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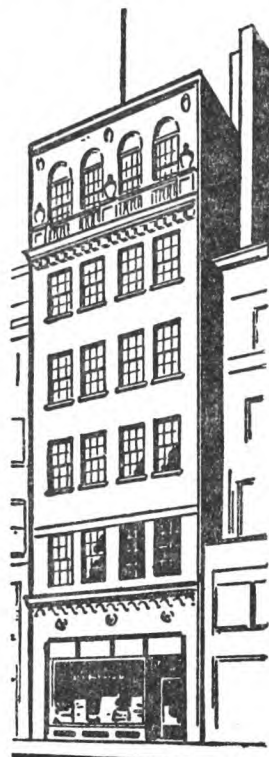
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## Salutation

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

### DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:

An illuminating passage that fits into the present world need is found in John 11:51, 52:

"And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad."

We wish to lay the base for some cogent reasoning as we seek to delve into the depths of the riches of God's treasury of truth, to discover some foundation principles as to His dealings with mankind. Let us take further knowledge of the Word as we read Isaiah 53:8:

"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

Now turn briefly to another important passage to be found in Exodus 32:32:

"Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin —; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

May we digress a moment to make the observation that here we have the astounding case of one Moses who was ready to give his life, for all the eternities to come, for the people called Israel, whom the Lord had taken out of the land of Egypt with a strong and mighty arm. This manifestation of sacrificial love brings us swiftly across the years from the time of Moses until we find ourselves bridging the gulf between the Old and New Testaments, into the Book of Romans. Let us read Romans 9:1-3:

"I say 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."

"I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ!" Do you need stronger evidence of the depth of the love of God for Israel and of the love of this great Jewish apostle Paul for this same Israel? Amazing indeed is this declaration that Paul would surrender all his hopes in the life to come, and consider himself a hopeless and forever-banished derelict from the grace of God, if by making such a sacrifice he could insure the salvation



of the people "of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came." Here, then, are two outstanding leaders in the house of Israel, Moses under the old covenant, and Paul under the new covenant, each ready to die for the people of Israel if only that would bring about their salvation.

Now let us see the love which our Lord Himself had for these people, scattered and peeled. Look at Matt. 9:36 and take this in connection with that moving scene of Luke 19:41,42:

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."

"He beheld the city, and wept over it." Think of the depth of the emotion stirred in the heart of the Saviour as He stood on the mountain ridge and looked down over Jerusalem and saw far into the future, and knew that Israel's days ahead were to be sad and calamitous! We sometimes wonder whether there are many today who bear the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who have ever wept over this city of sorrows! And yet Jesus wept over the city.

This deep-rooted compassion for the people of Israel on the part of our Lord is not to be wondered at if we seek honestly to understand the underlying motives that produced this outburst of emotional affection on the part of the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you look at John 10:11, for there you will discover a principle which will open your eyes to a vista of truth that needs to sink deeply into our hearts:

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

The good shepherd actually will give his life for the sheep. But who are the sheep?

"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (10:14-16).

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold." So, there gradually evolves, as the petals of the flower bud unfold, the heart of God's blessed revelation. There are then two groups of sheep; first He says, "I lay down my life for the sheep." Then follows the statement, "Other sheep I have."

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do you want of the sinfulness of organized Christendom in having deliberately defied God in the matter of His order, "to the Jew first," than that the world is now plunged into the darkest hours of all history? When we are told officially that no more than three per cent of Britain's population ever enter the doors of the churches over there, and that here in our own America there are at least fifty million open and avowed pagans, can you not see that the manna of the Gospel has actually rotted within our own four walls, and that self-centeredness has come to revile us for our failure to obey God? Across the sea a population numbering over four hundred and fifty million human beings are marching under the banner of the hammer and the sickle, shaking clenched fists of blasphemy against the God who gave them breath. Can we be so fatuous as to delude ourselves that the Church is making progress in bringing the world to Christ?

Suppose and if the Church of Christ had impregnated the Jewish populations of Russia, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, Roumania, with the Gospel; do you not believe that God might well have honored such obedience in an hour like this, and that these very Jews would now be ready to rise en masse, to proclaim the everlasting Gospel directly in the face of a Stalin, or a Molotov, or a Vishinsky, or a Gromyko? Certainly, many might be martyred; but so will 144,000 tribulation Jews be martyred for their testimony in the great tragic hour of world hell yet to come. Do not the pages of history attest that the blood of the martyrs has ever been the seed of the Church? Who knows what mighty revival might have swept over Europe in a black hour like this, if the Church had faithfully rendered her obligation through the years that have gone by? Is it any wonder that God, Who knows the end from the beginning, and foresaw down the ages that Christendom would turn its back upon the people of Israel, put the commandment into His book in such a way that a ten-year old child would understand: "The Gospel . . . . is the power of God unto Salvation . . . . to the Jew first!" What else could God have done if He wanted to sink deep into the heart of His Church the necessity for keeping Israel to the front in heart, in mind and in missionary program? Thus, in the day of judgment, this disobeyed command will rise to testify against the leaders, who were so busy "building a better world" that they considered the conversion of the Jews as trivial, obsolete and outmoded!

### A WITNESS FROM OUT OF THE PAST

There came under our eyes not long ago a remarkably incisive comment by the sainted Dr. Adolf Saphir, one of the great Hebrew Christian scholars of England of the last generation. This brother was certainly given prophetic eyes as with razor-like keenness of intellect he grasped the fundamentals which brought about the terrible sin of the Church of Christ through the many years gone by. And he shows the cause of the trouble, the sin of the trouble, and the consequences of the trouble. His observations are so startling that we must quote some of them at this point:

Our Lord's parting words to His disciples, His Church, were: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8) — in a fourfold widening circle, starting from Jerusalem, on through Jewry, then to face the racial prejudice and animosity in Samaria, and thence outward to the world in general. The Gospel of Christ, the power of God unto salvation is in fact to be sent "to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

We have seen the present condition of the Jews — without Messiah or Passover Lamb, their house desolate. Yet many say "Why send missions to



the Jews? — a decent law-abiding people, moral, and not degraded as the 'heathen' in lands abroad." Our answer is simply that Christ so commands us, with the seal of His blessing, to *testify* to that nation; this, after all, constitutes our part in missions to all nations in the world, and at all times.

The Church's "marching orders" (Matt. 28:19,20): "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age," have — at any rate so far as the Jews are concerned — been largely forgotten, and Messiah been withheld from them for centuries in the evangel: "Who-soever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? . . . and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:13-15). This challenge and question has been long unheeded by the Church.

