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from anything by which he might be profited by him. Our Lord thus made a dagger thrust into the very heart of Pharisaical hypocrisies; for He showed the Pharisees that they were, by subterfuge, violating most shamefully the commandment, "He that revileth father or mother, he shall surely die." A counterpart of all of this is to be found today in the quibbles, subterfuges and evasions that make up so much of the fabric of Romanism, for instance, or even in some of the practices of Protestantism.

*Answer 2.* The Jews used to speak of those as dead who did not keep God's commandments. Let the spiritually dead bury the physically dead. Rather let them lie unburied, than that the service of Christ should be neglected. The service of Christ is supreme above all other duties.

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Question 1. *Is it stated anywhere in scripture that the Jews will return to Palestine without belief in Christ as their Messiah? This is maintained by the millenialists, but the amillenialists point out that Scripture shows that the Jews must first turn to Christ before they enter Palestine and hence that the present movement is not significant prophetically.*

Question 2. *In John 11:24 Mariha states "... will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Does not this convey the idea that there will be but one general resurrection and refute the viewpoint of millenialists.—G. W. B.*

*Answer 1.* See Zech. 14:1-3; Dan. 9:27; 2nd Thess. 2:3 and 4. If Israel is to enter into an alliance with the coming Anti-Christ, such alliance must take place in Jerusalem, and would be impossible if the Jews were already converted and turned to Christ as a nation. We have here, therefore, a double return, or two stages of Israel's return to Palestine: the first in unbelief, with a covenant being made under the Anti-Christ; and second, the plenary return, a redeemed nation, redeemed by the miraculous epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Mount of Olives, as described in Zech. 14:4.

*Answer 2.* Scripture must be compared with Scripture. The law of interpretation is that a general statement can never be considered complete as long as there are other statements in Scripture to amplify and enlarge upon the first one. There is abundant Scripture evidence of more than one resurrection. Why take the statement of Martha, and disregard the statement given us by direct inspiration in Rev. 20:5? Also, did not the Lord Jesus Christ correct Martha immediately by saying to her, "I am the resurrection and the life?" The fact that the Scriptures quote Martha does not of itself mean that Martha's statement is inspired. The Sadducees believed in no resurrection; the Pharisees believed there would be a resurrection. Martha evidently was to be counted among the Pharisees.

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## Salutation

"We go down to salute the children of the king"—II Kings 10:13

*Dearly Beloved Friends:*

Again a host of letters from many who are precious to us in the Lord, testifying to rich blessings that have come through our humble ministry in these pages. And again our hearts and spirits are cheered and encouraged, beyond description. Who would not feel inspired to a greater devotion for faithful service to our Lord Jesus Christ, and humbled by the thought that He in His great love and mercy is willing to use such vessels as we are, when one receives letters of which the following two or three are examples:

I want to say that always "The Chosen People" is eagerly awaited and thoroughly enjoyed. Every spiritual Christian feels the same way; but not many tell you. I never have before, because I am usually writing many other letters and so I never have taken time. I pray each day carefully for you people at headquarters and for each branch, and the workers whose names I remember.

We seldom have money coming in, but wish we had much to give you, for it is the most important work in all the world to help God's chosen people. We must have His blessing on our little gifts to make them worth while. May he abundantly bless you and give you long years of service. Use these few dollars and our prayers for you go with them.

As an interesting echo from our January issue, when we brought before you again the wisdom of God in having ordained that the Gospel shall be preached "to the Jew First" there has come to us a beautiful letter from a missionary in the heart of Africa who has been for a number of years a faithful brother to us in the Lord. In his letter he makes this comment:

We are again reminded of The Old Serpent's trick to change God's word, "To the Jew First." Another way of saying "To the Jew First" might well be, "Safety First." Even from a financial standpoint this is "safe." We are proving this true though we did not begin on this basis. It was loved into me from my home life, from my father's breakfast table as well as my mother's knee. And here I find myself with a wife and two children learning to tread the same way out here in Central Africa. The up-to-date mail services are truly a blessing. Maybe we lose some of our secular papers to others in the mail, but our Jewish mail always arrives and keeps us well informed.

We could go on and make this entire issue just dripping with letters like these. But we must not take more space. We have brought to you these few quotations that you might share with us some of the experiences behind the scenes, and in this way we can all understand better why it is that God

has crowned this, your work, with so many sure evidences of His divine blessing and approval. So may it continue through the oncoming night of darkness, until that hour which seems to be rapidly approaching in these crises days, when we shall greet each other with a "Good morning" that shall never have an end.

