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*Answer 1.* No parable can be made to walk on all fours. Often a parable is told by the Lord for the purpose of teaching one major lesson, and if we try to fit the parable into a dozen applications, we will end in confusion. Above all the minor harmonies of this beautiful parable, the major motif peals out its heart-warming melody—the indescribable depth of God's love. Whether we take it that the Prodigal son is the publican and the elder son is the Pharisee, and both are sons of the Father because they are of Israel, whom God has called His son, or whether we take it that the Prodigal son in his deep penitence found forgiveness on the pure ground of free grace, it is still all of the love of God. Sticking strictly to a closely knit interpretation, we suppose the only tenable view would be that this parable must find its primary application to the Jewish nation. Of the Jewish nation it was that God said in Exodus 4:22, "Israel is my son, even my first born." Not that this relationship is comparable to the "only begotten son" relation of the Lord Jesus Christ

to the Father, but in another unique sense, God called Israel His son. Now when the Lord Jesus Christ was giving this parable of the Prodigal son, was it not true that Israel was still God's people, but in a backslidden condition? If this be so, then the elder son symbolizes the Pharisaical Jew, and the younger son the publican Jew, "Lord have mercy upon me a sinner."

*Answer 2.* No, we have no reliable evidence that the Jews are making preparations for the rebuilding of the Temple. It has been a grief to us to note that every so often someone with a flare for sensationalism, rather than for truth, will come out with the statement that the Jews are already rebuilding the Temple of Solomon, or that they have the stones all cut and polished, or that the timbers are on their way in flat boats, etc., etc., ad infinitum. In not one single instance have such statements been proven by fact. When such an event transpires, you may be sure you will read about it in THE CHOSEN PEOPLE and we will give you also corroborative data.

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## Salutation

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

*Dearly beloved friends:*

Floods in thirteen states, dust storms in the West, disasters in many other parts of our country, and even throughout the world, tornadoes in the Southland—this is the startling record of the past six or eight weeks. Hundreds of lives lost, hundreds of millions of dollars in damages, thousands left penniless and homeless—what a cavalcade of judgment upon judgment!

And in the midst of all this, a dear child of God writes from New England, "We are surely in the midst of great disaster; God is speaking through the storms. I wonder if men will hear Him." What a testimony for this true believer to give! It is in full accord with the promise, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee!" Isa. 26:3. And peculiarly enough, this blessed promise is found, not in the book of Psalms for inspiration, but in the book of the Prophets, and in a setting that is not a very far cry from similar desolations and devastations as are foretold to mark these last days just preceding Israel's final deliverance. It's something to think about.

But, in reading the letter from which we quoted above, somehow we could not keep our minds from harking back to a passage in the book of Revelation:—

"And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds." Rev. 16:9-11.

"And they repented not to give Him glory!" How true is this of our present generation? Even Nineveh put on sackcloth and ashes, and called for a solemn day of fasting, and prayer, and repentance. But we wonder if it can be possible that our "scientific" age has come to a point where like the wicked man of Psalm 10, "God is not in all his thoughts"? Surely there is something in the charges made by men of sober thought and knowledge, that both the dust storms of the West and the floods of the East are traceable to the tampering by our nation's leaders with God's eternally established laws of nature. When God, in His lavish mercy, gave our land such blessings, and such productivity as the world had never dreamed possible, we seek to improve on His generosity by grinding live stock by the million into fertilizer, and withdrawing our acreage, also by the million, from cultivation! We sought to create an artificial scarcity of food, so as to raise the prices to famine levels. And may it be that God has done to our country what He did to the Israelites of old, when they lusted, and bellowed, and tempted God:—"He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul!" Psalm 106:15. Now all that God did was to suit the punishment to the crime—"He gave

them their requests." They wanted famine, and scarcity, and destruction of productive enterprise; and God allowed it to come! Everything that happened in these last few months of national disaster was exactly what our leaders desired, only God did it more thoroughly and more extensively than they ever could have done it! It is dangerous business to tamper with God's appointments. They dabble with the law of soil and fertilization, and the inevitable sequence follows; dust storms come; the top soil, bare of rootage, is picked up bodily and scattered over millions of other acres. And now the original land is ruined for all time. And men suffer, and families are driven out to find new livelihoods. They dabble with cattle, and then comes a famine, and meat must be imported, and strange nations get our money, while our people go hungry, and have no meat. And so on we could go, but no need, this is enough.

#### THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND

But, do men repent? No, they go still deeper into the pit they have dug for their destruction. We turn a moment to the field of religion. What strange noises fill our ears? Blindly defying the divinely revealed will of God as given in His holy Word, men who have arrogantly appointed themselves as leaders of Protestantism in America, take to themselves imposing titles, and create high sounding organizations, and then seek to establish a new "social order," which they audaciously label, "Christian civilization." And in their pitiful spiritual bankruptcy, they import a mistaken Japanese social worker and exploit him over the country, while he expounds a new kind of Christianity, with language that comes to our ears in cadences so alien to the Word of God that they might as well have originated in Mars. And the deluded populace of America flock in droves to hear this strange gospel, which is not the Gospel, but a shrewdly deceptive propaganda for a thinly veiled Communism! All this because men in their satanic blindness have deliberately rejected the righteousness of God, and seek to establish a righteousness of their own invention. What a mess we are in! And what punishment will yet be meted out to those who have a part in this defiance of God!

Another consideration needs to be taken to account here by the child of God who is wise enough to understand the signs of the times. All the turning points in the dealings of God with mankind through the merging of dispensation into dispensation, were marked by events that can only be described as catastrophic. At the crucifixion of our Lord, the elements were shaken, the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; the graves were opened, and men who had been long dead arose and walked through the streets of Jerusalem. When Pentecost came, again the laws of nature were overturned, men talked in new languages, the Holy Spirit came as flames of fire. To go back thousands of years for another illustration, when God determined to deliver the Israelites from Egypt, once more the elements were shaken, plague upon plague was visited upon Pharaoh and his brood, until finally the Death Angel himself stalked gaunt through the land. And now we are in the year 1936. May it not be that again God has begun to visit upon the earth plague after plague, and may it not be that the voice of God is calling to the nations of the earth, across the roar of the floods, through the storms of the dust, in the whirlwind of the tornado? And shall it be that history will be found to be repeating itself, that the nations like the Pharaohs of old will continue in their defiant blasphemy of God? A dear friend said to us only a few days ago, "Do you think that the Lord will come within the next hundred years? And we replied, "So swiftly and so surely are the cataclysmic events of the world piling one on top of the other, that the coming of the Lord is more likely to take place within the next hundred minutes than within the next hundred years."

Beloved reader, is this a gloomy picture? No, it is bright, nay, brilliant, with the sure sign of that blessed hope, the imminence of the coming of that ever blessed Son of God, Whose coming is described so vividly,

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *In 1st Peter 5:13 does Babylon mean Rome?*

Question 2. *Also, does Revelation 17 refer to Rome or literal Babylon?*

—MR. AND MRS. E. O. K.

Answer 1. The reference is to the literal Babylon, in Assyria. Peter was writing from Babylon, where a church had been established. There is no historical evidence to prove that Peter had ever been in Rome.

Answer 2. The reference is literally to Rome; the descriptive characterizations are those of Babylon. Babylon represents the epitome of harlotry, idolatry, and every other manifestation of revolting paganism. Thus, all of these descriptions as to Babylon are now used as described Rome in her last days. Babylon of course is to be rebuilt and is to receive final destruction under God's judgments; but that phase of the final punishments of God is not what is presented to us here in this 17th chapter of Revelation. For instance, Babylon did not commit fornication with the kings of the earth; Babylon did not make the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine of her fornication; Babylon is not the woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast; Babylon is not the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. These descriptions apply only to Papal Rome, and her vile fornications.

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Question 1. *How do you understand Rev. 12: 6th and 14th verses?*

Question 2. *Also, Rev. 17:10? Who were the seven kings?—C. V. R.*

Answer 1. The 12th chapter of Revelation gives in condensed form a panoramic picture of the Jewish nation. Between the 5th verse and the 6th verse is a hiatus period covered by the parentheses of the Church. The 5th verse tells of the birth of the Child Christ, and tells also that He "was to rule all nations with a rod of iron." This evidently corroborates Luke 1:32, 33. Now follows the period of the Church, and suddenly comes the event portrayed in the 6th verse, the time of Jacob's trouble. In other words, here is taken up once more the tangled threads of Israel's postponed destiny. This tribulation will then come to a close with the

appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver the much harassed remnant of Israel, and to establish the Throne. Then it will be that the destiny of the 5th verse, "to rule all nations with a rod of iron" will be fulfilled. This is also corroborated in Psalm 2:9.