In medieval times, the corruptions of the Church had, in fact, quite unfitted her for any evangelistic effort: she had become too paganised and idolatrous to impress the Jews, who avoided her as far as possible, and were morally on a higher level. Martin Luther, to come to Reformation times, with his love for the Scripture, and his insight into the unity of the "Old" and the "New" Testaments, and knowledge of Jehovah the living and loving One revealed in Christ, wrote his tract *Jesus was born a Jew*. But Luther himself eventually lost patience in the failure of the witness to the Jews, and deemed that nation to be finally rejected; herein he misunderstood the tenor of the 11th chapter of the Roman Epistle. Then, again, the Papal policy of force and persecution further alienated the Jews from any response to the Christian appeal.

These conditions give some a sense of helplessness and hopelessness in missions to the Jews, with whom, too, there is no congregation ready found in a strange land or city, such as usually awaits the outgoing missionary to the Gentiles. In the face of these peculiar discouragements, mere interest is not strong enough to maintain one's purpose. Love is necessary: compare that of Paul (Rom. 9:1-3) for his own nation. But even love alone is not enough to maintain one's purpose: one needs (what Paul had) the harmony with God's love and purpose regarding Israel to carry one through. This highest motive in obeying our Lord's command is the only motive, acceptable and strong enough, to maintain missionary ardour — whether, in fact, for Jewish or Gentile missions. The mere personal interest and glamour of mission work soon wilt under the conditions of any mission field. The true basis of all such work is the Word of God, His command to witness in faith, and not the evidence of outward success.

**Churches which neglect Jewish missions** are defective in initial obedience. Missions to the "heathen" have the natural appeal of numbers, of moral degradation and idolatry — which appeal the mere sixteen millions of Jews in the world lack, considering, too, their high moral standard. It is only the converted man, truly instructed in God's purposes, who will seek the Jews as such. When we give up phantomizing the "Old Testament" promises to Israel and usurping them for the "Church" today, then we shall go forward in fuller obedience to our Lord's command, and in true alignment with His purpose and love toward Israel.

There is something else that has to be considered here also. We begin with the posit that Christ died for **THAT** nation, which of course means the people of Israel. If therefore this basic fact be taken into account, the inevitable conclusion comes that He will never "see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied" (Isa. 53:11), until He indeed shall have secured to Himself the nation for which He died. It is true, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold" but these other sheep can only be secured if and as, **THAT NATION** shall be brought to Him who died basically for them.

#### ARE WE WEIGHING OUT THE GOSPEL FALSELY?

Don't you think there is something wrong with a Church that will boast fifty or a hundred "foreign" missionaries, but never sets aside a dollar to

be assured that God will bring every prediction to pass in His own blessed time and hour.) Yes, dear reader, just as truly and surely as Israel has been scattered, preserved, chastened, and child-trained, she will be fully restored by the Lord to her own land and heritage, her inalienable right from the Lord. In the very hour when she turns with all the heart and with all the soul to the Lord God, He will turn her captivity, have compassion on her, and will return and gather her from all the peoples whither He had scattered her. (See Deuteronomy 30:1-3.)

#### SALVATION OF THE LORD

Beyond all things else Israel needs to learn today the great pronouncement of the prophet Jonah: "Salvation is of the Lord." The people of Israel know they are in perilous times; they know that hostile forces are arrayed against them on every hand; they know how diabolical the enemy can be in his persecutions. But they do not know that salvation is of the Lord. They are looking for deliverance in the political sphere, hoping against hope that the nations

of the world may be able to solve their problems. They are seeking deliverance in the social sphere, trusting that education and social culture will curb the hostile desires of their sworn enemies. They are trying for deliverance in the military sphere, attempting at long last to take up the cudgel on their own behalf. But these and a thousand other devices are all unavailing. Deliverance, safety, and salvation can only be Israel's through the Lord. And this salvation is imparted through the Person and work of One alone, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel. This message of real hope must be passed on to them. They must be given to understand that God is not willing that any should perish. (II Peter 3:9.) And that He yearns and longs today for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Shall we not make this gospel message available to them? None of us knows how long this hour of grace will last. It is fast running to a close and eternity is so long. May we be used of God to bring the message of glorious good news in Christ to them before it is too late.

## Our Radio Ministry

### "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE BROADCAST"

WADC	Akron, Ohio	Friday	9:15 a. m.	1350 K. C.
WLAW	Boston, Mass.	Sunday	11:45 a. m.	680 K. C.
WERC	Erie, Pa.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	1230 K. C.
KGER	Long Beach, Calif.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1390 K. C.
WKAT	Miami, Fla.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1360 K. C.
WINS	New York, N. Y.	Sunday	9:00 a. m.	1010 K. C.
KOCY	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Sunday	9:15 a. m.	1340 K. C.
WORZ	Orlando, Fla.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	740 K. C.
KING	Seattle, Wash.	Sunday	7:30 a. m.	1090 K. C.
WOOK	Washington, D. C.	Saturday	7:45 a. m.	1590 K. C.
KFBI	Wichita, Kansas	Sunday	11:00 a. m.	1070 K. C.
CKPC	Brantford, Ont.	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1380 K. C.
CKTB	St. Catharines, Ontario	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1550 K. C.

### "MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN JEW"

CMCQ	Havana, Cuba	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1460 K. C.
COBQ	Havana, Cuba	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	9235 K. C.

Himself. (For the same truth see Psalm 3:8.)

#### THE INTERVENTION OF GOD

Now that the chastened servant of the Lord has been brought to the place of yieldedness, the Lord releases His messenger from his prison. In sovereign power the Lord spoke to the fish and it vomited out Jonah on the dry land. God's command to His irrational creatures is more readily obeyed than that to His rational and understanding ones. Is this not true to our shame? How often has the word come from God to us to go tell others of salvation in the crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Christ, and we have remained complacently at our own affairs? How clearly has the command come to go into all the world bearing the gospel light to Jew and Gentile, yet we have heedlessly, often even stubbornly, clung to our own little sphere of interest? Would to God that we all, as servants of the living God in Christ, were as willing to obey each word from God, as were the wind, the storm, and the fish of which we read in this so true and so meaningful narrative in the Book of Jonah. In all probability the dry land upon which Jonah was cast was the coast of Palestine near Joppa. According to Jonah's faith so was it unto him: the deliverance he had taken by faith in the belly of the fish, is now realized and viewed by sight.

