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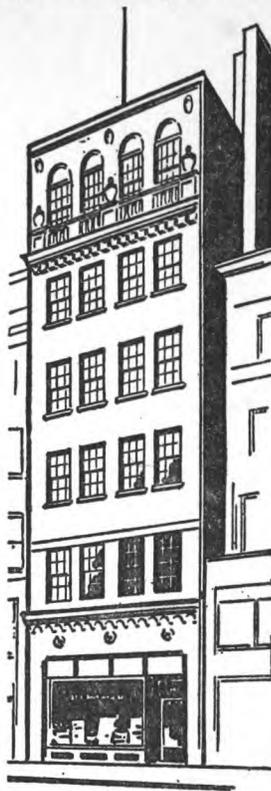
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Salutation

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

DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:

Somebody—and we are persuaded that there must have been a great many somebodies—has been doing some praying. So much so, that we feel impelled to start this Salutation with an announcement and a testimony of praise, which will cause many hearts to rejoice and to shout "Hallelujah!"

A few days after I returned from Europe our bookkeeper placed on my desk a folio of financial reports. The disturbing figures showed a shrinkage in our income for the first six months of the year, that is, to July 31st, of \$16,612, as against the corresponding period of 1948. We reported in our Mid-Summer Letter, as you will remember, a decrease in contributions. I told you that this word had come to me from our New York Headquarters while I was in Paris. So I asked our friends to pray definitely for the matter of these finances. We felt that the Lord had money for us if only we would hold on to Him in faith.

That was on August 1st. Four days later, on August 5th, as we opened the morning mail there fell out from one envelope two checks, and the total of these two checks was \$16,622! The money came from California. Now we have said enough, and we have proven again the everlasting truth of Psalm 121:4, "He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." So, perhaps you, dear brother or sister, who are now reading these lines, may want to stop here and send up a Thank You to our Heavenly Father for His solicitude and care for the testimony of your beloved Mission, that it shall have world-wide reach, unabated, intensive and extensive.

We felt that we must put this miracle down as one of the annals of record in the many mile-posts of this Mission's miraculous history, and we feel sure that you will pardon us the digression, because you will realize with us what it means to let the world know that God is still on His Throne and that He cares for His testimony.

"CAST UP, CAST UP THE HIGHWAY"

Now we come back to Palestine, or Israeli, as the Zionist Jews call it. The word Palestine is not used in Scripture as the name of the Holy Land, excepting in the two or three cases where punishment is to be dealt out upon

the heathen possessors of Palestina. The name Palestine stems from the original ownership of the land by the nomadic hordes called Philistines. So that the land of the Philistines came to be known as the land of Palestine.

In our Midsummer Letter I left you at Haifa. The ship had landed, and after going through rigid formalities I was allowed to enter the Land of Promise. Let me say first of all that it was amazing to see the transformation that had taken place during the two years of time since I was there last. Ruin and despoliation there was in abundance, true enough. The war with the seven Arab tribes has left unmistakable scars, and deep gashes, and plenty of rubble, so that at times one almost holds his breath as he gasps at the heartaching sights. But as over against this, wherever one goes one sees road gangs, one sees bulldozers, American made, one sees steamrollers, and machinery of all sorts for road building. I could not help but think of the beautiful picture of Isa. 62:10:

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

The only pathos in the picture is that Isaiah speaks of that blessed day to come when Israel shall be established in the land, under God's blessing, and in true service for Him. But this, alas, is not the case now. They are of course casting up the highway, they are certainly gathering out the stones; but heartache of heartaches, they do not lift up a standard for the people!

WHITHER ISRAELI?