Revelation 12:14 is the further detail of the tribulation of Israel, "time, and times and half a time." We must keep in mind always that the great red dragon is the bitter enemy of Israel from the very beginning of God's dealings with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, all the way down through the centuries that culminated in the birth of Christ and in the climacteric effort of this same red dragon to destroy the Holy Infant through Herod; and then from that time on to the present hour through all the devices and sinister ways of Anti-Semitism. Thus, we have even today this same red dragon rearing his monstrous head in an effort to destroy the Jew from off the face of the earth.

Answer 2. We cannot accept the teaching of some that these seven kings refer to seven different phases of the Roman forms of government. We think the more patent meaning is to be found by taking this verse in its historic simplicity. Five kings or kingdoms had already come and gone; these were Greece, Persia, Babylon, Assyria, and Egypt. "One is," by which the Holy Spirit was telling John that the Roman Empire was at that time already in existence. "The other is not yet; and when he cometh he must continue a short space" which means that there is yet another great empire to appear, an empire equal in its extent and power to that of these preceding six. And when that empire comes it will endure only a short time.

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Question 1. *If the unsaved have no right to claim God the Father as their father, does the Son in the parable of Luke 15:11-33 apply to one who is not saved or to a believer who has lost his fellowship with his Lord because he has not lived close to Him?*

Question 2. *Is it not a fact that preparations are being made for the building of the Temple? We know if the Lord wills He can see to it that every part be made beforehand and when the parts are taken to Jerusalem the building can grow like magic—Miss A. C.*

during the two and a half hours of our oineg shabos, during which Mrs. Gitlin serves tea and some nicely prepared and tasty Kosher sandwiches. We know people who walk some six or eight kilometers, from further off parts of Warsaw, in order to have the pleasure, yea the spiritual pleasure.

#### MEETINGS FOR BELIEVERS

Nourishing and tasty food is being served to us Hebrew Christians every Sunday morning by our dear brother Gitlin. The masterly Bible readings call forth admiration. Not in vain do we have also a few believing Gentiles coming up to these meetings, for understanding only a bit Yiddish they get much edifying.

#### THE BOX EVENING

Being acquainted with the psychology of our people, and knowing that they simply cannot keep within them all their questions and doubts, we have risked to allow them to ask questions. After a few experiments have we worked out a number of rules, which help us to keep the question evening orderly. Last Sunday evening it was really a precious time that we had in this ministry of answering questions.

#### THE DAILY PORTION

Our dear Bro. Gitlin who has always strived to fulfill his motto of Ezra 7:10, has now the opportunity each evening or rather four evenings a week, to be used of the Lord in his favored ministry. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, he has before him a group of some 10-20 young men who come in to hear his expositions of portions of the New Testament. On Thursday evenings I am expounding to them Messianic prophecies. After the Bible class we have a free and friendly exchange of opinions.

#### HOUSE VISITATION

In the free afternoons I go out to do visitation work. I was privileged to be treated by some with tea and oranges. We have had good opportunities to say a few words and leave some literature. We began visiting the Jewish homes where there are believing servant girls. We visit first the sister, and then step in to see the employer, first inquiring about the work and life of our sister

and then leading on the conversation to more definite spiritual topics.

One week I used every afternoon to distribute our paper. There were instances when someone ran after me begging for another copy. There were, however, also cases where our Jewish people refused to take a copy. In one case I was even warned with a stick.

#### BUDS

We have much joy from our "Rebele" Reb Ruben. He begins to profess the Lord Jesus. He is not ashamed nor afraid of people. Our dear Bro. Gitlin spends with him much time, often till midnight. He buds right on our eyes. His wife and child are now staying in the home of Bro. Gitlin for a time, and she is being carefully approached with the Gospel message.

No lesser joy do we have from our second earnest inquirer, Mr. Dobkowski. He too gave himself now fully to a study of the Jesus Problem. He has moved in to our friend Ruben and together they study the New Testament and Christian literature.

Thus at the spring time of our work we begin to see real buds. Surely the Lord is very good to us to honor thus our labors.

#### ARRESTED

While distributing our new, original, and beautiful hand-bills we met with an earnest but fanatical chasid who charged us that we are falsely pretending to be not only Jews but also chasidim, as he concluded it from the text of the hand-bill. He called for a policeman. We were asked to go to the police station, where we were detained for about two hours. While waiting there for the outcome of the case I had a good opportunity to speak with this chasid, while the Russian brother who was with me there, conversed with the policeman on spiritual truths.