#### JONAH AND ISRAEL

Just as the events of chapter one picture the history of Israel, so does chapter two give further details of the type of God's chosen people in the life history of Jonah. Though Jonah was preserved of the Lord in the belly of the fish, he was at the same time under the chastening hand of God. During her exile among the nations Israel too, though miraculously preserved in spite of the per-

secutions of Satan's hosts, undergoes the chastening of the Lord. Deuteronomy 28 is a remarkable portrayal with the greatest of fidelity of the condition of Israel when in world-wide dispersion. They will be oppressed, knowing no ease nor rest for body or soul, life in constant danger and fear. Read carefully Deuteronomy 28:58-68. Just as Jonah feared again and again that he was at the end of his physical life, so Israel has been brought to despair of national existence again and again. But God has been faithful to preserve them even in the midst of chastening. True, the Lord has used nations for this chastening, but when it is accomplished God will reckon in judgment with the guilty nations, as He did in the case of Babylon, Assyria, and every other oppressor of His people. Because of the grievous chastening of the Lord, Jonah cried out in prayer to God. Moses prophesied that Israel would be scattered among all the peoples and then added these important words (Deuteronomy 4:29): "But from thence ye shall seek Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt find him, when thou searchest after him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." In trial and tribulation among the nations Israel will yet cry out to the Lord for His gracious deliverance. When the prophet Jonah turned to the Lord in truth, the God of truth heard him and restored him to his land. Israel will be restored to the land of her fathers, brought back from the far corners of the globe. That which we see in our day in preliminary stage will be greatly accelerated and facilitated when God sends forth His angels with a great trumpet sound to gather His people from one end of heaven to the other. (Compare Matthew 24:31. Read the glowing promises in Jeremiah 16:14, 15; 23:7, 8; 33:25, 26; and Ezekiel 28:25, 26 and

give the testimony to THAT nation for whom Christ died? Proverbs 11:1 reads, "A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is His delight." And dear brother and sister, this abomination of a false balance is just as obnoxious to God whether it has to do with the weighing out of the Gospel or with the weighing out of a pound of sugar. To put it quite baldly, the child of God who withholds a share of his missionary dollar from the people of Israel is actually guilty of maintaining a false balance in the scales of Gospel obligation.

To go a bit farther, is there not something radically distorted when we read of a church waging a vigorous campaign to raise \$10,000 to buy an airplane for a missionary on a South Sea island, when that church had never given a thought about tracking down the over four million Jews here in our own country who know nothing about the Gospel of Christ excepting that the church is the symbol of Jew hate and massacre? There is something radically wrong, dear friend, when on the radio we hear bold assertions by Bible teachers and preachers to the effect that this is the time to "gather in the Gentiles" in order to "complete the Church and hasten our Lord's coming." This is either colossal ignorance, or a deliberate manifestation of not only Anti-Jew prejudice, but open defiance of God's revealed method for the present age, "To the Jew first." How can they believe that the age of Grace is for the Gentiles, when the plain truth is that Christ died for THAT NATION, the Jewish nation? How can the Church be complete until the remnant from among the people of Israel shall be gathered in, together with the Gentiles? Thus only can the twain make one body, through the Cross. We sometimes wish we had the voice of a thousand trumpets that we could almost blare these truths down into the consciousness of our Christian leaders. A few there are, thank God, who have caught this vision, and have humbly proceeded to obey God. The other day we were preaching in a Church in Michigan, and when we had finished, the pastor, Dr. Harold Warren, arose and told the people something like this: "We are in the midst of a great building campaign, and we need \$5,000 within the next few weeks to meet the bills that so far have come in to be paid. Where the money is coming from, I do not know, but God knows. But there is one thing I do know and that is that before you give a dollar for this new building, your pastor is asking you to pay first your debt to the Jews! We must learn to put first things first and to the Jew first is wrapped up in the Word of God so securely that there is no evading it. Therefore, make your gifts for this Jewish Mission, and once you have done this I know the Lord will so bless us that there will be more than abundant to meet the costs of our new building!"

#### WHY WE SURVIVE

And so God does have His faithful ones. That is why a Mission like this can prosper in the midst of world debacle, apostacy, disloyalties, even treacheries. If there ever was a miracle of God's preserving power in the present world apostacy, your Jewish Mission is that miracle. It is the burning bush, ever burning but never consumed.

Do not be too harsh with us if we seem to you somewhat "fanatic," when we come to talk about this strategic call of God. If we are cowardly, who then is there that will drive these truths home to the earnest child of God? Instead of blaming us, might it not be better to give thanks to God that He has given us the boldness and the courage to proclaim this truth in



an hour when Israel lies bleeding over the world with no one to comfort her? And while Israel perishes, Christendom is busily absorbed in "reconstructing the social order," whatever that may mean. What a vast void there would have been here in America, if this Mission, your faithful and devoted workers in the Lord's vineyard, had not raised its voice as John of old did, "a voice crying in the wilderness!" We have set our faces as a flint, as Isaiah did, when he declared with a determination given him only from on high, "I shall not be moved!"

#### THE LORD'S TREASURY IS OPEN

And so beloved friends, once more as we labor on in the 55th year of the long honorable history of your Mission, we open again the treasury and we say, "The Lord's bank is open to do business for the King!" So many of our friends have now established the habit, that in January they set aside the first and the most generous offering of the year, in obedience to the revealed will of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, "to the Jew first!" May we not have this January a month that shall break all records for the many years gone by? Thus we shall be able to calculate what we can count on as we launch out into greater depths than ever before in our history, to carry out the vast program of labor and privilege that will be ours in the days ahead? Perhaps before 1949 has passed into history, we will have heard the blessed shout from on high, and will be transported into the kingdoms of eternity where with Him we shall reign in splendor and joy forever and ever! And if this should be the climacteric of the year 1949, would it not be a wonderfully happy thing for us to know that just about the last thing we did before the call came, was to give of our substance and of our prayers that **THAT NATION** shall have the Gospel before it is plunged into the cataclysm of the Valley of Jehoshaphat. What music it will be to our ears when our Lord shall say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

A blessed New Year to you!

Ever faithfully yours in service for *that nation*,

*J. Hoffman Cohen*

P.S. As we make ready this copy for the press, it is December 17th. You will remember with me this memorial day; it is eleven years since my dear father left this earthly scene of struggle and pioneering, and even martyrdom, to give account to his Father in heaven of the talents that had been committed to him. And we are satisfied that the report was a good one, for he could say humbly and truthfully, "I have fought a good fight." And a fight it was! A Jewish Mission work if it is going to be done honestly and faithfully before the Lord, will always be a fight; for the devil and a million demons are arrayed against such a work with satanic glee and fury.

and the Lord had heard. The place to which he had been brought was as though among those who had departed this life, but God heard his cry for help. His condition would have been sufficiently terrifying if it had been the result of a so-called accident. But Jonah knew his plight was the consequence of disobeying and provoking God. (See Psalm 39:9; for similar thoughts see also Psalm 18:4-6; 30:2; and 120:1.) Now the prophet recognizes that God was the source of his chastisement; it was God who had cast him into the sea. The sailors were only executing the punishment God had designed for him. Paul never called himself a prisoner of Nero or Rome (Ephesians 3:1; 4:1; II Timothy 1:8; and Philemon 1,9), but of Jesus Christ. It is blessed to be enabled of God to push beyond circumstances and see the mighty moving hand of God in all the affairs and changes of our lives. Note also the words "thy waves and thy billows" which convey the same thought. He describes clearly enough the details of the peril from which God has rescued him. For the wording compare Psalm 42:7, and for a gracious promise of God at such times note Isaiah 43:2.

