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

Dearly beloved friends:—

The Holy Spirit tells us through Paul in I Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." And we think of this exhortation as we gaze over the world today with its havoc and confusions. It takes supreme faith and confidence in the sure word of Prophecy, and in the eternal purposes of God, a faith which only the firmly grounded and well instructed child of God can summon and exercise, to enable us to take our stand with Paul of old, and say: "None of these things move me!" (Acts 2:24).

We refer now not only to the course of world *Schrecklichkeiten*, collapse of nations and kingdoms, and reversions to savageries and brutalities and blood lettings, such as the world has never known before. These things the careful student of God's Word knows we must expect, as we shall show later on in this letter. Also to be expected are the heartbreaking pangs of Israel's agonies the world over, for these things are all in the prophesied coming to the full of Gentile iniquity, the "Fulness of the Gentiles".

But even more tragic than these unspeakable desolations in the world of Gentiles, and in the brutal treatment accorded by these Gentiles to God's Israel, is something else, and in the spiritual realm. For, sad to say, we have fallen upon days when within the Church, His Mystical Body, there is developing a condition such as God rebuked when He spoke to Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?" (Job 38:2). And we wonder whether it may not be the last supreme effort of Satan to divide even the small remnant of the faithful in these final hours of an age crashing with startling swiftness to a doom of indescribable horror? With the evil world, Satan does not bother—he already has that. But the Saints—there is the place for his subtle thrust against God!

And what is his method of attack? Simple enough—to use the approach which was so successful in the Garden of Eden: "Hath God Said?" Sow the seed of mistrust in God's revealed Word of Prophecy! And to do this the more successfully he must find within the Church herself, among her own leaders, the channels, the mouthpieces, through which to megaphone his age-old query to the world: "Hath God Said?"

And so we have suddenly begun to witness a strange and disturbing spirit of doubt, confusing interpretations, and even a pulling away from sound Gospel foundations, on the part of men in whose spiritual leadership we had come to trust. And we write these words not to criticize, not to attack, not to recriminate, but rather to comply with the many pleadings which come to us, for some unshakable ground on which our own devoted family of Chosen People readers can establish their hope in the "sure word of prophecy". This is our answer to the many requests that we write more on prophecy and the present world chaos.

FACING CONTRARY WINDS

Many are losing their bearings, bewildered with what is transpiring in the world today. Even the day to day changes in the fortunes of the war in the European and African areas seem to frighten some, and to cause them to waver in their unswerving adherence to the unalterable truth of God's revealed Word. Think for instance, of one group of leaders who have become greatly excited because of the stupendous upheavals taking place in the social, economic and political systems of the world. And with leather-lunged endurance they shout and howl that the great demon Communism is going to engulf all civilization! Therefore, they must fight the devil of Communism, and he who does not join their ranks and shout their shibboleths they smear with their brush of slander and brand him a "Communist!" The next thing we know, they are entangled in the many times exploded Nazi lie, that the Jews are at the bottom of world Communism! And of course from that point it is an easy and natural step to that terrible sin which God has so repeatedly warned us against—Jew hate. Think to what extent this Satan inspired poison of Jew-hate had spread, that it took such possession body and soul, of one of these leaders whom many of us had loved and honored in those long ago better years, that he actually wrote a book, in which he labored with a zeal worthy of a far better cause, to prove that Joseph of Egypt was the first Communist! And, of course, *he* was a Jew! The Joseph, dear friend, of whom the Word writes "And God was with Joseph, and blessed him", this Joseph is now a Communist! The Joseph whom we learned in our childhood days to love and to revere as the most perfect type of the Lord Jesus—a Communist! And the brother who propounded this amazing doctrine to an astonished public, still persists in his Jew-hate, not realizing how Satan must laugh that he has become so willing a tool for his demoniacal purposes.

But, deeper than this, is the surprising fact that this brother's anchor to God's Word is so insecurely fastened that he fails utterly to grasp the meaning of the age in which we live. Does not Daniel 2 clearly portray to us the course of world destiny? Does it not describe in detail the very days now so fast overtaking us, the days of iron and clay, of mob inconsistency, of totalitarian tyranny? Does not the Word tell us "The fashion of this world passeth away" (I Cor. 7:31). Do these brethren take seriously the solemn and significant teaching of such a verse as Phil. 3:20, "For our citizenship is in heaven?" Then why dabble with the present corrupting civilization? Why try so desperately to hold to the status quo? A recent editorial by Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, in *Bibliotheca Sacra*, hits the nail on the head, it seems to us:

That men who are accepting a responsibility in the gospel ministry should be trained away from the divine purpose for this age and encouraged to undertake the salvation of society and this in the face of revelation which asserts that society as such—the cosmos world—will not be saved but rather goes on to well-defined judgment, is tragic indeed. Persistent attention to such unscriptural objectives in the face of a disintegrating social order can be accounted for in no other way than that it is one of Satan's delusions. The preacher is not appointed to extinguish the conflagration, but he is appointed to snatch brands from the burning. If perchance the advocate of the social regeneration lays hold of a text of Scripture which anticipates a coming righteous kingdom on the earth, he will do well to observe that such a kingdom is never said to be the effect of man's labors, but is the consummation of the mighty power and determination of the King of kings when He returns to this earth. He will not return to a converted world, but there will be a converted world when He has judged the earth and dismissed the unrighteous and established true righteousness on the earth.

How much time did our Lord spend in any efforts to meddle with workings of the Roman government? Was not His every waking hour crowded to overflowing with the one intensely imperative message, "Ye must be born again, ye must be born again?"

