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

Dearly beloved friends:

Christmas Bells this year will have a hollow sound. The love of God, a love which found its climactic demonstration in that sacrifice of all sacrifices, the heart-breaking enactment at Calvary—that love is tragically absent from the heart of mankind in the greater part of the world today. And the Word tells us

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,
and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.—I Cor. 13:1.

Sounding brass! Hollow mockery! Love is gone, sanity has vanished, and men for whose souls God gave a price incalculable are at this moment in a life and death struggle that threatens the foundations of civilization. This is the sort of Christmas we contemplate in this year of grace, 1939!

To none does the sorrow and agony of the hour come with greater devastation than to Israel, "still beloved for the fathers' sakes". Harassed and desolated, pillaged and robbed, their meager possessions ruthlessly destroyed or taken from them, they present to the world the most pitiful tragedy of all history. Our friends keep writing us, "I cannot hold back the tears as I read of what the Jews are suffering today in all parts of the world!"

WRONG DEFINITION

The existing condition has, naturally enough, brought forth a flood of "explanations" by many of the Lord's children, seeking to find some scriptural basis on which to rationalize the world-wide phenomenon of Jew-hate. They speak of it as Anti-Semitism; but this is a misnomer. The correct usage is plain Jew-hate. For there are other semitic races besides the Jews, notably the Arabs, but we find no campaign of hate against any semites but the Jews.

We have examined the various explanations and excuses for Jew-hate, but have failed to discover one which really delves to the bottom of the problem. And so, as promised last month, we want to consider the weaknesses of some of the hypotheses put forward, and then try to put the searchlight of God's Word upon what is happening, to discern, if possible, the true meaning of Jew-hate in these hours of civilization's twilight.

1. It will not do to say, "The Jews cried, 'His blood be upon us and our children' and they are getting what is coming to them!" The deeper student of God's Word will realize that at Calvary two prayers were made. One, an imprecation roared out by a mob of infuriated Jews, who shouted "His blood be upon us and our children!" The other, a prayer made by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" Which of these two petitions, think you, prevailed with God? The imprecation of an irresponsible mob, or the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world?

Can any sober Bible student believe that God would grant to a reckless mob of Jews, egged on by scheming priests and elders, the power to entail upon their posterity such a terrible curse as this? If this were so, then logic would drive us to that fatalism which has been the curse of Christendom ever since the rise of the Romish hierarchy, that the Jews are cast off for all time. But such a doctrine, you see, controverts other teachings of the Word. It makes the fatal blunder of confusing the temporary suspension of the Abrahamic covenant as to the national possession of Palestine with the privilege of the individual Jew to avail himself of the grace of God as manifested in His Son, our Lord Jesus

Christ. This point is pivotal and vital. Jeremiah 31:29, 30 tells us,

"In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge."

No Jew today can be categorized under the old cry of "His blood be upon us and our children" until he has been given the opportunity to answer the pressing question, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called the Christ?"

It is true that *nationally* the Jew is being punished, for a time, by God. So he has lost his homeland and is scattered among the nations. But this does not take away from any individual Jew in this age of grace the privilege of accepting, the same as any Gentile, God's salvation offered in the Lord Jesus Christ. All are sinners and in need of a Saviour, as we read in Romans 10:12, 13.

THE PALESTINE PARADOX

2. It will not meet the issue to say that these persecutions are a part of God's program to drive the Jew back to Palestine. This is too much like the supercilious sophistry of the shallow Marie Antoinette, who, when couriers rushed to her palace to inform her that the mobs were crying for bread, because there was no bread to be had, replied, "Well, let them eat cake!" Is it not clear to the thinking mind, that if God were stirring up this world persecution of the Jew in order to hurry them to Palestine, certainly He would have opened the doors to Palestine wide. But what do we see? We see Palestine in revolt, we see Arabs creeping up upon Jewish homes and slaughtering Jews in the dark of the night; we see Jews, stupid in their crazed excitement, trying to pay back in kind to the Arabs. We see Mussolini stirring up Egypt and Palestine with a venom hate against the Jew and his Mandate Protector, Great Britain. We see Hitler financing the smuggling of munitions from Syria, through the back woods of Lebanon and the mountain passes of Iraq, to the nomad demons of the Arabian deserts. And finally, we see Great Britain forced to go back on her Palestine Mandate promise, and to adopt a policy of appeasement to the Arabs! Can this be God's way of bringing the Jews to the land of their fathers?

3. Nor is it to the point to fall back upon Deut. 28, and say with a supine fatalism, "That is what God foretold and so we are not responsible for what is going on!" Here it becomes all important that we should adhere to the divine law, "Rightly dividing the word of truth." As we showed last month, there is a revelation of truth in the Word for the Gentiles; there is other truth, of a different sort, for the Jews; and finally, there is truth, and of a still different kind, for the Church. The prophetic warnings of Deut. 28 are, so to speak, a family matter between God and His people, Israel. There is nothing here to influence the attitude or actions of the Christian Church. To the church God has given only one commandment with regard to the Jew, and this commandment, as a refrain, amplifies itself in many overtones throughout the New Testament. It can be summed up in the statement of Romans 11:31, "Even so have these (Jews) also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy." That is, we who are members of the church of Christ will be judged in the day of rewards by what we ourselves have done in showing the Jew mercy. We must not use such scriptures as Deut. 28 as an alibi. Pharaoh, too, might have erred similarly within the scope of the prophecy that we find in Gen. 15:13:—

"And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years."