#### THE PRAYER OF JONAH

From verses four to seven we learn of the prayer itself which Jonah uttered in his peril. He felt he was cast out from the special regard and care which God exercises over His own. Now he realizes how dire a thing it is to be apart from the presence of the Lord. Though cast off, he would yet in faith look to God. He expected to enjoy in the future the privileges of worship in the temple at Jerusalem. See I Kings 8:29, 30, 38. That Jonah did not confine God's presence to the temple, as the heathen did with their gods, is clear from his testimony in 1:9. He knew God as Creator of heaven,

sea, and earth. (Compare Psalm 31:22 with verse 4 of this chapter.) The waters raged about him as though to extinguish physical life; the weeds, so abundant at the bottom of the sea, seemed to entangle him. (Note Psalm 18:4; 69: 1, 2.) Jonah had been brought down to the bottoms of the mountains which were thought of as at the bottom of the sea. (See Psalm 18:7, 15.) He considered himself cast out of the earth as a habitation, and its bars were shut against him lest he return. Though it appeared to Jonah at the time it happened that this was his permanent lot, yet God had miraculously brought him back from the pit, that is, corruption. This would have been his portion, had God not intervened on his behalf. (See I Samuel 2:6; Psalm 30:3.) When his soul was overwhelmed, the prophet remembered the Lord. He had seen the hand of God in the storm, in the lots, but in the hour of deepest distress he recognized and remembered God as never before. He found that God is easily entreated by the humble soul. (For references in the Psalms see Psalm 5:7; 18:6; 42:6; and 142:3.) Jonah's prayer closes with the full assurance that God has heard. His ear is ever open to the cry of the righteous.

#### THE GRATITUDE OF JONAH

Jonah is ready to give God the thanks due Him. Grateful for God's interposition on his behalf, Jonah promises the sacrifice of thanksgiving (note Leviticus 7:12-14) and the performance of his vows which doubtless included the carrying out of his commission to Nineveh. At the end of this chapter we find Jonah in the same position as the mariners in 1:16, offering a sacrifice and making vows. He has come to know as never before that salvation, deliverance, whether of the soul or the body, can come only from the Lord



## Studies in Jonah

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### INSTALMENT II

#### Chapter 2. The Condition of Jonah

AT the close of the first chapter of this book it is recorded that Jonah remained in the belly of the fish who had swallowed him for three days and three nights. The sovereign God who can keep life before birth can and did keep Jonah in the belly of the fish. Jonah was in a state of consciousness, though he may not have realized the full extent of his situation. The prophet of God, though disobedient to the command of God when it did not meet his own desires, knew to whom to turn instinctively when in trouble. In the fish he cried out to God in prayer.

There are those who believe that Jonah actually died in the fish and then was brought back to life. Apparently the desire is to make the picture and type of the resurrection of Christ as nearly identical to the fulfilment or Antitype as possible. There is no need to hold this position. The main feature of the narrative laid hold of by our Lord Jesus was the time element. No more needs to be assumed. Some have doubted that the prophet could have formulated such a prayer to the Lord under the circumstances in which Jonah found himself. This is the argument of unbelief. The Scripture states plainly that Jonah did pray this prayer while in the fish, and so he did. The word "prayed" does not necessarily imply petition or supplication; it can refer to thanksgiving or praise as well. As the prayer of this chapter is read and studied, it is soon seen that we have here not a petition for a future deliverance to be accomplished, but praise for a deliverance already

realized. It has been suggested that throughout the prayer Jonah wavers between the tendency to despair and that of faith which leads him to hope in God's sure deliverance. On the contrary, instead of wavering the entire prayer breathes the atmosphere of sure deliverance in spite of the recital of the dire circumstances in which the prophet of God was found. Mark how he makes his prayer to the Lord "his God" (verse 1) and "my God" (verse 6). These expressions show the faith of Jonah in his God. In spite of the fact that he had tried to flee from the Lord, he knew positively that God had not abandoned him and remained now as formerly his trustworthy God. By faith Jonah sees: his deliverance granted and thanks God for it before it is actually accomplished. The chapter is full of reminiscences of passages from the Psalms and these reveal how well versed Jonah was in the Holy Scriptures and how full his mind and heart were of the Word of God. The Psalms is a book revealing the outpourings of the heart of the godly in times of deepest distress as well as in other experiences of life. The prophet had stored up these words in his heart and now in the time of greatest distress he is able to draw comfort from them. The Scriptures are meant to be the source of comfort and hope to us too as believers in Christ. (See Romans 15:4.) Jonah had cried to the Lord out of his affliction and the Lord was ready and willing to answer him. From the belly of Sheol, which was the place and abode of the departed, he had made his prayer

## Just Between Ourselves

### JOHN SOLOMON RETIRES FROM PITTSBURGH LABORS

WITH sad heart we report that dear Brother Solomon, after almost fifty years of faithful labor for the Lord Jesus Christ in the Jewish mission field, and after twenty years' association with us as missionary in charge of our Pittsburgh Branch, has been ordered by his physicians to withdraw immediately from active work. His advanced years and rapidly developing weakness with serious heart condition makes this step necessary.

Mr. Solomon retires under the Pension System of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, so that this dear brother will be cared for as long as he lives, under the provision of our Lord's good grace.

#### REV. ARNOLD ZEIDLER TO TAKE OVER

"The Lord will provide," is what Abraham told the lad Isaac. And so He has now also provided, this time a new worker to succeed Mr. Solomon. The new missionary is Rev. Arnold Zeidler, who for ten years was on the staff of the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel, of London, England, a work established in 1894 by the sainted scholar, David Baron. We will have more to say about Mr. Zeidler and will properly introduce him to our readers in an early issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE. Just now, suffice it to say that he came to us from London several months ago in response to an invitation extended to him by Dr. Cohn last summer. For the past few months he has been busily engaged here at Headquarters and has absorbed much of our methods, policies and general conduct of the work. We believe and pray that he will be

fully fitted to carry on the work now being laid down by Mr. Solomon; and we ask our Pittsburgh friends to rally to his support and to pray earnestly that he will be indeed God's man for this important field.

#### PITTSBURGH GIFTS

Friends in the Pittsburgh area are asked to note that remittances should be made out to the "American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc." and not to Mr. Solomon personally. This will obviate delay, as any such checks would have to be sent back to Mr. Solomon for endorsement.

#### AT LAST THE BOOK IS READY

AS promised, we have collected the leading messages of the 1948 Summer's End Conference on Prophecy and the Jews, into a rather nice and attractive book. It is paper covered, has 89 pages, and we have gotten the price down to \$1.00.