The problems that are facing this newest of all world governments are beyond human comprehension, and they are facing these problems without God. Remember first of all that within the last twelve months, which is the approximate span of the life of this new Republic, they have taken in over 200,000 immigrants, the desperate residuum of the Nazi orgy of murder and wholesale gas-oven slaughters. From every part of the world they have come; not only from Germany, and Poland and Russia, but from such distant points as South Africa, Australia, Yemen, Tripoli, Morocco, Egypt. It was shocking to see these armies of derelicts as I saw them in the various reception camps. I was able to take some motion pictures, and they are indeed pitiful to behold, men and women without arms, with heads bashed in, with eyes gone, with legs gone, with all the possessions they have in the world contained in one little handbag. Tattered and battered they have come to the Land which has given them promise of a living and a final home where no more shall so-called Christian nations torture and slaughter. The number, 200,000, will assume its proper proportion if it is remembered that this number is just about four times the total of refugees that came back in the restoration out of Babylon in the days of the seventy years' captivity.

From Haifa I covered the land of Palestine pretty well, including the beehive city of Tel Aviv, and finally old Jerusalem itself. As you will remember, the Armistice was in effect (and still is, for that matter), and so whatever was in Arab possession on the Armistice's effective date, remained in Arab possession; whatever was in Jewish possession, remained in Jewish possession. This brought many anomalies and irritating situations. For instance, the old City within the walls is in Arab hands, and this has brought about one of the most irritating and maddening situations, namely, the Jews are

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not allowed to go to the Wailing Wall, to which they have gone for nearly two thousand years, to mourn and cry their hearts out for the glory of the days of Solomon. It is all in Arab possession. But so deeply ingrained is the inherent determination on the part of the Mizrachi Jews (the orthodox of the orthodox, the devout of the devout) that they devote Friday in continued mourning over the destruction of the Temple, that they have found a spot over towards the Valley of Hinnom where there is the great Temple or Synagogue of David. To reach this point they have to worm and twist their way through the war trenches that were dug up hastily in the Israeli-Arab war, and this they do single file until they reach this selected spot, and there they carry on their mourning and wailing. I got a snapshot of a number of them, perhaps thirty or forty, on their way to this spot. With phylacteries, prayer shawls and long rabbinical gowns, they were all equipped to spend the day, as it were, in sackcloth and ashes.

THE PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT

Of food there is precious little to be had, and what there is cannot by any stretch of the imagination be described as of high quality. There is the same austerity as to eating which the British have imposed upon their own people in England. Perhaps the food situation in Israeli hasn't deteriorated to the same extent as it has in London, because in London they were actually feeding people on dehydrated whale meat, sea gull eggs, and other items that we in America would look upon with disdain. So far down in the dietary level Israeli is not yet gone. But remember that they have taken in 200,000 new arrivals, and this finds them wholly unprepared out of their own resources to take care of their food needs.

Money, likewise, they do not have. I made diligent inquiry as to just what there was behind the Israeli pound to justify its artificial fiat value of three dollars, but could not find any clue as to this important point. Whether it is just printing-press money, I am not prepared to say; but this is a serious problem that the new Government has to face. The war is not yet finished, the present peace is only an armistice, and any day may witness a new explosion from any one of the seven disgruntled Arab nations. The real military conquests of Israeli do not rest, as they would like to believe, in the might of their armies, although one can grant freely that the Haganah and the Irgun and the Stern gangs fought heroically and valiantly. The stories one hears, such as of Jewish girls making history as modern Joan d' Arcs, cannot but fire the imagination, and these stories draw out the deepest admiration for the desperate heroism of a people in the hours of almost sure and utter destruction. But, if the truth is to be known, the thing that saved the Israeli people was that the seven Arab nations were all divided, no two of them were agreed upon anything, and everyone of them mistrusted the other. This meant that the old political stratagem of "divide and rule" automatically worked itself out in favor of the Israeli armies. It is also freely admitted by those who have any adequate knowledge of the facts, that Egypt is now in a state of sullen and bitter defiance against the Israeli people. And she is furtively and persistently accumulating the matériel with which she hopes to blow to everlasting destruction every Jew now treading the land of Palestine. She waits and bides her time. It might be added here that since the United Nations on the recommendation of Dr. Bunche has now removed the restrictions against the purchase of arms by the Near

East nations, a new race has begun in which all these seven Arab tribes and the people of Israeli are feverishly buying the munitions of war in any market and in every part of the world. So I am saying that Israeli sits upon a keg of dynamite, and an explosion can happen at any moment.