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Tiring of this sport after a few score had been thus dispatched, 40 to 50 armed legionnaires beheaded the rest with axes and knives.

Some mangled bodies were disposed of by pouring them down manholes to the sewers usually used to carry off animal remains.

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The spread of the active war to the Holy Land marked the period under review. Haifa, a vital port dotted with military objects, has been bombed by Italian planes several times since the first raid on July 15. More unexpected and shocking to the world was the bombing of Tel Aviv, which left in its wake 125 dead and scores of wounded. Since the city has no military objectives, the savage assault by Italian bombers can only be interpreted as an attempt by Mussolini to translate, for the sake of propaganda among the Arabs, his anti-Jewish policy in terms of the blood of defenseless Jewish civilians. The Italian radio station at Bari at the same time continued its overtures to the Mufti, singing his praise as a national hero and liberator, and favoring the Pan-Arab Federation. Among a section of the Catholic clergy in Italy, the Fascist campaign in Palestine also assumed the character of a holy war for "the flag of Fascist and Catholic Italy...over Christ's Sepulchre."

That Italian attempts to win the Arabs over have failed is evidenced by the messages of sympathy which Arab leaders throughout Palestine have sent to Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, and by increasing Arab cooperation with Jews. Notwithstanding the bombings, the Jewish community in Palestine is going on with its work, redoubling its efforts to meet the emergency on the economic front as well as in self-defense. Finally, the British authorities have called for volunteers among Jews and Arabs, to serve in separate battalions. One thousand Jews enlisted within forty-eight hours, and subsequently the enlistment continued at the rate of 100 a day.—*The Contemporary Jewish Record*.

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The Church Committee for China Relief forwards the story of the old Chinese Christian farmer who, caught in the path of the war, lost all his possessions and became a refugee. A missionary loaned him \$20, with which he bought a horse and cart and began

hauling goods for hire. Soon he had made \$80. Returning the \$20 he had borrowed, he declared that he had always given a tithe of his earnings to the Lord, but that now that his church was broken up and scattered he didn't know what to do with the tithe. The missionary refused to give him any advice. "If you pray, God will give you guidance," he said. One day the old man came in beaming. "I have decided," he said. "Our Master was a Jew. I have heard that there are many Jewish people who have been driven out of their own country. Will you take this money and send it somewhere where there are Jews who need help?"—*From The Hebrew Lutheran, Jan. 1941.*

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By acquiring the 335,000 Jews of the Baltic States, the Soviet Union now has the largest Jewish population in the world—4,835,000.

They are made up (approximately) as follows: — Russia proper...3,050,000; Soviet Poland...1,250,000; Bessarabia...200,000; Baltic States...335,000.

The Jewish population of the U. S. A. is 4,500,000 and the recent incorporation of Bessarabia brought the Soviet figures level. Now the addition of the Baltic States brings the Russian Jewish population to the head of the list.

The future historian will probably notice the new-old status of Russian Jewry as a fact of no little interest, and also of some moment. Contemporary thought, too, will be aroused to speculate upon its influence on Jewish life in the years that lie ahead. Three conclusions are obvious. The well-to-do among the transferred Jews will, if the present position becomes permanent, be stripped of their possessions; as has already been the case in Soviet Poland. Then the re-annexed Jewish Communities will be rid of anti-Semitism or the anti-Semitic spectre. Finally, organized Jewish religious teaching in Russia's reabsorbed areas will suffer grievously. It is difficult to strike the balance of gain and loss in this confused picture, and indeed impossible to measure physical advantage against spiritual deprivation. One can only utter a fervent prayer that the shifting and sweeping of Jewish populations hither and thither will somehow be ended with the peace.—*Quoted by International News Sheet, from The Jewish Chronicle.*

And so the soul-shaking question arises, how seriously do these brethren take their calling? And if they veer ever so little to the right or to the left, can they not see how it is only logical that they keep wandering further and further away from God's truth? And can they not see how this makes them an easy prey to Jew-hate and to many other defiances of God's will? What business have they with politics, with governments, with social reformations? If the ship is sinking, why fool with the plumbing, or the electric wiring, or with the furniture? To the life-boats, brother!

GOD IS SUPREME

Before we go on, as we want to do, to discuss some important phases of the Armageddon battle to which, by the way, all this preliminary ground is leading us, may we refer for a moment to a truth which is and must ever be the foundation of all our discussions of Bible revelation, viz: the Sovereignty of God. No human has ever lived who has been able to give a satisfactory philosophical explanation of this truth; but we can not deny that it is clearly taught in the Book, and accept it we must. To quote Paul: "Let God be true, and every man a liar!"

Prof. Karl Barth, the eminent Swiss theologian, says: "It is certain that the Bible, if we read it carefully, makes straight for the point where we must decide to accept or to reject the Sovereignty of God. It is the Sovereignty of God that gives significance to time."

The war developments have not been going exactly to the pattern laid out by certain Bible teachers within the past years. Therefore, instead of sticking to the revealed Word and saying: "Here I stand on God's Word, and let every man be a liar", they have become rather frightened, and some have even started wobbling. One brother, who has the ear of a substantial following, in trying to explain world hate for the Jews, blandly claims: "The Jews are not now God's chosen people! They were once, and will be again, but they are not now!"

