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Dearly beloved friends:-

"Give us more Prophecy!" This is the cry from our friends day after day, in an ever increasing crescendo. There seems to be coming upon us all a growing hush of expectancy, a widening realization that titanic events are in the making. Literally, no man knoweth what a day will bring forth. The hour is comparable to that other day, 1900 years ago, when a world civilization lay stagnant with exhaustion; Israel was all but exterminated from the earth; the 400 silent years with their record of the heroic Maccabean revolts, had left them in despair, victims of Roman conquest, and surrendered to the gnawing fear of total extinction. "We are undone!" cried their leaders. Roman civilization had come to grips with a decadent Greek resplendence, and the gigantic clash had brought on a twilight which soon would produce despair and collapse.

In such a pregnant hour it was, that the shepherds on the Judean hills were electrified one starry night with such a light as never man had seen before, and with the sound of such a celestial choir as human ears never had hitherto heard. And a new Era was born! The Lord had kept His promise! Deliverance had come! Salvation was at hand!

ARE WE ON PARALLEL GROUND?

History is on the records for our example. Even he who runs may read. The signs are all about us. Nations are in commotion, and as the old hymn says, "Prepared for Zion's War." Again, Israel is threatened with extermination, again her sigh of despair ascends to the sky, again there are the Simeons in Israel crying out, "Oh that Thou wouldst rend the heavens, that Thou wouldst come down!" Again, the world nations, now a greater world, now many more nations, are clutching at each other's throats; again it is a sheer struggle for survival, again human blood runs like rivers over the earth; only the rivers are becoming oceans, and the murders are on a scale which stagger the imagination and credulity of mankind.

Just now the land and people of Russia seem to be the center of the world's seething pot, and we think that perhaps it might be helpful to our friends if we direct our attention for a few moments upon this very thorny burr which seems to nettle every hand which touches it.

Not long ago we saw what purported to be a reply from Molotoff to whom the question had been put, "Who will dictate the peace when this war is over?" According to this story, Molotoff is alleged to have replied, "The fellow who gets to Berlin first!"

Then came the disillusioning speech by Vice-President Wallace in Des Moines, in which our country was warned that unless present tactics were changed with regard to Russia, etc., this country would be facing World War No. 3.

Then followed another sensation; this time the explosion burst right out of Moscow. Our own United States Ambassador, Adm. William H. Standley, out of a clear sky charged that the Russian people are not being informed of the extent of help they are getting from America. This secretiveness Admiral Standley claimed was unfair to the plain American people who "are digging down into their own pockets" to help Russia in her desperate hour of life or death struggle. Quoting Admiral Standley directly, "I find no political motive to this. It is only an effort to create the impression with their own people that they were pulling themselves up by their own boot straps."

The Detroit Free Press takes even a more startling view of the new problem presented, by writing a two column editorial which fairly sizzles with the terrifying danger which it portrays. Making a major issue out of the fact that Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had failed to meet with President Roosevelt and Premier Winston Churchill at Casablanca, the Free Press makes this bold charge in spite of the statement by President Roosevelt that no real importance should be attached to the absence of Joseph Stalin from the Casablanca Conference:—

This disposition of the crafty Stalin to "play it alone" and to avoid a break with Japan at this time is supported by an official Russian representative in Washington who stated bluntly that "this meeting of the two leaders (Roosevelt and Churchill) is of little importance" and that "when the peace comes, it will be a Russian-Chinese peace."

Even more daring than this, the Free Press goes on, under the heading of "Not Quitting Communism" with perhaps the most incisive and frightening warning of all:—

It is likewise time to start debunking the current popular theory that Stalin is forsaking Communism. This reputed development is being successfully merchandised to credulous Americans as one of the beneficial by-products of the war. Nothing could be further from the truth. Any thought that Russia has abandoned her ideas of World revolution is sheer nonsense. In Josef Stalin, Russia has a strong, shrewd leader who knows exactly what he's doing and how far to go. At the moment it is to his advantage to let the World believe that Russia has forsaken Communism, that it "won't work." But if England and the United States ever relinquish the conquest of Germany to Stalin, prepare to see Communism spread through Europe like wildfire. Will we then go to war with our former Ally in order to stop it? Or will Stalin be disciplined by a newly created Federation of Nations?

We raise these points not to give comfort to Dr. Goebbels, who has already used statements by Wendell Willkie that the Casablanca meeting "was disappointing", but rather to help point out that headlines don't win a war, or captivate men like Stalin. The conference was helpful, of course, but upon digesting the complete story after reading the first dramatic headlines, one gets the same feeling he experiences upon studying the fine type in an insurance policy: you're protected — if you don't mind a few exceptions here and there.

Then, in the March 20 issue of the Saturday Evening Post appeared an illuminating and frank presentation of the Russian puzzle, by Demaree Bess, a journalist who has the confidence of the very best of our leaders throughout the world. The article was entitled "What Does Russia Want?" and is a revelation as to what problems this world of ours will face when the present war shall be finished, if indeed it will be finished before our Lord comes. One cannot read such an analysis as this without raising the head and the heart to the Lord of the heavens, and crying out, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

Came next an entire issue of the weekly magazine LIFE, devoted exclusively to Stalin and Russia. And when one began to read the articles of that issue, the heart once more began to tremble and to shudder for the things that may be very soon coming upon this earth.

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We mention these things not because we seek to discourage our people or our armies in the gigantic and desperate struggle which has engulfed the whole world in such a titantic holocaust as has not been known since the sun began to shine; but we are seeking out of the convulsions and confusions to discover at least faintly the outlines of the majestic movings of God Himself







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It would be laughable to the point of derision, if it were not so pathetic, to read about conferences, conventions, and committee meetings being held, many of them by so-called church leaders, the objectives of which sessions are announced under some such titles as, "What Kind Of A World Do You Want To Live In After The War Is Finished?" It is hard to think of a more foolish discussion than this, and yet sane men and women will gather for hours at a time and waste precious hours upon so fruitless a talk-fest. These poor mortals have no more power to shape the generation immediately ahead, not to mention a whole world for the future, than they have to turn the tides of the sea, or the courses of the rivers.