#### THE JEWISH PRESS

Yes, our spring time experience is being noticed by the Jewish press. The press found it necessary to repeat twice the same article, telling of our work and relating that a special consultation assembly was held in the home of the local Rabbi to consider ways and means to counter-attack us. We pray that also this time, "the wrath of men may praise Him."

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." II Thes. 2:7, 8.

How blind, and blind, and thrice blind, are religious leaders! For, as we examine further into their apostasy, we see that Israel is entirely out of their thoughts. Never a word do we hear about bringing Israel back to God. Never a word to recognize God's divinely revealed will that only when Israel bows the knee to the Lord Jesus Christ will there come world-wide blessing and glory. On the contrary, they fraternize with the reformed rabbis of our day, and they accept them as part and parcel of their "cooperative" program! And the blind, deluded rabbi falls into the trap, and thinks, "At last they are coming our way!"

#### THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM

But God has other plans. And He tells us who earnestly seek His will, that in a converted Israel is there ultimate hope for this old earth. Hear the majestic program:—

"And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume, all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2:44.

And so we do well, who concentrate and unite in these last days to give to the Jews of the world the Gospel message, for we see the signs multiply with awe-inspiring speed and magnitude, that He is "even at the door." Not a hundred years away, but "at the door."

#### SUMMER PLANS

Dear friends, this is the last letter until October, if there shall be another October. If not, so much the better, for we shall then be where no more letters will be needed. But until then, we will be about the Father's business. And you will uphold us, as always you have done hitherto, in prayer, in fellowship, in gift. If the war clouds over Europe do not get blacker than they are today, it is our desire to respond to the Macedonian call of our brother, Moses Gitlin, in Poland. The Lord is doing a marvelous work through this consecrated young man, and his devoted helpers. There is surely a going in the tops of the mulberry trees. Just read the gripping fragments of recent letters from Mr. Gitlin, on page 8. And we would go, once more to encourage our fellow-workers in the heat of the battle front. The work in Warsaw needs strengthening, and it needs the encouragement of our presence, and our counsel. And we need also to plan with our workers overseas for a more extensive and efficient testimony in Palestine. We must also help a bit with the new undertaking in Paris, especially among the haggard and heart-weary Jewish refugees from Satan-dominated Naziland. Much, very much, money is needed, if I may bring by my hand, something to put in the purse of many a broken-spirited son of Abraham, both in Poland and in Paris, and possibly refugees on other of the German frontiers where I may be passing. Will you not pray for all these needs? And then, for the work at home, all the Branches, bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh. And for His journeying mercies upon your servant. Everything here at the home base must go on in full Gospel activity while we are gone.

And if He spares us, and He delayeth His coming, what a happy reunion we shall have in these pages next fall! Pray for us, as we do for you. Our hope is Israel's hope, and Israel's hope is in God. So, "till we meet."

Ever faithfully yours in Him,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

**Our Experience in a Jewish Mission**  
By KEITH L. BROOKS  
in Prophecy Magazine

At last we have seen a Jewish Mission in Los Angeles that is attended by Jews. It was one of the most interesting experiences we have had in a long time to expound the Scriptures to an audience at least 90 per cent Jews, and most of them young men from the streets.

We refer to the Beth Sar Shalom Mission, a Branch of the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

It was a real surprise when we entered this well-lighted, neatly furnished mission hall to find it packed to the doors, mostly with men. We did not see more than half a dozen Gentiles. We inquired of several if this was an unusual audience and were told that it was about the usual crowd. The majority of those present were youths, homeless and jobless, gathered in from the streets.

### "THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT"

We received another surprise when Mr. and Mrs. Elias Zimmerman started the meeting. We have never heard a church crowd sing Gospel hymns so lustily as these fellows did. They were loathe to have the leader discontinue the song service. They sang hymns about Jesus and the cross, and called for more. One young fellow was asked why he liked to sing these songs about One in whom he did not believe. "I don't know," he said. "There's something different about these songs that we like." They shouted out their favorite numbers and we noticed that a number of them sang whole verses without looking at the book.

Before entering we were told by the superintendent to be prepared for anything, while speaking. They have a custom of shouting out their questions during the course of a sermon.

