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## Salutation

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

Dearly beloved friends:—

"A light . . . shineth in a dark place." II Peter 1:19. We think of these words as we start to write our December letter to you. Perhaps it would be better to look at the whole verse in order to get the proper setting of that which is in our mind to tell you:—

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

Because when this letter reaches you we will most probably either be in the midst of the great long-looked-forward-to NEW YORK CONGRESS ON PROPHECY, or we will just about have finished the sessions. We know that our many friends will be praying for us unceasingly, that these meetings indeed may once more prove a powerful dike to stem the tide of unbelief and misinterpretation of God's Word in an hour when the world is on the tip-toe of expectancy, and civilization itself is in the balance. Last year we centered our theme about the thought of the "sure word of prophecy," as mentioned in the text we have now quoted; and God indeed helped us to provide a stabilizing anchor for Bible interpretation so that we made real the "sure word of prophecy." But this year we are following farther down in the same verse, and we read that this "sure word of prophecy" is "a light shining in a dark place;" and we have thought to center our theme on the propagating function of prophetic truth; we are going to let our light shine throughout the world as we seek to explore more deeply the unsearchable recesses of the treasures of God's riches.

And we do believe surely that as a result of the thousands of prayers that have been and are ascending to our God, for a signal blessing upon these meetings, we shall be able to come to you next month and report once more the glory of our God as He revealed Himself afresh through His Word at these meetings.

One further word need be said before we go on to something else; our dearly beloved brother, Dr. Harry A. Ironside, of the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois, found to his sorrow that he could not be with us during these dates, because of a previous engagement of long standing. And we felt that a Jewish Conference without Dr. Ironside is like the proverbial Hamlet without the ghost. And so in his great love for Israel, and for the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, this dear man of God has written us a special letter which we are to read at the Congress, and has, besides, prepared a message to be included among the addresses of the Congress. And so we give this public word of thanks to this, one of God's noblemen, who has befriended us for these many years.

## THE LIGHT IS GREEN

Again our hearts sing with joyful sound of "Jubilee! Jubilee!" We are actually entered upon the fiftieth year of the history of your beloved Jewish Mission. In a day when foundations are crumbling, sands shifting, character breaking down, even, trusted political leaders betraying their trust, we can and we do give thanks that God has established us here these fifty years. And the Jubilee song has been ours these fifty years because we have been literally doing what Leviticus 25:10 tells the Israelites that they are to do in the fiftieth year—"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof!" And we have been proclaiming liberty to Israel in bondage these past fifty years, liberty made possible only because the Lord Jesus Christ came to be a servant and to shed His blood on Calvary so that we shall be freed from the yoke of bondage to the evil one.

But to come to immediate considerations; overwhelming have been the responses from our beloved friends, to the suggestion made in October that we now undertake as a momentous forward step for our Jubilee Year, to establish ourselves in the heart of Manhattan Island. Thus we would be entrenched at the crossroads of the world when, in God's good grace, the war shall come to an end; and from such a vantage point we would be at grips not only with the threatening tidal wave of Jew-hate that will surely try to engulf this country, but also we will have a testimony for the Jews of the world which cannot be gainsaid or sidestepped.

The heartening news is that our faithful Board of Directors duly met, pondered and prayed over this unique and far-sighted proposal, and ended up with glowing enthusiasm, and the green lights set, "full speed ahead!"

So we are already beginning to look for the most strategic locations; soon we hope to have the decision; and we promise you that with the good hand of our God upon us, we shall find ourselves doing what Nehemiah did of old, in spite of opposition, persecution, and false brethren, we will arise and build!

## "THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL PROSPER US"

While for the immediate moment we still are heart and soul absorbed in the details of the New York Congress on Prophecy and the publication of the book to follow, yet so many of our friends are waiting anxiously to hear the final decision, that we give it to you now. And your Mission's treasury is now open wide for an outpouring of really sacrificial giving such as perhaps we have never experienced before in our history. The assurances which you literally poured in upon us these last few weeks plainly tell us that God wants us to go ahead. And because we know that we have you solidly with us, we stand just where Nehemiah stood, and we repeat, "The God of Heaven will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build." To the friends who have made conditional commitments to us, we now say, send in your gifts for the Jubilee Fund; you will be surprised how the Lord will bless this most important step that ever your Mission has taken. Typical of the many letters that are coming to us, some of which you will find on page 21, is a letter like the following; as you read it you will understand better why we are going ahead in the fullness of faith and unflinching determination:—

I am sending you a few words of encouragement in regard to the idea of a Jewish Mission Station in the centre of Manhattan. It would be a wonderful thing, and I think it is God's will also that it should materialize. Can't help but admire your fearlessness and daring spirit of undertaking. How wonderful to think that God will back it up, as it is His own work. That is the light I see in it.

The Jubilee Fund sounds very good to me, also the name of the building will be a precious memory of Brother Leopold Cohn.

May God bless you abundantly, that many of Israel may be saved. I will do the little I can to the best of my ability.

One of our directors at the close of our Board Meeting was glowing with joy as he gradually envisioned what this new step would mean; and he said that

## Out of the Mail Bag

## As Others See Us

YOU will find inclosed a money-order which I promised to pay sometime during the year at a meeting held in First Baptist Church in this city. I want to thank you for THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. It is one thing coming by mail that I do not put aside to read after awhile. I can hardly wait until I get my first copy in the fall. Please pray for me that I may be the kind of person that God wants me to be.

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It seems that the Lord poured out unusual blessing upon me since I started to contribute to your Mission. I had to start out with a small gift, but it seems that God is making it easier for me to give as I go along, and is making it possible for me to increase my offering. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shalt prosper," has truly been fulfilled both spiritually and materially for me. My husband who is not a Christian, has now consented to give the tithe from his entire income to the Lord. I see in this a step towards his conversion in answer to my prayer, and who knows but that it is one of the blessings for remembering God's suffering people? Please pray that my husband may become a fully devoted Christian and enjoy the blessings which the rest of us share as we walk in the paths of Righteousness. May God richly bless all the mission staff and keep you supplied with means to do as you are led in ministering to your suffering brethren in these cruel days.