#### "I SEEK MY BRETHREN"

And now we come to you in the spirit of Gen. 37:16, "I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks." For, the time has come to talk of ships, and tossing waves, and of storms that reach beyond the seas, into the troubled hearts of a nation scattered and peeled. As a friend wrote to us a few days ago, "My heart breaks as I read of the terrible, terrible sufferings which the Jews are now undergoing in all parts of the world."

"I seek my brethren." The newest horrors now come from Poland. Here are 3,500,000 Jews, of whom "one-third is on the brink of starvation, one-third just contrives to obtain a mere existence, and the remaining one-third is fortunate in obtaining a minimum of comfort." A recent news bulletin from the American Jewish Committee contains information that must strike terror to the hardest heart. On Jan. 19th, for instance, a meeting of the Lodz Municipal Council was broken up by a violent anti-Semitic demonstration by the Nationalists Minority members. Shouting "Dirty Jews, go to France to your Messiah Blum!" the Nationalists threatened to make Lodz into a shambles of Jewish slaughter. Laws are being continually enacted in Poland for the purpose of destroying Jewish life and making impossible Jewish existence. As a result of the new Shehitah Laws, 20,000 Jewish meat dealers will lose their livelihood. The word "Shehitah" is the Hebrew word that means slaughter, and has to do with the Kosher or Mosaic laws for the killing of cattle for eating purposes. Under the new Shehitah Laws, the Kosher slaughter houses are practically wiped out, and the Jews must buy their meats from the Gentile butchers and thus violate the Mosaic Laws as regards the way in which these animals are killed. Thousands of Jewish families who had earned a livelihood from the butcher trade are now in despair. Already two of the official Jewish butchers, Samuel Gliklich and Pincus Milba, have committed suicide.

#### TERROR BY DAY AND BY NIGHT

In 1936 according to the official reports in the Endek newspapers of Poland, the number of Jewish shops in Lodz alone decreased by 500, while the number of Polish shops increased by 2,000. At the present time, 30% to 40% of the Jewish shops in Lodz are on the point of liquidation. Terrorism against the Jews has constantly increased in intensity. No day passes without serious assaults upon Jewish life and property.

On January 5, riots against the Jews broke out in Czyzew, near Bialystock, following the conviction of two Endek agitators for participation in anti-Jewish outbreaks. The rioting developed into a real battle between the excited peasants and the Poles, and resulted in the death of one Jew and the injuring of 30, 11 seriously. While these riots were raging, the windows of 50 Jewish houses in the nearby town of Nur were smashed, and seven Jews beaten. On January 7, there broke out a series of intensified terrorisms against the Jews in the district of Lomza. Pickets were stationed at Jewish stores, and Poles entering them were attacked and beaten. On January 16, bombing, arson and knife attacks upon Jews took place in Warsaw, Wilno, and East Galicia. In Wilno a Jewish restaurant was bombed and partially destroyed. In East Galicia, Jewish houses and farms, including grain and live stock, were deliberately destroyed by fire. The peasants are being terrorized into boycotting the Jews. Jews are afraid to leave their homes. In the universities there are continual riots against the Jewish students, many Jewish students being wounded, and many others having been forced to discontinue attending the university for fear of attack. At the University of Warsaw, a leaflet is being distributed to students, on which is printed this advice: "Do not be afraid to be brutal. If you meet a Jew strike

time up to the present has always known what those Scriptures were and are. If in the time of our Lord these Scriptures had contained material that was spurious, or if they had omitted material that was properly a part of the revealed Word, we may be sure that He would have so indicated. Dr. James M. Gray in his "Primers of the Faith" points out that the books of the Apocrypha never did belong to the Scriptures; they never claimed divine authority; they contained untrue statements and even contradicted each other. They are not to be found in any catalogue or list of the Scriptures, in the first four centuries of the Christian era, and the Lord Jesus Christ never quoted them. Even the Romish Church did not accept them until the Council of Trent in 1545.

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Question 1. *Isa. 18:1, 2, 7. What land or government or nation does the first verse and first clause of 2nd verse refer to? And, does the "nation scattered and peeled and not desired," spoken of in verses 2 and 7 refer to Israel?*

Question 2. *Rev. 14:9-12. Is the third angel's message due?*

Question 3. *Is Rome the Beast, and what is the Image and Mark?—Mrs. A. B.*

Answer 1. Here is a fine example of the law of "double reference," which we find frequently in Scripture. The immediate object of the condemnation is unquestionably the land of Egypt, with which the Jews in their state of apostasy had made an alliance. This alliance is mercilessly condemned in Isaiah 30. The secondary and ultimate objective has of course to do with the final restoration of the Jews. "The nation scattered and peeled" is of course the Jewish nation.

