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Ps. 121: 4.



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Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

How near is Armageddon? Daily, this question repeats itself in the letters which come to us from all parts of the world. And many times our hearts sigh with the yearning, "We wish we knew!" Nor are we alone in this eager scanning of the dispensational skies. We have good company in the countless thousands of the Lord's people; and even the whole creation groans for the Day of Deliverance. The world seems to be possessed, literally, of the driving demons of Satan himself, desperately determined to bring about the suicidal destruction of the human race.

The early disciples had the same heart yearning. "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" they asked expectantly of the Lord. And the answer was

"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:7, 8.

But we are, after all, human. And the burden and heat of the day press heavily upon our oft wearied souls, and we find ourselves many a time crying out, "How long, oh Lord, how long?" And while the Lord has seen fit to withhold from us the knowledge of the exact day and hour of His coming, He has not altogether left us in the dark. For He has given us certain signs and has foretold certain events, all with sufficient abundance of details, to enable us to know when the great cataclysm of the world is *near*, even at the door. Not particularly the Jewish people trekking their way back to the land of the fathers is the outstanding event, although that is significant. But, more importantly, the trend of horrors among the world nations, and the shocking decadence and corruption of the Gentile world dominions. It is significant that in the entire 25th chapter of Matthew, giving a foreview of the course of Gentile world failure, which reaches its predictive climax in verses 32 and 33,

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

not a word is to be found concerning Israel! And for this omission there is a very good reason—Israel does not figure in the course of Gentile world dominions, excepting as the victim of their demon-inspired hate. Jewish temporal dominion passed completely over into Gentile hands when Nebuchadnezzar seized the reins of world government; and until He shall come, Whose right it is to reign, and shall sit on the Jewish Throne of David, it is the Gentile nations that are being tested as nations. Incidentally, if these basic Scripture truths are understood, we can see how inept is the application of the Fig-tree reference to Israel, and how contradictory to all Scripture teaching has been the recently exploited falsehood that Jews are in control, or seeking control, of world governments.

WHAT IS ARMAGEDDON?

Properly speaking, we must distinguish as Scripture does, between Har-Megiddo, (Armageddon) and the real Gog-Magog war. This latter war takes place after the millennium, when Satan is let loose for a little season, in his final desperate effort to gather the nations in array against God. See Rev. 20:7-10. Of this battle, we shall not speak here, but will confine ourselves to the primary features of the Armageddon.

VIAL NUMBER 6

The Tribulation is in full swing. It is specifically the "Time of Jacob's trouble." The Jew is the scape-goat, the supreme victim, of the world's satanic fury. The sixth vial is now poured out, and the highway is prepared for the kings of the East to go up to the gigantic goal of the rape of Jerusalem. The unclean spirits, like frogs, go forth to gather these greed-crazed kings, to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Then, we read,

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Rev. 16:16.

Little do they know that they are being brought on to their day of doom and destruction! They only follow blindly the merry march of the Pied Piper of Hamelin! But Joel tells us what is God's purpose in having them assembled:

"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will judge them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink." Joel 3:2,3.

The translation, "I will plead with them for my people," is an error. The Hebrew word is, "I will judge them." The word Jehoshaphat itself means, "Jehovah judges."

And so you see, the Armageddon war will be the culmination of the Great Tribulation, and the basis of the punishment will be, as foretold also in Matt. 25:40, "What have ye done unto these, my (Jewish) brethren?" What a solemn warning, and what a frightful doom, to Jew-haters!

THE TWO WOMEN

Look a moment at a remarkable contrast, in which we see revealed the secret of the hate for Israel. We refer to the woman of Rev. 12:1-2, and to that other woman of Rev. 17:1-5. To put the picture the more vividly before you, we quote both passages. The first is Rev. 12:1, 2, 5, 6:

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

The second follows, from Rev. 17:1-5:

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And

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Dear Friends:

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He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. We suppose that if the Jews had accepted Him as Messiah, He would have been crucified just the same, perhaps on a trumped up charge of treason or rebellion, by the Roman officials. We say this because the crucifixion and the idea of the Cross was no after thought on the part of God. As we stated above, the Lord Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, and long before there ever was a world, the Triune Godhead held a conference, and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as one member of the Trinity, then and there agreed to go to the Cross and to make atonement for the sins of the world. Otherwise, if no atonement had been prepared ahead of time by God, before there ever was a human being upon this earth, would not Adam and Eve have died on the very day of their sin? And if they had died then the whole human race would have been dead. But is it not true that the only reason that they survived the sin of disobedience against God, was that already there was a sacrifice and an atonement prepared for the human race in the heavens long before a human being inhabited the earth? The day that Adam and Eve sinned, the Hebrew word tells us they became mortal. The warning of God was not that they shall die on that day, but

that they shall from that time on be die-able, or mortal.