The title of the book is PROPHECY SPEAKS. The messages are by such nationally noted Bible teachers as Dr. Charles Lee Feinberg, Dr. W. E. Pietsch, Dr. W. H. Rogers, Dr. Charles H. Stevens, Rev. Henry C. Van Deelen, and your own General Secretary, Dr. Cohn.

These messages have to do of course with the crisis hour in which we live, and so they may be considered as right off the firing line, with the most potent and illuminating expositions of the times in which we live in the light of God's prophecies, and what we may expect in the days ahead. Order quickly, the price is \$1.00.

## Incidents In The Work

### ARGENTINE TIDBITS

Our Mr. Lichtenstein writes us an intimate resumé of doings in Buenos Aires. We have done our best to retain the original charm of his struggle with our English language. Editing has been done only where necessary to make clear his meaning.

DEAR DOCTOR COHN:

Since I wrote you last I have received the asked for copies of "I have Loved Jacob" with your personal dedication. I very deeply thank you for having caused me the very special joy and satisfaction to also enclosing a dedicated copy special for myself. The distribution of the German language edition is being continued here. We have had several requests on account of the enclosed notice published in the *Argentinische Tageblatt*, which requests we were naturally eager to satisfy right away.

I would like to add today some new items to my former reports on the work here. I shall try to report as briefly as possible. Past Sunday we took in to our membership a 14 year old girl, with whom I have been dealing for the last two years. We had a special Service in the large beautiful church of Pastor Armbruster.

At this Service there were exactly 119 people assisting, half of them certainly Jews. They had been invited especially to this ceremonial and feasty Service by the parents of the girl. Her father is a Jew, her mother a Christian. When three years ago the family of Dr. K. (formerly an attorney-at-law in Berlin, now a shoe manufacturer in Buenos Aires) came to one of my German language Sunday Services in Villa del Parque in the mentioned church, the father remained outside the church, in his car, awaiting patiently the end of the Service for over one hour. Little by little he got acquainted and befriended by the idea that he himself come to church

also and he did so several times, commenting vividly in private conversation on the topics of my sermons, as also the Christ praising hymns. Little by little, very slowly indeed things got that far that, as the time came near for the girl to make her confession in German language on her grandmother's, as also her mother's wish, that the written invitation to this Christian act was not only signed by her Jewish father, but was even mailed to dozens of Jewish friends and relatives of this family. I am grateful indeed to my Lord and Saviour also for this, that a Jew who has not yet accepted nor even recognized Jesus as his personal Saviour, could show his relations and friends — Jews all of them — a great joy as his radiant face did not hide, as he wrote his non-Jewish friends: "Look here, all of you, my daughter has found the Messiah of the Jews as her personal Saviour, and all of us, Jews and Greeks alike, want to be present at her solemnly taking her oath." Unanimously everybody stated that the solemn ceremonial deeply impressed all those present. May the Lord grant this Mission Service of last Sunday to bear special fruits in His time.

### SERMON IN THE CEMETERY

A little while ago I spoke at the German cemetery here by the hearse of a Christian woman, who had had a Jewish husband, also in the presence of about 80 people, mixed Jewish and Christian. The Jewish husband showed his deep emotion for my sermon at the burial. He wrote me among other things: "Above all

who had relatives in Israel already had been met and taken home. Those with no relatives were waiting in camp, until apartments and jobs were located for them.

### HOME

The young camp director, Philipp Hirsch, through a loud speaker in the administration building, called all the refugees of the Exodus 1947 to his office. The people finished their lunch — huge bowls of fish, rice, hot vegetables and all the bread they could eat — a meal that seemed like a banquet to me, remembering the food the British had fed them on the prison journey. They came to the large bare room in the administration office. These were the people I had seen and photographed last year at Haifa, and talked with at Port de Bouc, believing that maybe in five or ten years they would reach Palestine. Now, because of political and military victories, they were all home.

They pressed around, greeting me, reminiscing of the terrible weeks in France and the battle in Hamburg. Some of them rushed to their billets to get documents showing they had been "Exodus refugees" entitled to special privileges and priorities. They were recognized as a people who had written history.

The Exodus refugees, they told me, had already shed blood securing their land. A sixteen-year-old boy had gone right into battle and was killed. A young couple had both enlisted the moment they stepped on to the soil of Israel; both were now dead. One of the girls was an officer in the women's army. Others were joining up.

I talked with Gloviska Vaner, a woman in her thirties from Poland. She told me she had been one of the people in the prison cage in Port de Bouc who helped raise a flag showing a swastika on the Union Jack.

"I want to work in a munitions factory," she said. "The Nazis made me work in their munitions factory as a slave; now I want to work as a free woman to help my own people."

Typical of the Exodus refugees, she had a tattooed number on her arm from the concentration camp in Auschwitz. "That was your name under the Nazis," another woman said to her. "Yes," she agreed. "We had no names — only numbers."

From Hamburg Gloviska had found her way back to France and waited to make the whole underground journey again. "I have no other home to go to," she said, "and no other alternative."

Waiting for a Haganah ship in southern France, she met another Exodus refugee. They married and this time they traveled legally to Haifa with Israeli documents and were welcomed home by the Israeli Navy.

### AMBITION

I asked some of the children what they hoped to be when they grew up. An eleven-year-old girl from Romania told me she was going to be an agronomist; a ten-year-old boy wanted to be a doctor; a nine-year-old boy wanted to be an engineer because he had once visited a factory in Bucharest.

Suddenly the loud speaker blared forth: "Air raid. Every one into the trenches. No one in the streets. No gathering of people. Air raid."

Most of the Exodus people just smiled. "They call Arab bombs an air raid," they chuckled. "They're just children's toys. We've seen real bombs — by now we can catch them in our hands."

As I left Camp Bernadotte the Exodus people shook my hand. "All we want is a chance to live now," they said, "and work in peace."

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## Exodus Jews Are Home

On anniversary of their Odyssey they are back in Palestine, this time to stay and fight.

By RUTH GRUBER

TEL AVIV.

FOR the first time anywhere it can now be revealed that almost all the refugees of the Exodus 1947 have come home to Israel. July 18 marks the anniversary of the tragic afternoon last summer when the former American Chesapeake Bay excursion boat limped into Haifa, battered and weary after a battle at sea with five British destroyers and the cruiser Ajax.

Two months after Israel was declared a nation the bulk of the 4,500 Exodus people are living, working and fighting for the homeland they tried so desperately to reach after the Odyssey which took them from southern France to Haifa, where the British loaded them on three prison ships, forced them back to southern France to float for four weeks in the most blistering heat in France's history, then interned them in Germany, which to them was the deathland. They were kept in two camps in the British Zone of Occupation at Emden and Wilhelmshaven, where they were denied ordinary DP rations and put on the rations of Germans as further punishment.