If they disagree with a speaker or disapprove his spirit, they do not hesitate to let him know it. Each night of the week Mr. Zimmerman expounds the Scriptures and patiently hears and answers their questions. We saw that many of those present were his friends, even though they made no Christian profession. The night previous they had offered to throw out a Communist whom they considered too insulting in his remarks, but Zimmerman insisted on his remaining.

### ATTENTION IS KEEN

As we ran from one Bible passage to another trying to show them that this Jesus of whom they sang was their Messiah, to our complete surprise they gave rapt attention. It was plain that some of them had been doing some thinking.

The meeting was over at nine, but not a soul made a move to go. They got into groups and began to hold discussions. One group of young men got around us at the piano and wanted to sing. We took them from one hymn to another praying as they sang that the message would find its way into their hearts. We remembered that we teach one another "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." We noticed Mr. Zimmerman and two or three Christian Jews going from group to group in personal work. At ten o'clock no one had left. We were told that sometimes they would remain until eleven.

### SOULS ARE BEING SAVED

Are any of these being saved? Mr. Zimmerman was arranging for a baptismal service in a nearby church for some four or five the following Sunday. Several were pointed out who had taken their stand; others who professed to be secret believers but who said their parents would burn them in effigy and disown them or

drawing interesting and interested souls, who come not only to the meetings, but for private visits as well.

### THE FIRST JOY

Profound was our joy during the first meeting on Saturday, February 15th and on the Lord's Day, February 16th. After being for a number of years guests in meeting places in the provinces where we journeyed about, it was good to feel that we are in a place of our own, which God gave us for our permanent work. Here we can now begin a work according to the way the Spirit of God is leading us, according to our taste, in a pure chasidic-messianic spirit. We rejoice especially that we have a number of intelligent souls who are newcomers to Gospel meetings. We rejoice also that the Lord is bringing together on Sundays, Hebrew Christians who find it blessed to worship with us. It encourages us in the hopes that the Lord may be pleased to gather here an assembly of Hebrew Christians.

### EARNEST SEEKING SOULS

Ere we have settled down as we should, we already are blessed with the visits of earnest inquirers after the truth. Our beloved brother Gitlin is always setting tables for the guests. Some bolder folks come in the day time, some of the Nicodemus types come in the evenings, and others again still later, so that they often sit till the gates are to be locked for the night, namely about 11 p.m.

A special object of our daily prayers is a young "Rabele" (a little "rabbi"), who is a chasid, a mystic and a musician in soul and in profession. He comes daily to us and eats of the Little Book.

There is another interesting visitor—a young business man, neat, cultured, well-to-do. He wrote to us a beautiful letter, and comes for conversations. He is to be prayed for.

### THE ICE MELTS

With my moving to Warsaw we renewed our visits to our relatives and friends. It is a cause of great joy to us that our father-in-law who did not care to see us ever since the conversion of Mrs. Schiff, is now becoming a bit approachable. My mother-in-law, and my sisters-in-law visit us often, and are on the best terms with us.

### SPRING. THE FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH

Could there be a more suitable symbol for the beginning of our work, our new work in Warsaw, than the term "spring time?" Yes, we have spring time here. The Sun of Righteousness began to shine here, and called forth out of the earth young shoots. Yes, the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land. And just the other day the Jewish press of Warsaw sent the message out that we came to life here, and betook ourselves to work, doing it for us in a gratis way, and of course unsolicited by us.

### THE FLOWING STREAM

Just as in the spring time when the ice-covered rivers burst, and the unmelted remains run as if in a race to outdo each other so it happened here in the spring time of our work. It is hard to stop the flow of the masses of Jews that come to our doors. And to stop we must; for our meeting room has room for about forty, and with the adjoining room we could accommodate let us say some sixty or seventy people. They come, they fill the places, they take up all the standing room, and still they keep dropping in, till we simply have to lock the doors, and say that there is no more room. Some of them smilingly say to Mrs. Gitlin, our honored door keeper, "Do you have already such a success that your place is too small to accommodate us?" Most of those present manifest an earnest desire to hear our message. And when a few younger boys have become disturbing, the older people suggested that the youth be put out, and that the meeting should go on.