Of course when we go into matters of this kind we are frankly in the realm of theological speculation, and we must not be dogmatic in our assertions; nor must we be too harsh upon each other if we do not see these things alike. We must be, and indeed the members of The Chosen People family always have been, kindly affectioned to one another, and tender hearted, and long suffering, otherwise we would not have survived to the present day.

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Question. *Did Saul have Samuel brought up from the dead by the witch or was it evil spirit delusion?* (1st Samuel 28)—E. W. C.

Answer. Yes, the Scripture is clear that it was Samuel himself who came up out of the grave under the agency of the witch of Endor. We are aware that this fact is not palatable to those who believe in soul sleeping, but the Scripture fact is there just the same, and nothing is gained by twisting it out of its plain truth. Ours is not to force the Word of God into a mould of our own imagination; it is our duty to declare the revealed Word just as He has given it. "Who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" Romans 9:20.

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upon her forehead was a name written, *Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.*"

The first, Israel, brings into the world Him Who is to rule the world in peace and righteousness, and is hated for the doing of it. The other, the harlot who sits on the seven hills of Rome, brings to the world her fornications, her gold, her robes of purple and scarlet splendor, her drunkenness with the blood of the saints: and she seeks to devour the woman clothed with the Sun of Righteousness! The one has the 12 stars of the Tribes of Israel: the other, her hands full with abominations and filthiness, has the seven heads and the ten horns. And here we have clearly revealed in stark reality the basic reasons for the Jew-hate of the one for the other. And the protecting hand of God Himself is stretched out over this woman and her godly seed, the little remnant of Jewish saints that shall survive those terrible Tribulation days. They played true to their testimony, for we read,

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev. 12:11.

By the blood of the Lamb! And when will they learn of this precious Blood? Now, dear friends, now! This is the underlying motive, God-given, for our Jewish testimony.

RUSSO - NAZI PACT — A FLASH IN THE NIGHT

But now to return to the immediate signs that "It is near, even at the door." Perhaps the most significant and electrifying event of recent days has been the virtual agreement as to community of interest between Russia and Germany. On the surface, these two lands have been always looked upon as irreconcilable and bitter enemies. But under the skin, both are of one fabric. Both are totalitarian tyrannies, both hate the Jews, both blaspheme the name of God. And Ezekiel 38 gives us the picture of the re-alignment of the world nations in groups of North and South. Great Britain, which only a few months ago sought a friendly alliance with Russia, now suddenly takes position as her enemy. Ireland, which never was a part of the Roman Empire, now develops an aloofness and an isolation that may well result in her elimination from a possible ultimate union of Britain and Italy, in the arranging of the nations for battle array.

THE FIELD OF MEGIDDO

And the goal of all nations will be Palestine. And the battle will be joined as against the Lord's anointed, as described in Psalm 2:2. The word "anointed" in the English is literally "Messiah" in the Hebrew. So it is clear as to why the demons will actuate these world powers in the most titanic war of history. The fight is against the Christ, with the Jew only as the smoke-screen. And the battlefield will be the valley, or really plain, of Megiddo, the most perfect and expansive battlefield in the world.

OH MOTHER DEAR

And Israel keeps gathering to the Homeland. That is only natural. Where else can they go? Did not God swear the land to them? We think of the pathetic words of the hymn:—

Those trees forevermore bear fruit,
And evermore do spring,
There evermore the angels are
And evermore do sing.
Jerusalem, my happy home,
Would God I were in thee!
Would God my woes were at an end
Thy joys that I might see!

"Would God I were in thee!" This is the yearning of every true Jewish heart. The Jew came by it honestly. Does not the Psalm intone solemnly, "If I forget thee, oh Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning"? Do you wonder at the recent announcement made by the Committee of the American Friends of Palestine? The report was that even though Great Britain has

put a padlock on Palestine gates, over 15,000 Jews were smuggled into the country these past six months, mostly at night, and by means of tramp sailing vessels! This is no fig-tree putting forth leaves, dear friends; it is stark realism; desperate, hunted and haunted Jews, men, women, children, human beings like ourselves, seeking in a world of unrest a place to rest their weary feet. The fig-tree sign is to be found among the Gentile nations going through the Saturday night of civilization's twilight! What a judgment lies ahead!

WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS?