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I have just read your article with reference to "Our corporate persistence and existence beyond the actual event of the Rapture." I have never heard of or read anything so startling, so awakening and timely as that article. It has aroused my own heart and mind to think that you have planned or rather are bringing forth such a proposition for nine men to carry on if you are caught up with the Rapture. What is our Christian church doing and what plans have we formulated with reference to the Rapture? You are certainly giving us a good example and I hope and pray that your objective will cause a stir among us and be

crystallized to such an extent that the Christian church, meaning all Christendom that believes in the Rapture, will prepare for what follows. Naturally, according to the Word the Jews will be the Evangelists during the tribulation; but could we not make some definite plans that also may be realized during the tribulation?

Thank you for THE CHOSEN PEOPLE; it is well edited, well written, true to the Word; fine paper and fine print. You see I was formerly a printer and worked on a newspaper before the Lord sent me to school, consequently can appreciate the whole make-up of your fine magazine. What a relief and what a blessing compared to some of the magazines 'floating around'.

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I have read with much interest your article in the October number of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE regarding the proposed building of a Christian Jewish Church in New York City proper and I am so impressed with the idea that I feel like urging you to go forward with your plans and call for subscriptions from \$10.00 up towards a building fund of not less than \$250,000 and \$500,000 if it can be raised. This would mean 50,000 subscribers at \$10.00 apiece and surely you will find that many Christian men and women in the United States who are interested in the splendid work you have done and are now doing. 100,000 subscribers at \$5.00 each will give you this amount.

This will give the little fellow a chance to come in and have a part in the splendid undertaking. Of course there will be some rich men who will be glad to give large sums, and with the earnest prayers of Christians all over our land, I firmly believe this can be done and done in a reasonable length of time.

I am one of the little fellows, financially speaking, but I believe this is a call from God and we must "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work"; so I suggest you have your Board of Directors' meeting and decide to build at the earliest possible date. I also am in favor of the name you suggest, "THE LEOPOLD COHN MEMORIAL BUILDING."



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he felt this was a step which can only be judged in the light of the End-time. He reminded me of the proposal we once made in these columns for arranging for a Board of Directors to carry on the work in the event of our being taken up in the Rapture; and he sensed vividly that such a Mission testimony as ours would indeed have to be on the Main Street of the world the moment the Tribulation should begin, because only in that way could the world's attention be called to God's immediate purposes of deliverance for His people, Israel. And so if all of this be sober fact then indeed we are working out God's purpose in a way that we cannot even begin to comprehend, and we are once more instruments in His Master Hand, for the carrying out of His eternal purposes through the ages to that day when the shadows shall flee away, and time shall be no more. What a marvelous partnership, and what a coveted privilege!

The cost will, of course, be heavy; but we have never yet undertaken anything in all our past experiences, no matter how forbidding the cost looked, without having God meet us at every point and supply out of His liberal hand far more abundantly than we had even the faith to expect. And so it will be now. We will take up more of this new enterprise in the succeeding issues of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, and we will work out a plan for financing the undertaking; in the meantime your gifts may pour in to be accumulating for the payments of the building. Who knows how God will use this last hour testimony of your Mission, both among Gentiles as well as Jews!

**"CHRISTMAS NOT SO MERRY!"**

We turn now to the so-called Christmas season. For, the Romish Christmas is here again. And since the world, like a flock of bewildered sheep, follows blindly the false shepherds of the ecclesiastical systems of Christendom, all thoughts are for the moment centered upon the blessed wonder of our Lord's entrance into this sinful world. And so, it may be the essence of wisdom to take advantage of this concentrated absorption by saying something, out of the inspired Book, concerning this miracle of the ages, which might be used of Him to help and bless our friends.

The Book tells us:—

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." Rev. 12:5.

With these words kept carefully before us, let us read the preceding four verses; because in this chapter we are given a marvelous and stupendous preview, in microcosm, of the goal of God's redemptive program for the world:—

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

The span of the ages is here leaped over. From everlasting to everlasting, from one eternity to another eternity, the panorama is here envisioned. This passage is to be likened to our modern V-letters, or the tiny photographs which world news gatherers take, and mail to their newspapers. They are then enlarged to 5, 10, 20 times their originals, and we then see the enlarged photos in the new columns, in all their important detail.

The epitome of the whole story of our Lord's coming to earth as a Baby in Bethlehem, can be summed up by one clause taken from the 4th verse, "The dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child."

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This is the story of the world's tragedy, from paradise in the garden of Eden clear down to that hour when to some He shall say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant," while to others will come the most terrible sentences, "Depart from me, I know you not." The tragedy of the eternities is that the dragon has been ever seeking to devour the Child. From the day that God made the sensational announcement to the human race in the garden of Eden,

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel," the dragon has been devoted to the one task, which was "to devour her child."

When in the slavery of Egyptian bondage, the children of Israel were ground under the heel of Pharaoh's hate, and when in that moment of demon intrigue, Pharaoh came upon a sure method for exterminating the Jewish race, that was the dragon seeking to devour the Child of Promise.

When in the days of King Ahasuerus in the place of Shushan, a Haman succeeded in getting the imprint of the king's seal upon an edict that meant the slaughter of the Jewish race and its extermination, the dragon was at his old job, and was seeking to devour the Child.

One more picture: the long-looked for Child, the long-promised Emmanuel, the Counsellor, has actually been born; in the drab Bethlehem stable this mighty God lies asleep in the arms of the Jewish virgin who gave Him birth. Of this little baby it had been boldly said by the angel sent of God,

Thou shalt . . . bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:31-33.