And probably a certain number of earnest but untaught people accept this in all good faith. But we wonder how the brother would explain such a passage, written in the present tense as Romans 11:28, "They are beloved for the fathers' sakes!" Or Romans 3:4, "To whom *pertaineth* (present tense) the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants," etc.

GOD CANNOT LIE

You see now why we mentioned the basic truth of the Sovereignty of God; because if God's covenants can not be trusted, then all our own hopes in the covenant of Grace go glimmering into the limbo of souls lost for all eternity. We are clean undone. For it must follow inevitably that if the covenants made with the fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) can be set aside at will by our modern Bible teachers, then there remains no secure ground for our trust in the eternal effectiveness of the Covenants of Grace. And does it not become more clearly apparent as we approach the close of this age that the test of true Biblical interpretation is a right understanding of the Jewish question? This is the Great Divide that separates true prophetic teaching from false. As a keen observer of current trends in prophetic teaching said to us a while ago, "If the man is muddled on the Jewish question, I can't trust him on anything else."

CHART AND COMPASS COME FROM THEE

And this brings us to some tempests that have blown up from hitherto dormant quarters, and have, unfortunately, unsettled some timid souls; although the more stalwart of us, those who have been longer grounded in the sure word of prophecy, have been not one whit moved, but have appraised these vagaries for what they are, just the gropings of pilots far from home, with charts and compasses lost in the mazes of new and alien theories of navigation. Strange voices, are luring them into unknown seas where lurk uncharted rocks, with their sequence of shipwreck and destruction.

Remove Israel from the center of God's revealed prophetic program, and havoc follows; for the wish soon becomes father to the thought, and we find such brethren actually wresting the Scriptures to prove their *a priori* premises. This explains for instance, a recent sacreligious deliverance by a Bible teacher entitled: "Was God a Jew?" The distorted reasonings were so patently shameful, that the brother lost, to our own personal knowledge, the confidence of many choice believers, who felt they must promptly disavow such manifestly Jew-hating propaganda. Incidentally as soon as this malicious libel appeared in print, we accepted the challenge, and went into action by printing a leaflet entitled "Is God a Jew?" which has had a wide circulation, and has brought us many gracious and grateful words of commendation.

The special storms to which we refer now, however, have to do with Ezekiel 38, with the Armageddon war, and with the rapture of the Saints before the great time of tribulation comes to the earth. On Ezekiel 38, two questions have been raised; first, concerning the identity of Gomer; and secondly, as to the time element involved in the Battle of Armageddon.

First, as to Gomer. It has been now proposed that Gomer refers to nations other than Germany. We have only space here to reaffirm our own position, and the position of such mighty men in the Scriptures as the sainted Drs. Scofield, Gray, Moorhead, West, and many others we could name, that Gomer is unmistakably and historically to be identified as the modern Germany.

Where do we find Gomer? He had three sons, Ashkenaz (which the Black Sea was formerly called. It is so marked on a map of the world according to Herodotus, circa 5th Century B.C., a copy of which is in our possession) Riphath and Togarmah. See Gen. 10:3. Zenophon, Pliny, Strabo, Cicero, Josephus, and other equally accredited historians, all state that Gomer's three sons settled in the territories of Asia Minor. The sons of Gomer, however, soon extended beyond, and appeared first in Crimea, anciently called Cimmeria, derived from the name Gomer; Gommeria passing into Cimmeria, and then Cimmeria passing into the modern name Crimea, as we shall show later from Hebraic sources. Advancing again along the Danube, those same descendants of Gomer peopled what is now called Germany, the name being derived from Gomer. This Germany is properly Gomer-land, or the land of Gomer.

Togarmah is identified by Wolf as the representative of the Tartar hordes who, he says, when he visited Bokhara, Khiva, and Koland, in Central Asia, were in the habit of calling themselves "Togarmah." It may also include Turkey.

So Ezekiel prophesies that Germany, that is Gomer, the great father nation of all the rest, will be added to the Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and that this combination of Germany and Russia will be the principal part of the great confederacy or conspiracy *in the latter days*, which will cleave its way into the Land of Palestine, there to perish under the judgments of God.

The words, "Gomer and all his hordes," indicate that a number of other nations will be joined with him. This explains the controls recently gained by Germany of some of the smaller Kingdoms of Central Europe, including Austria and Czechoslovakia.

From the well-known and authoritative Young's Analytical Concordance, we take the following few sentences by way of further corroboration:—

GOMER, eldest son of Japheth, and father of Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah, B. C. 2340. He was progenitor of the Cimmerians, Cimbri, and other branches of the Celtic family, as well as of the modern Gael and Cymry. The people descended from Gomer. They settled on the North of the Black Sea, and then spread themselves southward and westward to the extremities of Europe.

And if further evidence be desired, perhaps an important confirmation may be had from the historical record given in The Jewish Encyclopedia. This reinforcement is doubly valuable because of its recusant nature. For certainly Jewish scholarship would not willingly grant supporting validity to a premise

JEWISH NOTES

Poland is now under the oppressive heel of the German usurper. It is this country where Germany has commenced what she calls "the New Order" for Europe. Upon that land has settled a darkness of barbarism darker than the dark ages. Last winter, a certain area in the city of Warsaw was isolated because of "pestilence." A wall was built of concrete, eight feet high, encompassing about two hundred streets. The wall has eighteen gates. The Jews of Warsaw have now been segregated in this ghetto. To keep in touch with the outer world is only possible by a special permit which must be obtained from the German Authorities. This definitely means death by starvation. The overcrowding will bring a crop of disease and epidemics. Similar ghettos are being established in other cities. Lodz, the once largest manufacturing city in Poland in its prosperous days, had a Jewish population approaching a quarter of a million. This population the Germans reduced to less than eighty thousand; this community is herded together in the ghetto, starving to death. The children are completely deprived of milk, and bread seems to be possible only when smuggled into the ghetto. Smugglers are caught daily and summarily punished.