Beloved friends, these are the reddened clouds of a crimson sunset. And Peter, in another connection, but with a similar goal in view, asks, "What manner of persons ought ye to be?" Ought not Israel to have the tenderest place in our hearts? Is there much time left, think you, in which to show kindness to a people sorely pressed, and panting with the gasps of the dying? And we thank God that to you has been given to know the mysteries of His purposes in Israel. Otherwise a work like this which you are doing through your Mission, to a world dispersion of Jewish exiles, would never be done. And what a tragedy that would be, only God knows. For this dramatic hour of world history has He called us. And when the scroll is ended, and the ledgers of heaven are opened, it shall be found that we have served our day and met our challenge. And even though at times we keenly and humbly feel that at best we have been but unprofitable servants, we still shall hear the blessed words of our Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

How near is Armageddon? Again, we wish we might know. But certain significant signs are not wanting that it is truly, "at the door". The first, we feel, is the Russo-German rapprochement. This development is given primary position in the alignment of the Armageddon nations as portrayed in Ezekiel 38.

Secondly, there is the kaleidoscopic shifting of the European and Asiatic powers as they hauntingly seek for such alliances as will best serve their interests. Our Mr. Centz has called attention to the suggestive phrasing of Psalm 2:2, "The kings of the earth . . . set themselves". Here is the idea given, in the Hebrew text, of *maneuvering for position*; it is the strategy of falling into proper place, to be prepared to play the part predestined of God, in the final desperate lust for world power. So, notice how cagey, how sly, are the chess moves of a Mussolini, or of a Turkey, or even of a Roumania, to mention but a few. It is like a huge time-lock, in which the tumblers must be manipulated until each falls into its proper slot, and then, when the last tumbler slides in, lo and behold, the door springs wide open! May it not be so in the present time-lock of the world?

Then there is, finally, another striking sign, and that has to do with Israel's desperate predicament. Satan has actually succeeded thus far in taking such full possession of the world powers, that it is a commonplace to say that the whole world now has its hands raised to destroy the Jew. And it is correct to use the word destroy. For, the Central powers of Europe have no intention to let up on Jew-hate until every Jew is exterminated! Julius Streicher, arch enemy of the Jews, modern Haman of Germany, is credited with the statement, "Judas was the only Jewish gentleman that ever lived, for he went out and hanged himself. And until every Jew shall likewise be done away with, there will be no peace upon this earth!"

And here is where God's faithfulness in keeping His oath-bound covenants, comes into the foreground, and gives us at the same time, an important clue to the nearness of His coming. For God cannot let His people Israel be exterminated from the earth! Perhaps here is where Psalms 121:4, has a prophetic significance, "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep". In other words, as we approach the more alarming stages of the threats of Jew destruction, we equally approach the nearness of the Armageddon cataclysm. But, just before, is the sureness of His coming in the clouds, to catch us up to be with Him! This is the hope, and from our heart we cry, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh!

Ever faithfully yours in behalf of an Israel sorely tried and hard pressed,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1. *I will appreciate your comment on the following:—Exodus 24:10 in view of St. John 1:18.*

Question 2. *Matthew 6:13, since God does not LEAD me into temptation, what does this passage mean?—Mr. B. P.*

Answer 1. Scripture cannot contradict itself, but Scripture always explains Scripture. God has appeared to mankind in many manifestations; to Moses at one time He came by way of the burning bush. And yet we know that the burning bush was not God. Three men appeared one day unto Abraham, in the plains of Mamri. So far as Abraham was concerned, they were just three men, but as we read the story farther along, we find that one of them was God, and yet he did not see God. What the apostle John emphasizes is that no one excepting the Lord Jesus Christ has ever seen God as He really is, and therefore it is only the Lord Jesus Christ who was qualified and competent to come to earth and reveal Him to us. The Lord Himself said to the disciples, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father". And yet we know that while the Lord Jesus Christ was God, yet the people who saw the Christ did not actually see the real Jehovah.

Answer 2. The difficulty dissolves itself if it be understood that primarily the Lord's prayer is a prayer prophetically predicted for Israel as a nation, rather than for the direct application to the child of God who has been made partaker of the grace of God through the Lord Jesus Christ. It was the Jew who had to observe in minutest detail such laws as are outlined in Leviticus 25. The 50th year he had to cancel all debts owed to him, he had to free his slaves, he had to give back whatever land he had bought in the last fifty years. Certainly such a Jew could pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors". And now to come to the question that you have raised, we have felt that this has reference to that terrible day of Israel's Armageddon, the time of Jacob's trouble. The word "temptation" here, in the Greek, is not an enticement, or a luring, but it is *Peirasmos*, a testing, a trial, a suffering. And so Israel nationally is to pray that in that terrible last hour of Israel's agony, when the devil would

destroy the nation utterly, that God shall not allow Israel to come into that destruction, but instead that He shall "deliver us from the evil one". In other words that in that Day of Israel's agony God shall deliver the remnant from the clutches of Satan who would destroy them. See also Rev. 12:4, where the great Red Dragon stands before the woman ready to devour the Christ, and then through Him, to devour also the children of Israel.