LITTLE FROM MUCH

Equally ludicrous is it to read of the misguided brethren who function under the name of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, appointing committees to prepare a program for world peace when this war is done! That committee, incidentally, gave out its report a few weeks ago and we wondered just what the average Christian businessman thought of it. It reminded us of the old proverb, "The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse!" And yet there are Christian businessmen today who will read such nonsense and take it all seriously and really believe that a better world is in the making! Assuredly, there are none so blind as those who will not see; and we have never seen blindness in such a rage as when these Pollyanna blue sky artists are faced with the strict facts of what is going on in the world today. But whether we believe it or not, the old Book tells us that this world of ours is heading on to destruction at such a rapid rate as to make the mind fairly reel with dizziness. The refinements of civilization, the luxuries in living comforts, these things do not make for a better world. The Word of God tells us, "The whole world lieth in the wicked one." (I John 5:19) And our Lord Himself told the disciples, "For the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me." (John 14:30) So you see how clear is the teaching and how strategic is the position of the Church; because the Church is the ecclesia, the few who are called out from the great mass of the human race who in the last days will reject openly and even blaspheme the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

STALKING THE RUSSIAN BEAR

But now let us come back to Russia, and to what may be in the making not very far ahead. Demaree Bess paints the picture somewhat on the basis of a Socrates question. The thought is, supposing you or I were Stalin. Supposing that your armies fought and bled on the Steppes of the Caucasus and the open fields of the Ukraine; supposing your men lay strewn like millions of pieces of debris over the bloody battlefields which have made up the present Nazi-Russian deadly combat. Suppose, further, that you had thrown uncounted millions of men, women and children into the jaws of the Nazi death machine, and then suppose that, finally your armies found themselves on Wilhelms-Strasse and Unter-den-Linden in Berlin. What would you do? What would you ask? What would you insist upon?

But let us leave it there for a moment, and go back to that center of the whole prophetical disclosure for the present hour, Ezekiel 38. Here God is speaking directly to Gog-Magog, which scholars are agreed represents the land now known as Russia. To this Russia God is saying, "Behold I am against thee, O Gog!" And now read the 4th verse in toto:—

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"And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee." Ezek. 38:4-6.

Dr. Louis Bauman has called our attention to a striking revelation in the 4th verse, to which we would like to allude as a sort of digression for a moment. He refers to the use of the expression, "Horses and horsemen," and points out that many so-called scholars used to ridicule this prophecy because they said, our present methods of warfare have totally outmoded the old fashioned use of horses and horsemen. But, the startling fact is brought out by Dr. Bauman that it was horses and horsemen which won the battle of the Caucasus for the Russians and drove back, so that they died in their own bloody tracks, hundreds of thousands of mechanized Nazi. For, truth to tell, a well equipped Cossack on a fleet and sleek army horse can account for a dozen Nazis; the Steppes of the Caucasus and the mountainous terrain about Stalingrad are even now covered with the wreckages of thousands of Nazi tanks which found themselves unable to negotiate the steep and rocky ups and downs of the Russian landscape. Dr. Bauman further states that the Russians now have 65 to 70% of all the horses in the world and that for the ten years preceding the present world war, Russia had experts comb the wide world for the finest, the fastest, and the sleekest horses to be found anywhere and at any price. So naturally one gains a new reverence and love for the Word of God. Just today as I write there appears in the New York Times a leading article reporting a paper which was read a day or two ago by one of the world's leading scientists in the field of mineralogy. He stated that from now on it is to be taken as an assured and undeniable fact that the oil supplies of the world have reached their full tide, and are now on the decline; this scientist shows that from now on we may expect a gradual but positive declining of the oil supplies for the world, and he warns the public that they may as well forget their oil heating systems and go back to coal. If all this be correct, then you see that there is more to Ezekial 38:4 than appears in the developments so far described.

But now we go back to the expression, "And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws." And in full realization of the seriousness of our responsibility as we seek to give a sound exegesis of this important passage, we would humbly present at least a shadowy outline of what this far-reaching prediction has in view.

ANOTHER CAUSUS BELLI?

So let us assume for the moment that the war is finished, and that Joseph Stalin has an important seat at the Peace Table. Supposing that he demands certain territorial possessions which Great Britain or our own America may feel they cannot grant and still maintain the balance of world power or the assurance of world peace.

It is not unreasonable to envisage one of two things to happen; either the Allied nations will adopt a policy of appeasement and give to Russia some small portion of what she will demand; (it already has been made clear that Russia will insist on certain parts of Poland, also Finland, perhaps Latvia, perhaps Esthonia, etc.) or the Allies may bluntly say no. In either case, the possibility of a new struggle certainly becomes a practical conclusion. Whether the new struggle will start immediately and develop into World War No. 3, or whether there will be a lull of a few years, is it not this outbreak, whenever it does come, which is foreshadowed in the Ezekiel 38:4 verse, "I will turn thee back and put hooks into thy jaws?"

If this be so, then it would appear that the King of the North, which we are now identifying as the Russian Bear, will again swoop down, headed for the western slopes of Europe, perhaps to seize Germany entirely, perhaps even to seize France, perhaps also Italy, all with the determination to secure a western outlet and a western sea front.

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There are six dollars in our Junior Church Fund and with the approval of my pastor, C. C. Hooda, I send it all. Feed and care for at least one dear child as far as the money will stretch. God pity and bless them.

I am finishing up my tithe for the year and here is a portion for your work.