A heart-rending message from the women of Poland to the women of America was smuggled out and reads in part: "There is no chord in our souls that has not been torn, no thought which is not heart-rending grief. Husbands, fathers and brothers wiped out by tens of thousands, dying slowly in dungeons or perishing from starvation and cold in prison camps. Sons taken away to slave labour in Germany, and daughters abducted at night; Churches burned, shrines overthrown, schools closed and homes stripped empty."—*Immanuel's Witness*.

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Under the gruesome heading, "Saw Jews Die By Fire, Knife, in Bucharest," Leigh White writes an article for *The Daily News* of New York City, giving an eye-witness report of the frightful Iron Guard massacres which took place in Bucarest and throughout other parts of Rumania, January 25th to the 29th. This article is copyrighted

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Mr. White believes that his is the first eye-witness account to reach the outside world of the Iron Guard horror in Rumania. After describing the extreme difficulties which he encountered, not only in the very thick of the wild scenes of massacre and rioting, but also in getting out again to Sofia, Bulgaria, where he would be far enough removed from Rumania to send his cable dispatches and thus evade the Bucharest censorship, he goes on to give some of the details of what happened. We have space only for a few paragraphs:—

The Tale is one of unrelieved horror—a record of brutality without precedent in the history of Rumania and with very few precedents in the history of any other country. Jewish leaders believed their dead throughout the country would exceed 2,000.

Dozens of Jews—women and children as well as men—were literally burned alive. I am not just speaking of those who were burned to death in hundreds of buildings which Guardists set afire, after shooting and beating the inhabitants and looting the contents of their homes, I am speaking of Jews who were beaten senseless on the streets, robbed, then doused with gasoline and set afire.

Officials have confirmed numerous cases of Jewish women whose breasts were cut off, not to mention equally sadistic mutilations, like gouged-out eyes, brandings and bone-breakings.

Perhaps the most horrifying single episode of the pogrom was the "kosher butchering" last Wednesday night of more than 200 Jews in the municipal slaughterhouse.

The Jews, who had been rounded up after several hours of Iron Guard raids, were put into several trucks and carried off to the slaughterhouse. There the green-shirts forced them to undress and led them to the chopping blocks, where they cut their throats in a horrible parody of the traditional Jewish methods of slaughtering fowl and livestock.

"I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel." Our own personal interpretation of this passage has always been to put it in the light of verse 21, "I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side," and apply the idea of the graves being Israel's scattered condition among the nations of the earth, whereby actually they are buried, in so far as racial entity is concerned. But others have suggested that there may be ground here for the belief that many of those devout Orthodox Jews who die in the faith of a coming Messiah, will be literally resurrected, and brought back to Palestine, and there they will be given a chance to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. It is argued that this is really not a second chance at all, for they never had a first chance. It is therefore argued that God can do this quite honorably and righteously because He has a covenant relationship to the people of Israel, a relationship which He does not have with any other nation. Furthermore, it has been propounded that a Jew who thus dies in the faith of a coming Messiah automatically is placed in the same category as the Old Testament saints who likewise died looking forward to the coming of the Messiah, although never having seen him in the flesh.

But now having said all of the above, we fall back once more on the assurance of Gen. 18:25, "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" Let us once more make it clear to any of our friends who might wish to criticize us, that we do not ourselves teach or believe in any theory or interpretation which involves a second chance. We simply know that the God of justice can be trusted, and we are absolutely sure that whatever He does will be right, and will satisfy every sense of justice. Just as was the case when you accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, so this is a matter requiring your abandoned faith in Him. He saved you, He now keeps you and preserves you blameless for His coming, you can trust Him about your parents.

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Question. Let me know through your column what land is meant by the 18th chapter of Isaiah.

Answer. We take it that the land referred to in this chapter has reference to practically all countries outside of the land of Palestine itself. The description, "The land shadowing with wings," hints that some outside Gentile power or combination of powers, will be protecting the land of Palestine against attack from some other Gentile power or powers. All this may have a connection with the attack foretold in Ezk. 38.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

FROM JANUARY 1st to JANUARY 31st, 1941

Covering Receipt Numbers A55419 to A57060; B55685 to B57651	
General Fund	\$18,979.90
For Relief to the Poor	132.60
For Literature Fund (Bibles and Tracts)	172.90
"The Chosen People" (Subscriptions)	497.55
For "The Shepherd of Israel"	238.75
Dispensary Income Account	44.65
For Work Among the Children	64.50
For Students' Education Fund	94.75
For Philadelphia Branch	215.30
For Pittsburgh Branch	338.00
For Columbus Branch	270.08
For Los Angeles Branch	478.99
For Buffalo Branch	67.35
For Seattle Branch	69.21
For Washington, D. C., Branch	91.00
For Work Overseas, including Relief Funds	3,994.86
For American Translation of New Testament	37.50

Total for all Purposes \$25,787.89

that holds so serious a threat to Zionism as does the prediction of Ezekiel 38. Here is the item, with the Hebrew connotations and root-words omitted:—

GOMER, eldest son of Japheth, and father of Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah (Gen. x. 2, 3; I Chron. i. 5, 6). In Yoma 10 a and Yer. Meg. i. 9 "Gomer is explained to be the same as "Germania" which stands either for "Cimerii" or for "Germany".