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Question 1. *Who does the Lord Jesus mean by "brethren" in Matt. 25:40, 45? Surely not as so many teach, the Jews. Does He not mean all those that believe in Him, Jew and Gentile, and that belong to Him?*

Question 2. *Also has anyone the right to teach that had the Jews accepted Christ as their Messiah, Christ would have set up His kingdom on earth at that time?—L. E. P.*

Answer 1. There is no other explanation for Matt. 25:40, 45, excepting that the reference is to the Jews. How can it mean all believers, since the judgment described in this chapter takes place after the Church has been caught up, and all believers are with Him in the heavens? Is not the preparation for this judgment being made right now? The Jews are scattered among every nation on the earth, and these nations are treating them with the most shameful and demoniacal hate. After the Church has been taken up, the full furies of the devil's hate will be unleashed against the Jews, and such nations as Germany and Russia and Poland and Roumania, will turn with hitherto unrevealed demonism against the Jews. With the end of the Armageddon battle, Christ will come and the first thing He will do will be to set up the judgment described in Matthew 25, which will be the judgment of the nations for their treatment of the Jews. It has nothing to do with the Church of Christ.

Answer 2. Yes, and No. The question has to do with the foreknowledge of God, and a predictive prophecy based upon that foreknowledge. While the Jews had it in their power technically to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Messiah, yet God knew in advance that they would not do so. And so we have the Christ making His bona-fide offer, and yet at the same time

JEWISH NOTES

In the undercover anti-Semitic movements that are stealing over the United States, it is charged that the Jews own or control practically all the wealth of the United States. And that we must stand against them, lest the time come that they control everything, and we Christians virtually become their slaves.

What are the facts? With the exception of the moving picture industry, the theatre, the manufacture of clothing and retail distribution, the great industries of America are in non-Jewish hands. Steel, automobiles, the utilities, transportation, shipping, oil, coal, heavy machinery, lumber, dairy products, the five and ten cent stores and the grocery chains are all owned by non-Jews. In 1934, of the 80,000 directors of the great corporations of America (see Poor's "Register of Directors") 3,825 or 4.8 per cent were Jews. According to Fortune survey (see February, 1936) of the 1,375 members of the New York Stock Exchange in the city where Jews constitute nearly thirty per cent of the population, only 252, or 18 per cent were Jewish.

Of the 637 firms listed in the New York Stock Exchange, 55 are Jewish, 22 half-Jewish, 39 have prominent Jewish influence—altogether 116, or about 19 per cent.

In the newspaper field, the three largest Jewish chains have a total circulation of 1,169,000. Compare this with the Hearst chain, with a total circulation of 5,500,000; Patterson-McCormick, 2,232,000, and the Scripps-Howard, 1,794,000, not to speak of many others. As quoted in *The Friends of Israel*, from *The Intelligence-Leader*.

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The restriction of land sales to Jews in Palestine by the Government of Great Britain is virtually an anti-Semitic act and more in the Hitler manner than that of the English, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, former president of the Zionist Organization in America, said last night at a mass meeting of 4,000 people at Carnegie Hall.

The meeting was sponsored by the American Emergency Committee for Palestine, which represents the Zionist

Organization of America, Hadassah, Mizrahi (orthodox branch), Poale Zion (labor section) and ten youth affiliates.

"Mr. Chamberlain," Dr. Wise said, "will know that we Jews are going to resist persecution where we find it, particularly in Palestine, where the land laws of the British Government are clearly acts of persecution".

He said that, although the Jews felt sorrowful over the betrayal by a friend—Great Britain—they would nevertheless continue with the building of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. The Jews, he said, are adamant that there shall be no ghettos in Palestine.—*The New York Times*.