FODDER FOR CANNON

Now we go a bit deeper into the situation. I found that as the European derelicts poured in at the harbor of Haifa they were dumped into huge open trucks and hauled pell-mell to the Sorting Camp. Here there were thousands huddled together, cooped as it were like chickens. Some slept on the ground in the open; others slept under tents. Every sort of makeshift had to be seized upon to make any kind of accommodation for these unhappy people. One poor girl of about 18, who could only talk in high German, came to me and unburdened her troubled heart, for she said that on the way to Haifa from Germany she had lost all of her baggage, and in the little bundle she carried there was everything she had in the world. So deeply shattered was she that she wanted to jump into the ocean and commit suicide. I tried in a few seconds of time to instil in her heart a faith in God and in God's care for her and her destinies. Then I was dragged away by the guides and I saw her no more. But for days after that, her pitiful face and her pleading eyes haunted me.

From this motley assembly of the victims of world hate, the first weeding out process by the Israeli Government was to skim from this human flotsam and jetsam the material that could be used for the war effort. All young men, all young women, were at once taken out and sent into barracks for army training. I am making no comment, I am just giving you the picture as you would get it from a camera. It shows how desperately placed is this people of Israel and how supremely important it is that they shall protect themselves against the next attack.

COMMUNISM IN THE SHADOWS

Much, much, I have had to eliminate from this report. I cannot help it. I would need a book if I were to give you the complete story. But I have tried to touch the high spots.

Now we come to the most serious subject of all, the most far-reaching, and the issue which has to do most directly with prophetic truth and with the future destinies of this struggling Republic. I refer now to the form of government which Israeli is assuming. Their leaders used to deny Communistic leanings, they did their best to give to the world a sort of composite picture of a religious people, seeking only a peaceful habitation, a place in the sun, a freedom from the hellish tortures of two thousand years of exile. But now the truth is out, a little more openly, and we must say bluntly that while it may not be correct to call Israeli a Communistic government, it is eminently correct to call it a totalitarian regime. At last it has come out by confession on the part of the Mapai that Russia did send matériel and munitions to help Israel in the Israel-Arab struggle. Russia did have her hordes of Cossacks and Muzhiks, and jeeps and tanks, and airplanes, and bomb shells, sequestered away back in the hinterlands of Trans-Jordania and Iran, so that on a moment's notice they would have crossed the Jordan and hoisted the Hammer and Sickle over the capital cities of Judea.

went out of Egypt (Exodus 13:21 and Deuteronomy 1:30, 33), so the Lord will go before them in the coming day and He will be at the head of them. When the Messiah clears the way, they will break forth from the enemies' cities where they have been held captive and will pass out through the gates. No one will be able to hinder their restoration for the work of their promised Messiah will be effective on their behalf. He is seen here in a threefold fullness: Breaker, King, and Jehovah. All Israel's blessings for all time are inseparably bound up with the blessed One of the Lord, the Lord Christ.

Passages such as the one we have just contemplated are the strongest proof that God's heart yearns for a

remnant in Israel. Despite repeated threatenings against them and warnings after warnings levelled against them for their sins, the mind of God comes back once more to His purpose of gathering out a remnant from His people Israel. God desires a remnant even now, in this age of grace. And He has appointed in His mysterious counsels that this remnant shall hear of the good news of their redemption through a suffering, dying, and risen Messiah, by the mercy shown to us. Dare we deny the heart of God this joy? The Breaker, the King, Jehovah will go up before the nation in a coming day. It is your blessed privilege and opportunity and mine to hold up this same One before them now.

Schedules of Beth Sar Shalom Activities

AT HEADQUARTERS, 236 W. 72nd ST., NEW YORK: Sunday, 4 P.M. General Gospel Service, for Jew and Gentile. Monday, 8 P.M. Gospel meeting for Newcomers (In German). Tuesday, 2:30 P.M., Bible Classes for women, and for children. 7-9 P.M., Sessions of Jewish Missionary Institute Classes. Daily, except Saturday and Sunday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Reading Room, also Business Office and Administration.