Gomer, standing for the whole family, is mentioned in Ezek. xxxviii. 6 as the ally of Gog, the chief of the land of Magog.

And now a few words as to the time when the Harmegiddon war takes place. We believe it is erroneous to place it at the close of the thousand years of millennial reign.

1st. Zechariah 14 tells us that the Lord will gather *all* nations against Jerusalem to battle, and that after this battle He will appear visibly on the Mount of Olives, together with His saints (the Church) and that with His appearing thus, the Kingdom will be established. So it is apparent that the war against Jerusalem (the Armageddon, or Har-Megiddon) takes place before the millennium, and not at its close.

2nd. The Gog Magog war, described in Revelation 20:5-10 is of apparently short duration, and is brought to a swift and an abrupt end, not by the appearing of the Son of God on the Mount of Olives, but by fire which "came down from God out of heaven." This war is engineered by Satan, who *after* the imprisonment of 1,000 years, is loosed for "a little season". Nor does the Revelation prophecy indicate any seriously destructive effect upon Jerusalem, such as is detailed in Zechariah, Ezekiel, and other Old Testament prophets concerning Armageddon.

3rd. We believe it reasonable and logical to place the gathering of the nations in the Valley of Jehosaphat, or the Mountains of Megiddo (Joel 3:2) as the final phase, the closing scene, of the extensive Battle, or War of Armageddon. "Thou shalt come... against the mountains of Israel," is God's Word in Ezekiel 38. And in Joel 3 the warning is: "I will *plead* (judge, convict, condemn) with them (the nations) there for my people and for my heritage, Israel." This is the judgment which we believe is identical with the one mentioned by our Lord in Matt. 25:31-45. A war is fought on many fronts, and has many phases, and so we must not think of Armageddon as a single battle.

But now our space is gone. We will gladly continue along these lines next month, if our readers desire, and will so indicate by your letters. We have rather limited ourselves in these matters in "The Chosen People", because we have felt that we are first of all a Jewish Mission, and that our friends would prefer a closer adherence to Mission activities. But if you crave rather more prophetic discussions, we are gladly your servants, "For His Body's Sake."

ISRAEL'S TRAVAIL INTENSIFIES

What horror seizes us as we hear more and more of new cruelties, new agonies being piled up on poor, desolate Israel! Our friends write us that they cannot keep back the tears as they read what terrors are going on in the world; and they literally agonize before God, "How long, oh Lord, how long?" And we here at the center of your world-wide activities are straining every cord to carry on, in your name and with your help, a ministry of love's labor among the people whom the nations have scattered over the earth, and for whom they have cast lots, as God charges in Joel 3:2, 3. And as you will read on other pages, we are supremely and humbly grateful that He is using us in such a world-wide cycle of effective labor as has indeed been rarely given to His servants to accomplish. To His Name be given the praise and the glory, for it is He alone that has thus signally accepted and blessed our united service for Him. So may it be, till He come.

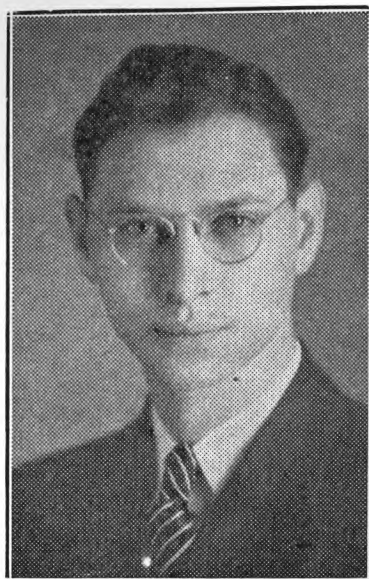
Ever faithfully your servant for Israel's sake,

JOSEPH HOFFMAN COHN.

INCIDENTS IN THE WORK

"Sir, We Would See Jesus"

(A brief report from the pen of our Field Evangelist for the State of Iowa, Rev. Emil D. Gruen.)



REV. EMIL D. GRUEN

In these days, when their very foundations seem to be slipping away from them, the above request is becoming the desire of many a Jewish heart. We would see Jesus; not the nominal Christianity of the day, nor the professing Christians. No, these cannot answer the seeking of the thirsty Jewish soul. But rather the living faith of Him who came to seek and to save that which is lost. The spirit of Him who said love your enemies, do well unto them that hate you. Harried and hunted, permitted not even to rest their weary heads, the Jews today are finding it more and more difficult to find surcease from pain in their own religion. The old bulwark, the law, which was able to keep them united in times of persecution in the past, has become so futile that it can no longer offer hope to the hopeless. Judaism is a dying religion, so cry their leaders, and in that cry is sounded the death knell of the Jew's

attempt to find the comfort for his suffering in the law and ritual. This is a truth which has become more and more real to us in the manifold experiences which have been ours as we have come into touch with our Jewish brethren here in the mid-west.