May we comment on the above news item to the extent of saying that Rabbi Wise does not represent the bulk of Jewish thought. It is unfortunate however, that as a Jew who does have a certain leadership position particularly among the so-called Reformed Jews, he should voice such criticisms and condemnations of Great Britain, a government and a people who have outdone themselves in their earnest desire to show friendship to the Jews. Ingratitude is perhaps the meanest of all human traits. Shakespeare calls it sharper than a serpent's tooth. When it is realized to what extent Great Britain has suffered, and how enormous have been her losses, all because she tried honestly to keep faith as to the Palestine Mandate, it seems shameful that one Rabbi Wise should so callously bite the hand that feeds him. England needs encouragement and gratitude. The Jews of Palestine, it is heartening to know, realize this fully, for they were the ones who got together as soon as the World War was declared and announced to Great Britain that even though they had not received all that they had hoped for by way of liberties to develop the land of Palestine, against the determined hostilities of the Arabs, yet now in a world crisis, Palestine Jews are first of all British citizens, and they will stand by Britain until the war is finished.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

As Canada Sees Us

We have been for some years past helping several of the Jewish missionaries in Canada. This has been in accord with our policy of sowing beside all waters, and of reaching out a helping hand to every Macedonian call that comes to us.

In recent months the Canadian dollar has shrunk in value in its relation to the American dollar, and a number of our Canadian friends have written to us telling of their concern over this situation. They have felt that there must be some way of sending their gifts to us, and yet at the same time preserving the full value of the Canadian dollar. We tried to have the Canadian gifts sent directly from Canada to our fields in Europe, but discovered later that the shrinkage on the European fields was even greater than if the money had come to us to New York, and then was forwarded from our own office to our Branches abroad.

Still there continued the letters of inquiry from our Canadian friends; and so we finally suggested that their gifts, while the war is on, may be sent to certain Jewish missionaries in Canada, whose names we submitted. From one of these missionaries, a brother beloved in the Lord, came a very appreciative letter, which we think many of our readers will rejoice to read:—

I must thank you for the three parcels of tracts which you so kindly contributed to the Mission. I really do not know what we missionaries to the Jews would do without the assistance of such a mission as yours which supplies us with printed ammunition to hold the Mannheim line. Let me assure you, dear brother, that I greatly appreciate your co-operation, and it surprises me not in the least that the Lord has provided you with so many dear and faithful friends of Israel to support your work so liberally. You are doing a great and effective work. I have just read your report in "The Chosen People." Your outline of

the work in its various phases is truly splendid.

But now I want to tell you how surprised I was when this afternoon I received a letter from a Baptist Church in . . . in which the Superintendent informs me that you recommended our work to their organization for support. I understand that they felt the exchange for sending funds to the United States was too high and for this reason they desired to support a Mission in Canada. I must confess that the exchange is by no means too high; it is only 11%, which I think is quite moderate to what it was during the last war when it was at times between 18% and even 25%. However that may be, I cannot tell you how gracious it was to recommend our work, and we desire to thank you. But I do feel guilty in a way. The idea of taking support away from such a good work like yours does not appeal to me. You may think that strange, but that is my make-up. In return I can only state in such a case it is always my habit to point out to those friends (not that this is necessary) the wonderful work you are doing, and my long friendly connections with your dear father and yourself. This, I feel, is the very least that we can do, and we do it gladly.

So, here I must close, trusting you are keeping well and happy notwithstanding the DEVIL'S poisoned darts, and with loving Christian greetings from Mrs. S. and myself to your staff and yourself.

In view of the above urging, perhaps we ought to say to our Canadian friends that shrinkage in their Canadian dollar is just the same whether they send it to us in America or whether it goes to any other Mission field in the wide world. It must be remembered that the Canadian dollar fluctuates with the British Pound, and if the Pound has depreciated in all world exchange markets, so has the Canadian dollar. So, if you contribute for foreign missions through any Society which has offices in Canada, your dollar shrinks just the same as soon as it leaves Canada and goes on its missionary errand to any part of the world. And in our own case, if our Canadian friends specify their gifts to us to be used for our refugee work abroad, we can actually buy more Belgian or French or Austrian currency with the American dollars that we have bartered for the shrunken Can-



SOUP KITCHEN WORK IN BRUSSELS
Dinner is finished and Gospel meeting is to start. See the happy faces.

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG
(SOME OF THE THINGS THAT CHEER
THE PILGRIM ON THE WAY TO
THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM)

My dear Dr. Cohn:—

Your splendid letter of the Christmas season came just before the holidays and I appreciated it so much, knowing how terribly burdened you are now with a work which would be beyond the strength of man, without the "grace which is sufficient". We were so delighted to hear that Prof. Birnbaum will be associated with you now, and know he will be a tower of strength to you. When I think of the way in which God is providing for the work of the Mission, I know we are seeing His mighty Hand caring for His Chosen People as He has always done since Abram was called out of Ur to found a people separate from all others, but so wonderfully blessed. This miracle of care for His own, under the most terrific persecution the world has ever seen, makes us wonder how the world can be so blind to His Word. How can ministers in our denominational Churches be so blind and short-sighted? To some of them the Bible seems a closed book. Many of them are dear friends and I love them, but I tremble when I think of their responsibility to their flocks and how they go on talking of social gatherings as if they were followers of Emily Post! What a God we have to still keep His Hand outstretched to us! And yet He died to redeem us from these very sins we are now committing. Still the lighthouses glow through the storm around us and we thank God and take courage. For the lighthouse in Brooklyn we are most grateful. May His promise in the 41st chapter of Isaiah and 10th verse go with you all through the year, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."—Miss M. F. B.