### OUR "OINEG SHABOS"

Representatives of missions in Warsaw, Lodz, Pinsk, and other cities, admire our beautiful and blessed "oineg shabosim." "Such we have not seen as yet," do they say. The selected audience which number from 20 to 40 have each time more pleasure and profit from it. The audience is seated in a circle. We feel ourselves extraordinarily in the cozy atmosphere of our Beth Sar Shalom. Every time we have a different theme for the evening, and to this theme are adapted all the remarks, recitations, singing, prayers or sermonettes, and instrumental music. We have a break

The next best of the inquirers is Mr. Dobkowski. He is a former leader of note of the Russian revolutionary party. He got disappointed in politics and tired of fruitless labor, and is seeking now the truth in the Gospel. He is having some cash so he supports himself on it, and gives his full time to the study of the New Testament and Christian literature. We find it particularly pleasant and not hard to deal with him since he is a Russian Jew, and of the radical type to which Mrs. Gitlin and I belonged formerly.

We request our mission workers and our donors to kindly pray for these two friends, the chasid and the revolutionary, that they may soon come out fully for the Lord.

We have now with us the wife of the chasid, and his child. She came in order to get acquainted with the life and beliefs of the Jewish Baptists.

#### THE CLOUDS, STORMS, AND THE SILVER LINING

You read undoubtedly in the press about the antisemitic excesses here and there in Poland. Alas, it is so that the clouds of antisemitism hang all over the land, and in some places they turn into storms. The Government is doing its level best to protect the lives, rights and privileges of the Jews. This you may judge by the outcome of the shechito question.

And yet there are silver linings to these clouds too. The other day, our chasidical inquirer, Mr. Ruben Sztarnszus was bringing over his child to us on the tram. He is dressed in a long capota and wears a little cap, and of course he still has his "beard and peios." It happened that he had with him only 20 groshy for the tram. But the conductor demanded also carfare for the baby. So our friend was going to alight from the tram, asking the conductor to return him the fare he paid in. Suddenly a passenger, a Gentile, gives our Ruben 20 grophy. Mr. Ruben turned around to thank the passenger, but that good Samaritan disappeared. Our friend Ruben was greatly touched that there are found some Gentiles who are kind-hearted, and even more so than the Jewish passengers there. Our friend Ruben saw in this also an approval of God for his going to us.

#### MRS. GITLIN'S WORK

Mrs. Gitlin made it her business to be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord. At all the meetings and classes she stands at the exit and lets in the people. She greets them, requests them to take off their wraps and invites them into the meeting room. She also quiets the nerves of unresty folks.

Mrs. Gitlin made it also her business to be a housekeeper in the house of the Lord. She is attending to it that every earnest inquirer who stays for a conversation should have a glass of tea, or a bite. She also prepares the treat for the guests at the OINEG Shabos.

While I write this very minute I can hear her being busy in this ministry. Bro. Schiff is being served with tea. The wife of our friend Ruben and his child are being treated to supper. A missionary of the Mildmay Mission begged us to take in his twelve year boy over the holidays, and is with the children now at the table. A German brother, a volunteer missionary, who is a former student of our Radosc Bible Courses stopped over night with us while waiting for the ferry to take him along the Vistula to a mission station. Thus five strangers are now at the table. And since our table could not accommodate both guests and our family we have to set two tables now. In a few minutes we expect that friend Ruben will come, so we will have a sixth guest.

It is through such kindnesses and through the opportunity which the inquirers have while lingering about in our house to observe Christian life that they are drawn to the Lord. So, please pray for my wife's ministry.

#### Another Picture From Warsaw

By MOSES SCHIFF

#### THE PROLOGUE

#### EVERY BEGINNING IS HARD

Hard, very hard was it till we did find the suitable nice quarters. Still a harder task is the securing of the permission from the authorities, which we did not get as yet in writing. It is a bit hard for the visitors to come to us from far distances, and at the "early hours," but "where there is a will there is a way." The Lord has truly given us a nice place, and it is

their jobs would be gone if it became known that they believed in Jesus. Gentiles know little of what it costs a Jew to take this stand.

How have Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman drawn to themselves such a group as this? Primarily by kindness and patience! These Jews come to them hungry and ragged, jobless and tired of life. They make a specialty of going the rounds of those who profess to be doing Hebrew Christian work. The acid test with them is whether or not the worker will take notice of their destitute condition. They know the names of outstanding Christian leaders whom they regard as Jew-baiters. They naturally expect all ministers to treat them as Christ-killers. They have the utmost contempt for Jewish missions that carry on begging programs over high-priced radio stations, have beautiful quarters and expensive electrical signs and loud speakers that bark the Gospel at them across the street, but tell them to get out when they ask for a bite to eat or a shirt or a pair of shoes. They despise the preacher who has no patience with them when they burst out with their questions, but instead, calls husky ushers to assist them outside. After having had experiences of this kind, they have but one test to apply to any Christian worker.

