not help to that end. They make it very difficult for the Jewish Christian missionaries to win the Jew to Christ.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

I do not for one moment believe all the accusations laid against Jewish people. Even if I did, I would unhesitatingly declare it is no justification for the present bitter persecution on the part of some Gentiles and a few misguided Christians. I would rather humbly thank God for the blessings which have come through Israel and Israel's Messiah, and for the greater blessings yet to be.

The nations will never get rid of the Jew. He is here in the divine purpose. God has a program for him which none but he can fulfill. We cannot lose him. The reason is not to be found in the peculiar characteristics of the Jew, but in God's purpose and Word, "This people shall not pass away until all is fulfilled." Pharaoh tried in vain to drown him and was in turn destroyed himself. Amalek, Sihon and Og tried to annihilate him and failed. The Syrian and Babylonian empires attempted to banish him, and were banished themselves; and the Jew lived on. Nebuchadnezzar threw him into the fiery furnace, but he came out unscathed and unhurt; for One was with

him "like unto the Son of man." Darius hurled him into the den of lions, but the beasts could not devour him, for their mouths were stopped by the hand of God. Haman hated the Jew, and tried to hang him, but ended his life on the gallows of Mordecai. Esau's descendants tried to destroy him, and only buried themselves. The Roman Empire endeavored to abolish him by hate and force; but the fall of the proud kingdom came and the Jew lived on in spite of man's vain ambitions. Spain, the worst of all persecutors, tried to exterminate him, and Spain declined in prestige and power; now she opens her gates to welcome him back. The Russian Czars tried the same thing and now that country is held in the tentacles of an octopus called "Communism." Germany is following the same tactics. And history will yet record the folly of her course, for Germany will see her own end and the survival of the Jew, if we are to judge by history and God's Word. Frederick the Great said, "No nation ever persecuted the Jew and prospered." One would think that persecutors and Jew haters would learn from history if not from Scripture.

THE MIRACLE OF HISTORY

The Hebrew people saw the persecuting Egyptians perish in the waters of the Red Sea. They beheld the crash and fall of Babylonia's empire. They witnessed the ruins of the Macedonian conquest, and the destruction of the Medes and Persians. They have outlived the kings and Caesars, and have survived the Dark Ages. They have gone through civilizations, and convulsions, and revolutions, and retributions, and have kept apace with discovery, progress and art. They remain to this day as distinct as ever, without a king, kingdom, flag or ruler of their own. They have suffered as no other people ever have suffered. During the siege of Jerusalem in A. D.

70, under the crushing powers of the Roman armies, one million of them were slain in battle, tens of thousands of them were carried into captivity and the rest were scattered. Half a century afterwards they made an attempt to return to their own land and another half million were killed. In the reign of King John of England, 1500 were massacred in a single day in the city of York. In the days of Ferdinand and Isabella 800,000 of them were pushed into boats and thrust out to sea, and most of them perished. The Koran of Mahomet stigmatized them as wild dogs. The Roman Catholic Church excommunicated them. The Greek Orthodox Church hurled their anathemas against them; yet they are still here. And the Biblical explanation is known to all who love God's Word. They will remain, and many of them will be with Christ in the Golden Age of the Millennium when "the Kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ."

LATTER DAY PROPHECIES

The fact that Israel is being stirred up to such great expectations of nationalism at the present moment and that Palestine is recognized by the nations as the Homeland of the Jew, and that multitudes are returning to the "pleasant land," surely indicates that God is fulfilling the promises made to them centuries ago. God will give them His everlasting kingdom in which "the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

"And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land. Ezek. 37:21.

For long centuries the Jew prayed for the possession of Palestine. He planned and dreamed for its restora-

tion and the regathering of Israel. He begged for the land from every nation and offered to pay for it. He made his plea and offering in vain. The British offered him favorable terms for a Jewish colony in Africa, but he did not desire that. He wanted Palestine. And God wants him to have it too. Then the great world war came, and what the Jew could not procure by plea, appeal or money, God in His own way provided.

JERUSALEM DELIVERED

On December 9th, 1917, General Allenby, with uncovered head, marched into Jerusalem without firing a single shot. Shortly after, by British Mandate, the land of God's people was restored to Israel. This land they are turning into a land of beauty and fertility, thus giving added proof to the inspiration of Scripture and God's providence with His people Israel.

In the face of present signs and conditions, if I were a Jew, and knowing what I do, I would in the name of Abraham's God accept Christ as my Saviour and Messiah and confess Him before the world.

To Israel I would say, Do not hold the true church of Christ responsible for the present persecution. The members of Christ's Church will love both Jew and Gentile, friend and foe, and will labor and pray for their salvation.

To the persecutor I would say, Leave the Jew in God's hands. He will take care of him and his enemies, as He took care of the ark of the covenant in ancient days.

To the Church I would say, Give time, talent, money, prayer and power for the evangelization of His "chosen people" in these last days, and thus be able to look into a Hebrew's face without a sense of shame. And some day you will look into the face of Christ on the Judgment Seat with the satisfaction of knowing you proclaimed Him "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, To the Jew First and also to the Greek."

May these words reach the eye, ear and heart of many among both Jews and Gentiles and lead them through the Cross of Calvary into the fellowship of Christ where racial distinctions disappear and where all are one in Him.