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Dear Friend in Christ Jesus:

For some time my husband, and I have had you especially upon our hearts, Mr. Cohn. Holding the place of responsibility as you do, perhaps Satan directs his blows mightily your way because we know his aim is, and

ever has been, to destroy Israel. Is it not a comfort then to know that in spite of all difficulties and trials Christ remains victor? and that He who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps?

Your burdens and your work these days must be immense, and your heart must be torn with the terrible fate of Israel, (ours is also) so we write to you to tell you that we stand by at least. We count it a privilege to regard you as our friend, and our personal love goes out to you.

Many times while washing dishes, cleaning or otherwise fulfilling the tasks as a minister's wife, my prayer for yours and your work goes up to our Father.

Now may the joy of Jesus Christ enter your own heart, (in spite of all trials and difficulties) and the joy of Christmas be yours in truth. Faithfully yours, Rev. and Mrs. H. T. N.

P. S. THE CHOSEN PEOPLE is the one publication read from cover to cover, and always enjoyed.

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Dear Brother Cohn:

Every time I receive THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, I read it through from cover to cover and all the time I'm reading it I feel as though I am standing on tip toe. Many times I stop to obey the request to pray for a brother or sister mentioned in the report. My heart is always raised in praise and gratitude to God, for you, His faithful servant. Of all the religious magazines, your little magazine is the only one that fills my heart to overflowing with Praise to God, that at last the Chosen People are hearing the glorious Gospel.

—J. G.

"Then 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; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."—Malachi 3:16, 17.

Evidence of his faithfulness, Mr. Muncher found work as an Orderly and whenever he could spare the time, attended the mission services. Where he was employed was another Jewish man, Henry by name. He brought him to the mission, and Henry also was fully convicted of his sinful condition and made a confession of his faith in Christ as his Saviour. Henry married a Christian woman and was baptized in a Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Muncher's services to the mission gave evidence of his loyalty to the Lord. For six years he stood at the door and helped as an usher. The people loved him because he was humble and willing to serve. Most of all, he enjoyed to go around and carry baskets to the poor families, and he brought his son and daughter regularly to the mission services.

For the last year he complained of heart trouble. Last week on his way home from the mission he slipped, and his son picked him up and took him to the hospital. A sudden heart attack, and he passed away. The son told me that his final advice to his children was: attend the services regularly and let Brother Solomon, the Missionary, be your Spiritual guide, and be a true and loyal follower of God's Word.

Our Training School

By PROF. SOLOMON BIRNBAUM

Our new training school is a source of great satisfaction to us in the Lord. It is proving the answer to a long felt need at our Mission. The scholars are mostly young Jewish believers who have grown up around us who are now at last receiving the instruction and indoctrination which they so much needed, and which will build them up in our most holy faith, and enable them to give a good account of themselves before their unbelieving brethren

in whose midst they live. The subjects taught are Jewish History, Messianic Prophecy, and Christian Evidences. We expected to begin with not more than half a dozen, but eight enrolled for the first lesson three weeks ago, and now our enrollment is thirteen with nearly 100% attendance, and we expect that the number will increase. The interest is excellent; there is no more eager and intelligent group of scholars to be found anywhere. Please pray for these precious young people who have to face untold discouragements and stumbling-blocks in their own homes that the Lord may strengthen them and uphold them and keep them to the end.

Our Summer School

For interested friends over the country, we are planning a two-weeks' summer school on Jewish Evangelism next July, here in Brooklyn. The dates are July 1 to 17. The subjects will be Jewish History, Messianic Prophecy, Jewish Customs and Jewish-Christian Relations. The curriculum will comprise 30 class sessions, and 15 hours of practical Christian work among the Jews, such as visitation, personal work, open air and indoor services. There will also be an opportunity for visiting some of the Jewish synagogues and other places of interest.