AT BROOKLYN, 27 THROOP AVE.: Monday, 3:00 P.M., Bible study, Intermediate girls. Tuesday, 3:00 P.M., Senior girls; 8:00 P.M., Bible class for men and women. Wednesday, 2:00 P.M., Sewing class and Bible study for mothers. Thursday, 3:00 P.M., Junior girls. Friday, 3:00 P.M., Junior boys; 6:00 P.M., Senior boys; 7:45 P.M., Gospel meeting for men and women. Other meetings at Coney Island Mission.

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"THE CHOSEN PEOPLE BROADCAST"

WADC	Akron, Ohio	Friday	9:30 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 Beach, 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. Catherines, 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.

removal from their own land. The land cannot abide their outrages any longer. God had intended Canaan to be a resting place for His people, and in times of obedience and blessing it was such. But now because of the pollution of the land by their infamous deeds, the land was to cast out its inhabitants. The terms of the Palestinian covenant (Deuteronomy 28-30) promised blessing and continuance in the land upon the sole ground of obedience; in case of disobedience there was but one alternative, exile. Micah, therefore, is pronouncing the breach of this covenant, or its non-fulfillment, and the exile which inevitably followed. Since the people of God refused the order of prophets who spoke the Word of God truthfully from the Lord, they were all the more ready to receive and harbor the false prophets. Since these false messengers, who ran where they were not sent, spoke from their own minds and hearts, they are said to walk after wind (see the Hebrew text) and to traffic in lies. Those things that delude and are unstable satisfy the heart of the one who has turned a deaf ear to the word and revelation of God. When men turn from the truth, they do not occupy themselves with some higher substitute, but with downright fables. But why is the false prophet so popular? He tells the people what they like to hear. With no concern for the truth he is at liberty to flatter the people in their every whim. Only those prophets who indulged their sinful pleasures could hope to be agreeable to them. Yet the people had so departed from the truth of God and their spiritual sensibilities had become so hardened, that they gladly accepted the ministry of such miserable charlatans and frauds. Every age has those who are more eager for the plaudits of men rather than the praise that comes

from God, and our age is surely no exception.

THE GATHERING OF THE REMNANT

After such vivid denunciations of the sins of Israel one would hardly expect Micah to close this portion of his prophecy with a promise of future blessing and restoration, so some have understood the last two verses of our chapter to be an announcement of punishment and not a promise of deliverance. But sudden transitions in the prophets are not unknown. The abrupt change here, then, is entirely in keeping with the methods of the prophets. We need always to be reminded, also, that God delights in showing mercy and is ever seeking to bless. With emphatic language the prophet predicts the restoration of Israel after their dispersion. Both Jacob and Israel, the ten tribes and Judah, will be assembled and regathered. The restoration from Babylon through Cyrus cannot exhaust the promise, for it was partial and our prophet includes "all of thee." The regathered nation will be brought to one place for rich pasture. Bozrah was noted for its rich pastures and the sheep of Bozrah may have been as famous as the kine of Bashan (Amos 4:1) and the rams of Nebaioth (Isaiah 60:7). In the time of their regathering they will make a loud noise as is common in a large crowd of people. The promise in verse 12 is heart-warming indeed, but the best of the prediction is yet to come. The people of God will not come together again as sheep without a leader. The breaker, the one who clears the way and removes the obstacles, will go before them. This is none other than the Messiah of Israel who breaks down every obstacle in the path of His people. Three times in this verse we have the blessed assurance that, as He went before them when they