Answer 2. No. The messages of the angels outlined in Revelation 14 are not promulgated in the world until after the Church has been caught up to be with the Lord in the air. From Revelation 4 and onward, the book deals with "things which shall be hereafter" meaning after the end of the span of the seven typical churches of which the last is the church of Laodicea.

Answer 3. There are several beasts; John saw the beast rising out of the sea. The sea is used in Scripture often as typifying the nations. We think

that this beast which John saw will prove to be the Roman Empire that will be revived and that will contain in itself a composite of its own former glory plus certain features of the other great world empires like Greece, Persia, Babylon. There is also another beast called "the beast out of the earth" mentioned in Rev. 13:11. This beast is evidently a powerful personality. Daniel 9:27 says of him, "He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." Mussolini, or Stalin, or Hitler, are excellent examples of what such a world dictator, or Beast, will be like. Just now, Hitler is the most concerned with matters religious for it is he who is transforming Germany from the worship of the true God to Nazi worship.

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Question 1. *Please explain where Jesus spoke in regard to the word "Corban." What was meant by that whole passage?*

Question 2. *Also, why did Jesus tell the man who wanted first to bury his father before following him, "let the dead bury their dead?"—L. L.*

Answer 1. The rabbis had developed many technical evasions of the Mosaic law. It was a good deal like the expression used commonly in English, "beating the devil around the stump." It was one of those subtle twistings of the law, that the Lord rebuked as He pointed out to them their hypocritical perversion of Scripture sanctions. The rebuke is found in Mark 7:11, "Ye say, if a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift . . . he shall be free." The idea was that the son by declaring as reserved for sacred use (Corban) that certain thing which the mother or father wanted from him, could thus evade his obligations, and violate in actuality, although not theoretically, the fifth commandment. See also Matt. 15:5-6 and study carefully such passages as Numbers 30:2-4. The Lord condemned Rabbinism as incompatible with the Word, because He exposed in this way their worship of traditionalism rather than obedience to the Word itself. There is a whole section in the Mishnah dealing with Vows, and lack of space prevents our elucidating in more detail. Edersheim quotes from the Mishnah, Nedarim V. a case in which a father was shut out by the vow of his son



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *Will you please explain Phil. 1:19 where Paul says, "This shall turn to my salvation through your prayers and the supply of the Spirit."*—F. D.

Answer. Salvation in this verse is to be distinguished from the salvation spoken about in such a verse as 2 Tim. 1:9, "Who hath saved us." The salvation referred to by Paul in Philippians has reference to the final defeat of the enemy. The fact that the word salvation here is connected with the "supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ" shows that Paul had recourse to the abundant supply of the Spirit, and was therefore a saved man. It is largely the practical application of Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good, etc.," and only proves that what temporarily seems a hindrance is used by God in the working out of His final purposes for us, and the full deliverance at the close.

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Question 1. *What is your opinion as to prehistoric man? Was there a race of people on the earth before Adam?*

Question 2. *How do we know Paul wrote the Book of Hebrews?*

Question 3. *Why is the word God or Jehovah omitted in the Book of Esther?*

Question 4. *Why are the Books of the Apocrypha not considered inspired?*

Answer 1. Gen. 1:2, "And the earth became void," affords ample ground for the belief that there was a creation of human beings upon this earth before the present race of mankind. The first verse of Genesis opens with the majestic word, "In the beginning," but it does not tell us when that beginning was. Certainly there is plenty of room between the first and second verses of this opening chapter for hundreds of thousands, and even millions, of years.

Answer 2. The authorship of the Epistles to the Hebrews is not directly stated in the Word of God. Based on the unequivocal statement of Romans 3:2 we know at least that the book must have been written by a Jew. The profound treatment of the Old Testament types and their transmutation into the beautiful symphonies of New Testament fulfillment would indicate the work, under the Holy Spirit's direction of course, of a Jew deeply schooled in Old Testament doctrines and in Talmudic learning. The only such Jew which appears

on the horizon of first century Christianity would be Paul. The internal evidence of the book itself, particularly Hebrews 13:23, intimates Pauline authorship. Peter (2nd Peter 3:16) speaks of "our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you," which would indicate a possible reference to the profound philosophies of the Book of Hebrews.