I read the last issue of The Chosen People, and I cried over it and said. "Well, the devil will have to build an extra fire in hell for Hitler and his like, for all the horrible things they have done, and of course the Lord will see to it that they get their due punishment."

I am so sorry that our country is in the war, but guess it was to be expected, since we have grown so godless, but I cannot help but believe and have said many times, that if the Lord is merciful to this our beloved land in the end, it would be because we, as a nation, have been kind and given a home to the Iews. They have been given places of honor and trust, and been protected, and I am mighty thankful for it.

I had your much appreciated statement, addressed "Dearly beloved friends" and how glad it made me! How I wish I could send you a big check, and how glad it should make any Christian to think possibly the second chapter of Joel may be in the hour of fulfillment! It may be both Russia and Germany are to exhaust themselves.

Oh that my Methodist brethren could study prophecy and believe and preach it, in place of what they do study, believe and preach! Then they surely could see there is no such thing as "General Resurrection" but rightly understand I Cor. 15:51-52 and I Thess. 4:13-18, and Rev. 20:5.6.7 and know God's Word never contradicts

That much of prophecy is vet to be fulfilled, I believe, and yea, it is being fulfilled now. All that has not been will be fulfilled, just as certainly as were all the predictions of Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Micah 5:2, as to His first coming. So shall all unfulfilled prophecies be yet as exactly and as certainly fulfilled as to His second coming.

But excuse this ramble, I am sending you my check of \$........... Use it where most needed. Doctors, hospitals, nurses, druggists, and finally the undertaker, have gotten all I have earned during the last many years, and last, the loving companion of 41 years went to be with our Lord.

What a joy, in these sad and lonely hours, to know I shall see her again at the Rapture, or first resurrection, both occurring, as I understand, at one and the same time.

God abundantly bless you and all peoples, especially those of His chosen people who are striving to teach men the way of life.

Always before when I send a little contribution I just send it with the slip from The Chosen People. Not because I had nothing in my heart to say, but so much, that I had not words with which to express it. Today I still haven't words, but I am so happy to have a little part in your work of helping God's own dear people in their dark and unhappy hour. Before I was saved I never thought anything about the Jewish people, either to love or hate. But, thank God, that is all changed now, and when I see one of the Jewish people, I see a miracle of God manifested before my very eyes. And so I love and pray for them. I love to read The Chosen People. And especially your letter, Dr. Cohn. God's spirit speaks through it to me, and draws me close to Him. I have so much confidence in whatever you write. My prayer is that God will continue His work of mercy and love through your Mission until the day comes when it is no longer necessary, when our Lord Jesus will occupy the Throne of His Father, David, and reign here on earth.

And something will happen in the midst of this titanic on-rush, which will suddenly divert the armies of the North into a new direction, a direction not in the original plan; "I will turn thee back and put hooks into thy jaws." Later on in the same chapter is the statement that this turning back will mean that these armies shall divert their forces to the East, and South across the Mediterranean, "against the mountains of Israel." And this will precipitate the titantic struggle of all history, finding its climax in the great Armageddon War. It is at this point that Zech. 14 comes into play, for we read:-

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very wrest really and half of the mountain shall remove foured the north. great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." Zech. 14:2-4

Then it shall be that the Lord Himself shall go forth and fight, and we read that "His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives." This is what theologians call the Epiphany.

"I WILL KEEP THEE"

But, bless the Lord, to us has been promised that we shall not suffer the agonies of that terrible period of the Great Tribulation, but we shall be taken up to be with Him in the air; this first phase of the Lord's Coming is called the Parousia; that is, the Church is first caught up to be with Him in the clouds, and then at the close of the terrible time of fire and testing and bloodshed, we who are His will come back with Him and participate in that splendor of all splendors, the Epiphany, the appearance on the Mount of Olives, the deliverance of the Jewish remnant from the hands of its would-be destroyers. The statement is "And the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with

What a blessed hope this is for those of us who are bearing the burden and the heat of the day, and patiently looking to Him for deliverance in these ever darkening hours of the twilight of civilization!

This is all that we have room for in this issue, by way of a literal opening up of God's Word as to the present days; but we do hope it will be at least a little blessing to our readers. This is not intended in any way as a reflection on our own nation's almost superhuman struggle in such a war as never has been known until now. On Scripture ground, many of the Lord's people have criticized and attacked America for her association with Godless and Communistic Russia; and many British people have been bitter in their denunciation of Winston Churchill on similar grounds. But they forget that nations are not Christian, and that God often allows political and military groupings of world nations for the purpose of destroying one by means of the other, and then punishing them both later on in His own good time. We are American citizens, and therefore subject to the laws of our country. Many things a nation does as a nation which we ourselves would never do as individual Christians; but the fallacy of criticizing or attacking any one nation for joining hands with another nation of evil doers lies in the fact that we are demanding of a given country or nation conduct which only a Child of God can exemplify; and we forget that these nations are very, very far from being Christians. It is the same old hypocrisy of the man who boasts that he practices the Golden Rule. when with the same mouth he blasphemes against the Lord Jesus Christ, How can anyone even dare to follow the Golden Rule when he denies the One who gave utterance to that principle? And how can he possibly follow the Golden Rule unless he has received, as a born-again Child of God, the power from On High, the supernatural power through the Holy Spirit, to do so? We are speaking quite plainly now, but we do want to make clear to our friends what are the basic problems involved. It is Satan's world, and that means blood and fire and savagery until He shall come Whose right it is to reign and Whose task it will be to destroy the devil and his works.

GOOD-BYE TILL OCTOBER

And now a few personal words. First of all, let me remind you that this is our goodbye letter until next October, the Lord willing and tarrying. Our new friends need to be told about this year after year, that THE CHOSEN PEOPLE is not published after May. And so it is with an affectionate "God be with you until we meet again," that we bid our beloved friends a brief goodbye. In recent years, because our friends have "kicked against the pricks" and have protested so many times and so vigorously the silence of four months, we have gotten into the habit of sending out a Mid-summer Letter, just to keep you in touch with us and to let you know what is transpiring and how the Lord is dealing with your beloved Mission. So this year also we hope that the Lord will give us the strength and the opportunity to do that again. If we do, it will be sometime the early part of August, so that you may be looking forward to the letter at that time.