But Pharaoh forgot that God also had said, and in the very next verse,

"And also that nation whom they shall serve, will I judge."

And Pharaoh discovered, to his ruin, that he had an account to settle with God. Incidentally a striking question challenges us here:—The Egyptian bondage, what was it? A punishment of the children of Israel? Or a testing of Pharaoh and the Egyptians? If it was a punishment of the Israelites, what sin or sins had they committed? And the answer of course is, none! For no commandments had been given, and not a word can be found in the Bible to connect Egyptian bondage with Israelitish disobedience. Clearly the case is one of the testing of Pharaoh. Here is the record, "Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph". Exod. 1:8. And it might be added, a Pharaoh who knew not the God of Joseph!

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The church of Christ never was authorized to be executioner of His wrath upon the Jew. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord". The matter of God's dealing with Israel must be left to His hands. To us as His children there is given only the command that we must show the Jew kindness and mercy. By that standard we will be judged.

What then is the real issue? It is none other than

THE LAST TESTING OF THE NATIONS

4. Are we not witnessing the fulfillment of the prophecies of Matthew 24? And will there not follow the judgment of the Gentile nations as foretold in Matt. 25:31-46, when the Lord shall sit upon His throne of glory and shall judge the Gentile nations for their treatment of His brethren, the Jews? Zechariah 1:15 tells us, "I was but a little displeased (with Jerusalem and Israel) and they (the nations of the world) helped forward the affliction". Here therefore is the key to the dilemma—the nations have appointed themselves a scourge, with the one demoniacal determination to torture, rob, and destroy the helpless minority of Jews, who have done them no harm, but who on the contrary have sacrificed their all to build up the countries of their sojourn.

Behind this Satanic loosing of hate for the Jews, there is, as has already been made manifest, the dastardly objective of removing God's name and His sovereignty from the world. Is this not what the Lord Jesus Christ meant when He told the Jews in Matt. 24:9, "Ye shall be hated of all nations, *for my name's sake*?" In this sense, which might be called a vicarious suffering, is it not true that the Jews today are being made the scrape-goat, through whose slaughter it is hoped to bring about a destruction of the knowledge of God?

Do you not think that there is a God in heaven who has noted such heartlessness on the part of the nations? And do you not think this will be brought up in the accounting when Matt. 25:31-46 will be fulfilled?

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of *these my brethren* (the Jews) ye have done it unto me."—Matt. 25:40.

It is as though God were saying to the nations of the world, "Here is my people Israel, scattered over the face of the earth, dwelling under every sky, and among every nation. This is your last opportunity to show them kindness. What will you do with them?" And for everything which these nations will do to the Jews, the Lord will pay them back in the way foretold in Matt. 25. We suppose America, Great Britain, France will be among the sheep nations; while possibly Germany, Rumania, Poland, will make the goat nations.

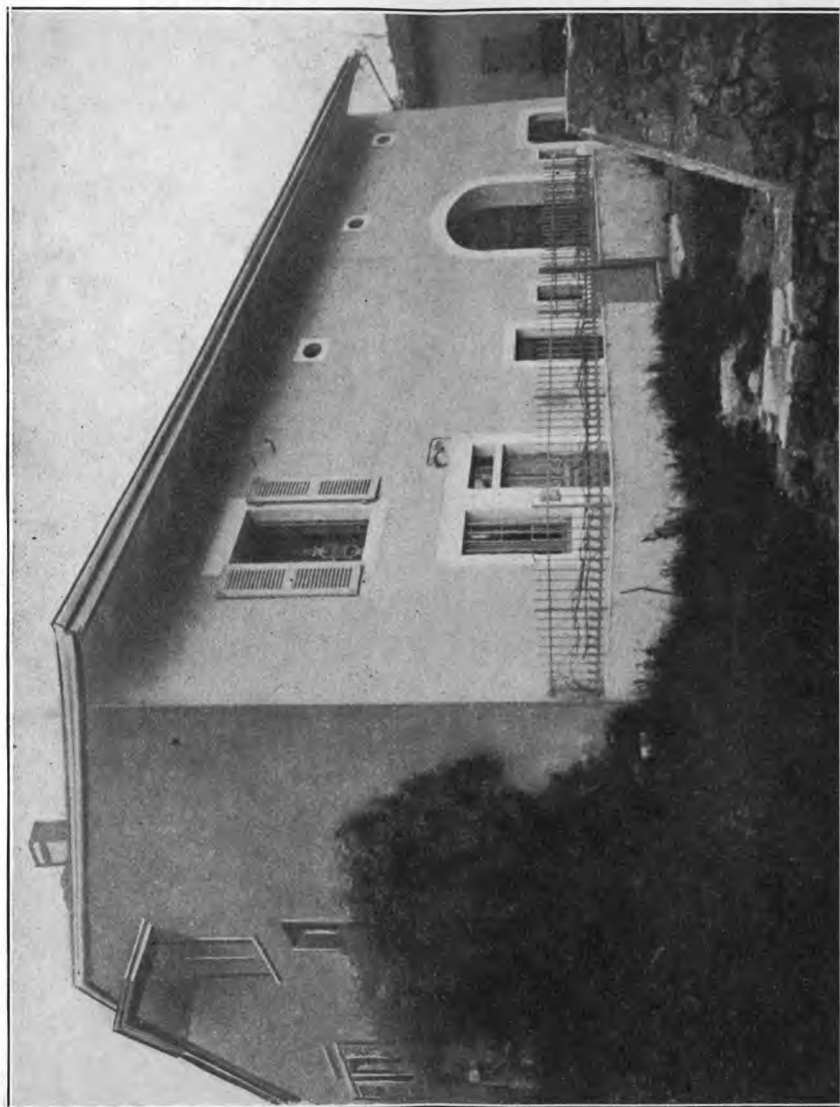
This then, is the real issue:—Will the Nations stand this last test from God, or will they fail, and open themselves to the terrible punishments foretold?