It is the experience of our missionary here in Des Moines, Mrs. Juroe. Daily, as she makes her visits among the Jews of this city, she finds these seeking souls. They want to know about this Jesus, they want literature, tracts and New Testaments, that they might read about Him who offers comfort to the comfortless. Mrs. Juroe tells us of a woman, who asked one question after the other, who cried bitterly as she spoke of the longing in her heart for peace of soul. Or that elderly Jew, living on the east side of our city, who wanted a New Testament so that he might read all about Jesus. He wanted to assure himself that what we were saying about the Messiah is really true. He gladly received *The Shepherd of Israel*, our paper for Jews; he loves to read it. The messages therein, some of them written in his own language, bring peace to his heart. Then there was the woman who wanted a comforting companion while she went to the cemetery. Mrs. Juroe took her, all the while speaking of Him who promised that "he who believeth on me shall never die". Glorious opportunities in this city to show them Jesus—their Messiah.

This is also our experience as we travel throughout the State in our field evangelistic ministry. It was our experience during the three-day Bible conference we held in P. There are three Jews in the community, and they all attended our services. Mr. and Mrs. S., merchants; Sunday evening they came, walked right into the auditorium and took their seats. They sat all through the service, attentively listening to the Word of God. The next day the pastor and I visited them and found Mr. S. quite willing to talk. Many questions were asked, and in answering them we had an opportunity to witness concerning Jesus Christ. When we left we gave him a copy of the *Shepherd* and our set of tracts entitled: "What Every Jew Should Know". He promised to read them. Then there was Mr. L.; twice

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question. My parents were both Jewish. They loved God our Father but did not know the Lord Jesus. Perhaps they had no opportunity to do so. I have found my Saviour and am unspeakably grateful. Do you believe according to Scripture my parents and I will be reunited in the future, and as Abraham do you think that because they believed God it will be accounted to them for righteousness? Would they be considered Old Testament saints according to another dispensation, or what is their status?

—AN OAKLAND FRIEND.

Answer. Your question goes to the heart of one of the most difficult problems we have to meet in our own work wherever we present the Gospel to the Jews. We recall one occasion when a group of Gideon brethren came to our Mission hall and sang most touchingly the old hymn, "Tell mother I'll be there." Without realizing it, they had probably done more harm than good, at least for the time being, because the average Jew, unacquainted with Gospel truth, hearing a hymn of this sort would reason to himself, "well, if I expect to be where my mother is, certainly I cannot forsake the religion of my mother and become a Christian." This indeed is the very heart of much of Jewish objection to the acceptance of Christ as Saviour. The rabbis harangue over and over again concerning the "terrible" disgrace of going back on the religion of their mothers and fathers.

Our approach to this question usually starts out with the reminder that the very father of the Hebrew race, Abraham, got his start with God by turning his back on the idolatrous religion of his father Terah. Thus we establish at the very beginning the principle that it is better to obey God than to obey man, regardless of circumstances, threats, or consequences. The next consideration is that principle which we find in such a passage as Romans 9:14, "Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid." The very nature of God is justice and righteousness. The question then presents itself to the seeker after truth, if you have trusted your all, or if you have decided to trust your all to the Lord Jesus Christ, the chiefest of your commitments being the eternal welfare of your own soul, and

its deliverance from the penalty of death through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, then can you not trust Him to do that which is right when it comes to your parents? Paul asks the question, "Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?" And he answers the question with the most powerful negation in all the Hebrew language, "God forbid!"

Many a devout, God fearing, and fervent Jew has lived all his life in the heart of a Jewish ghetto such as may be found scattered in all parts of Europe, Russia, Poland, Roumania, etc., etc. Every day of his life he arises, before sunrise, trudges his way to the synagogue, and there recites his 13 credos, the last one of which says, "I believe with a perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah; and although he tarry, yet will I wait for him." It is the same sort of confession that Jacob made on his death bed, "I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord." Gen. 49:18. It is of the same piece as we find in Job 19:25, "I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." This Jew never heard of the coming of the Messiah in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, all that he has seen has been the grossest caricature of Christianity as lived by Jew-hating, Idol-worshipping Romish and Greek Catholics. Such a corrupt system could never enter his mind as being associated with a Messiah or a true revelation from God. That Jew dies. Is he forever lost? Of course, in every such dilemma we fall back on that which we already have quoted from Romans 9:14, and we may also add Gen. 18:25, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" And for our part we prefer to leave it there. But somehow we find ourselves in the position of the angels of old mentioned by St. Peter who were filled with curiosity to learn some of these hidden mysteries, "which things the angels desire to look into." 1st Peter 1:12. And this presents something for us who "desire to look into" some unrevealed truth of God's Word.

In line with this thought of speculative theology, may we mention that it has been suggested by highly honored students of God's Word in this generation as well as in past generations, that Ezekiel 37:12 may have a bearing on the problem. That passage reads,

the name of the Home for Refugees at 141 Hewes Street, Brooklyn. Here we are making a haven of shelter, a place of rest, where the ever-hounded and haunted Jewish refugee, as he staggers to our doors with the frightened desolation of a pursued animal, may find a resting place. Here we want him to be able to give rest to his weary bones and to give a chance for his nerves to quiet down and for his mental poise to be restored to him. They come to us, many of them, in great mental distress, sometimes on the border of insanity. There is no cure better than quiet and peace and the curative powers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this we propose to do by having made possible this home. Here this refugee Jew may collect himself, may re-establish his faith in God's power to deliver him, and then set forth in the world once more to start life and to seek a new way of making a living both for himself and his beloved ones. So, by the time these pages reach you, we are hoping that *Menuka* will have been dedicated and opened up and filled to overflowing with those needing our ministry the most.