Answer 3. No one really knows. At best we can venture an opinion, as many able Bible scholars have done. The word Esther itself means "hidden." The period covered by the Book of Esther was one in which the Jews were in a blackslidden condition, away from God, and unmindful of His commandments. So that it was true that God was not in their thoughts. Yet, in spite of such a deplorable condition, God still loved His people and was working out their deliverance from destruction in the dark as it were. We have thought that the present world condition of the Jew affords us a striking parallel. They are woefully and pitifully without God. Their Temples and their Synagogues are empty; they think not in their hour of distress to turn to God, but rather they turn to the arm of flesh; they appeal to Great Britain; they think the Pope will help them; they count on Zionism; they put their confidence in their own wisdom; they try to make a place for themselves among the mighty, such as those who gather at Geneva. Yet through it all, is it not a certainty that the God of Jacob, who cannot lie, is going to bring about their ultimate deliverance in the final climactic hour of distress?

Answer 4. The word apocrypha means "hidden", "mysterious", "inferior", also "forged", "spurious." The Jews were in the habit of depositing in a secret place, or even of burying, such manuscripts as had become defective or were no longer fit for public use; writings of questionable contents were treated in the same way. Thus, there grew up a body of semi-sacred literature which was known by the Jewish scribes to have no canonical standing. This was called the Apocrypha. Augustine speaks of "the fables of those Scriptures which are called Apocrypha because of their origin, being obscure, were unknown to the fathers." When our Lord was on the earth in bodily form, the Old Testament Scripture canon as we now have it, was in existence and thoroughly established. It was of this canon that He said, "Search the Scriptures." Every Jew from that

him and beat him so thoroughly that he will not only take his proper seat, but will leave the university and perhaps Poland as well."

## ANARCHY STALKS IN POLAND

What a horrible picture! Among the more cultured Poles, there is a realization that if anti-Semitism is allowed to continue, it will mean eventually a break down of all government, and anarchy will engulf Poland. One writer from Warsaw describes the plight of the Jews in Poland "As a final disaster of truly historic magnitude." The most alarming feature of all of this is the rowdy anti-Semitism which is growing at an alarming pace and which seeks to drive the Jews out of the country by a program of terroristic activities, which recall the days of the Crusades, the Black Death, and other periods of Jewish persecutions. To quote one paragraph further,

"Pogroms and mass riotings in which Jews are beaten, killed and wounded and their homes and shops wrecked or burned; assaults on individual Jews and the bombing of Jewish stores; boycott of Jewish businesses and the posting of boycott pickets before Jewish shops; destruction of Jewish market stalls, and the forceful ejection of the Jews from markets, public places and in some cases, from certain towns and villages; and, finally, the continued student rioting in the Polish universities, are almost daily occurrences. This violent anti-Semitism which had been suppressed for a time by the late Marshal Pilsudski's iron hand burst forth with renewed intensity after his death. During the last three months alone, 100 Jewish students were injured, 20 of them for life, in university riotings. The Prime Minister himself recently admitted that in the province of Bialystock alone, there had occurred, during the last year, 348 assaults on Jews including 21 mass riots and pogroms, 99 cases of Jew baiting and 161 cases of window smashing with 3 Jews killed and a number severely injured."

An excellent article appears in the April issue of REVELATION, on the situation of the Jews in Poland, and from it we would quote one paragraph, by way of giving further confirmation to what we have been writing:

"The appalling misery of the Jews in Warsaw and in the other large Polish cities is nothing compared with the misery of the Jews in the smaller towns. In Western Europe the Jews live chiefly in the capitals. Sixty-six per cent of all British Jewry lives in London, seventy per cent of all the French Jews in Paris, thirty per cent of all German Jews in Berlin. But only just over ten per cent of Polish Jews, or 362,000, live in Warsaw. The remaining three million are dispersed in hundreds of other Polish towns and villages, and twenty-nine per cent of all Jews in Lodz asked for alms during the autumn. In Vilno the percentage was over thirty-two. There are many small towns with hundreds of Jewish families of which only a few can afford bread for breakfast. Seventy-five per cent of all Jewish business men and traders in the smaller towns had to seek loans in order to buy their trading licenses. One-sixth of the entire Jewish population in Poland depends for a living only on what they receive from their relatives in the United States, Africa, Australia or Canada. Thousands of Jewish tailors, cabinetmakers, shoemakers and builders live on \$1.50 a week and are glad to earn even that much. In many towns Jewish unemployed outnumber the non-Jewish by three to one."

## "REAPING THE WHIRLWIND"

"I seek my brethren." Besides this crushing desolation of Poland, we have the Nazi cruelties in Germany more intensified; in fact, it is these very Nazi doctrines that have been assiduously sown by Nazi propagandists in

Poland, that have now produced the sad state of affairs in this latter country. The wind has been sown, and now the whirlwind is the harvest. One's heart cries out in the words of Psalm 80:4, "O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?" All through Germany, the cry of a people in distress must rise to the very heavens. Despair is all that faces these helpless Jewish families. Many will give you their children, and then will try to forget everything, if only you will agree to take the child, bring it up, and give it a chance to live in the world. For to the Jewish child the outlook is only black, black, black.