And here lies the helpless baby who some day will swing the scepter that shall crush to pieces the stubborn and God-hating nations of the world. Is the dragon conquered? No, not yet; for we read of a horrifying piece of audacity, unparalleled for brutality unless we make exception of the present Nazi savageries. The dragon still must devour the Child, and so he operates through Herod, Herod the cruel and scheming Idumean. It is this Herod into whose body the dragon enters, and it is this Herod who, "was exceedingly wroth, and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem and in all the coasts thereof from two years old and under according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men." Matt. 2:16.

#### ISRAEL PRESERVED FOR THE END-TIME

So much for past history; but do you think that the dragon has quit? Not at all, for God still has His prophecies to fulfill in the people through whom the Child was brought into the world. The woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and upon her head the crown of twelve stars, is none other than the nation of Israel. The Child has indeed been caught up to be with God and now sits upon the throne at the right hand of God, the Father.

But the dragon is still after the woman, and you read a startling and illuminating prophecy:—

"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." Rev. 12:6.

The birth of Christ therefore speaks of something that is yet to be involved in the pattern which God has laid out for the eternities. The woman, Israel, is yet to undergo such agony of body and soul as human beings have never known hitherto. It is to this woman, to the godly remnant of Israel, which soon will be plunged into the throes of the Time of Jacob's trouble, that God says in Isa. 26:20, 21:—

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation is overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish

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## "THIS ONE THING I DO"

First, Paul is in the place of singleness of purpose. His sole aim in life is to glorify God. Ever since that day that he was blinded physically on the Damascus road, the apostle has been blind spiritually to all the things of this world and of the universe, save to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. His purpose is made clear in his own words: "Yea, so have I *strived to preach the gospel*, not where Christ was named lest I should build upon another man's foundation." (Rom. 15:20,21). Paul writes his letter to the Romans from Corinth which was known at that time for its wickedness and depravity. "To live as a Corinthian" was tantamount to our modern expression "Live as a hedonist or a Parisian" It was while in this city that the apostle described the heathen in such vivid language as is found in the first chapter of Romans. Yet these conditions did not swerve the apostle from his aim or dampen his zeal. The whole tenor of his life is epitomized for us when he says: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14). If the apostle, then, is seeking God's glory, is it not quite understandable that he should pray to God in behalf of Israel, and that that prayer should be for their salvation?

Secondly this servant of God is in the place of self-sacrifice. He tells us:

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss. Yes, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." (Phil. 3:7,8).

So much for the things of the past, but what of the present life? Read 2 Cor. 11:23-38 and you will be thrilled as he narrates what has been his portion in the ministry of the Lord Jesus. Little wonder that James said of Paul and Barnabas at the Jerusalem Council in characterizing their work: "Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 15:26). Since Paul's life is so wholeheartedly and sacrificially given over

to God, would you not expect to find him praying to God for Israel that they might be saved?

## "ACCURSED FROM CHRIST!"

Thirdly, this bonds slave of Jesus Christ is in the place of the deepest love for Israel. Although the apostle had suffered so much hardship and opposition and hatred from the Jews, yet he loved them with an unfathomable love. Truly the love of the Lord Jesus Christ for Israel was manifested through Paul when he declared:

"I am the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that MYSELF WERE ACCURSED FROM CHRIST FOR MY BRETHREN, MY KINSMEN ACCORDING TO THE FLESH: WHO ARE ISRAELITES." (Rom. 9:1-4).

Can there be any doubt as to whether Paul loved Israel? Although commissioned by God as the official Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul was not content when he entered any city until he had FIRST gone to the synagogue of the Jews and expounded to them from the Scriptures that of a truth Jesus is the very Messiah, the Christ of God, and the hope of Israel. Paul knew that whom God loved he ought also to love and so we find him praying to God for Israel.

Can we as believers in the Lord Jesus allow ourselves to be anywhere but in the place of singleness of purpose, of self-sacrifice and of deepest love for Israel? Can we possibly afford not to love those whom God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ love so infinitely? How are you praying, then, dear Christian friend? Are you making intercession to God against Israel or are you praying to God for Israel? God grant that you may know the superabounding blessing of the latter.

the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

For God's eternal purposes can never be effected nor the goal of redemption reached until Israel shall be brought back to His favor, and until the world shall behold the miracle of a nation born in a day, until from Jerusalem shall go forth streams of blessing that shall refresh all nations. Only through a redeemed Israel will there ever be a redeemed world. Only when Israel's Prince of Peace comes to this earth will there be, or can there be, millennial glory for all nations.

That is the meaning of the so-called Christmas season. Do you not see more clearly then why Israel is so deeply affectioned in God's heart? And do you not see the more clearly that the turbulent tide of world cataclysm is rolling upon us only for the purpose that the Child shall fulfill the promises of Luke 1:32? He must truly sit upon the Throne of His Father, David, and He must reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there must be no end!

To accomplish this, God is going to shake the foundation of the earth, and the woman who fled into the wilderness during those terrible tribulation days, will come forth, delivered, ransomed, born again, and shedding the light of her twelve stars upon the nations of the earth. Here is what the Book says:

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." Rev. 12:9, 10.

And so with greater challenge than ever before must the question come to every child of God, that if God is so deeply involved in the destiny of Israel as to shake the heavens and the earth, how much ought we who are His followers, to labor, pray, agitate, weep, over the people still beloved of God but now sitting in darkness and in a chamber of horrors? This is the driving force behind your Jewish Mission enterprise; and it brings you closer to God than anything that you ever undertook to do as His servant.