And now to the child of God, what an opportunity to witness as never before to a world Jewry, torn to shreds with the curse of the present hour's agony! If ever the time was when every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ should spend and be spent in behalf of an Israel in the throes of death agony, that time has come and is here! We need the clarion call of a million trumpets to say to the Church of Christ, "Awake, thou that sleepest!" In the present woeful condition of Jew-hatred over the world, the Jew is not primarily at issue—it is the Gentile world that is coming to its day of judgment! God grant that those who are His real followers will not be guilty of being partakers in this desperate effort of Satan to destroy God's people from off the earth.

Finally, beloved friends:—from our hearts we thank you, in His name, for the heroic way in which you are standing by us in these darkening hours of history, when we seem to be upon the brink of a black-out of civilization. You are with us, in heart, in prayer, in financial help. We are sometimes overwhelmed with wonder and gratitude as we receive your letters, and experience the unstinted provisioning God is putting at our disposal through your hands. He is building up this, your Jewish Mission, for a task in the days ahead that must have a most important place in His thoughts and plans for Israel. And this must explain the care He is exercising in its behalf. May He give you at this Christmas Season some precious token of His pleasure in your service for Him and for His scattered sheep; especially may you have that peace which He came to give the world, but which the world has trampled under foot.

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back to the German area. The Nazis bar them and the Soviet does not allow them to return. On both sides of the demarcation line thousands camp in the fields.—*New York Times*.

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Sir Herbert Emerson, High Commissioner for Refugees, and Sir John Hope Simpson have both presented reports about the present situation of the refugee problem. Their valuable suggestions show that this problem could be solved if the influx of refugees be considered as an asset rather than a difficulty to any country; not a mass of people to be provided for by charities, but a force which could be turned into a source of profit.

The possibility of such a suggestion is already seen in the Treforest Estate in Wales. Two German-Jewish refugees have turned there a distressed area into a prosperous colony.

Among other profitable undertakings brought into this country by Jewish refugees are the following—about 200 former Welsh unemployed miners are at work in a chrome-leather factory begun by refugees. A silk factory will employ up to 70 British workmen; a leather-glove factory 50, a patent-fastener 150, wrist-watchmaking 25, chrome-leather 87, silk-printing 44, surgical adhesives 40. The ladies' clothing trade alone is responsible for the employment of about 1,000 people.

Exports have been expanded by the introduction of an entirely new business—the manufacture of novelty woollens through a group of Jewish refugees. A London firm calculates that each of the 3,000 refugees with whom it is in contact has given employment to not less than three British subjects.—*Condensed from Jewish Chronicle, by Trusting and Toiling, London, England*.

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News of appalling character comes from Bavaria. According to reliable information the Department of the German Ministry of War, which is engaged in studying the effect of various poisonous gases on human beings, has begun to conduct experiments in Bavaria on Jews. In one case, 65 Jews, including women and children, were assembled and gassed from German war aeroplanes, 46 dying instantly. This is the most humane method yet employed by the Nazis to exterminate the Jews.—*Prophecy Monthly, July, 1939*.

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The proportion of Government revenue derived from Jews reached 70% of the total last year. The per capita revenue of the Government (excluding the income of the Postal and Telegraph offices) derived from the Jewish community, was L.P. 6.5 (Palestine Pounds) and from the Arab community, L.P. 1.1.—*Palestine Review*.

—*Palestine Review*.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM OCTOBER 1st to OCTOBER 31st, 1939

Covering Receipt Numbers A 36,899 to A 38,375; B 36,452 to B 38,032

General Fund	\$12,936.09
For Relief to the Poor	36.31
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts).....	30.75
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions)	501.50
For "The Shepherd of Israel"	114.85
Dispensary Income Account	55.65
For Work Among the Children	8.00
For Hewes Street Account	55.00
For Students' Education Fund	1.00
For Philadelphia Branch	243.53
For Pittsburgh Branch	313.22
For Columbus Branch	287.23
For Los Angeles Branch	183.25
For Buffalo Branch	102.85
For Work Overseas, including Relief Funds.....	2,393.02
Resettlement Fund	34.50
Transmission Fund	10.00

Total for All Purposes \$17,306.75

JEWISH NOTES

In Vienna there are now some 20,000 Hebrew Christians who have been expelled from the local churches, according to private advices received by us in a letter from one engaged directly in the Jewish work there, with which we have an important connection through the employment of Mr. Emanuel Lichtenstein as our missionary, and the distribution of relief funds under his supervision. The letter goes on to say further:—"The situation for Jewry, and especially for the Hebrew Christians, is growing still worse, because of the growing lack of food. The Jews are getting less food compared with Aryans. They are allowed to purchase supplies between two and four, when the stores are already emptied of their supplies. Many are facing starvation. The relief work is therefore more needed than ever; we are most grateful for all the help you can render us at this time."