The industrial economy of Palestine is under the despotic and arrogant control of the labor unions. The whole organization functions under the name of Histadrut, and one dare not call his very breath his own without getting permission from the all powerful Histadrut! Every price is arbitrarily set, every function of the daily activities is arrogantly dictated by the Histadrut. God pity the man from whom the Histadrut takes away the labor union membership card—he might as well jump into the ocean. I wanted, for instance, to hire a car for the day's exploring. I went to the first taxi man and told him I would like to hire his car for a day's tour. He informed me that the day would be seven hours and that I would have to pay him twenty-two pounds! I told him that I had no desire to buy the car. I wanted only to rent it for the day. He just looked at me insolently and told me again the price would be twenty-two pounds. I went a few blocks away to another taxi man and put before him the same problem. He took out a little book, consulted the pages and told me the price would be twenty-two pounds. And so, from Dan to Beer Sheba, the price would be twenty-two pounds, no matter where I inquired. I did not rent the car.

The Yemenite element, and most devout of the European Jews, have sort of joined hands and have become the Mizrachi Party. These are the ones who are insisting that the Government shall acknowledge God and shall observe the Jewish laws, including Sh'chita, also the days of fasting, the Sabbath, and other laws. They are hopelessly in the minority, and wherever the Israeli Government has felt that they are an obstacle in the progress of the Government, they have ridden over them roughshod. Of course, they have been many times unreasoning and wild in their demands. One concession of a grimly humorous sort, was made to the Mizrachi (orthodox of the orthodox), namely, that under the new Sabbath regulations of the Haifa municipality, it is provided that on Saturday afternoons the cafes must play "soft music"; that on Friday nights phonograph records may be played, and that dancing be permitted either to the "soft music" or to the records.

The Kibutzim (farm collective colonies), of which there are several hundred throughout Palestine, are practically all under Communist domination.

IS THE STAGE BEING SET?

The prophecies of the Word of God having to do with these last days give clearly the picture that the Beast of the North, Russia, will eventually dominate, or will seek to dominate the strategic land of Palestine. And here before our eyes we have the drama unfolding: Israeli as a new born nation (and I speak frankly now, as a devoted lover of my people, the seed of Abraham) has little if any chance of finding a successful solution of its overwhelming problems. Those in charge of the Government have never had any experience as statesmen, they are stumbling their way about on the theory of trial and error. Money they have not, goods to sell to the world they have not, and food they have not. The cost of living is incredibly high, and sooner or later a revolution may break out. It may startle our people in America to know that if it were not for the almost tidal wave of millions of dollars that the Jews in America are pouring out for shipment to support their compatriots in Palestine, the entire Israeli project would undoubtedly collapse and within a few months there would be many thousands of corpses in Palestine instead of vigorous alerted warriors fighting for victory. This is not secret, and it is admitted freely by

all in Israeli. And there is even something else which is being admitted now and which does not make happy reading: You will remember that the United Jewish Appeal had jacked up its goal for the year 1949 to the dizzy pinnacle of \$250,000,000. This was the minimum sum set by the Jewish leaders that simply must be had in order to keep Israeli alive and give them food and shelter and clothing and war matériel. But it was with long faces that I was told in Palestine that this colossal dream of \$250,000,000 had evaporated down to the point where they have been informed that they cannot possibly hope to get from America more than \$60,000,000!

The world of nations is not yet agreed on what is to be done with Jerusalem, and the Israeli Government is so cocksure of itself that they are actually insisting that Jerusalem shall be given over to the Jews and shall not be International!

And yet, the Word of God indicates that in the days when the Beast of the North will come swooping down to take a spoil, the people of Israel will be in the midst of prosperity and lavish abundance. How can this be in the face of the facts that we have just put before you? The answer is that there is just one last lone hope, one brilliant shining star in the black heavens about them, and that hope is, believe it or not—Oil! I was astonished to learn that our American oil companies are now paying out to Ibn Saud, Sultan of Saudi Arabia, the staggering sum of \$150,000 every day of the year, as royalties! — royalties on the oil which these companies are bringing up each day from the ground, and shipping to all parts of the world! Right adjoining the Arabian oil fields lies the mystic land called Negev. Every geologist who has made examination along the line of the Negev territory has practically sworn that there is no question but that there is oil in the Negev. But just now there is an armistice, and the Arab sentinel stands guard on the frontier lines, and the Jew cannot enter. But the plans are being made for drilling in the Negev for oil just as soon as any sort of treaty will be agreed upon between the Arabs and the Jews. And if they should ever strike oil in the Negev that would be an economic explosion that would literally rock the world. Israel would be rolling in wealth, and you may easily imagine the bulging eyes of a Stalin, of a Molotov, of a Vishinsky. Then will Ezekiel 38 become a living reality.