## JOY IN THE MIDST OF TEARS

It is not easy to wish you smugly, "Merry Christmas!" Never before since Calvary has the Christ-Child been so dishonored as at the present hour; never before has God been so defied as now. But within our hearts there can be joy just the same; for we know that these very heartbreaking conditions are the auguries of the coming in glory of the Son of God for His Church. And with this glorious hope we can comfort ourselves and our children; and while many loved ones will be missing this year from the Christmas tables we still live with the faith in our hearts that sooner than we think that blessed day will dawn when we shall, all reunited, gather about a Christmas table beyond the pearly gates. For our loved ones, all together with us, will be caught up in one ecstatic moment of glory, to be with Him for ever and ever. So if we may qualify the wish and the prayer with these stipulations, we can and we do wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas in the Lord.

Ever faithfully yours in His Service,

*J. Hoffman Cohen*

## Incidents In The Work

I ONCE WAS A BAKER.

NOW I GIVE THE BREAD OF LIFE TO STARVING SOULS

By PHILIP J. COGAN



Mr. COGAN

**BROTHER** Harry J. Burgen, Supervisor of the Philadelphia Branch of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, was the instrument in God's hands to show me the way out of darkness into the wonderful light of the Lord Jesus

Christ. For the past fifteen years He has been my spiritual instructor. From the first He saw in me a useful vessel for the Lord's service, and urged me at every opportunity to devote myself to it. From the day of my conversion, I was serious and sincere regarding my new faith, and therefore considered the matter very earnestly. My answer to Brother Burgen was as follows: I will under no condition make such a step until I am absolutely sure that the Lord is calling me to this work.

It was not that I did not eagerly long to give my whole time to the work of the Lord. In fact, it had early become the subject of my daily prayers that the Lord might make His will clear to me in this matter. But the real reason, why I did not immediately follow Brother Burgen's advice, was the fact, that I felt one need not be officially connected with a missionary society in order to witness for the Lord. The only thing necessary was to have a real desire to do this work. When we have such a desire, the Lord provides us with many opportunities. Moreover, the name "missionary" is often more of a hindrance than a help in our dealings with unbelieving Jews. When a Jewish believer talks to a Polish or Russian Jew—that is, the orthodox type of Jew—regarding the Lord Jesus, he is immediately suspected of doing it for material gain. To him the missionary to the Jews is an agent of the enemies of the Jews.

How otherwise could he think of him since all the troubles and misfortunes, all the persecutions and programs against the Jews, have taken place in the name of Christianity?

### UNCHRISTIAN CHRISTIANS

Of course, all this suspicion is due to ignorance and misunderstanding. Most Jews do not know that these persecutors never were Christians; that they only masqueraded under the flag of Christ and performed their devilish unchristian deeds under the cloak of Christianity. However, when I used to bring the Good News to Jews and they reproached me with the charge that I only did it to make an easy living, I told them that they were making a mistake. To convince them of that fact, I would give them the address of the shop where I worked (I am a baker by trade) and told them to inquire and find out how hard I worked for a living. This made a good impression in most cases and led them to pay serious attention to my words as I preached to them the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that many became believers in the Lord Jesus Christ through my testimony, although they did not come out openly.

At this time, the Lord used me to bless the soul of a Jewish brother in Canada. As the result of a lengthy correspondence with him, over the space of three years, he openly confessed his faith in baptism and is now in fellowship with believers in Ottawa, Canada.

However, I must confess to my own shame that although I have been a believer for the last fifteen years, I was not baptized, on account of circumstances which I cannot explain here, until January 27, 1943. This took place at Beth Sar Shalom, 27 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, by Dr. J. Hoffman Cohn. From that time on I began to feel that the mo-

Carmel and had made him speak confidently of what he knew God could do. Boldly and trustingly had he declared:

"Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word."

But now in unbelief he is anxious for his own life—"and they seek MY life"—and his ardor for God has cooled considerably. All he can say now in lack of faith is "I HAVE BEEN very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts." How true it is similarly of so many of us that after a great victory for God in our lives through faith, we fall into unbelief and lack of confidence in God. Can God not be trusted just once more in addition to all the times past that He has helped? But we repeat, is Elijah in a position to find fault with Israel?

### "THE LORD, HE IS GOD"

Thirdly, Elijah was in the place of shortsightedness. In his eager desire to shift the responsibility for his flight from himself to Israel, he accuses the nation twice of departing from the Lord, in the words: "the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." It was true that Israel had been led from the worship of God under the evil reign of Ahab and Jezebel, but at the time the prophet was complaining, the spiritual condition of the nation was far from lamentable. The account tells us that when Elijah had received the answer, and "when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and they said, 'The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.'" The nation was in a better spiritual condition than she had been for some time, a fact surely known to the prophet. What occasion was there now to lay charges against Israel?

Fourthly, the prophet Elijah was in the place of disobedience. He had been faithful in bringing the messages of God to Ahab in obedience to the commands of the Lord. He knew he was obedient to the will of God on Mount Carmel and this gave him steadfastness of purpose and hope. But when he is found in a cave at Horeb, we

know he is not obeying God, for He asks twice: "What doest thou here, Elijah?" If he were there by the command of God, there would be no need for such a question. How, then, could he undertake to pray to God against Israel?

Sad to say, there are many Elijahs among the children of God today. They themselves are not in the place where God can bless them and yet they find fault with Israel. Let us make it even more personal. When you are praying to God concerning Israel, are you saying they are unlovely when you have not even tried to love them? Are you accusing them of being peculiar when you have acted peculiarly toward them? Are you complaining of their lost condition when you are doing nothing to give them the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? If so, you shall, like Elijah, receive small thanks or blessing from God for your prayers.

The Holy Spirit of God has singled out the apostle Paul as an example to all believers for a life pleasing to God. The apostle exhorts through the Spirit: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (I Cor. 11:1). But the apostle Paul is a pattern for a faithful Christian prayer life also. Hear him as he lays bare his heart: "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that WITHOUT CEASING I make mention of you always in my prayers." Again, "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, CEASE NOT to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers." And again, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering WITHOUT CEASING your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father." This servant of the Lord surely knew what it meant to "Pray without ceasing."