This distress for the Jews is really world wide. In Roumania 30,000 of the peasants, urged and goaded on by Greek Catholic priests, have taken an oath to rid Roumania of Jews. In Austria likewise, the Nazi propaganda has borne fruit in a steadily rising tide of anti-Semitism. Where it will all end, no one knows, unless the Lord Himself soon comes to accomplish Israel's deliverance. Every development now certainly gives ground for the conviction that the stage is being set for the most tragic hours the world has ever seen; and while the Word foretells tribulation for the whole earth, yet this tribulation is spoken of as the time of Jacob's trouble, which would indicate that the Jews will be at the very vortex of world agony. So, perhaps what is going on in the world today is a preparation for that frightful hour when the devil's darts will be hurled against the Jews in that supreme thrust against God, when the devil will try to destroy the Jews from off the face of the earth.

#### THE SHADOW OF THE ANTI-CHRIST?

Significant indeed, in this connection, was the newspaper report a few days ago of a rapprochement between Hitler and Ludendorf, after a bitter enmity of years. Now they are friends again, and Hitler has committed to Ludendorf the task of propagating Nazi paganism. The cat is now out of the bag, and Hitler is publicly committed to the task of breaking down Christianity completely. Not only does he want to break down the Christianity of the revealed word of God, but he is determined to supplant it with a new form of worship which our American newspapers frankly call Nazi paganism. It is to be Ludendorf's business to build up this new worship. As we write these lines our attention is called to a rather startling dispatch in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle of April 10, which we think we should quote to you in full:-

Substitution of the authority of Adolf Hitler for that of the Bible has been demanded by resolution of leading Nazi Christians at Oberhausen, the Lutheran newspaper Allgemeine Evangelisch Lutherische Kirchenzeitung reported today. It quoted the resolution which said:

"Hitler's word is God's law and as such has divine authority in the shape of decrees or laws. Since, however, the Fuehrer, being 100 per cent Nazi, alone fulfills the law, all others may be considered as guilty before divine law. This is the starting point for the definition of sin in a religious sense."

Now, the important point about this is that here is the first time in the present era of world dictators that one of these dictators has stepped beyond the realm of political rule and has actually reached out for religious control. And if we add to this the fact that Hitler is a celibate, we will have something more to think about, particularly in the light of Daniel 11:37. May this not be a foreshadowing type of the coming Anti-Christ? Incidentally, we have been surprised to note that there still are "Bible teachers" and "evangelists" and "prophetic magazines" boosting Hitler to the skies. It is strange how prejudice against the Jew can blind one's eyes to the real truth.

"I seek my brethren." Beloved friends, it is into this sort of a boiling pot that I go in just a few weeks, the Lord willing. It is going to be a difficult and heart-breaking journey. I will need the travailing prayers of every lover of Israel, as I go upon a precarious undertaking. But, I can only go in His strength and under His protection. I also expect to be present in Budapest, when perhaps 100, perhaps 200, Jewish Christian brethren will gather from various

One said "You asked to have your love for the Jews restored!" I sat down at once and sent a contribution to the Mission to be used for your work. I am again reminded of it so I will send a small gift today to them but I just wanted to write to you. I read of your work in the little magazine from time to time. How blessed it is to have a part in the ministry of soul winning. Our part seems small when it comes to giving or doing but God has laid the ministry of Intercession on my heart very definitely. I should like to hear from you now and then if you can find the time to write. May God bless, provide for and protect you in these dark days.—Mr. and Mrs. P. R.

Dear reader, if you have been wondering sometimes why we seem to stress the warning that any so-called prophetic teaching which has in it even the slightest tinge of Jew hate, is a dangerous thing for the child of God to follow or to encourage, somehow we are hoping that this letter will be used by God to open your eyes to the poison in the pot, a poison which no matter how much it may be artificially sweetened and sugar-coated, is still of Satanic origin. Avoid it, as you would the plague, and combat it whenever it shows its ugly head. There will come a day when you will be very happy that you did so; and somehow we are persuaded that that Day is not very far off.