Hebron means gathering together, or fellowship, or a united company, meeting for the purpose of encouraging each other because of a common trust, a common faith or a common suffering. And this is what we want to call the re-constructed building at the corner of Broadway and Walton Street, No. 590 Broadway, Brooklyn. This building immediately adjoins the Marston Memorial Building, and is next to the Mission headquarters building with just a dozen feet of alley between. Here we have remodeled and here we shall have the greatly needed new quarters for our much used Book Room, also a newly prepared Reading Room, both of these on the street level. Upstairs we will have the whole

floor devoted, literally, for Hebron purposes. Here all day, from morning till night, the lonely Christian Jew from all parts of the world will find a welcome. He need not walk the streets desperately wondering what to do and where to go. Here he may sit down in a corner and read a book, or he may find some other Christian Jew with whom he may chat awhile or play a game; or he may turn on the radio, or he may join some discussion group among the many which we hope will be so happy to find a place of this sort. For, so far as we know, there has never been anything like it in the history of Jewish Missions in America. We want this to be the focal point for Christian Jews everywhere, any Christian Jew living at a distance from us, may come to New York and consider this his headquarters and arrange his appointments and mail to be at 590 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

So, our dear friends will join us first in thanksgiving that He has made these improvements possible, without ever the sending out of begging appeals for money, or any frantic advertising of our needs. He knew of our needs long before they became apparent, and so out of a generously supplied treasury, we have been able to contract for all the expenses, and pay for them as each item fell due, so that it is true now as it always has been, that this Mission owes no man anything and has no deficits of any kind.

Secondly, let us be also in prayer that God will add still further His blessings to what He has put upon our hearts to do, and that He will give us many many more tokens of His approval of these undertakings. Especially that we may see through these refugee friends many souls brought to Him during the short while that remains of this present bewildering age, an age that seems to be settling rapidly into the inky blackness of midnight.

he attended our services and he would have come oftener but his work kept him away. We visited with him in the store a number of times and had fine opportunities to talk with him concerning Christ. He knows and admits that Christ is the only way, yet is not quite ready to make a public confession. Yet he is anxious to know more—he wants to see Jesus.

"Can Jesus change life?" This was the question Rabbi G. asked me as we sat together in my room in S. On the previous day we had had three services and he had attended the afternoon meeting. We had not had an opportunity to speak to him there, so called him the next morning and arranged to meet him at noon. All afternoon we were together, talking about conditions in Jewry, recognizing the fact that Judaism is a dying religion. In the frankness of the discussion he made some startling admissions. Yet not startling when we realize the great seeking of the Jewish heart. "If following Christ does offer the way of life, I would rather see my Jewish brethren, who are wandering hopelessly in spiritual darkness, accept that way than to continue wandering." "We have had only fifty years of religious emancipation, perhaps in time we will come to the place where you are now in regard to Jesus." We showed him how Christ is the only answer to the seeking heart; that the Messiah who suffered, as foretold in Isaiah 53, is Israel's only hope. That only as the Sin Offering covered their sins could they find peace. Of course he would not admit or accept all we stated, he could not and continue as Rabbi. Yet he admitted that if the Jews could only see Christ as He really is, He might answer some questions of their seeking heart. As we parted he squeezed my hands: "good luck in what you are doing," were his parting words. Ours was the prayer that God might take away the scales from his eyes, that he might truly see Jesus.

While we were in C. for a Bible conference, we had a wonderful opportunity to witness to Mr. H. He is the leading Jew of that community, consisting of six families. Twice we visited him in his office, trying, by our testimony, to bring some hope for peace and eternity to this old man.

He is 84 years old, all alone, with nothing but his possessions and his memories, and they are not happy ones. Our ministry to him impressed the other members of the Jewish group greatly. They attended the services in the Baptist Church, and the pastor now has an open door into each of these homes. Some time after we left, Mr. H. told the pastor that he must bring me back next year and that he, Mr. H., would be willing to pay half my expenses. He wants to hear more about Jesus.

"We would see Jesus;" why not? Is He not the only answer to the problems of life and death? Is He not the only way that leads from darkness to light? "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." And the Jew, of whom Paul says that they have a zeal for God, (Rom. 10:2), cannot find peace, cannot find the answer to the yearning of his soul, unless he finds it in Jesus, unless he sees in Jesus the Messiah who came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Where shall they see Him? They cannot see Him in the so-called Christian nations who are immersed in the deadliest of hatreds. They cannot see Him in the lives of so-called Christians whose expressions are the vile mouthings of Anti-semitism. No, a thousand times No, darkness and light cannot travel together, neither can love and hate. Where can they see Him? In the words and actions of those who truly love the Lord, who are confessing, not professing Christians. Those who can see in these things as they come to pass the beginning of the end, and who therefore are bending every energy to the calling out of the remnant, (Rom. 11:5). Who say, with Paul, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Rom. 10:1).

"Sir, we would see Jesus," and you, dear reader, can make that possible to the suffering, seeking Jew. You can make it possible by the testimony of your life, by your sacrificial co-laboring with us as we preach to them the Gospel of Peace. We covet your prayers, that the Lord might give us wisdom and strength as we bring the great Comforter to these, His brethren, who are comfortless.