Does Paul make mention of Israel in his prayers? If so, does he also "make intercession to God against Israel" as did Elijah? The answer is in Romans 10:1 where he declares: "Brethren, my heart's desire and PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL is, that they might be saved." What prompts the apostle to such a prayer?



## For Or Against?

An Article Written For THE CHOSEN PEOPLE by Rev. Charles L. Feinberg, Th. D., Professor of Archaeology and Semitic Languages, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas



DR. FEINBERG

PRAYER is one of the most precious of the privileges that God has entrusted to redeemed men. Many believers, however, do not avail themselves of it, while others do not pray intelligently or understandingly. To pray acceptably to God one must have right conceptions and practices in prayer, as well as proper subjects of prayer. These latter are revealed through the Word of God. Among them is the prayer in regard to God's chosen people, Israel. The word of the Psalmist comes to us clearly and unmistakably: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." (Psa. 122:6).

Elijah and Paul are two outstanding examples of methods of prayer in regard to Israel. The Word states of Elijah's praying in Romans 11:2-5:

"God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he MAKETH INTERCESSION TO GOD AGAINST ISRAEL, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace."

What caused the prophet to make "intercession to God against Israel?" The setting of this interesting and intensely human incident is found in I Kings XIX. Previously the prophet Elijah had brought the word from the Lord to Ahab concerning the coming drought. He had obeyed further the commandments of the Lord to dwell at

the brook Cherith and be fed there, and later to go to the widow of Zarephath. With Godgiven boldness the prophet in speaking to Obadiah, the governor of the house of Ahab, had declared: "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him today." With unusual steadfastness of purpose and faith in God, Elijah triumphed over the false prophets of Baal—even to their utter destruction at length—in the public test on Mount Carmel. But no sooner had a messenger come from Jezebel to Elijah saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time," than the prophet was rushing frantically and breathlessly to seek refuge. Forty days and forty nights he travelled so until he came to Mount Horeb. Here we find him making intercession to God against Israel. Was the prophet in a place to complain of Israel? Let us see.

### IN TERROR OF A WOMAN

First of all, he was in the place of fear and cowardice. He was able singly, with God's help, to withstand four hundred and fifty false prophets with all the influence they were certainly bringing to bear upon Israel, but he became terrified when faced with a fourteen word (so in the Hebrew) telegram from the wicked Jezebel. He thought no longer of the welfare of the people to whom he had been sent, but the Word says, "He arose, and went for his life." What about the people left behind? What were they to think of the keeping power of that God whose cause he had so openly and ostensibly made his own? Is this to be an example of the courage God gives His followers? What a travesty upon the faithfulness of God! No wonder Elijah is found praying against Israel.

Secondly, the prophet was in the place of unbelief. Faith had strengthened the spirit of Elijah on Mount

## WITNESSING IN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK

By Prof. SOLOMON BIRNBAUM

ment had arrived to give my full time to the service of the Lord. In answer to my prayer, I seemed to hear the words long ago spoken by God to Abraham, "Get thee out from thy land, from thy kindred, unto a land which I will show thee." I said to the Lord, "Here am I, Lord. I am ready, send me!"

At the first opportunity that offered itself to me, I informed Brother Burgen of my decision, who in turn immediately got in touch with Dr. Cohn and told him about this matter. A little while later I was on the way to New York, having received the invitation to come to Brooklyn and start work.

### A NEW LIFE OPENS UP

At this time I began a new chapter in my life. The welcome and the brotherly helpfulness which I found here, the spiritual atmosphere which my heart was longing after, made a tremendous impression on me. Above all, the various meetings, especially the gatherings of Jewish believers and fellow-workers, made a deep impression upon me. I only wish that those who read these lines could have the opportunity to visit our meetings in Throop Avenue and hear the testimonies for the Lord Jesus Christ from the mouths of Jewish men and women. Oh, what a comfort and what a spiritual feast!

Although I had some idea of what was going on at the Mission before I came, I nevertheless was astonished when I realized how vast and how far-reaching the work really is. As I thought of this I came to the conclusion that only children of God, who love their Lord with their whole heart, and are wholly devoted to Him can accomplish such a task.

One thing I can tell you is that everything the Lord did for me was much greater than what I expected. My heart overflows with joy and gratitude. I pray that the Lord may use me and my co-workers to be a blessing to all with whom we come in contact.

By the grace of God I also have the privilege of attending the National Bible Institute for a thorough grounding in the Bible and other subjects connected with it. I find my class work very informative and helpful.

Amid the teeming multitudes of Jews of East New York, a city in itself composed of little shops, delicatessen stores, Kosher Restaurants, synagogues and tall tenement houses,—where synagogue doors are wide open till late into the night to sell tickets to prospective worshippers for the high holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) and numbers of store windows offer Prayer-shawls and Prayer books and all other paraphernalia of Jewish orthodoxy—there in the midst of this tumult of conflicting interests and pursuits, the voice of testimony is raised for the Lord Jesus Christ, the only One whom God has appointed for forgiveness and peace.

The strangeness of the Gospel song and message—strange to the ears of Israel—immediately brings around the Christian witnesses a large Jewish audience. There is no difficulty in getting a large, interested audience in a Jewish neighborhood around a Christian group witnessing for Christ. Whether for or against, the audience is always keyed up in keen interest. Great grace and tactfulness are needed to guide this interest into the proper channels and avoid unnecessary stumbling blocks that will cause this interest to break forth into noisy opposition. However, we praise God that during the number of services we have been permitted to conduct in the East End of New York, only very few instances of restlessness and disturbance occurred. At most times we have been able to deliver the Message of Salvation to the Jewish people in an atmosphere of perfect quiet and attentiveness. We praise God for these opportunities for witnessing for Him. Often we are cheered by practical evidences that the messages that have been delivered have found a response in the heart of the listener, by the readiness and eagerness with which the people accept our tracts and the portions of the Scriptures we have ready for them. In this manner thousands of pieces of literature have been put into the hands of people who asked for them.