#### FEED THE HUNGRY

We found Mrs. Zimmerman feeding hungry boys in the kitchen adjoining, after the service. Her husband was taking pains in the meantime to find out if newcomers had a bed for the night. A number were sent to nearby rooming houses at the expense of the mission. Clothes were found for others. They were being given assistance in getting work. One young fellow wanted to know if it would be possible for him to have a sandwich to take with him to a job

he was to have the next day. Mrs. Zimmerman gladly prepared it for him. "Well, this beats anything!" he exclaimed. "WHY do you people do these things for us?"

We realized that this was the foundation of this unique piece of work. This is practically the only approach left to the ordinary Jew of today. The literary method reaches one here and there, but we believe it is patience, kindness, consistency and constant sowing of the Seed that gets real results. Get them to singing hymns and the battle is half won. If you wish to attend one of the most interesting meetings you ever attended, we suggest that you take your Bible and drop in at one of Mr. Zimmerman's meetings some evening.

Los Angeles has some earnest and successful workers among the Jews. But we regard Elias Zimmerman (whom we have long known) as a master hand. See this work and you will gain a fair idea of the methods being used in the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews in all their Branches. We will be happy to pass along any contributions to this needy work.

#### Two Baptisms at Los Angeles

Since the above report was sent to us by our friend and brother, Keith L. Brooks, a letter has come from our missionary, Elias Zimmerman, from which we clip one paragraph:—

I am sure you will be glad to know that three of our Jewish young men made public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and two of them were baptized last Sunday morning. The service was impressive.

So, we give thanks to God, and take courage. Do we need more convincing evidence that the Lord's hand was guiding us when we opened the work in Los Angeles? Keep praying that we shall always be in His will.

**Come With Us To Warsaw**

By MOSES H. GITLIN

(Here is a moving record, day by day, of our missionary's life in Poland. We have snatched a fragment here and a fragment there from Mr. Gitlin's reports, so you may look deep into the heart of this transparent and sincere servant of God. Perhaps you will weep as you read. Never mind, read on. If you smile, that too is good, for we have tried to preserve in part the quaintness of the wording. But you will also give thanks to God. And that is the most important.)

It has been my intention to keep a diary, and my report should consist of a transcribing of the leaves. However, I find it too hard to keep a diary. The various phases of the work, and particularly the visits from inquirers, keep me up till late in the evening, and I am often so tired out that I either forget or am too tired to write. So, I changed my mind concerning the style of my reports, and I shall write instead the leaves from a diary a typical account of the work, giving a general survey of the work, while Bro. Schiff and perhaps Mrs. Gitlin may write concerning their own experiences. I hope that this meets with the approval of our Mission.

**OUR MEETINGS**

We were finally led to hold our meetings regularly on Saturday and Sundays at 11 o'clock a. m. The Saturday meeting is evangelistic. The Sunday meeting is both for worship and evangelism. Strange, but a few Gentile friends begin to come in, from among those who understand Jewish or German. We have an attendance from 15 to 30. Praise God for it. The meetings are quiet and stately. It has the marks of a Christian parlor service. On Saturdays I lead the meetings, and Bro. Schiff brings the message, usually in connection with the Sedra. On Sundays Bro. Schiff leads the meeting and I bring the message either from the Sedra or Haftora or according to occasion, and in general according to our sensing the leading of the Lord.

**VISITORS**

The Lord has given me in the person of my wife a precious and able helpmate. Mrs. Gitlin has made our home cozy and lovely. Folks just love to come and spend time in our

home. Mrs. Gitlin personally greets every one and seeks to make his or her stay as pleasant and profitable as possible. No soul is to leave our house without a treat, and a message.

Among our steady visitors is Mr. Ruben Szternszus—a chasidical young Jew (about 30 years of age) a music teacher. Another interesting and interested visitor is Mr. Elijah Dobkowski, a former leader of the Russian Socialist Revolutionary party who got disappointed in politics and seeks now rest for his soul and a field for his energy in the Christian message.

**VISITS**

Bro. Schiff and Mrs. Gitlin are going out about twice a week to visit homes of Jewish inquirers and of Hebrew Christians. It is from these visits that we secure the attendance at our meetings. We began to pray that the Lord be pleased to give us the joy of seeing the conversion of a cultured Jewish girl who might become a helper to Mrs. Gitlin in the work among women and children and in the work of visiting.