### ON THE MARCH

It can now be revealed that while the population in the two camps apparently remained stable and the British authorities thought the Exodus people were settling down for the winter in Germany, actually these were people on the march and nothing could stop them. In little groups they crawled out of the British camps and went down through Europe to secret ports in Italy and France, climbed on Haganah's tiny

fishing boats or large converted ships, and traveled the whole underground journey to Palestine, knowing the way might lead to Cyprus, knowing they might be killed like young Bill Bernstein, knowing the British might capture them again and send them back to Germany, yet knowing that the British could not break them.

Mordecai Rosman, leader of the people on the prison ship, Runnymede Park, named after the site on which Britain's Magna Charta was signed, is now a high officer in Israel's Army. In Port de Bouc, when the British permitted me to board the Runnymede Park, Rosman was already a legend. He had been leader in a Warsaw ghetto, and when the ghetto fell under German fire he became partisan leader, fighting in the forests of Poland. On the prison ship in southern France he had shouted to me like a half-naked Moses: "Write of our sufferings, write that thirty years after the Balfour Declaration the British have given out a new declaration, the declaration of Port de Bouc. Write this so you may prevent our suffering, our agony."

In Hamburg he had been one of the last to leave the ship and while the British played American jazz to drown the screams, six soldiers had beaten his head and dragged him down the gangway, arms and legs spreadeagled, face dragging on the slippery planks. Now he is in Israel, an acknowledged leader, and has been fighting with the southern force in the battle of the Negeb.

In Agrobank, I visited two hundred and fifty Exodus people who had just come off a ship. Those

I would like to thank you for your comforting words, Pastor Lichtenstein, as you have spoken at the burial of my unforgettable wife. They have shown me the way to continue living and struggling for the ideal, which I would have gladly given my own life for, could I have thereby saved the life of my wife. The Almighty has it so willed, I have to submit to His will."

### "YOUR VISIT IS A PRESENT"

Also in regards to house visits we are trying to keep up with all demands. Here a letter shall be mentioned from a Jewish friend of our circle, who for years on came regularly to our meetings but is now unable even to walk at all by paralysis. When my wife notified him of her return from England announcing her soon-to-be-expected visit at his place, he wrote us a lengthy letter thanking us in advance and saying among other things: "Extraordinarily I am joyfully anticipating your visit, but I most insistently must impress upon you not to bring me anything, as your visit in itself is a present already and sufficiently a big one." Our sick friend lives in one of the Buenos Aires suburbs and thus he knows which difficulties and loss of time have to be taken in exchange for the realization of such visits. For this reason he rather foregoes any present (we always take practical, cook and eatables to our needy friends), just so we go and see him.

Pastor Schön, I mentioned already in my previous correspondence, and who has returned here from Germany only a short time ago, is preaching in our Mission station every Wednesday night for an audience of 60 to 140 people. Often we only have to offer sitting accommodation for half of those present. In these meetings Pastor Schön also always announces his expositions in our Saturday Evening Mission Meetings, where he preaches every first

Saturday of each month, and he underlines strongly and permanently the importance of the mission work amongst the Jews. His this month's address was on: What is the Jew's obstacle hindering him from becoming a Christian? And afterwards a long argument ensued, during which of course the most varied opinions were voiced. During the following usual social hour, those present were discussing the address for hours on at the coffee table with myself, Pastor Schön and Mrs. Lichtenstein. When later, then 10 p.m., we started for home, Pastor Schön mentioned to me what a good institution it is to stay together at some nicely prepared table after Bible hours, Services and other meetings to discuss matters in an informal way among friends. Had not many a Jew and Jewish Christian, that were asking questions that evening, had this opportunity, many of them would have gone home with a doubt in their hearts. As through your kindness and loving generosity this Mission station did not have to give up this most important means of propaganda, the true "agape," even in the most difficult moments, we want to give thanks to you most especially, dear Doctor Cohn, that this popular means of propaganda, which certainly has as blessing effects also in your other mission stations, you have put at our disposal from the very start on.

The collaboration with the Church as I have loved to have and maintain and which was so lovingly supported by yourself, is again getting its special importance. For by Governmental decree (as once they have tried before) every non-Roman Catholic denomination has to register, the whole Protestant gospelization being thereby put under Government control, a fact that runs counter the actual Argentine Constitution. Once the Government were already forced

to revoke a similar step, but this time it seems to have been prepared more carefully. I shall, of course, keep you perfectly posted on this important matter, dear Doctor Cohn.

I have to interrupt this report now, but I hope to again write you a little about my work here soon. This work, that our friends love so much, and the center of which is not only in our Saturday Bible Meetings and other addresses, sermons, etc., but to which also have to be counted the Women's hours, the popularity of which and assistance is getting better and better.

May the Lord grant you, dear Doctor Cohn, and your collaborators a very blessed Advent. A short time ago I spoke on this topic and underlined that I see the great obstacle, that causes the Jews not to accept Christ, in the fact that the Jewish Religion is unable to subsist without a permanent Advent, an eternal waiting for the coming of the Messiah. Should the Rabbis of Israel admit that the Messiah is here or even has been amongst us at any one time, the very foundations of their religious propaganda will be broken together with the ending of their eternal waiting.

Yours very truly and thankfully  
in Christ.

### SUMMERTIME IN THE ROCKIES

By Mrs. Hannah Wago, our missionary in Denver

WE were very happy to have again in our midst our Brother Gruen and his family, and we trust they enjoyed their visit with us as much as we enjoyed having them.

Brother Gruen had a few disappointments, in that some of the meetings were not as well attended; but all in all we had a good time of fellowship together with our Denver friends, and the Lord's blessing was

upon us. The messages were very timely and well received, and, the Lord tarrying, we hope that our Mission may again be as ably represented next year as in the past.

Our Hebrew Christians were especially happy for the Gruens' visit, and so delighted that the little church of their choice was way out in front with the generous and self-sacrificing offering to our favorite Mission. And Emil gave us such an inspiring message that the folks are still talking about it.

### WINNING THE PRIZE

And speaking of our ever-active and growing Hebrew Christians: At the time of the Gruens' visit, Grace Calvary Church conducted its annual Daily Vacation Bible School. However, we decided to have just four days of it, with professional teachers. The children were urged to bring from their neighborhood as many children as possible, and the one bringing the most was promised a Bible.