In the meantime, we need not urge you or beg you to remember us; abundant are the evidences that our faithful friends never forget us. Paper or no paper, letter or no letter, you never fail to pour out your heart of love and fellowship to us and with us; and it is such an outpouring that makes possible the ever increasing work of your Mission, and binds our hearts together in closer friendship as we see the Day approaching. This is the call of the hour, the last frontier for the Church of Christ to possess, and our beloved friends see with us more clearly day by day that God indeed has called us into the Kingdom for such an hour as this. The Jew and his destinies are the mystery and the spearhead of God's entire redemptive program. To us has been given such a revelation concerning the importance of these things, that we have learned to put everything else aside and to devote ourselves to a consecrated and an all-out ministry in behalf of Israel.

The work continues in an ever unfolding vista of new and impelling opportunities. New Branches are being opened, new workers are being taken in, new believers of our younger generation are being encouraged to take up training and preparation as witnesses for the Lord in the tremendous days ahead. May He keep us all faithful until He come; and for our part, you may be sure that this your beloved Jewish Mission will be found deep in the trenches and out on the firing line all along the battle front, up to that last hour when He shall say, "Come up hither."

Ever faithfully yours in Israel's behalf,

Hoffmanlohn

P. S. Somewhat belated, but none the less grateful, are the thanks we want to express to the many dear friends who have been remembering us both at the Christmas season and now at the present time of the Resurrection memorial, with such beautiful cards expressing the most kind affections in the Lord Jesus; it is obviously impossible to acknowledge each one personally, but I do want you to know that each one of them was received with thanksgiving, and are still treasured as I have occasion to read them over and enjoy repeatedly the blessed assurance of your fellowship. Also may I mention that just as we have finished writing the above Salutation, the newspapers have flashed the report that Russia has broken with Poland. This may mean a great deal or it may mean nothing, and we understand that both American and British diplomats have immediately gone into conference to see if the matter cannot be smoothed out. But we mention it only to show with what swiftness and unexpected suddenness events can take place which stagger the mind with the potentialities of their implications. So it is that once more history affirms the eternal truth of God's Word, that the old order changeth, that we are living in an hour of flux, of swiftly turning tides, so that no man knoweth what a day may bring forth.

Questions and Answers

Question: I am going, however, to ask a favor of you. A full page advertisement appeared in the Los Angeles Times telling of 70,000 Roumanian Jews being offered for sale at \$50.00 apiece: We were very much distressed over so sad a thing happening but glad if it gives us an opportunity to help those poor afflicted Jews. The favor I'm asking is that you tell us whether this is really authentic, and whether our money sent for this purpose (helping Roumanian Jews) would do as much good as money sent for refugees through you.

Answer: The same advertisement appeared in the New York papers, also in Philadelphia, and I suppose in most of the large cities of America. But if you notice carefully the wording of the appeal, there was no promise made, no assurance given that the money would be used to get Jews out of Roumania and into Palestine. We rather feel that the heading was made up as a sensation scheme to catch the attention of the reader. But not a single dollar could possibly be of any value to bring one Jew out of Roumania into Palestine, for the simple reason that the doors to Palestine are shut tight by British order. It would be suicidal for Great Britain to allow a Jew to enter Palestine, under present conditions in that land, conditions that are highly dangerous and imminently explosive.

The whole purpose behind the advertisement it seems to us, was to stir up interest in the formation of a Jewish army out of Palestine. We referred to it in the January issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE in the Salutation and I stated frankly that we were not in sympathy with the scheme. It is a far-sighted effort to manoeuver Great Britain into a position of serious embarrassment, because if they should succeed in wiggling out of Britain a Jewish army they would then have claim to a seat at the Peace table. and this would throw the entire Jewish question into the welter of International politics, with results that could be anybody's guess.

Question 1. Will you please tell me what you think the Babylon in Rev. 18 has reference to? Is it an actual city or world trade or a system?

Question 2. In the light of Rev. 17:10 does it seem to you England can win even with United States aid, or is this to take place still later?

Question 3. I have read books on Revelation wherein the authors believe 1943 is the latest date according to all calendars known in which these things recorded in the Bible can happen. What do you believe?—Mrs. C. W.

Answer 1. We think it is both a city and a world system of commerce. It was in Babylon that the children of Israel learned the system of commerce, also idolatry, also greed for money. Up to that time Israel had been a farming people, and had known nothing of commercial schemes. In the days of the tribulation, this former city of deviltry will be rebuilt and then will meet its final destruction. See Zech. 5:1-10 for a description of the rebuilding of Babylon in the land of Shinar. We understand Rev. 13:15 and Rev. 18:4 to be a warning to those who will be passing through the tribulation, that they shall come out from the abominations, and even in that late day take their stand for God. This does not refer to us, as we shall have been taken out from this earth before these terrible things happen. thank God. Isa. 13:6 predicts the complete destruction of Babylon in the Day of the Lord, which refers to the time of tribulation and judgment.

Answer 2. We do not think that Rev. 17:10 has application to the present global war in which we find ourselves allied with Great Britain. Unless you understand at the outset that everything in the Book of Revelation after the 4th chapter is to take place upon this earth after the Church has been taken out, you will never be able to divide properly the sequences of this marvelous portrayal of things to come.

Answer 3. Any one who attempts to set dates, is proving himself to be unreliable as to Scripture interpretations. The Church is dateless, timeless, and signless. To Israel and to Israel alone God has given dates, signs and seasons; to the Church, none; that is why we have before us ever the imminent hope, "Perhaps tonight, perhaps tomorrow, He will come!" What a blessed hope and inspiration this is!