#### From A German Jewish Refugee Now in Italy

A pitiful case was brought to our attention by our German agent, of a Jewish doctor, a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, who with his aged mother and a sister, had to tear up the roots from the country of their birth, and escape to Italy, and there start life all over again in a desperate struggle to build up a medical practice as a stranger in a strange land, the language strange, the people strange. To this little group we were able to send \$100 and we think our readers will appreciate our quoting a few sentences from the poor doctor's letter:—

"Many thanks for your kind letter which announced to me that the American Board of Missions to the Jews kindly will help me

on with \$100 to overcome the need of the present time. It is not easy to leave one's country where one's forefathers have lived for centuries and done their duty, leaving a respected name to their descendants, a country in whose service I myself was severely wounded. And yet we three, my old mother, sister and myself do not despair, for we believe firmly in God and our Saviour. And God and the Lord Jesus Christ have done such wonders to us, that made our courage always strong and enabled us to praise a time that showed us what a strong help and staff faith affords in times of trial.

After a lot of vain endeavor to get on in my profession, now at last I slowly get on, and though the way to success will still be long and tedious, yet each forward pace strengthens the will to hold out."

#### Reaching the Jewish Women in Chicago's Southside

BY MISS MARY LE BAR, CHICAGO

The Gospel is by no means failing to be the power of God unto salvation to the Jewish friends to whom we are giving it. The last weeks have shown increasing and intensified interest on the part of those who are considering Christ with unprejudiced hearts and minds, few though they be. A Hungarian Jewess, who has been studying the Bible for some months, has finished Matthew and is now reading John. She loves to read the Word and says that she would like to study with us every day. Another young woman, when we visited her the second time, asked if we would not teach her little boy the Bible. Four lessons have been given him and the mother now possesses her own Bible. On the Day of Atonement she came to our house directly from the synagogue services, to hear the Gospel. Although she has much opposition from her husband and his family, she is persistently studying that message which she says satisfies a longing she has felt for years.

We have been very much conscious of prayer in our behalf during the past months. Through you, His faithful stewards and praying friends, He has done "exceeding abundantly." To Him be all praise.



they must give from their own financial resources to further the work so dear to the hearts of both.

I am not a prophetess, but is it too much to believe that in the years to come with such a field for labor whitening to the harvest, and such capable, earnest leaders, this little branch of the Brooklyn work may become second only to your own great work there? Brooklyn and Los Angeles are both strategic cities, calling loudly for loving care and thought to be given to the Jew that he, in turn, may help evangelize his own race and Gentiles, also.

I have written quite at length; but I am interested, and while Mr. Zimmerman sends you reports of his work, you know the man well enough to know that there is much he couldn't bring himself to tell, so I trust this word coming from an outsider will be of interest to you.

My stay here is limited now to a few days then I go back to Iowa, but I shall not soon forget the people of whom I've written, nor the Mission.—C. E. M.

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Now I must tell you about a unique service we had a few weeks ago at our Church, St. Paul's Presbyterian at prayer meeting. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman brought three Jewish friends to be baptised. What an inspiration it was to hear their testimonies; it was marvelous how one young man who was highly educated could not see the light, had been studying the Word, and then one night Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman took him home, and prayed through and the Lord revealed the Word to him. How happy all three were as they told of the marvelous Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. They closed the meeting by singing in Quartette various hymns that they had learned and loved so much. "I'll Stay in the Garden with Him." May God richly bless them in the Messiah who loves and cares for every soul. I felt I must write and tell you that your baby Mission in Los Angeles is doing splendid work, under the leadership of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Zim-

merman. Our prayers are with you all, as we who are in God's work are anxious to tell the good news whenever we can.—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. P.

So we give thanks to God for such a manifest outpouring of His Blessings upon the Los Angeles work; and we pass on these reports to you that you too may give thanks with us, and that you may also continue to pray that this Los Angeles work shall indeed continue to grow and grow until it becomes as our friend hopes, "second only to your own great work in Brooklyn."

### "I Lost My Love"

#### THE DANGER OF JEW-HATE

A most interesting and heart-touching letter has fallen into our hands in a round-about way. The letter was written by a dear Christian brother and his wife in America to our Mr. Gitlin in Warsaw; and Mr. Gitlin has sent it on to us because he felt that God might use this thought-provoking testimony as a warning to other of God's children who may be in need of just this record of the Lord's dealing with two of His children. As Mr. Gitlin writes, "Thank God for it. The thought came to me that it might constitute a call that Christians who were led astray or influenced by the wave of anti-Semitism should ask God to restore their love for Israel." Therefore, we print the letter hereunder:

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gitlin

Dear Friends,

We used to correspond with you several years ago but during the depression dropped out. I want to tell you how God reminded me of you again. I had been reading after — and listening to lecturers on the Protocols and without realizing it I lost my love for God's People. Then one day it came to me that I no longer felt as heretofore towards the Jews and I knelt down beside my chair as soon as it came to me, and asked God to restore that love. Then I forgot my prayer, but He did not. A few days later I received a little magazine I had never heard of, "The Chosen People", and there was a full size picture of Moses Gitlin. As soon as I saw it my heart was stirred and Some

parts of the world, for a season of taking counsel together, and prayer, and planning what is to be done next in this hour of crisis.