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## WE OPEN A NEW DEPARTMENT

### A Visiting Nurse Writes Of Her Call By MISS LOTTE FURTH



LOTTE FURTH

IT'S a wonderful thing to be saved. When Saul of Tarsus had this great experience, he exclaimed with expectancy, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" So the Lord always has a purpose for the lives of those that He chooses to call

by His grace. How could I ever thank Him enough for His matchless and bountiful grace toward me?

"He leadeth me." The One who is merciful enough to deliver our darkened soul and mind from the bondage of sin also speaks to the heart concerning the way in which we ought to go. Being born and raised in a nominally converted Jewish family in Vienna I longed to know the truth as a child. The seeming great controversy between "Jews" and "Christians" was most irritating to my mind and made me revolt from the depth of my heart—until I found my way to a Jewish Mission. There I heard the Scriptures read and explained by missionaries, some of them Christian Jews, some Christian Gentiles with love for the Jew. Light broke through gradually and my desire to know and to propagate the Word of God grew rapidly.

#### WE FLEE FROM THE NAZI TERROR

Then the Nazi terror came. The only thing for us to do was to get out of the country the quickest and best way possible. Again it was through the Jewish Mission that I found help in my distress, and so arrived in England in February, 1939. After several months' training in a hospital near Birmingham, the door of a Bible school was opened to me. There I found Christ truly as my Saviour and Lord, the One who called me through His Word "to declare all these things to the house of Israel." (Ezek. 40:4).

As I rejoined my parents in New York in May, 1940, I also came in

touch with the Mission in Brooklyn and was thus enabled to take the full course at the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. During those happy "school days" the Lord spoke to me about the physical need of His people Israel who need attention and loving care for their body as well as their soul. At the same time I realized that God had not given me a love for nursing without a purpose. After prayer I gained the assurance of being in His will and with Dr. Cohn's consent entered training at the Wm. Booth Memorial Hospital in N. Y. C. It is only a month since I completed this strenuous, but valuable year of training. I am expecting my state license to arrive any day.

My new work is still in the organizing; so far it has consisted in the restoration and transformation of our Mission Dispensary. I have also been able to make some sick calls. This I expect to be the major part of my work, eventually, besides assisting our Doctor here at the regular hours three times a week.

As I am committing this place, my life and my work daily anew to the Lord, I am looking to Him to do great things in Jewish hearts.

"Channels only, blessed Master,  
But with all Thy wondrous power  
Flowing through us  
Thou canst use us  
Every day and every hour"

## TRIALS AND BLESSINGS IN MONTREAL

By KARL GOLDBERG  
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This month was rather a quiet month and this because of the Jewish holidays and the extremely changeable weather. I even restricted the visitation of Jewish homes to a minimum, for I thought on this occasion the Jewish mind is excited and national and to visit them at this time might do more harm than good. Nevertheless I distributed numerous tracts including *Shepherd of Israel*. About 400-

*Pentecost and it says that two bullocks and one ram was offered. In Lev. 23:15-21 it says one bullock and two rams. Why is there this difference? Edersheim in his "The Temple and Its Services" follows the Numbers account.—J. M. G.*

*Answer.* There are no authoritative explanations for the difficulty you have encountered. But, may we venture on several comments which may throw at least some little light on the questions at issue? First, is it not true that what we find in Numbers in the listings of the various offerings, are in many cases enlargements of, and additions to the minimal skeletons of Leviticus? And if so, then it can be understood easily by the student of Scripture that the Holy Spirit reserves the right at all times to enlarge upon an original requirement. Notice how this operates in the case of the tithe, until we actually reach a total of three tithes instead of one.

A second consideration must always be kept in mind, and that is the ever present possibility of an error on the part of the copyist. It would not be difficult for a scribe to slip in his copying from one of the parchments to interchange the word two with the word one. This of itself is nothing serious and nothing to worry about, because it does not finally affect the integrity

of the Book. Those of us who have contended for the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures have also qualified such a contention with the stipulation "as originally given by God." It has been agreed by the most able scholars, among the most orthodox and fundamental of Christian leaders, that here and there some slight error has crept in, owing entirely to the slip of the copyist or scribe. These errors are continually being discovered and corrected, so that the Bible today as we have it is more nearly perfect as regards its relation to the original manuscripts than ever we have had it heretofore. This will explain an occasional statement that you will find when you read some exposition by some of our noted Bible teachers, reading something like this, "This verse is not found in the best manuscripts" or "such and such" a manuscript omits this verse."

Then one more consideration needs to be mentioned, and that is that we have not been able to discover in the study of these various sacrifices that there is much distinction made by God as between the sacrifice status of a ram and of a bullock. If their values *per se* are interchangeable, then what difference would it make whether there are two rams and one bullock, or two bullocks and one ram?

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Pittsburgh .....	208.69
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Buffalo .....	25.00
Los Angeles .....	450.99
Seattle .....	188.20
Hewes Street .....	46.00
Refugee .....	188.77
Literature .....	8.85
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## Questions and Answers

*Question. Please explain Matthew 23:39 in The Chosen People magazine. Someone called my attention to this verse in the light of Christ's Second coming, (Rapture) that this had to be done first. Will it be said by Israel as a nation or by individuals as they accept Christ?*

*Answer.* This is one of the most important verses of the New Testament, and yet one of the most neglected and the least known. If the Church of Christ had understood the far reaching focus of this pronouncement, and had observed its implications, what a vastly different story could now be told about the progress of the Gospel and about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Ye shall not see me henceforth until", is the inescapable and age-lasting prognostication. This has in it the divine combination of predictive and pragmatic declaration. It is pragmatic because it means just what it says, that if at any time the Jews as a nation shall turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, He will appear to them immediately. It was this which Peter had in mind when he told the Jews in Acts 3:17-20, virtually these words:—"If you will now repent and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, God will send Him (Jesus Christ) back to you right now. This is the saddest of all things, that the Church of Christ has failed to grasp the significance of this astounding stipulation, that upon the conversion of the Jews hangs the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And the passage is also predictive; the Lord Jesus Christ, because He was God, and therefore could see down through the ages all that would happen, *knew* that the Church would fail, that the Gentiles would fail, that the Jews would be hated, that the missionary message would not be given to them by the Christian Churches, and that the end of the age would find only the Church destroyed by apostasy, but it would find the Jews without the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, because the Church failed to give them that knowledge. And therefore because the Lord Jesus Christ knew that, he could foretell predictively that which is pictured in Zech. 14, "And the Lord, my God, shall come, and all the saints with thee."