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At least 4,000 Jews have left Vienna in the last two weeks for a Jewish reservation in former Polish territory and local authorities have told the Jewish community there that Vienna must be "Jew-free" by March 1, 1940.

They were ordered to move and settle somewhere near the new western frontier of Soviet Russia between the San and Vistula Rivers in former Polish territory with Lublin as the center.

The first contingent of 2,000 men between the ages of 18 and 50 left Vienna on October 18. They were followed last Friday by 2,000 more, mostly men, but also many women and children more than 16. The first contingent of an undisclosed number left Machrisch-Ostrau early last week and a second contingent, all women, on October 25.

The Vienna Jews had to abandon their homes and turn the keys over to the Jewish Community. They were permitted to take 110 pounds of luggage and 300 marks worth of tools and machinery "if not too bulky and in so far as there was room for them."—*New York Times*.

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Fremont, Neb. Midland College officials had a foreign relations problem on their hands today.

Mia Grunberg, a 13-year old Jewish girl in Vienna, appealed to them for aid because "the government forces me to leave Germany as fast as I can."

"You will ask how I chose Fremont for the end of the way of this letter," she wrote. "Well, I took the map of the U. S. A., shut the eyes and pulled down the finger and it was Fremont! I hope to find there pitiful human beings who are willing to help me."

Midland officials to whom the letter was referred said they had no means of helping her, but would turn the letter over to any one willing to aid the girl—*New York Sun*.

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The Jew's plight in the German occupied part of Poland is worse than in the Reich, judging from the steady flow of allegations of Nazi brutality and persecution reaching the Polish Government and Jewish relief organizations here. Reports from German Poland including the following:

About 1,500,000 Jews remaining in that area are condemned by the Nazis to starvation. Confiscation of property of Jews, begun in Lodz and other West Poland towns, is now proceeding on a large scale in Warsaw.

Funds of Jewish religious groups have been confiscated and hospitals and schools have been requisitioned. Only the joint commission is allowed to distribute food among Jews who are chased from lines in front of food stores. Bread ration cards are not given to Jews.

In Lodz all Jews in the principal street were told to evacuate, leaving their homes in perfect order. Germans from the Baltic States will be settled there. The Jews were told to flee to Soviet-occupied Poland but thousands who were driven eastward were barred by Russians, distrustful of the Nazis, who are allowing no one to cross the German-Soviet border.

The situation is aggravated by the fact that Polish Jews who had lived in Czechoslovakia were expelled to Poland. Jews are being removed from Silesia and other western provinces. The transfer of adult males has begun. Women and children will be transported separately.

Thousands of Polish refugees who fled to Lwow from the west are being encouraged by the Russians to go

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

We Open a Children's Home in France

The Lord has a special love for children. And we who are His followers are sharers with Him of that love; especially so when we come face to face with children who are suffering because of the cruelties of others. Their very helplessness goes down deep into the roots of our hearts.

And so it was that when we were in Paris last summer, we eagerly seized an opportunity which the Lord clearly presented to us. A dear Christian woman, a member of the Eglise Evangelique where our Paris Branch is located, and of which Pastor Henri Vincent is the presiding head, found herself a widow, and possessed of a chateau some 300 miles south of Paris. The grounds are spacious, and make a beautiful picture. She said to our workers in Paris, "Here I am a widow with a comfortable home and no occupation to keep me busy, and I do want to serve the Lord. If you can use the property as a Home for some of the dear children of your Jewish Christian refugees, you are welcome to it, and I will further devote my own time and strength to help in such a work."

And so we accepted the offer, in obedience to the injunction, "Not slothful in business," and besides this business happened to be the King's business, which made it all the more important and urgent.

We now have twelve children in the Home, and they are a happy lot, far removed from the heartaches and burning memories of the cruelties and sufferings heaped upon their helpless bodies and souls because of Nazi evictions. The parents are in Paris, being looked after by our workers; some of the men have been drafted into the war area. One of our Jewish Christian girls, Katy, volunteered her service and went down to Nurieux, and there is acting as general helper and nurse to the children. Her mother and father are with us in Paris, and they have gone through heart-breaking sufferings and losses.

The cost? We agreed to pay \$100 a month for the first year, which means that just a little more than

\$8.00 per month per child takes care of that child, food, clothing, and nursing! And so we have a whole orphan asylum, although these children are not orphans, for nearly \$100 a month. We leave it to our readers to judge as to whether this is not an unusually wise and thrifty investment of the Lord's money. This is always our earnest desire, that we shall make your missionary dollar in the Jewish work go the farthest distance possible, in buying one hundred cents' worth of value. So, we pass on this report to you, that you may give thanks with us, and then make this also another addition to your list of the things dear to your heart, and worth praying for day by day.