A Call For Trumpets

By JUDITH FUCHS

We would like to start a brass quartet here at 27 Throop Avenue with the thought that such a quartet would be an added attraction at some of our Gospel meetings. We have the talent for this undertaking among our young people, but no musical instruments! We wonder whether some of our readers have trumpets or other brass instruments lying idle which might be put into such a service for the Lord, and used for His honor and glory. If so, I know we will be hearing from you.

adian dollar, than the same Canadian dollar at full 100 cents can buy in any of these countries. So in the last analysis, we can make your Canadian dollar work for the Lord more effectively than if you retain the money in Canadian funds at par, especially when we use these funds for our foreign work. We felt that we ought to mention these matters so as to clarify the confusion which now exists in the minds of some of our Canadian friends.

Shall We Keep Open The Soup Kitchens?

With the month of March our winter's appropriations for the food kitchens in Brussels, Paris, and Vienna are exhausted. Owing, we suppose, to the general economic let-down over the country, our own contributions are showing a slight recession, and of course as we take all these things as coming from Him who has been our Provider for these many years; we simply adapt ourselves to His providing, and we cut the coat according to the cloth. This means that we dare not continue the work of the food kitchens abroad unless our friends may feel led to send special gifts for that purpose, over and above the usual funds. It might be well to state also that in the case of our own work abroad, the funds are used directly in our own Branches and through our own missionaries; no money is passed on to other organizations, but everything is spent directly by our own workers; and so there is no overhead and no charges for administration and for handling.

The need for the food kitchens, even though the weather has now moderated, continues just as acutely as ever before. Latest reports which have come to us from our missionary in Brussels, Pastor Otto Samuel, con-

tain some very touching accounts of the value of the feeding of these poor desperate and starving multitudes. Here are a few paragraphs taken at random from Pastor Samuel's letter:—

The food is very healthy and well prepared, and it is a pleasure to see that through the good food the appearance of the children and adults is bettered considerably.

They are very glad and thankful for this big help, which the Lord gives them through it. At this occasion they hear much of the Word of the Lord at the daily Table Services, which at this moment are dealing with the Sermon on the Mount. In the basement in the kitchen a special service is held every day for the staff, and twice per week there is a big assembly for everybody. From Dutch friends we have received a certain number of books which are read with zeal.

Our work in the women's section is also going on, care is taken of the reparation of underwear and dresses. There is also given opportunity to the women to iron their linen. At home this would be very difficult for them, as they have too much to save their coal. Through this kitchen work a real help is given to the people, for which they are very thankful. This thankfulness we may certainly transfer to you.

I told you in my last letter about a middle aged Jewess of a good house which had decided to follow the Saviour Jesus Christ. She writes: "I am born in 1888 in Karlsruhe. My father was a doctor and originating from a strictly Orthodox Jewish family. Unfortunately he was made up of contradictions. He did not keep the Jewish rites, nor did he keep the Saturday, but on a few of the Big Holidays he upon a sudden was quite a pious man, he followed all the rites with exactness and severity. This had made a devastating influence on me as a child. The Divine Service at the Synagogue did not give me anything. I became completely indifferent. This did not change during my marriage. It was only in the emigration that a change took place. I visited the Divine Service at Dr. Samuel and on his advice I read much in the New Testament. I learned to know that Jesus Christ was the expected Messiah. It was only when I saw this, that I learned to pray and peace entered my soul. I now can say that I believe. Through this I learn to support with more ease all the hardships which are brought about by the emigration. I now would like to take part in the Instruction of Baptization.

There comes also an urgent plea from our workers in Paris that there too we should allow them to go on a

little further with the feeding of the people each day. We will be glad to do this if the Lord will indicate that it is His will, by the placing in our hands of special sums for this purpose. As reported in previous issues of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, it costs us \$500 per month per Station to carry on the Soup Kitchen work. Needless to state, the dividends on such an investment are beyond calculation.

Reaping in Philadelphia

From our faithful brother Harry Burgen comes a long and comprehensive report of the Lord's continued blessings upon his labors in that city with its nearly 300,000 Jews. The lack of space makes it not possible to give the report in full, but here are a few arresting paragraphs:—

We have completed our first year at 717 Walnut St., Philadelphia. We came to this new location at the end of October, 1938.

Since coming to this new location we are meeting with increased opportunities of reaching Jews, Gentiles and Christians. The Lord is giving us a ministry among them all. It is our privilege to seek to prove to the Jew, through the Scriptures that the Lord Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. His death on the cross, where He shed His precious blood, made atonement for our sins. (Matt. 1:21) (Acts 10:43). He rose from the dead on the third day for our justification. One day He will come again for His own.