#### THE CHESSBOARD OF DESTINY

"I seek my brethren." World events are so startling in these days, that we are convinced that we, as your Mission to the Jews, are being used in the hands of God for a prophetic purpose on the chess board of Israel's destiny. Outside of this explanation there is no answer to the question of how this Mission is being supported and cared for in a world of apostasy and Jew hate. Therefore, we follow the story from which we took our beginning text, and we find that while Joseph went to seek his brethren, there came also a day when the tables were turned, and the same brethren one day came to seek him. The record is, "And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence." And we think quickly of that time to come, foretold in Zechariah 12, when our Lord's brethren shall likewise face Him, shall be identified by Him, and then "they shall mourn over him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his first born." So may it be that the Lord is using us to hasten that day; and if this be true, then indeed ours has been a rare privilege and a coveted honor; and every friend of this Mission that has borne the heat of the day with us is likewise privileged and honored.

I hope to take with me liberal funds that I may disburse freely in the homes of these destitute Jewish Christian families, and that I may give to the various Jewish missionary workers that they may have money for distribution in the various fields where they labor. Your abounding generosity in the days gone by will now also stand us in good stead, and I know that nothing further need be said to you on this point. You will recognize your privilege readily, and as He will enable you and lead you, you will respond as you have done before.

#### THE HOME BASE

The Home field I leave in full assurance that He who has watched over our faithful workers both here and in the Branches, will now also watch and protect all of us from harm. You will of course remember these Home Departments in your prayers and in your gifts, so that these burdens shall not be on my mind when I am away. The Mission will always be in close touch with me by cable in case of any emergency need.

And now may the Lord watch over you all, every beloved friend who is a part of our devoted Chosen People family. May He also supply to you every need, as He supplies to us, and may He keep you safely until in His good will we may be allowed to greet you once more in these columns next October.

Ever faithfully yours in His service,

Joseph Hoffman Cohn.

P.S. Something new:—We have just brought over from Germany, as part of our Resettlement program, a Jewish Christian brother, Rev. Herbert Singer, who has spent twenty-seven years in Mission work among the Jews in Hamburg, as assistant to the beloved Pastor Arnold Frank. Of Mr. Singer we shall say more next Fall, but just now we announce that he is to be the editor of a new venture we are undertaking, a German language edition of "The Chosen People." It will have 8 pages as a beginning, and will be enlarged as the Lord may allow. So, if you have German friends, tell them of this new paper. Sample copies free; or, if you wish to subscribe for yourself or for your friend the price is 50c a year, 8 issues, October to May. The first edition, May issue, is now ready. We will appreciate your help in getting this new baby on its feet. Mr. Singer is also available for speaking engagements in German churches, and will gladly respond to such invitations.

## INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

### A Testimony From the Argentine

World-wide is the reach of our Yiddish paper, "The Shepherd of Israel." We often wish our readers could see the letters from all over the world, revealing a hunger after righteousness, thanking us for satisfying this hunger, and requesting us to send them more of the Bread of Life. One such letter was received recently from Buenos Aires. It came from a Jew who had been receiving the Shepherd of Israel through some Christian friends. As the result of some correspondence we had with him he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Here is part of his letter, which was written in Yiddish, much of the original beauty being lost in the English translation:

My Beloved Brother in Jesus Christ:

I thank you heartily for the literature you transmitted to me. I have just finished reading your tract, "Do Christians Believe in Three Gods?" It may be surprising to you to learn that this question has troubled me for eight years. I did not find a solution until three days ago.

Eight years ago I was a second lieutenant in the Polish army, at which time there was military conscription in Poland. Out of twenty-six recruits sent to me on one occasion, three refused to don their uniforms. They said they were Baptists, and that Christ commanded them not to kill or commit murder and that wearing the uniforms signified a willingness to kill. I told them that every man in my division was a Catholic, and therefore a Christian, except myself, who was a Jew. They said Catholics were not Christians. I did not wish to enter upon a lengthy discussion with them; so I called twelve men, four for each recruit, and within five minutes all four Baptists were forced into their uniforms.

When time came for their meals, they told me they would pray that God would cleanse my heart and open my eyes. I asked them to which God they would pray for me. They answered, "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." They answered, "Christ is the Son of God who came to redeem us from our sins."