Jewish Notes

There appears to be a swiftly rising but we should scrutinize our motives flood of indignation on the part of all decent elements in our country at the inhumanities of Hitler's ruffians and their submissive satellites in enemyoccupied countries. Two features call for consideration.

First. There is need for earnest prayer that this indignation shall be harnessed to a real concern for the Jews themselves, rather than mere anger against their murderers. On one hand there is the danger that the oft repeated tale of horrors may lose its effect through mere reiteration, and on the other, that action against the transgressors may take the place of help for their victims. Pity which fails to express itself in sympathetic activity soon dies.

Secondly. There are ominous signs that amongst the baser elements of our population the Nazi virus is spreading.

No mere passing of pious resolutions will avail. They soon pass in another sense unless effective action is taken. As a Society our ultimate aim is the evangelization of the Jewish people,

carefully.

-Jewish Missionary Intelligence

The following appeared in the LON-DON TIMES on the 1st of December, 1942. "Four days of mourning for 1,000,000 European Jews who have been murdered by the Germans began at noon yesterday (November 30th), when 400 Rabbis from Palestine and Europe met in the Hurvath Synagogue, in the Old City, Jerusalem. It is probably the first time since the Dispersion that so many Rabbis have met together. Psalms 79, 83, 142 and the last chapter of Lamentations were intoned by the deeply moved congregation. The period of mourning will culminate on Wednesday (December 2nd) with a fast from dawn to sunset. All work will be suspended except in arms factories, and urban traffic will stop from midday to midnight." Such mourning is a sign that the beginning of the end has commenced. A preparation for the fulfillment of the promise - "the days of thy mourning shall be ended" (Isa. 60:20).

-Immanuel's Witness, January 1943.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MARCH 1st to MARCH 31st, 1943

Covering Receipt Numbers A92655 to A94304; B98146 t	o B100209
General	
The Chosen People	262.70
The Shepherd of Israel	100.20
Children	35.60
Dispensary	19.05
Poor Fund	376.73
Philadelphia Branch	356.13
Pittsburgh Branch	147.75
Columbus Branch	233.98
Buffalo Branch	
Los Angeles Branch	367.55
Seattle Branch	196.22
Hewes St. Account	55.00
Overseas	618.74
Literature Fund	254.85
Education Fund	12.25
American Translation of the Yiddish New Test	21.69
Congress Book	469.70
Transmittal	5.00
Total	\$25,705.72
Received at our Canadian Office, from March 1st to March 31st, receipt numbers 2793 to 2897	668.04

Incidents In The Work

THIRTY YEARS - THREE BIRTHDAYS

IT was a unique and thrilling experience. A sort of triple-header, as they say in the language of the American national pastime, Baseball.

The date was January 27, 1943, the 4th Wednesday of the first month of the year, the day on which our Board of Directors gather together for the Annual Corporate Meeting.

And gather together they did. But something else was also in the making, of which they did not have foreknowledge. For there came also on the same day, like the three wise men of the East, three children of the Mission. One, Rev. A. B. Machlin, came from Buffalo; another, Harry J. Burgen came from Philadelphia; and our third brother, Rev. H. B. Centz, came from all parts of America, for he is one of our field evangelists. These brethren had suddenly reminded themselves that this happens to be the 30th year since on a night never to be forgotten, they entered the waters of baptism and at the hands of my sainted father, made their public confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Consciously, intelligently and deliberately with the full knowledge of having been born again, they took this bold step, the last step which they knew would sever them from those whom they had been accustomed to call father and mother, sister and brother, friend and acquaintance. Through all of the years that have gone by these brethren have given account of themselves as faithful stewards of the trust committed to them by the Lord Himself.

Came also another surprise; this time in the person of our Jewish Christian brother, Mr. Philip Cogan, of Atlantic City. About fifteen years ago he confessed the Lord Jesus Christ when we were maintaining a Mission Station in that seashore resort. All of these years he has been a faithful witness, but never had been baptized. In the home he had suffered indescribable persecutions. Never within the family circle has there been peace and joy from the time that he made open confession of his faith.

Always he had wanted to be baptized by my father, and more than that, he wanted to come to Brooklyn for that rite. But always he was hindered, Satan was ever busy besetting him. But now at last he found he could run away unbeknown, and here suddenly he came upon us and asked for baptism.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SAINTS

So you may well imagine what a busy and exciting time we had. The Board of Directors met at five o'clock, and carried on their deliberations until six-thirty: then a recess was called. And down to the main chapel we went, there to administer the ceremony of baptism to the brother who had come all the way from Atlantic City. In the baptistry Mr. Cogan gave a beautiful testimony of what the Lord had meant to him all through these fifteen years. And on another page of this issue you will find a little fuller story about him. After the baptism, we adjourned to the dining hall, and there all had fellowship together in the special supper that had been prepared. Suddenly the room was darkened and in came a huge layer cake with thirty candles, and our three brothers, this time from the west, were quite overwhelmed with this remembrance of their anniversary. Then there followed testimonies by each one of them, all speaking of the joy that had been theirs ever since they had found the Messiah in these blessed halls, had confessed Him openly, and had gone on their way serving Him through the years that had gone by only too speedilv. Our Directors were thrilled with this unexpected experience. Then when the supper was finished, and the testimonies given, and the hymns sung, our Directors reassembled to finish the business of the Annual Meeting, and it was late in the night before the closing prayer of adjournment. All went home happy in the Lord, knowing that such a work as this is certainly worth while a thousand times over. One of our Directors said, "This is the most unique experience of all of my life."

For our part, we just took it in our stride and counted one more day of service for the Lord Jesus Christ, one more day of looking forward, one less day left here on this earth. But in our hearts we took courage and picked up the threads for the next day's work, and continued to carry on in His name.