**REQUESTS FOR BAPTISM**

It was a great joy to us this Lord's day morning when one of our young Jewish friends expressed to us his wish to be baptized in the near future. This brother had a long experience with different Christian agencies but was not free till now to ask for baptism. There are evidences and testimonies about his being a truly regenerated soul. He is earning his living by making and selling paper bags. Kindly pray for him, and for other inquirers who contemplate baptism, especially for a Jewish woman, a genuine believer, alas a physical cripple.

**VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

Our helping other Christian agencies is repaid to us mutually. Workers from other Jewish missions and from churches recommend our meetings to earnest Jews, and also come themselves to our meetings. We also have the help of Mrs. Gorewicz, a convert of Radosc who plays the organ for us. Her husband, Mr. Borys Gorewicz, also a convert of our former labors in Radosc is helping us with the singing, and also with the violin;

he is a student of the Warsaw Conservatory of Music.

**OUR DAILY ROUTINE**

Our day begins with prayer, unitedly offered by Bro. Schiff, Mrs. Gitlin and myself. Then Bro. Schiff puts in the forenoon in studies and sermon preparation. I also put in as much as necessary of the forenoon hours into Bible study and to my intensive study of modern Hebrew. In the afternoons Bro. Schiff either deals with visitors, or else he continues at his sermon book, or else he goes out to visit. I devote my afternoon to the visitors, mail, and current business. The evenings are spent by Bro. Schiff in attending night-school, which he does upon my urging him to get a working knowledge of Polish. I usually have one or more inquirers. With the inquirers we study individually the New Testament or deal with them in a general way along spiritual lines.

**PROJECTS**

There are more than 20 Slavic believing girls working as servants in Jewish homes. It has come to me again and again that we ought to gather these sisters for prayer and conference that the Lord may show us ways and means of testifying to their employers about the Lord Jesus. Kindly pray over the matter.

**THE PROBLEM OF TOO FEW**

Seeing that we receive not as yet the written permission from the government, we were going on quietly with the work. But we felt it to be a pity that our messages should be given to a handful when they might be given to a larger group. Hence, after thought and prayer we decided to launch out into the deep, and make our work known. True, we have had and have no particular legal right for it, but we risked on faith.

**OUR HAND-BILL INVITATION**

I believe that we were illuminated by the Spirit of God when we prepared the hand bill. We all prayed and worked over it, Mrs. Gitlin and I caring for the esthetic form and style, while Bro. Schiff supplied the Jewish and chasidical terminology. We like the hand bill very much, and are "proud" to distribute it. Methinks that a Hebrew Christian of Mr. Eng-

lander's type, and still more of Mr. Leopold Cohn's would appreciate the Messianic-chasidical style of it. That we are not altogether mistaken in it we judge by the fact that Bro. Schiff's arrest was demanded by a chasidical Jew who claimed that the hand bills are camouflaged.

**THE PROBLEM OF TOO MANY**

Bro. Schiff went in the company of a very saintly Russian brother to distribute these announcements, which were preceded by fervent prayer. As a result we had that Saturday some 70 Jews at the meeting, so that a number of them stood on their feet. The next Saturday came over one hundred Jews.

It was rather hard to manage the multitude. We would not appeal for police protection. Hence we decided not to let in anymore people than can be seated comfortably in our meeting room. Hence last Sunday night, at our question meeting, we had about 30 present but had a fine time. It is our purpose now not to let in more people than we could accommodate, and have our meetings quiet and stately.

**GUESTS**

Our home is becoming a center for hospitality. Hebrew and Gentile Christian workers, and other believers come asking to stay over night. Thus my dear wife has plenty of opportunities for a labor of love.

**DEALING WITH INQUIRERS**

Hardly a day passes that there should not come an inquirer "to talk a bit" with the missionary. Most of them come in the Nicodemus way, then it becomes the duty of Moses or Clara Gitlin to deal with them, for our dear Bro. Schiff is attending evening school, learning Polish, and is entitled to go home such evenings when he is not at school but attends to the meetings here.

Most of my time goes into dealing with Dr. Ruben Szternszus the chasidical music teacher of whom I wrote several times. We study with him the New Testament, portions here and there that become of interest to him or which I find necessary to lead him into. When our conversation gets us into midnight, then he stays over night in our home.