And then it is with that final Second Coming that we have the Jewish nation converted, and God calls out the spirit of obligation and mourning and repentance, and we see the miracle of a nation being born in a day. But this miracle, and this supernatural appearance of Christ on the Mount of Olives only comes after and because the Church has failed, and Christ has had to step in Himself and through His own miraculous power bring the nation of Israel to Himself, and through that converted nation reach the entire Gentile world with the Gospel. All of which means that what the Church has failed to do, Christ Himself will do in the End Time, and will then show to the world what they have missed all of these years in having failed to turn to the Jew with the Gospel and using him as the means of witnessing to the world.

The possibility of Jewish conversion has always been in existence; but God in His foreknowledge, foresaw that the Church would not give the Jew the place which He himself gave him, "To the Jew first." Because it would become wrapped up in its own program, hopelessly mixed up with world reform and "reconstruction." God knew beforehand that Pharaoh would not let the Jews go; and yet He sent Moses ten times to tell Pharaoh "Let my people go." So always there was a chance for Pharaoh to do what God told him, but Pharaoh refused, he had his own plans, and so when the fullness of time came, God stepped in, with His own supernatural interference, and Israel was delivered. We are dealing here with the most difficult of all questions, the sovereignty of God, the foreknowledge of God, and Predestination. But through it all ever and anon comes God's voice to the Church of Christ, "Feed My Sheep." The call is still here, that the Church shall turn with all of her intensive force to the Jew. But does the Church do it? Let you, the reader, give the answer.

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*Question: I have been studying the Pentateuch with great joy for the last year or so. At present I am in Numbers. I find that in Numbers 28:26-31 it speaks of the offering on the feast of*

500 in number. Besides this, several New Testaments were handed on special requests by the receiver.

Last Saturday we started a children's campaign and the result was that we had nine children attend our children's meeting. Every child was from a Jewish home. There would have been more coming but one of the bigger boys prevented them from entering the Mission. He told the children that we were teaching them about Christ and how to eat unclean things. Some of the little ones of course were afraid to enter the Mission. That is one of the things we have to put up with, trusting the Lord will bring the children in, in spite of these handicaps and hardships. The children who came enjoyed the meeting very much and promised to come back next Saturday.

### THE HEROISM OF A SHUT-IN

There is one home in Verdun where we also hold a monthly prayer meeting for our friends in Verdun who find it rather hard to come the long way to the Mission in Outremont. So this lady, Mrs. J. F. R., who is very interested in our work and a regular contributor, wanted to do something in the service of the Lord in behalf of Israel. You have to remember that this lady has been for several years confined to bed because of some heart disease. First she gathered some friends for a prayer meeting for our work in this city. Then she started to take it upon herself and some of her friends to get a lantern, that is a film-slide-projector for our children's work. Every one of her friends who visited her on her sickbed she told about our work and the need of a lantern until finally she had about \$60.00 gathered together wherewith the projector was bought and for the surplus some slides or rather film slides are being ordered. The little machine cost \$52.50. You should have seen the face of this dear saint when she told

me that they had the money for the projector. She felt so happy that the Lord had used her for this purpose. From time to time she phoned me, telling me, today we had got another dollar or two. It would be nice if Dr. Cohn would feel led to write and thank her in the name of the Mission or even personally for her interest and help. (We did).

Now next Saturday I am going to use the projector for the first time in our children's meeting. I am sure that the Lord will bless this new way of presenting the truth to the little ones.

### "SOON, AGAIN"

Like other months also, throughout this month we made new contacts through visitation and them visiting us. Also many of our old contacts are being followed up carefully and they are being revisited from time to time. May be this month there have been more friends revisited than contacts made. But one new contact was rather remarkable. A middle aged man visited the Mission one morning. He asked for some tracts which are exhibited in the windows. After he received them from my hands he turned to me and said the following: "You know I believe that we Jews are coming daily closer to your faith. After all, the great multitudes the New Testament talks about, who followed Christ in the beginning were all Jews, and I believe soon this multitude of Jews is going to follow Him again." This inquirer was not a Gentile (for he spoke Yiddish) neither a Hebrew Christian for he told me he is from an orthodox home. He accepted one English New Testament (he preferred an English edition). We trust and pray that while reading it the Lord will speak to him as an individual, that he may become one of the multitude which we trust soon will follow their true Messiah

## JEWISH PERSECUTION

(A British Voice is raised against unbridled slaughter of the Jews. We reprint this stirring plea, condensed, from the Jewish Missionary Intelligencer of London, England. It is a needed indictment of an age that may be sinking to a state of callousness that would mean the ruin of civilization.)

THERE are a few people in this country who appear to be alive to the full implication of anti-Semitism, and are resolved not to allow indignation to expend itself in hot air. But there is a further danger—that pointed out by Victor Gollancz in his pamphlet which everybody should read, "Let My People Go"—the danger that people may be satisfied with the prospect of revenge on the wrongdoers. This will not save a single child from torture and death at the present moment. The revolting and bestial cruelty of Hitler's dehumanized monsters shocks the imagination and should stir every man and woman in whom there is a spark of humanity, to action. There is, as far as one can see, no reason whatever why we should not throw our own country open to refugees. If it be true, as it is asserted by some, that to do so will be to stir up anti-Semitism in England, then God help England, for our people must have fallen to a frightful baseness if the suffering masses of Jewry arouse them to anti-Semitic fury.