Dr. Charles Feinberg Has Dates.

Beginning the latter part of May, and running through until September, Dr. Feinberg has a few weeks of open dates. As most of our friends know, Dr. Feinberg is professor of archeology and Semitic languages at the Dallas Theological Seminary, and that he is a child of our Mission, having found the Lord through the testimony of our Pittsburgh Branch. No speaker on our Winona Lake Conference program is heard more enthusiastically than our own beloved "Charlie."

If any pastors are seeking for someone to give them a ministry of a week or two of Bible teaching and Bible evangelism, we recommend unqualifiedly that they get in touch with Dr. Feinberg. But you will need to do this quickly, because last year when we made a similar announcement, Dr. Feinberg was completely booked up within ten days after the paper went out, and was compelled to decline with many regrets, most urgent invitations. The address is,

Dr. Charles L. Feinberg c/o Dallas Theological Seminary 3903 Swiss Avenue Dallas, Texas.

A Heart Gripping Testimony From Miami

Continued blessings abound upon the work in Florida. The southland has been tragically neglected when it comes to the question of giving the Gospel to the Jews. And so when a group of Baptist brethren in the Miami area, gathered themselves together and got a number of other pastors, Presbyterians and Methodists, to join with them, and then appealed to us to undertake some sort of candlelight of witness to the thousands of Jews that dot Miami Beach during the winter season, we could not turn a

deaf ear to the Macedonian call. And so we joined hands by appointing Mrs. Geraldine Larsen to work together with Mrs. Ida M. Lindsay in that needy and neglected field. Immediately the Lord began to work, and then reports began to come of great blessings and deep interest on the part of Jewish inquirers, with several immediate and outstanding open confessions of faith.

One of these who confessed Christ was a dear Jewish woman who had suffered much heartache when she sought earnestly for truth and comfort from the Synagogue, but found only coldness and bigotry. Since she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, her whole life has been transformed, and she has been supremely happy in the Lord. Finally came one of the greatest tests of her life; her husband passed away. After that experience in the valley of the shadow of death, she wrote a letter to one of her nieces. and Mrs. Lindsay has sent us a portion of that letter. It reveals so profound a change in the life of a woman brought up in the Synagogue, and such a joy in the comfort of the Gospel that we want our readers to share the letter with us:-

"I was calm when Sam passed away. I am still and will die a Jew, but a real Jew; for I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, remember that. The true love of my Christian friends was proved to me at my husband's funeral. It you will read some literature you will see that God is almighty. Jesus Christ was His begotten Son. He was a good Jew. He preached, He healed the Jews. What respect did He receive from our They hated Him. He healed every sick person, both body and mind. have faith in Him who shed His blood for our sins. I have peace of I pray for Gertie and may the Lord Jesus Christ answer my prayer for her health. My health is being improved; they pray for me, even when am absent from the services at the Hall where Jewish and Gentile Christians worship together. I was awakened; I began to believe, and as sure as the day if you will believe with your heart and mind and beg for forgiveness, you will have peace and happiness. Hear the words of Jesus: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ve shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matt. 11:28 to 30. "How true those words are. I don't wish to mislead you. I feel so much better since I see the right way. dear child, don't say it's wrong till

back to Washington. A few days later came one of his usual affectionate letters to us, and in it were the following paragraphs; they speak so eloquently of Mr. Linton's faithfulness in giving his testimony, and of the Lord's controlling the trains and the schedules, that nothing needs to be added by us, beyond a fervent and faithful "Praise the Lord."

"Had a wonderful talk with the rabbi of a Jewish congregation in Philadelphia on the train coming home from our meeting. He took my name, says he is going to call to see me when he next comes to Washington and gave me his so I can send him material. He knows the Gospels but apparently was greatly impressed by the way a lawyer approaches the question. His name is

"And in front of us was a young army officer who left the train a bit later. As he left he came and shook my hand and said, 'I want to thank you for that conversation' and when I asked if he was a fellow Christian, he said, 'No, I am a Jewish rabbi Chaplain!' I missed the train I wanted and caught this — God's doing?"

Last Call for Winona Lake

Just a reminder once more of the great Winona Lake Bible Conference. The Southern Baptist Convention has abandoned the annual gathering for the Southland, and quite a number of other denominational anniversaries have been abandoned because of war conditions. And yet the hearts of God's children are hungry, and our own Government realizes that the spiritual life of the Lord's people in our country must have priority. A nation without God is lost.

Therefore, we invite you now once more to Winona. Our own program, on Prophecy and the Jews, begins with the Lord's Day of July 25th, and carries through Saturday, July 31st. The closing session on Saturday night we are planning to present as a pageant to be entitled "The Cavalcade of

Israel's Sorrows." Sessions will begin at nine o'clock in the morning, and carry through each hour until almost ten o'clock at night. Come prepared for a blessing, come in earnest prayer, and you may be sure the Lord will meet you and will give you a mountain top experience. Among the speakers scheduled are Drs. Lewis Sperry Chafer, David Otis Fuller, W. H. Rogers, L. Sale-Harrison. Then there will be our own Dr. Chas. L. Fineberg, Dr. J. Hoffman Cohn, Walter J. Atkinson, H. B. Centz, John C. Cohen, Daniel Fuchs, Emil Gruen, A. B. Machlin, Harry A. Marko, John Solomon and Elias Zimmerman; all of these being Christian Jews.

Following our own Conference on Prophecy and the Jews and beginning on Sunday, August 1st, will be the Winona Assembly General Bible Conference, of which Dr. J. Palmer Muntz is the directing head. Dr. Muntz has prepared a wonderfully crowded program, some of the nation's most beloved Bible teachers and preachers are scheduled to speak. A full program of the Winona Assembly can be had by addressing Arthur W. McKee. Manager, Winona Lake, Ind. Our own program on Prophecy and the Jews will be ready by the time this paper reaches you and you may have as many copies as you wish, just by sending us a postal card.