Well, nine-year old Gail Ehrlich was not to be outdone by any one, if she could help it. The first day she brought four others, but disappointed when it was announced that they would not be counted, but rather that the efforts put forth the next three days would determine the winner. Undaunted, Gail canvassed her neighborhood, and one morning she was too busy to stop for either breakfast or to have her hair combed. But when the children were counted on the closing day, she had not only brought four on the first day, but had rounded up nineteen others! And when the invitation was given to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, twenty-two of these children went forward to give their hearts to the Lord Jesus, the twenty-third having accepted the Lord at another church. Needless to say, Gail received the first prize, a Bible which she cherishes very much.

ital of his State. When we hark back to the days of the patriots who founded our country and think of a man like Nathan Hale who on the gallows made his last statement, "I regret that I have but one life to give to my country," we hang our heads in shame to realize that such patriots are largely conspicuous today by their non-existence.

In such a civilization there are already present the seeds of death. To quote from a shrewd observer in one of the columns of the daily press, "He (a victorious candidate) got the support of various divisions of our people who stand to gain most at the expense of the rest of the population. These special interest groups include millions of governmental employees and relations, racial and religious groups, subsidized farmers, labor union members and the like."

We are in the days of the toes of the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw. Daniel 2:43. The world is on the way to revolution, when the mob shall run wild over the earth. It is the fickleness of the mob combined with the brutality of the dictators. And the clay of the mob with the iron of the totalitarian overlords, cannot mix. Thus we have the setting for the closing scenes of this age. A superman will appear from out of the nations, with a power only possible because he will be demonized. He will take over the reins of world government, and there will be such agony and savageries as never the world has known before. We think of the picture of Revelation 6:6, "A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine." So scarce will be luxuries that they will be unobtainable, and the necessities to keep body and soul together will be under a "price control." It will be indeed "one world"!

On May 23, 1857, Lord Macauley of England wrote to a friend of his in America, one of the ablest predictions of Democracy's ultimate crash, that we have ever seen, outside of the Word of God. These things are to be found in the Word of God clearly outlined, yet we think you will enjoy reading the excerpts from Lord Macauley's letter:

I have long been convinced that institutions purely democratic, must sooner or later destroy liberty, or civilization, or both. Either the poor would plunder the rich, and civilization would perish, or order and property would be saved by a strong military government, and liberty would perish. You may think your country enjoys an exemption from these evils. I frankly own to you that I am of a very different opinion. Your fate I believe to be certain, though it is deferred by a physical cause. As long as you have a boundless extent of fertile and unoccupied land, your labouring population will be far more at ease than the labouring population of the old world. But the time will come when New England will be as thickly peopled as old England. Wages will be low, and will fluctuate as much with you as with us. Then your institutions will be fairly brought to the test. Distress everywhere makes the labourer mutinous and discontented, and inclines him to listen with eagerness to agitators who tell him that it is a monstrous iniquity that one man should have a million while another cannot get a full meal. There will be, I fear, spoliation. The spoliation will increase the distress. The distress will produce fresh spoliation. There is nothing to stop you. As I said before, when a society has entered on this downward progress, either civilization or liberty must perish. Either some Caesar or Napoleon will seize the reins of government with a strong hand; or your republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the twentieth century as the Roman Empire was in the fifth — with this difference, that the Huns and Vandals who ravaged the Roman Empire came from without, but your Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own country by your own institutions.



## Pilgrim's Periscope

"For our citizenship is in Heaven"—Phil. 3:20.

**Pilgrims of the Night** After persistent urgings, we open this new department, "Pilgrim's Periscope."

So parched are the souls of the Lord's people for sane interpretations of the current world scene, that they beg us to give them something more than we are doing in our monthly Salutations. Therefore, under the Lord's guiding hand we shall try to serve you. I am sure you will catch the implications of the title. We are only pilgrims here on this earth, on our way to the new Jerusalem.

As we pass through life's sea of turmoil and strife, we are like the passenger in an undersea ship; he is in the sea, but not of the sea; about him the waves are roaring, but he is safe and secure in the hollow of the Saviour's hand. As he passes through the world of care, he can peer through the periscope of his little bark and witness what is going on, although having no special part in it all, because his citizenship is in heaven. He is a pilgrim on the way to the new Jerusalem.

Several times in recent years, it fell to our lot to have spent Bastille Day in Paris. As an American we stood on the sidelines and watched the wild frolics, the carefree and abandoned dancing in the streets, the brilliant parades down the Champs d'Elysees, and the other activities of the gayest fiesta of the year in Paris. But, I possessed no more than an observer's interest in the celebrations. My interests were in America, because that was my home, my citizenship was there; and these foreign observances meant nothing to me beyond the entertainment of the moment.

It is so with the child of God; we have been saved into His elect body, the ecclesia, the invisible Church of Christ. Our destiny is to reign with Him in the heavens. Therefore, what we are witnessing today, the struggle of mass against mass, the raucous shriekings of self-appointed dictators, the paralyzing threat of the atomic bomb, these we look at with only passing interest, as we travel on the road to the place of our citizenship, the new Jerusalem.

It is only the child of God that can keep calm in times like these, when the very foundations of earth are cracking. We will try to detach ourselves from events about us, so that we can look upon these events in the light of God's Word.

Pray that the Lord shall give us wisdom, and that He will make our little effort a blessing and help to the precious friends who look to us for spiritual enlightenment in these days of darkness.

The tragedy of the elections last November was not that Mr. Truman won or that Mr. Dewey lost,

although these are in themselves strategic facts. But the real indictment of our nation lies in the fact that the voting was done in too large a measure with the main consideration, "What is there in it for me?" Labor leaders urged the labor man to vote only for that candidate who promises to endow him with all sorts of riches and privileges. The farm leaders harangued the farmers to vote only for a certain candidate, because he promises to pour wealth and blessings into the farmer's pockets. A senator seeks election because he was able to wangle out of Washington a new postoffice for the cap-

## THE MAGICIAN'S TOUCH FOR CHRIST

Her daddy, Brother Irv, finished his first Bible study course, at the evening sessions of the Denver Bible College, under the very able tutelage of our dear friend, Rev. Archie Yetter. It was a great help to his spiritual growth, and he hopes to resume his Bible studies next fall. As a side line and hobby, he learned to do some magic tricks, using them mostly to teach and illustrate the Gospel. He has performed at various meetings at our church and has also been invited to speak at a number of other churches. On the same Sunday morning Mr. Gruen spoke at Grace Calvary, the Ehrlich family was scheduled to conduct the morning service at Rocky Mountain Lake Baptist Church. Adele and the children had a minor part at this particular service; Irv was given the major part, to demonstrate his art, and through it to bring a message of Christ and salvation through the sacrifice on Calvary's Cross for sin.

### "YOU HAVE PUT IT OVER"

The demonstration must have been very good and impressive, from the reports I hear; the other day when I dropped in to see the family, Adele read me a letter of appreciation Irv received from Rev. Mr. Graham, which reads as follows:

DEAR MR. EHRLICH:

I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the true demonstration you have given us. Your clever handling of your art elucidates the Gospel truth you are putting over. *And, personally, you have put it over.*

I am convinced the demonstration at our church on Sunday, June 13th, was enjoyed by all. The last act was very efficiently done. And who could go away from the service and not know how perfectly Christ handles the sin question?