Shocking News From Vienna

Private cables and highly confidential letters came to us a few weeks ago, the contents of which we dared not make public. Within the last three or four days, however, the radio news bulletins broadcast the very information that we had received in these cables and personal letters, and so now that the information is made public we can likewise inform our readers. The startling news was that the Nazis in control of the city of Vienna had resorted to the shameful and diabolical crime of setting loose among the Jewish population of Vienna the germs of typhus so that the poor Jews of that city have become infected with typhoid en masse, and this has given the Nazis their excuse now for wholesale deportation of Jews. Many are packed in cattle cars, and others are driven across the fields of Austria to some place of quarantine in Poland "for their protective safety!" Of course, the obvious objective is clear enough, and that is the utter destruction of these helpless victims of Satanic fury. Our friends are asked especially to pray for our missionary in Vienna, Rev. Emanuel Lichtenstein, for the numerous other missionaries with whom he was associated there and for the many hundreds of Jewish Christians who flocked to the Mission of Seegasse as a shelter in the hour of terror. We are doing our utmost to get Mr. Lichtenstein out of Vienna and to transfer him to some South American port such as Buenos Aires where he can continue as our missionary. There are a good many thousand refugee Jews in Buenos Aires now. We are also trying in case it proves to be impossible to get Mr. Lichtenstein into the Argentine, to locate him in Shanghai, where at the present time there are about 20,000 refugee Jews many of them believers on the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you please pray earnestly for God's over-ruling hand in this terrible crisis hour.

Plan Now For Winona, 1941

The Lord willing, we have set the dates for the Winona Lake Bible Conference on Prophecy and the Jews to begin with the Lord's Day of August 3rd, and going through Wednesday night, August 6th. The Lord has enabled us to plan a program jammed to the full with a feast of rich things. Among the speakers there are to be Dr. Chas. Feinberg, as before, Rev. H. B. Centz, Dr. Arthur I. Brown, Rev. Elias Zimmerman, Joseph H. Cohn, etc. We hope to give you further details in a future issue of "The Chosen People", but in the meantime we wish to mention this Conference so as to give you all the notice possible to help you make your plans ahead of time. We hope soon to have the printed program ready for distribution, and you may have as many copies as you can use for yourself and for distribution among your friends, entirely free, if you will just drop us a card or a letter making request for them, and being sure to tell us how many copies you want. Let us work together towards making the 1941 Winona Conference the very finest and most blessed in our history, and let us join together in prayer that the Lord will do this for us.

Bridgeport Pastors Appreciate Our Missionary's Work

Our friends will remember that last month we reported a new experiment in Jewish evangelism. We sent our young brother Gautschi to Bridgeport, Connecticut, with instructions to reach every Jew possible in that city by a direct house to house visitation program. Mr. Gautschi finished his work, and from our Brother Ernest Tippet has come a beautiful letter of appreciation and encouragement, which we take delight in reproducing here:—

Dear Mr. Cohn:—

As Secretary of the Pastors Prayer Fellowship of Bridgeport, I have been asked to extend to you and the Board of Missions to the Jews our appreciation for the work recently done in our city by Mr. Harlan Gautschi. In the short time Mr. Gautschi was in Bridgeport, he won the admira-

tion and affection of the pastors in the Prayer Fellowship, and we wish to commend very highly the systematic and thorough work that we believe Mr. Gautschi did while here in Bridgeport, and we believe that there is bound to be fruit from his labor, as well as the prayers that have been offered in behalf of your work among the Jews.

Although personally I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, I do know very intimately Rev. Herman Centz, who is associated with you in the work.

Praying God's blessing on your work, and hoping I might have the pleasure of meeting you some time, I remain

Very truly yours,

ERNEST A. TIPPETT.

Some few weeks before this letter from Brother Tippet was received, there came also another communication, this time from Rev. Newton F. Sundstrom, Pastor of the First Swedish Methodist Church of Bridgeport, and we feel that our friends would also like to read at least a part of this letter:—

Dear Brother Cohn:

Thank you very kindly for "The Chosen People". You give some very wonderful articles that cannot be found elsewhere.

Then brother Gautschi is doing a very fine work in these parts relative to the Jewish people. He has given very fine spiritual, instructive and inspiring sermons, lectures and talks especially among our Swedish people (Churches) and naturally among the English speaking churches also. He makes a very good impression as he is a very scholarly Christian and humble at the same time and always exalts the Lord Jesus Christ first and last. The people like him very much.

He is doing very effective work among our Jewish people at large throughout the city, although this work is at times very difficult. He has laid the city and surroundings according to maps and distributed

a great number of tracts and advertising. If it were possible for him to stay here a length of time we would see greater results, still the seed has been sown and the harvest will undoubtedly result in time to come.

Personally I like and love him very much in the Lord and as a man. I write this without him knowing it as I just felt the inner urge to do so.

You see by my enclosed Bulletin—I print them myself being a former newspaper man and typewriter—he is speaking in the First Swedish Methodist next Sunday at Men's Bible Class as well as the regular morning service.

God bless you and your great work as you spread the good news of salvation by faith in the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection power. May the Holy Spirit direct us in all our work and life.

Your brother in Christ,

NEWTON F. SUNDBSTROM.

And we say may the Lord bless these faithful and beloved preachers of Bridgeport, for they too had just as large a share in the Gospel work done by our Mr. Gautschi, as we did. They were the ones who stood behind the lone brother, gave him their encouragement, prayed with him and labored with him, and in this united way the Lord added His blessing and we know that He will also now water the seed that has been sown, and bring some of it to a blessed fruition.

Menuka and Hebron

With these Hebrew christenings, we hope soon to dedicate the two new, or remodeled, buildings that we were led, under the impulse of God's leading, and the pressure of new crowds at our doors, to establish, especially to meet the greatly increased needs that have pressed upon us in the remarkably blessed work among the refugees.

Menuka means rest, or comfort, and sometimes peace. And this will be