Winona Lake is on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, 110 miles east of Chicago, and 40 miles west of Fort Wayne. Write us if you are coming, and we shall be counting on a large gathering of the hosts of the Lord, men and women who will rejoice to meet with us around the Word of God, and the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. To those who cannot come we make this request that you pray earnestly that the Lord will bless us in greater measure than ever before during these meetings.

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

spreading in ever increasing circles of we think that many of our readers will influence, until some of the foremost be helped and blessed by seeing these leaders of Christian thought have final- arguments prepared by a brother in made a fatal blunder and that after all the Gospel must be given as God has you will want to cut them out and use ordained it, "To the Jew First."

And in this ever increasing awakening there have come to our help many churches throughout this country who have written to us and have told us. "We want to do God's work in God's way." These churches have put this Mission on their budgets, they have remembered us in their prayer meetings, their pastors have faithfully taught from the pulpits the place of Israel in God's program. The blessings that these churches have enjoyed have been even far beyond their original hopes. They have realized that no child of God could ever get poor from helping the Jews. One of these churches is the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at Mansfield, Ohio, whose devoted pastor, the Rev. James L. Boyer, has had a tremendous awakening with regard to Israel. To him has been given such a love for the Jews that can only come from divine revelation. This church has rallied behind us in noble support. In a recent bulletin, Pastor Boyer printed an article which he entitled, "To The Jew First." He quoted for his references the following passages:- Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8; 13:46; Romans 1:14-16

Then follows a list giving seven reasons "Why our church is supporting Jewish Missions" These seven reasons are stated in such a concise and categorical form that we are reprinting them now in these columns; first, because we love to see that such a set-up has been the outgrowth of the things we have been teaching in these columns; and secondly, because

ly come to see with us eye to eye, and the Lord who is not himself engaged do not hesitate to announce to the in Jewish Mission work, but is sort of world that after all the Church has standing on the outside and looking in. So here are the reasons and perhaps them before some gathering of the Lord's people that they may be the means of opening the eves of some who do not understand God's purpose for the Jew, the Gentile and the Church of God:-

- 1. In obedience to the command of Christ, and the example of His apostles in the early Church.
- 2. To partially make up for the failure of so many other churches who, because of lack of vision, neglect this field of missionary activity.
- 3. Because Jewish missions are the most fruitful in winning converts. Seven Jews to two Gentiles, is the record of the past century!
- 4. Because, as we believe, God has providentially led the American Board of Missions to the Jews, to our church. God is calling us into the work!
- 5. Because the Jew is coming back more and more into the limelight of God's eternal purposes.
- 6. Because a special blessing is promised to that friend of Israel who reaches out a helping hand in the name of Jesus to "these my brethren". as our Lord named them. "I will bless them that bless thee."
- 7. Because we love the Jew, God's ancient people. They gave us our Bible. Of them, according to the flesh, came our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

In Season and Out of Season

After our last Board meeting, Mr. Linton, our President, took his train

you are convinced. I am certain that when you will read and learn the truth you will be reborn of love instead of hate; of hope instead of hopelessness; of a warm secure and blessed feeling instead of fear; it is wonderful. No one needs to compel you, read, convince yourself, tell me the results and I expect good ones. I want my Artie (son and daughter) and Josie to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless and keep you. I'll be praying for your health, let me know how you feel dear, I love you dearly. Aunt A.

Opening Doors At Indianapolis

From our indefatigable workers in the City of Indianapolis, Miss Esther M. Hoyt and Miss Lulu Sommers. there are coming refreshing reports of God's blessing in a work which began under great difficulties and handicaps. It is impressively evident, as we hear from all parts of America and across the water, that the sons of Israel are becoming concerned as to their future, their return to God's favor and the assurance of eternal life. Truly this is a day of opportunity, to gather a harvest from among Israel for that great day when it shall be made manifest that He who winneth souls is wise. From a recent letter written to us by Miss Hovt we cull a paragraph, which we know you will read with much thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, because He is evidently working and using the testimony of our missionaries:-

"The Lord is working for us here in Indianapolis and it is thrilling to see doors of service opening to us among the Jews here and there. Our Tuesday afternoon prayer meeting is well attended every week, we have had as high as 16 attending and we know that it is because of this prayer interest that doors are opening to us. We were able to take three of our Refugees to church one Sunday evening and they expressed a desire to return. A Dentist, his wife and 15 year old boy. We have a list of about 35 Refugees now in whose homes we call, three of the homes we visit every week and give The Miss M. with English lessons. whom you spoke while here, is attending a little church in the neighborhood quite regularly (she has moved way over on the East side) we believe that very soon she will make confession of faith in the Lord Jesus. It is wonderful how we are getting in touch with the refugees. They do not give us addresses of their friends here, but in spite of it we are reaching them. We have been able to place the Scriptures in several homes and know they are being read. We are looking forward to seeing real fruit here in this

Our Seattle Boys In The Service By REV. WALTER J. ATKINSON







Adolph Stern

Harry Gold

We are happy to introduce to our beloved CHOSEN PEOPLE family today some of our Seattle Refugees in the Service of our country. There is first of all Corporal Adolph Stern who has been befriended by our missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, since June 12, 1941. He also came under the influence of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Fleming, for Mr. Fleming made a place for him in his office and so entered into close contact with him. In this way he received not only one but two strong Christian testimonies while in Seattle. These testimonies have continued by letter since he entered the army, particularly since his belongings are stored in the Mission Center, and our missionaries are in frequent communication with him. We believe that these testimonies will bear fruit in due season, and would ask our CHOSEN PEOPLE family to pray for Corporal Adolph Stern.