THOS. M. GRAHAM, PH. D.

Adele Cohen Lewis graduated from Bryan University on June 6th. She is visiting friends in New York be-

fore coming home to Denver. I understand she will take some special studies next fall before going into full time service. So we are very happy for the progress of our Hebrew Christians and have much joy in Christian fellowship with them.

We continue our efforts and are ever grateful for the privilege of serving among His own, praying that our dear Lord may use us to point the way to such that will yet own Him as their Messiah and coming King.

## "BESIDES, THE CARE OF ALL THE CHURCHES"

By Rev. Bernhard Schatkin

WHILE an aggressive Christian work is carried on in our Headquarters Building at 236 West 72nd Street, New York, our Brooklyn Mission is not being neglected. As in former years, all activities, with even greater efforts, are continued in the old landmark.

In my many years of service with our beloved Mission, and the great things accomplished for spreading the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus among His people Israel, we praise Him for His marvelous Grace and blessings this past year.

It is my privilege Tuesday evenings to teach a Yiddish New Testament class composed of a group of men and women.

Our Friday evening Gospel services are often addressed by members of our staff and frequently by visiting ministers who love the Jews and are vitally interested in winning them for the Lord.

In order to make these services known to our Jewish people, Brother Jos. Serafin and the writer distribute circulars on Tuesdays and Fridays preceding the meetings in the vicinity of the Mission, inviting our Hebrew brethren to come to the

Mission and hear the old, old story of Jesus and His Love.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for a number of Jewish men and women who accepted our Lord as their personal Saviour through our humble efforts in the Brooklyn mission. Several were baptized in our Headquarters Building by Dr. Cohn.

Another aspect of my service for the Mission is my visits to Christian ministers in the Metropolitan area, New York, Brooklyn, Long Island, Westchester County, Staten Island, and New Jersey, to call their attention to our Lord's great commission as recorded in Matthew 28:19, which includes our Lord's brethren according to the flesh.

I praise the Lord for the many churches where I have had the privilege of informing Christian people of our blessed work in preaching the Gospel to their Jewish neighbors, with the written and spoken word, in the Mission and on the sidewalks of New York.

I pray that my humble efforts will be blessed by our Saviour and Lord.

### TO OUR FRIENDS IN WESTERN CANADA

**H**ERE is important news for you.

Our field evangelist and missionary for the Northwest area, is Rev. Walter J. Atkinson, S. T. M. Mr. Atkinson plans a speaking itinerary for the Canadian Prairie Provinces, this coming Spring and Summer. The Lord has richly blessed our brother as he has gone up and down the Northwest and given his testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ. Brought up in the very best of German culture, he early absorbed the Atheism of his day. To America he finally came, and took training in one of the Baptist hospitals in the South, in the hope that he would finally become a physician. Under

circumstances strange and miraculous, he was brought face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ, and surrendered his life to Him. For several years he labored with us while we were in Brooklyn, and endeared himself especially to our refugee audiences. He therefore knows intimately all the detail of the Mission's activities, and can talk from first-hand knowledge.

Friends in the Western Canada provinces are urged to communicate with Mr. Atkinson and to make openings for him so that he shall have a wide hearing among the Lord's people throughout all of that territory.

Please address him as follows: Rev. Walter J. Atkinson, 2102 North 44th Street, Seattle 3, Washington.

### HAPPENINGS AT HEADQUARTERS

By Rev. Alexander Marks

**S**TATIONED for a while as Receptionist Missionary in our Reading Room at Leopold Cohn Memorial Building, it has been my privilege to meet large numbers of Jewish people. They come to us from all parts of the world.

Our splendid window displays attract large numbers of Jews. Many come in to ask us what we believe, and we explain that we are Jews who believe in the sacred Scriptures and that we have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets did write.

A young Jew recently arrived from Persia asked us, "What do you think of the Palestine problem?" I told him that our approach to that problem is through the Holy Scriptures and we Jews ought to ask ourselves the question, "Why have we been out of the land for so many centuries?" I proceeded to tell him that it was because of our sin that we have been scattered, and I turned

our Jewish friend's attention to the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. The young man asked what sin is responsible for our plight, and I answered that it is the sin of rejecting the Messiah. I quoted from the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy where the Lord promises to raise up a prophet like unto Moses, and if our people would refuse to listen to Him, God said He would punish them.

This young Jew seemed very much interested in our message and accepted a New Testament which he promised to read and thanked me for giving him so much time.

### FUTILE PRAYERS

Another Jewish man asked us where he could buy a Jewish prayer book as he wanted to pray for his mother who passed away. Yes, Jews pray for the dead, and we were able to present to this man the claims of the Lord Jesus.

Two Jewish women recently arrived from France asked us if we could tell them where they could find an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue, as they did not like the reformed Jewish places of worship. These ladies told us that they had read the New Testament. I asked them what they thought of the Lord Jesus. They answered, "He was a wonderful man." I reminded them that Jesus claimed to be the only way to the Father, that He was the Truth and the Life. We were able to give these two Jewish women some Gospel tracts.

### "STAND STILL!"

A young Jewish lady recently arrived from Palestine asked us what we were doing for Palestine. I told her that we were praying for the Holy Land. The young lady replied that we ought to do something about the problem. I reminded her that when our forefathers came to the Red Sea and their enemies were behind them, the message came to

them, "Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." This Jewess told us of the fighting in that land, and we told her that the Lord Himself would restore our people to the land, in His own time and way.

Our meetings here have also been amazingly well attended. Recently we had our monthly fellowship meeting of Christian Jews. I wish you could hear these born again Jews sing the hymns and give words of personal testimony.

### YOM KIPPUR PRAYER DAY

On the Jewish Day of Atonement, which is one of the most solemn days for the Jews, we had a special meeting for prayer for our people who were in the synagogues praying and fasting for forgiveness of sin. A goodly number were present for this meeting. The majority of them were Christian Jews. One converted Jewess told me she was fasting that day for the salvation of our people. Several messages were given dealing with the True Atonement and the wonderful Day of Atonement Israel will have when they shall look upon Him whom they have rejected.

We praise God for this testimony in dark New York.

### CANADIAN INCOME TAX

**T**HE Canadian Government has now kindly granted us the privilege of tax exemption. This means that Canadian contributors to the work of our Mission, are allowed to deduct in their income tax reports all donations to our Mission whether it be to our Canadian office or to our New York Headquarters. Therefore, please hold on to your receipts, as you will need them in case the Government tax collectors should wish to see evidence of your claimed exemptions.