The good news of salvation is given to many unconverted Gentiles. We are prepared with complete Bibles and many portions in various languages, remembering Isaiah 32:30. The Hebrew-Christian has also a message for God's people from among the Gentiles. We remind them that they, even as Paul, may have a "Heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel, that they (the Jews) might be saved" (Rom. 11:31). We bless the Lord for those of His people from among the Gentiles who stand by and with us in our efforts to hold forth the Word of Life. They help by prayer and gift and witness.

Recently we have had contact with many refugee Jews, who have fled for their lives from lands of oppression. They pause at our window, hesitate and are fearful of coming in but finally take courage

and step in. They are amazed and overwhelmed at the kindness shown them. Most do not know why we are here. They ask for employment or seek to sell merchandise. Some ask for literature which is displayed in the window. In every case it is our chief joy to magnify the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and endeavor to win each one for Him.

One came in asking if we could help him find employment. Another asked for a copy of a poem we have in the window entitled "The Jew".

The first one said, "I, like many Jews used to think that I knew my Bible (he meant the Old Testament) but since coming here, I see that I do not know it. I am now beginning to see the plain truth in the Scriptures as they speak of Christ." This man, after a Lord's Day evening service at the Tenth Presbyterian Church, confessed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in the presence of Rev. Carl Anderson, assistant pastor of the Church and myself.

The other is a young man of thirty-six. He came to this country about seven months ago. He attends church service faithfully and is constantly under the sound of the Gospel. One day he exclaimed, "I was blind. When I first found this place I was afraid to come in, but now I would be afraid not to come in". At one of our weekly Friday evening meetings he readily responded to the Lord's gracious invitation to come to Him and receive Him as his own personal Saviour. He now gives blessed evidence of his faith in Christ and of his new found joy. Much more could be told of blessed experiences which occur daily as we seek to publish the good news of salvation and to make Christ known.

Living and Preaching the Gospel in Los Angeles

By HENRY NEALE

It has been a wonderful month in the Lord.

It would thrill your heart to see the crowded meetings, the interest shown by some; and to hear the enthusiastic singing from night to night.

That the preaching of the Gospel is still the Power of God unto Salvation, is evident by the Spiritual birthday party recently held at Beth Sar Shalom. Here, three recent converts testified to their faith in Jesus Christ, and one of these confided to me some

time before his decision, that his heart was touched by the patience exhibited by Brother and Sister Zimmerman even toward those who were unruly and ungrateful. Several of those who received the Lord since I have been here, have also confided to me with practically the same words previous to their conversion; proving that "Living" first, then the "Preaching" of the Gospel gives assurance of saved souls.

We have made another change in our children's work which we believe is of the Lord. In order to make possible hospital visitation among Jewish patients, in company with four others, we changed the class on Saturday afternoon to Sunday morning and now have a regular Sunday School for all ages. On February 18th, the opening day, we had no children; only adults; but had a blessed time praying God's blessing on the new venture. The following Sunday, five Jewish children, four of whom refused our invitation the previous week, came to Sunday School; but at the close of the meeting, the father of one came and ordered them home.

On the third of March, three Jewish children and one Gentile boy came with the result that a Jewish girl and a Gentile boy received Christ as their Saviour. On March 10th another Gentile boy came to the Lord.

We go on the street each Sunday morning looking for our Sunday School class and although our numbers are yet small, we have much reason to rejoice in the Lord. At the "Children of Israel" club on Friday, much interest is displayed by one of the daughters of the Rabbi; and in our weekly review of previous lessons, gives minute details as well as some of the Spiritual applications of the lessons.

I hope this letter finds you well, together with each co-laborer in the American Board of Missions to the Jews. May God's richest blessing be poured upon you.

"More Than My Jewish Friends Have Done"

By REV. JOHN SOLOMON, Pittsburgh

"Be Thou faithful to the end, or unto death, and I will give Thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Another faithful convert of our Mission, called home. Mr. Michael Muncher, a humble Jewish man came to us with a sad and pitiful story as most of them come when they are in distress. "I have lost my job and have not paid my room rent and the landlord put me out with all my possessions in the street." Our mission was in the same street where this man lived. I walked over to the place, there were his belongings partly on the sidewalk and partly on the street, poor man! "What do you expect me to do?" I asked. "If I could have a room to storage my beddings and bundles, that is all I need now most." I looked to his pitiful plea, my heart was touched, and I thought, what would my Lord do in a case like this? I said to the man, "Bring all your things and place them in the basement of the Mission until you will find room for them." "Thank you very much, it is more than my Jewish friends have done." This deed of kindness brought this poor man in close touch with the mission services. Six months later, by the Holy Spirit, through the preaching of the blessed Gospel, he was convicted of his sinful condition and made an open confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.