Reaching Jews at the World's Fair

The Gideons, known the world over as the Christian Commercial Men's Association of America, were, we understand, the only group to maintain an out and out evangelistic work on the grounds of the New York World's Fair. The reports of God's rich blessings upon the faithful labors of these brethren stir our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the Lord wonderfully owned the testimony given, and many hundreds found the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour at the Gideon Booth.

Our share in this campaign was the privilege of supplying unlimited quantities of literature especially prepared for the Jew. At the request of Mr. Howard B. Carpenter, Chairman of the Gideons New York World's Fair Committee, we placed at his disposal all the copies of *The Shepherd of Israel* that they could use, as well as repeated supplies of Gospel tracts, especially those in our series "What Every Jew Should Know". One or two letters from these brethren will be of interest to our readers. The first is from Mr. Carpenter:

The supply of tracts for Jews which you so kindly sent to our booth at the World's Fair has been exhausted and we should appreciate a duplicate or even larger supply, if the Lord enables.

As a rule it is best to let Him do the counting, as only He knows the hearts, but in order that you

may have an idea of the results, may we say that since June 1st there have been on the average over 10 definite conversions a day. In so many cases it is evident that the Lord has prepared their hearts and then led them to the booth. An unexpectedly high proportion has been Jews and Catholics.

Your letter of May 31st was passed on to the workers and they noted your requests. Under the circumstances, however, they have found it quite difficult to note any preference for one tract over another, as in most cases only one is given.

If you have not yet visited our booth, we hope you may have an opportunity shortly so that you may have the joy of witnessing what great things our blessed Lord is doing. Please be sure to make yourself known. Mr. Kenyon A. Palmer is in charge and as a rule he is there every day but Monday. Please accept our sincere thanks for your cooperation.

Another letter is from Mr. Kenyon A. Palmer and reads in part as follows:

Please be so kind as to mail to us, at above address, 300 copies of *The Shepherd of Israel*. We find that the Jews who call at our booth, almost without exception, receive them gladly, and we do not wish to be without them.

It will rejoice your heart to know that a number of Jews have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah at our booth, during the past few days.

And so we give thanks to God, as we see in so many directions many signs multiplying that God is working in these latter days among the children of Israel, to gather out speedily what may prove to be the last number of the remnant still needed from among Israel to close the period of the election of grace. We will continue to labor and to sow the seed, and to wait patiently the harvest.

Escape From Nazi-Land

(Werner is a boy 10 years of age. His father is a Jewish Christian, his mother a Gentile Christian. He is in

our care at Brussels, Belgium, attending classes of our missionary, Rev. Otto Samuel. At Mr. Samuel's request, the boy wrote a composition, in German, in which he related the story of his escape from Germany. Mr. Samuel then made the translation into English, and we have tried to keep as nearly as possible to the quaint usage and spelling of the English as expressed by Mr. Samuel. The story is a tragic one, and the facts well attested. So, as you read these lines, may your heart not only go out in loving pity for what this poor boy went through, but may you also send up a prayer of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that at least here in our own beloved America such things cannot happen. Also, this story may make good Christmas reading for American children and adults. The Prince of Peace is desperately needed in this cruel world of ours.)

Till the 9th of November of 1938 we still went to school in Bruchsaal. On the 10th of November, in the morning, the synagogues were set to fire by the S. A. men. The windows were broken. At 1 o'clock my father was arrested by the Gestapo. At evening at 10 o'clock they were led in procession with music through the city, and villified by the people. I run in the greatest fear to Protestant people, who took us away secretly. My father was during 5 weeks in Dachau. Then he was liberated. It were very bad times through which we went. During a long time we were unable to attend school. I dared not let myself see on the street as the boys were chasing me. From Easter I and my sister Gisela went to school in Karlsruhe. We were during the whole week in pension in a family. My parents always wanted to emigrate as farmers to South America. But everything was barred and therefore my father went to Belgium on the 12th of July. My father wrote us that we had to follow him. My mother sold all the furniture and we decided to follow quickly. When we had our passports we went at once to Mannheim to family members. There we waited during 5 days till we received word from Cologne. In Cologne we stayed only during one single day. On the 14th of August in the evening we left in a motor car. We passed through the whole Eifel district. Suddenly the car stopped and I was thrown on a lorry. On the lorry there was already a man from Konigsberg. My mother and my sisters were put in the front and the windows were hung with curtains. Then came a mo-

Gentile keep Saturday and will they all sacrifice animals? Will the sacrificing be done according to the details of the Mosaic law? Is this done as a memorial to Christ's death?

Question 3. *I cannot place the parable of the ten virgins if all believers are taken up in the Rapture. I have read "Will the Church Escape the Tribulation?" and in this book the term "overcomer" is used in regard to believers. Does this mean that an overcomer is one who is not worldly and the other kind of believer is one who is worldly? Were all the ten virgins believers?*

—E. H.