WHAT ABOUT THE 144,000?

My space is gone, my time is out, and I must stop, although I have not begun to tell you a fraction of the story. But this I must say before I stop. Moreover, I must leave out entirely the story of my work in Europe this summer; perhaps later on I can give it to you in these columns. For example, we are very proud of our work in Paris. God has blessed us abundantly there, and your investment and patience and prayers of these many years are bringing a marvelous harvest of precious Jewish souls. I think next to our own Headquarters Building here in New York, the Paris work is drawing the largest audiences of Jewish believers and of Jewish inquirers, of any of our other Branches over the world. Under the careful teaching ministry and the guiding control of our Honorary Director, Pastor Henri Vincent, and our faithful missionary, Pastor André Frankl, the work is going forward by leaps and bounds. And we are more privileged than we can realize that God is putting these honors upon us.

telling the coming judgments of the Lord, but Israel as such so commands the true prophet when he preaches to them an unwelcome message from the Lord. God takes the people at their word and in judgment gives them their evil desire. They will have no prophets to prophesy to them. But by the same token there will be no removal of their shame. If the true prophets do not prophesy to the unrighteous (verses 1 and 2) because of their sins, then the reproach and shame of the nation will not depart, but destruction will fall upon them. When man is given his desire, a desire not born of the Lord, then leanness of soul always accompanies it. Now the prophet Micah meets the charge as to whether the absence of prophecies of blessing can be laid to a lack on the part of the Spirit of the Lord. Is His compassion less than it has been in the past? Does the Lord find pleasure in His predictions of judgment? It is because of Israel's sin that the punishments foretold by the prophets were necessary in the first place. Repeatedly the Scriptures make it plain that the heart of God does not delight in afflicting His creatures: punishment results only when His loving entreaties are spurned and not heeded. Moreover, if their ways had been pleasing to the Lord and they had done His will, His words would not have come to them in the form of threatenings. If they would but walk uprightly, the Lord would ever delight to do them good. God would have noted repentance if it had been present, and He would have wrought on behalf of the godly. There was, then, no constraint in the Lord in His dealings with them, but the fault lay with them.

UNGODLINESS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

And in order to reveal how blameworthy they were, the prophet again

turns to picture their multiplied sins which are so grievous in the sight of the Lord. Even in recent times their oppressions have increased, so that they are likened to an enemy and an invading foe. The garment mentioned may be the covering of the poor at night. The ones who are the objects of the plundering are probably peaceful and innocent passers-by. Life is made insecure for those who have no intentions of harm toward their fellow-countrymen. The women who are cast out of their pleasant houses are doubtless widows, unprotected and unsuspecting. And their orphan children are spoiled of their sustenance also. The pleasant houses are the homes inherited from their husbands to which memories cling. Their properties are seized heartlessly and they are evicted. The glory spoken of with reference to the young children is the substance given them of God, a proof of the blessing of God on them. Sex nor age made any difference to the oppressors of the people. Nor was there contrition on the part of those responsible for these outrages, for the passage indicates they intended to continue such actions "for ever." That society is indeed in a low state of morality when even widows and orphans are not spared. These are set forth throughout the Bible as the special charges of the Lord, and he who deals with them perversely does not do so with impunity. Therefore, the Lord commands peremptorily: "Arise ye, and depart." Some students of this passage understand the command to be addressed to the godly who could not find rest in the midst of such pollution. We understand it, however, to be directed to the ungodly who will be dispossessed of their inheritances as they go into the already predicted exile. God is threatening them again with a re-