They spoke to me about the Bible, and the prophets. I laughed at them and said, "You Gentiles speak to me about the Bible and the prophets when I have been a Bible student for years." Then they spoke to me about the New Testament, and I did not know how to answer them. I thank our own beloved Lord that He has now opened my eyes to find the truth.

I send my regards to all my brethren in Jesus in North America and thank you for your reply to me.

### Jewish Peddler Is Surprised

It is a remarkable sign of the present day that Jews are more approachable to the Gospel appeal than ever before. We are often gratified to receive letters from Christian friends in all parts of America, telling that they are experiencing blessing in their individual efforts to reach the Jew with the Gospel message. One letter of this kind came to us recently from Philadelphia, from a child of God who is by profession a nurse, and who seeks every opportunity to make the Lord Jesus known both to Jew and Gentile. We think it will help our friends to read her report; so here it is:—

Today a Jew came to the door selling things. I bought from him, and as is my custom, spoke to him about his soul. I was delighted to find he was seeking his Messiah and had been attending some Mission to the Jews in the city. He was so happy to think a Gentile cared about his soul, for he said most of them hated the Jews. I found he could not read English but he took a few tracts home to his children. He gave me his name for my prayer list, but preferred not to give his address because he said if any Gentile literature came to him where he was living, they would throw him and his children out. Oh, how sorry I was not to have any gospel tracts in Yiddish to give him. Won't you send me a few, for I often contact with Jews in my profession as a Christian nurse. I could also use a few tracts in English, both for Jews and for Gentiles. I love God's Chosen

People and it is the rule of my life to always help them and teach others to do likewise. We owe them an everlasting debt of gratitude, and our blessed Lord Jesus Christ was a Jew.—Mrs. J. E. D.

### "Let Another Man Praise Thee"

So wrote Solomon the Wise many years ago. The verse is found in Proverbs 27:2, "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips." And so it has been with our faithful and over-modest missionary in charge of the Los Angeles Branch, Rev. Elias Zimmerman. And when we mention this brother's name, we must in the same breath include the name of his good wife, who freely and wholeheartedly labors side by side with him, and gives to the work every ounce of devoted service.

Mr. Zimmerman is not very good at blowing his own horn; but he proceeds with a consecration and a conscientious application to his God-given tasks, and then leaves the rest to the Lord for His approval and blessing. So it has not been easy for us to get exhaustive reports from him, and the reports which he did send from time to time somehow managed to keep himself and his wife in obscurity. But, a few days ago there came, by coincidence, two letters in our mail, from two friends who had paid visits to the Mission in Los Angeles. One of these friends had come from Iowa to spend a few weeks in Los Angeles. The other friend is living there permanently. As you will see from their letters, these friends cannot speak too highly of what is being done. Here are the letters:—

It was my privilege last evening to visit the Beth Sar Shalom on Brooklyn Avenue, (Los Angeles) and it was a new experience for me as I had never before attended a Christian Jewish meeting. Men were there when I arrived, and I was early, enjoying the "homey" atmosphere, piano and comfortable chairs.

When Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman came in there were cordial greetings and a hearty handclasp for each one. The "boys" (as Mr. and Mrs. Z. call them) love these wonderful Christian leaders for

what they are doing for them; and certainly Rev. and Mrs. Zimmerman love them and would do anything within their power for the unfortunate men.

You can scarcely imagine how lustily those men (quite a number of them still not Christians) sang the beautiful soul-stirring hymns which they were allowed to select. After a heart-felt prayer Rev. Z. gave a message and the boys were keenly alive and alert, asking questions which the leader was only too glad to be given the opportunity of answering. There are tracts in a convenient place for any who wish them and Scripture texts in English and Yiddish upon the walls.

When the meeting is ended the men are loath to leave, standing here and there engaged in earnest conversation.

Rev. and Mrs. Zimmerman manifest an excellent Christian virtue in relating their part in the work; but in answer to my inquiries, I learned some things which would touch the hearts of any who knew, and also be a source of great encouragement to you.

I wish you could visit their work. Even Jewish people living in the neighborhood do not seem as antagonistic as one might expect, for they allow their children to come to the Mission and are rather kindly disposed to Mr. Zimmerman. What can be the meaning of such an attitude unless it be that the time is approaching when there shall be a spirit of inquiry abroad among the Jews?

I am quite certain that some lunch was prepared for some of the boys out in the kitchen before the meeting began, and that is well; for men are in a better mood to listen when the poor stomach is, at least, partially satisfied.

One day, since I have been in Los Angeles, I called on Rev. and Mrs. Zimmerman in their home in Eagle Rock and found them to be such fine, charming people, so ready for "opportunity" as it presents itself and so willing to give to the limit their time, energy, watchful care, love; and I believe