Answer 1. We believe Rev. 7:4-8 teaches that the Jews will do the preaching of the Gospel during the tribulation days. It must be remembered that the Church will have been taken out, the Holy Spirit withdrawn, and the Jews only, even though in an unbelieving state, will still be custodians of God's Word. See Romans 3:2. And so, while the Holy Spirit will not be here to do His work of convicting and converting, God still will have the recourse of memory to fall back upon. The Jew who hears our testimony today, will find himself in Jerusalem in the time of great Tribulation, and God will unroll the screen of that Jew's memory, and thus he will recall the teaching and preaching he received years back through some faithful missionary's testimony. And God says there will be 144,000 like that.

And then, in the next verses in Revelation 7, we read that a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, sang praises to God, and unto the Lamb. So it is clear that the testimony of the 144,000 Jews in the tribulation will be the means of bringing uncounted thousands of Gentiles to the knowledge of God. All of this only serves to emphasize the strategic importance of impregnating the Jewish mind in these closing days of the age with a sound knowledge of Gospel truth. That this is so, is proven by the fact that God is stirring up individual Christians as never before, to a renewed and consecrated determination to do everything possible to reach the Jews with the Gospel.

Answer 2. We should say that a close study of Zechariah 14 would indicate that there will be the reestablishing

of the old Mosaic order in the millennial day here upon the earth, with the center in Jerusalem. Of course the sacrifices will be memorial in nature, looking backward to the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary, just as the old Mosaic sacrifices were anticipatory, looking forward to the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.

Answer 3. We think that the types and parables of our Lord Jesus Christ are sometimes squeezed and stretched beyond all human reason. Is not the plain meaning on the very face of the parable? The parable of the wise and foolish virgins teaches us the truth set forth in Ezk. 18. The father's righteousness shall not be counted to the wicked son, nor vice versa. Every one must buy wine and milk for himself in order to quench his thirst (Isa. 55:1). The foolish virgins appeal to the wise ones for a Christian's kindness. They ask for oil for their lamps. The wise virgins, though inclined to extend help to their neighbors in their distress, answer them, "not so," meaning the oil of salvation is not like other things which can be obtained from a neighbor by the exercise of Christian love; it must be secured by every individual for himself directly. Before the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ many will be in a sleepy state. The wise ones who have supplied themselves with the oil, the symbol of the Spirit of Christ, will be taken to meet the Lord in the air, while the foolish ones will be left. Possibly children will appeal to parents and vice versa, but with sorrow the answer will be, "not so," for the salvation of one soul is not available for those who have not the Spirit of Christ. All they can do for the foolish virgins is to advise and urge them to get the oil for themselves hoping that they may not be too late. If they have not the Spirit of Christ they are none of His (Rom. 8:9). Therefore the Bridegroom will say to them, "I know you not."

It must always be remembered that no parable and no type can be made to walk on all fours, and when one tries to squeeze into a given parable more than the Lord intended, it only brings discredit to the Word of God, and shakes the confidence of untutored people in the good judgment of the one who interprets the Word.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. *Could you tell us how they figured time? From what event did they reckon time, as in Gen. 8:4, 5, 7, 13? Will you please explain the time in these verses? Also will you explain the Jewish calendar? I believe we all should count our years and days and months as the Jews.*

—Mrs. J. E. B.

Answer. There is no accurate measure of time from the beginning of creation. The greatest scholars, astronomers and mathematicians cannot agree on the origin of the calendar, either Jewish, Babylonian or of any other ante-deluvian race. The earliest records we have as regards the dividing of time show that the calendar was arranged purely by observation of the sun and of the moon. The records given in Genesis 8 and other similar chapters have led scholars to calculate by approximation the number of years involved by taking into account the ages recorded for each of the patriarchs. The Jewish tradition is that of figuring dates from the creation of Adam and Eve, but this is only a tradition and has no accurate historical evidence. * * *

Question 1. *What was the Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ and the disciples preached?*

Question 2. *What does the Judgment of the Nations comprise and when will it be held? As I understand it the Jews are not reckoned among the nations and will have had their judgment, Jacob's trouble.*

Question 3. *Please explain Matt. 25:34 and 46.*

—Mrs. M. C. A.

Answer 1. Frankly we have not been able to see eye to eye with certain teaching brethren who have claimed that the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the Gospel of the kingdom, are all differentiated and kept in separate categories in the New Testament. Even a cursory reading of the New Testament will show that these terms are interchanged many times. It is therefore necessary to take each pronouncement in its own setting and context. For instance when the Lord Jesus Christ told Pilate in the judgment hall, "My kingdom is not of this world," he undoubtedly had reference not to a visible material kingdom here on earth, but to that higher kingdom that comes from a willing enlistment on the part of those

who have owned Him as Lord and Master. On the other hand, when the Lord spoke to the Jews in parables, describing to them some of the features of the kingdom of God or of the kingdom of heaven, the context would indicate that He was speaking of the time when there would be set up the Throne of David once more in Jerusalem. When He told the Jews, "the kingdom of God is among you" (not with you) He was referring to Himself and to His indwelling presence in the heart of anyone who would open the door to His knock. In other words He is the Kingdom and where He is, there is the kingdom.

Answer 2. Yes, the judgment of the Jews will find its climax in the time of Jacob's Trouble, while the nations will be judged at the end of the great Armageddon war. See Psalms 2, also Matthew 25.