It is greatly to be feared that the mass of our people still read little more than racing news, sport, police cases, and seldom give attention to anything solid, either in the press or on the air.

It remains for those of us who do know to do all we can to spread the information. We can organize meetings, get sermons preached, we can stir up our M. P's, giving them no rest until they act.

In the issue of *The Times* (March 4th) appeared a most interesting article on the Jewish War Effort, from which we take the liberty of extracting a few particulars:

## JEWS IN THE FORCES

It is almost incredible that in this war as in the last, no section of the community volunteered more willingly than the Jewish. Indeed, it would be correct to say that the flood of volun-

teers from Jewry exceeded then, before compulsory conscription, all other volunteers in proportion to the population, except perhaps the Irish loyalists. Of course, there are Jewish shirkers, just as there are British shirkers, but the Jewish shirkers are fewer in proportion.

The position in Palestine today where the voluntary system still prevails, is even more remarkable. Out of 29,000 Palestinians in the British forces, 21,000 are Jews. These, together with 7,000 men in full-time local defense units, and 1,500 Palestinians in other allied armies, make nearly 30,000 Jews.

This is all in spite of, what we cannot help feeling is, the unnecessarily stringent immigration regulations. If we compare the figures for Arab enlistment they show up very unfavorably in view of the generous attitude of the British Government towards the Arabs. The Jews have always been loyal; they have given very little trouble, and that only when they were exasperated beyond endurance; they have shown splendid fighting qualities, and in the last war won distinctions out of all proportion to their numbers, including five V.C's. In addition to this, six per cent of the total Jewish population of the U. S. A. is in the forces.

We think it is well that these facts should be known in view of the intense anti-Jewish campaign which is being waged in this country by people who, whether consciously or unconsciously, are agents of Hitler. These people fill the press, the air, society, with all kinds of lying anti-Jewish statements and innuendos. Jews in the black market, Jews jostling in the food queues, Jews amongst the war dodgers. Well, of course, there are Jews in all these things, but if we take the loyalty with which the mass of Jewry has leaped to join the Forces as an index of their attitude to other things, we shall get the true view as opposed to that of the lying and vindictive slanders of Hitler's agents and dupes.

## Jewish Notes

THE program is already far advanced. According to a report to the President by leaders of American Jewish groups, nearly 2,000,000 European Jews have already been slain since the war began, and the remaining 5,000,000 now living under Nazi control are scheduled to be destroyed as soon as Hitler's blond butchers can get around to them. Of the 275,000 Jews who were living in Germany and Austria at the outbreak of the war, only 52,000 to 55,000 remain. The 170,000 Jews in Czecho-Slovakia have been reduced to 35,000. The figures for Poland, where the Nazi program has been pushed very rapidly are uncertain. There were 3,300,000 Jews in Poland at the beginning of the war, but some 500,000 fled to Russia, leaving approximately 2,800,000 behind. By the beginning of the summer of 1942, this number had already been reduced to 2,000,000, and deportation and massacres since that time have been ever increasing. In the ghetto of Warsaw, in which 550,000 Jews once dwelt, there are today fewer than 50,000. In the city of Riga, Latvia, 8,000 Jews were killed in a single night. A week later 16,000 more were led into a woods, stripped and machine-gunned.

It is not merely central and eastern Europe which are being "purged", or rendered "Judenrein", as the Nazis like to say. The Netherlands has already given up 60,000 of its 180,000 Jews. Of the 85,000 who once lived in Belgium only 8,000 remain today, while of the 340,000 Jews in France, more than 65,000 have been deported. Even Norway has begun to ship her Jewish citizens eastward to the Nazi slaughter houses and starvation pens.

The methods employed by the Nazis are many. There is starvation; Jews all over Europe are kept on rations, often only one-third or one-fourth what is allowed non-Jews. Slow death is the inevitable consequence. There is deportation; Jews by the hundreds of thousands have been packed into cattle cars, without food, water or sanitary conveniences of any sort, and shipped the whole breadth of Europe. When the cars arrive at their destination, about a third of the passengers are already dead. There are extermination

centers, where Jews are destroyed by poison gas or electricity. There are specially constructed trucks, in which Jews are asphyxiated by carbon monoxide from the exhausts, on their way to burial trenches. There are the mines, in which they are worked to death, or poisoned by fumes of metals. There is burning alive, in crematoria, or buildings deliberately set on fire. There is the method of injecting air-bubbles into the blood stream: it is cheap, clean and efficient, producing clots, embolisms and death within a few hours. And there is the good old-fashioned system of standing the victims up, very often naked, and machine-gunning them, preferably beside the graves they themselves have been forced to dig. It saves time, labor and transportation—VARIAN FRY in *The Nation*, December 21, 1942.

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"He rightly calls attention to apathy in the Christian Church on the subject of missionary effort amongst the Jews. 'To the Jew first' is a marching order which we have neglected. The golden age of evangelism was when a handful of converted Jews in obedience to their Lord's command went forth and proclaimed Christ as the Saviour of all mankind. Let us ask ourselves whether the slowness of the progress we are making may not be due to our neglect to use to the full what I believe to be a real power-house of evangelistic effort. I have confirmed and ordained Jewish converts and have found that the old Apostolic zeal is there and they yearn to bring others to know that Mr. Jocz is right when he says: 'Unfortunately the Christian Church as a whole has shamefully neglected its duty towards the Jews and the Christian Mission to Jews is still treated as a step-child of the Church. It is still the most unpopular and the most misunderstood enterprise amongst Christian people'.—BISHOP FULHAM, in commenting on Jacob Jocz, 'Is it nothing to you?'"