Then there is Harry Gold whom our missionary met on the dock on March 29, 1941, when he arrived from Japan. He also came under strong Christian influence from some of our Brethren friends in addition to that of the Mission. Many is the time that Harry Gold came to the missionary for a confidential talk aside from the regular meetings. Many a time he asked advice about some problem, and quite a few documents were drawn up by the missionary to help and advise him. Now he too has reported for induction. He has always shown a sweet spirit. and we firmly believe that he can be won for the Kingdom. Our witness will continue by letter, and we should like to put him on the hearts of our prayer warriors. Pray for Harry Gold.

Corporal Joseph Simon (Officer Candidate) lost his father just a few months after they arrived in the United States where the family had fled from Hitler's persecution. His widowed mother and his younger brother Walter live in Seattle while his sister Hannah and her husband are stranded in Iran (Persia). They have their visas but cannot make the journey on account of the war.

Mrs. Simon is not only a faithful attendant at the Mission but seldom misses the Bible class conducted weekly at the home of Mrs. R. O. Fleming. She has confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Messiah and Saviour, and it was with her entire approval that Joseph who also is a believer was baptized this January in Los Angeles where he is now stationed.

In due time we are looking forward to Mrs. Simon's baptism, and if the daughter with her husband and child can make their way to our country, we hope for the time when the entire family will be united not only bodily but also spiritually in Christ Jesus. We would ask our friends to give thanks with us for the souls already saved and to join us in further prayer for this family.

After Many Days

By HARRY J. BURGEN, Philadelphia Branch



Philip Cogan

THE disciples of old toiled all night and took nothing. Nevertheless in obedience to the command of our blessed Lord they let down their nets. We too, prayerfully and faithfully, let down

our nets for draughts of fishes, taking Him at His Word. He alone can and does give the increase. We remember His promise that our work shall be rewarded, for He is faithful.

When asked by what means we reach Jews with the Gospel message, I say again as many times before, "by all means save some" I Cor. 9:22. We reach people chiefly through our window ministry, through visitation, and by the use of the mails.

In our Philadelphia field of labor we include Atlantic City. As we labored there in the summer of 1928. a copy of THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL fell into the hands of a young man, Philip Cogan, by name. In that issue he read that a New Testament in Hebrew, Yiddish, or English would be sent to any Jew who sent 25 cents to the Mission; and he immediately sent for one. It was thought best for me personally to deliver the New Testament; so in company with Miss Augusta Sussdorff. one of the faithful workers at the Mission, we inquired at the given address for Mr. Cogan. We were met by Mrs. Cogan who seemed to have no knowledge at all of her husband's having written to the Mission. As we were talking, Mr. Cogan, who had just awakened, came into the room. He worked nights as a baker, although his profession in Russia had been that of a pharmacist; but his limited knowledge of English prevented him from continuing it in America.

THE HOUR OF DECISION

As it was evident from our conversation that Mr. Cogan did not feel free to express himself, I suggested that he come to our apartment. There we spent a solemn hour in the presence of God, making Christ known. We sought to prove by the Scriptures that the Lord Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, and in order to be saved from sin we must receive Him as our own personal Saviour. With our heads and hearts bowed, I asked Mr. Cogan if he was now willing to

receive the Lord Jesus as his own personal Saviour. "Yes," was the reply from his ready heart and mind. We poured out our hearts to God in thanksgiving and praise for His unspeakable Gift, for His love and mercy, for salvation so full and free.

From the time Brother Cogan became a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ he suffered much for the Name of his new found Messiah, at the hands of his own and others with whom he was associated in his work. In his life the Scriptures of Micah 7:6 and Matthew 10:36 have been literally fulfilled. His life became a blessing and inspiration to many as he sought to buy up every opportunity of confessing Christ to others.

GOD HAD CALLED HIM TO BE A WITNESS

I had always believed that he was called to be a missionary, and had mentioned this to him on many occasions. His reply was that in God's time, the blessed Holy Spirit sending him forth, he would not be disobedient. Although he came to the knowledge of the Son of God over fourteen years ago, he still remained unbaptized. He was hoping and patiently waiting for the day when Mrs. Cogan and the family would be saved, that together they might take a public stand for our blessed Saviour. But seeing that this had been delayed and believing that the time had come for him to follow the Lord in baptism, he, in obedience to the teaching of the Scriptures, was baptized by our brother, Joseph Cohn, at our Mission in Brooklyn on Wednesday, January 27, 1943.

AT LAST COMES THE CALL

Words fail us to describe the joy and gladness manifested by our brother as he fulfilled this blessed command. Shortly after, the call came for him to join the Mission Staff in Brooklyn, as a missionary in training. He knew of Mrs. Cogan's unfavorable attitude toward the faith in general and much more would she be against it if he went to the Mission. So he waited upon the Lord for further guidance. When Mr. Cogan broke the news to his wife that he was leaving the bakery business, as he believed the Lord was calling him to work among his people, she calmly remarked, "You are not surprising me. I have been expecting this long before!"

Now our brother is laboring at our headquarters in Brooklyn, and the prayer of our hearts is that the Lord may make him fruitful in every good work and increase his knowledge of God.

One Church Tells Why

Sometimes it is a good thing to stand off and take a look at yourself. From the very earliest days of the history of this Mission "To the Jew First!" has been the battle cry of our challenge to the Christian people of America. We were the pioneers in bringing relentlessly into the hearts and minds of the Lord's true children, that which the Lord Himself has given as His revelations as to the worldwide missionary methods. We were laughed at, discouraged, we were maligned, but always we determined that if we were going to sink we would sink with our battle flag nailed to the masthead. And be it said to the honor of the God who has put us here, slowly but surely the eternal truth of what we have been called forth to promulgate, "To the Jew First" slowly but surely sunk its way into the hearts of those of His people who were earnestly seeking light from His Word, and this conviction has been