Answer 3. These verses portray the reward for the nations who have treated the Jews with kindness, and the punishment of the nations that have persecuted the Jews. The kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world, we believe to be the actual possession of land, and power here upon the earth, and the plans which involve that the nations who have loved Jacob as God has loved Jacob shall be rewarded for their allegiance to God's openly declared avowals. "I have loved Jacob," God has declared many times, "and I have hated Esau." But along comes a Hitler who insolently bellows to God, "I have hated Jacob and loved Esau." And so in verse 46 the Hitler nations meet their doom. We would understand the word "righteous" in this verse to have a very restricted sense, and not to involve the righteousness of God, which is in the Lord Jesus Christ. When this judgment of the nations takes place, the Church is no longer here, but only the world nations are gathered together for judgment. Therefore there can be no such thing as righteousness through Christ in this judgment.

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Question 1. *Will you give me express references as to the missionary work of the Jews during the tribulation. Please give me the Bible references and any other information concerning this.*

Question 2. *Will everyone on earth during the millennium, both Jew and*

tor car with a man from Wurzburg and a Polish woman. Then we were all covered by blankets. We lay between tar barrels and cases as a heap of unfortunate mixed together. Then we went at top speed through the forbidden section. At a sudden the car stopped and I went down in a ditch. We put all our belongings quickly together and ran behind a wood and were glad to have reached Belgian territory. There we lay for two hours, as another car was coming. This did not come, but we saw how the German constabulary passed on the road on the other side of the border. At one o'clock we left with the Belgian guide, and ran during an hour across the fields, and arrived completely drenched in a farmer's house. It was 2 o'clock night and we went at once on straw bags to get some sleep. The next morning we awoke very early. We cleaned ourselves and got coffee. The people gave us good food and we had to stay the whole day inside as nobody was allowed to see us. The day was very monotonous. At the night at 9:30 we started. My small sister was very afraid and owing to the excitement she had to vomit, and today she is still suffering from the stomach. Two other guides joined us. At first we went through many pastures and we had to pass over barbed wire or to creep under it. The moon was bright and many stars shone in the sky. During hours we went through fields and dark woods where nothing could be seen. Sometimes we went through marshes till the knees, and my sisters had to be carried through. When we went through the bush we were allowed to ride for some time on the bicycle. At a given moment one of the guides went in front in order to see whether it was safe.

BEYOND THE WESTWALL

We had to let us throw down at a sudden. We threw ourselves in the bushes as on the road there passed two frontier-guards speaking loudly. When they had passed we ran quickly over the road. This renewed itself when we came across bicycles or cars. The searchlights of the Westwall continued to shine in our faces during a long time. We rested twice during a few minutes but as the grass was moist, we could not sit down for long. So it lasted for hours hill up and hill down and we had to cross innumerable fields and marshes. Once the wires were too close together to allow tres-

passing. So we had to tear out the wooden plugs from the ground. When we had passed we had to put the plugs in their places again. Often horses and cows were approaching us and it looked uncomfortable when we crawled along when the road was near. Sometimes we were lying between the cows when we passed through dangerous spots. We had always to make detours because the frontier guards were stronger. We had a terrible fright to be sent back to Germany. This would have been terrible. The last dangerous spot was on a small wood. There we had to sit down till one of the guides came back. Finally we would start and we crossed the road rapidly. This was the last stage and we continued to march without incident. I had always my bag on the shoulder and my guitar in the hand. Also my small sisters of 7 and 5 years have passed through it very fine. They always said the good Lord will protect us that we may come to our dear Daddy. My heart beat when we went rapidly over dangerous spots. At the end we saw the house far away.

DADDY AT LAST

The day was coming and we had to crawl through some other pastures. Our clothes were completely wet and torned when we finally arrived in a shed. It was 5 o'clock in the morning and we let ourselves down to sleep in the hay. At 9 o'clock I awoke, and we got coffee and we dried our clothes in the sun. The people who received us were all kind to us. They had been Germans before. My sister and I looked around the farm and the spot and we found over 70 eggs in the nests. When we ate at noon, a car came riding on the farmground. We went in and departed. On the 16th of September we arrived safely in Brussels. On the way we had two motor defects and were once arrested by the police. These let us continue at once. In Brussels we looked at first for the house of my father but the lady would not leave us in the house, and my father was not at home. It was already 6 o'clock in the evening and we were all very tired. We went then to the Committee as we did not know where to go. When it got late a man went with us to the Salvation Army. There we got a room as it was already 10 o'clock in the evening and we were glad that we could sleep. In the night my father arrived. We went

during three days at the Salvation Army till my father had found a room for us. Now we are very glad to be here. I can now go to school, and all people and children are kind towards us. On Thursday at 5 o'clock I am always going with my sisters Gisela und Eleonore in the Children Hours of Rev. Samuel. We are always very glad when it approaches. My mother is Protestant and my father Jewish. I have to be educated in the Protestant faith. I receive also from Rev. Samuel the day lesson for which I feel specially thankful. I hope that we may be allowed to stay in Belgium, but I would like to see again my relatives in Germany. Perhaps we might one day emigrate to America. I could write much more but I shall finish as otherwise my report would grow too long.

(signed) Werner born
on 3rd June 1929.

"I'm Going to Aggravate God"

By MISS AUGUSTA E. SUSSDORFF

(For nearly 40 years our co-laborer
in the work)

With these bitter words upon her lips, a tired, overworked Jewish mother set out from home and plodded determinedly down the street in the direction of the Mission.

Mrs. G. allowed the events of the last few years to pass quickly in review before her mind. First of all, her husband, that faithful companion in all the ups and downs which the years had brought them, had been taken away. Left a widow, with two girls and a boy growing up and needing care, the resourceful mother had entered into business, forming a partnership with a friend. But the business had not prospered, and the money was giving out, dwindling away. Suddenly Mrs. G. discovered the cause. Her friend, the partner whom she had trusted, had been cheating her, robbing her of what profits the little establishment had been bringing in.

Embittered and saddened, the little Jewish woman secured the dissolution of the partnership.

Business worries had occupied her for too many months. Now she turned to the family of three children who had received only hasty inspection and

slight attention for so long. One of the girls appeared rather pale; she had a cough; she tired easily. A careful medical examination showed that the child had tuberculosis. The only hope for her was her removal to a more healthful climate. More sacrifice. More worry. But Mrs. G. managed to send her daughter away. Soon came the news that it was all of no avail. The child was growing steadily worse. And within a short time a second beloved member of the family was laid to rest.

Now—after hours of brooding over her sad experiences, Mrs. G. decided that she could no longer go on. She had reached the end of her rope. God, if there was one, had laughed at her, and mocked her—still there was a way out. She would take her life!

"But first, first," she said to herself, "I'm going to aggravate God. I'll go to that Jewish Mission just once."

THE WORD IS SHARP

In this frame of mind she entered our Mission hall, many years ago. Rev. Leopold Cohn was preaching, and, after a while, the words began to pierce the hard shell into which she had drawn. This was interesting! Maybe there could be something to it, after all! But no. The name "Christ" and the designation "Christian" were to be shunned by all Jews. Still she would stay and listen. After all, it would make God angry. And why should she care? She'd soon be out of it all.

But the message of a dying Saviour's love for her soul began to stir the woman in spite of herself. After the meeting was over, she did not need to be persuaded to take a Yiddish New Testament and some tracts. All thought of suicide was forgotten. She would read this material, study it for herself, and see if it were true. After that first visit, she attended many meetings at the Mission, and many were the times Rev. Leopold Cohn patiently and lovingly explained the Scriptures to her. Finally came the day when she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her own personal Saviour. Then came baptism—the public acknowledgment of her faith. Soon her daughter, too, accepted the Lord, and was baptized.

Through the years, these two have been faithful in their witness, and unswerving in their stand for their Lord.

We are reminded of the words of the hymn:

"I was sinking and discouraged
On the storm-tossed sea of life,
I was weary with the watching
And the waiting and the strife,
'Til I heard a sweet voice whisper
And repeat it o'er and o'er
'For your rescue, Christ the Saviour
Set a lighthouse on the shore.'
I was drifting, drifting, drifting,
Without compass, chart, or oar.
I was rescued by the Master
Of the lighthouse on the shore.'

Oh, that the Mission might always be a lighthouse which shall guide many more poor, bewildered souls to the only safe harbor for time and eternity—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Echoes from Winona Lake

By REV. HERMAN B. CENTZ

Again, this year, our Conference on Prophecy and the Jews, held on the grounds and with the cooperation of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, marked a high point in the Summer activities of the Mission.

Year after year this Conference has been drawing to Winona Lake an ever increasing number of our friends from far and near. From its inception the Conference has served a three-fold purpose. It has given our workers time for mutual acquaintance and consultation. It has made possible for the friends of our work to meet personally the members of our staff serving in the various stations and in the field. It has provided a sounding board of national range for the Biblical message of our Mission.

The value of this year's Conference can perhaps be described best in the words of a number of friends who attended its sessions. Here are some of the comments which were found noted on the registration cards:

"This is one of the most illuminating and profitable mornings I have ever spent. May God bless you richly."

"Since hearing the talks and testimonies here, it is easier to realize that the Jews are God's chosen people. May God bless your every effort in His name."

"The only criticism I have to offer is that it is all too short."

"Enjoyed it very much. It is the first time I have ever seen a Christian Jew."



Group of Our Workers and Speakers
Winona Lake Conference, 1939

"Hope you can plan for a week instead of four days. Your addresses are a wonderful help."

"You will never know how splendidly these men witnessed for our God. I shall ever be thankful for this Conference."

"I can enjoy the Scriptures more fully after hearing these Hebrew Christian scholars."

"I have been hungry for just this sort of understanding of prophecy and the Jewish problem."

Praise God for these meetings, and please have more of them."

These are only a few expressions chosen at random from a volume of others equally appreciative and encouraging. But now that our dear friends have spoken so generously and eloquently in behalf of our humble effort, we feel that our own estimate of the Conference can be summed up best in the words of Malachi 3:16, 17, "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." Without intending to wrest this Scripture from its context, we would nevertheless apply it locally to our Conference on Prophecy and the Jews by saying that

It was a choice gathering,
The converse was heavenly,
The Lord was in our midst,
We await the reunion in His presence.