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CHAPTER II — Instalment 2

ISRAEL'S GLARING SINS

IF chapter one denounces the sins of God's people against the Lord, chapter two rebukes just as clearly and fearlessly crimes against man. Violence and oppression are indicated as the moral reasons for the judgment of God. The prophet Micah pronounces woe upon the nobility of the land because at night upon their beds they occupy themselves with premeditating evil, with conceiving the plan, then with working out the fuller scheme or arranging ways and means, and finally with the putting of the device into operation with the coming of morning. Verse 2 makes clear what the evil plottings of the wicked have in view. They covet the fields and property of others and by violence and oppression they seize them, as did wicked Ahab and Jezebel the rightful heritage of Naboth.

THE NATION EXILED

In contrast to the wicked devisings of the ungodly the righteous God warns the nation, with special reference to those who perpetrate the deeds of verses 1 and 2, that He is devising an evil against them. He will place upon them a yoke from which they will not be able to remove their necks. This God-imposed yoke is the invasion of the land by the enemy and the exile of the people from their land. No longer will the great of the land walk haughtily, for they will be prevented from doing so because of the yoke upon their necks. It will be an evil hour, the time of their captivity. To add to the misery of Israel in the hour

of their calamity, their enemies will take up a parable to deride and mock them. They will evidently use Israel's own words. The three Hebrew words ("nahah, nehi, niyah" — an expressive play on words) give the impression of a monotonous wail: "lament with a lament of lamentation." Then those undergoing the judgment in Israel will bewail the fact that God has given their land to the nations about them. The land is taken from them as a punishment for their plunder of the inheritance of the poor of the nation. Their fields will be given to the rebellious, the nations who are their enemies. The probable meaning of verse 5 is this: because of the sins of verses 1 and 2 no one will have an inheritance or possession apportioned out to him. See for the first division of the land by lot, using a line for measurement, Joshua 13:6. The division of Israel's land was now to be made by Israel's foes, not by herself. They will be completely at the mercy of their enemies, so that they will not be allowed to divide parts of the land for inheritance. The ungodly among the leaders of the people will have no further share in the inheritance of the Lord's people. In seizing the portion of others they lose their own.

THE FALSE PROPHETS

Evil devisings, covetousness, oppression, and pride are accompanied by a hardness of heart that will not hear the message and word that come from the prophet of God. It is not only the false prophets who would prohibit the true prophets from fore-

But now back to Palestine. The Book tells us that in those frightful days of the Armageddon there will be 144,000 Jews who will rise to testify to the coming of the Kingdom. The Church will be gone, and so this Gospel of the Kingdom will be the preaching of the coming of the Lord Himself to the Mount of Olives, and not the preaching of the Gospel of the Grace of God. Now what we want to do is to establish in Jerusalem a Mission Station of our own, where we can gather together the believers who are in Palestine, educate their children, build into their hearts a courage and a fearlessness, and then through this little Gideon's army, we must impregnate by their nation-wide and courageous testimony, the whole of the Israeli body politic, with the rudimentary facts of the Gospel message. Thus, out of this seed sowing, we shall be the means of making possible that later group of 144,000 that will rise in the day of such hell agony as never Israel has known before, and will call the People of Israel to repentance.

OPPORTUNITY CALLS

There is no question in my mind that the Lord led me very definitely this time to contact a faithful Jewish Christian brother who, likeminded with me, has seen this vision, and has agreed to join hands with us and undertake this task that I have outlined. He knows Palestine well, he has had a remarkable conversion, and has been serving the Lord a good many years. But now he sees the prophetic vision with us and is ready to act along the lines I have indicated in this letter. The cost will be, we assume, not less than \$10,000 for the first year and then it may have to be expanded rapidly and of course would be expanded just as fast as the Lord gave us the funds with which to operate. Our Board of Directors has taken hold of this with a zeal born only of the Holy Spirit's leading, and we are going ahead. But



Your General Secretary in Jerusalem

we must share the burden with every friend of the Mission, and we are passing it on to you now that you shall uphold our hands and put at our disposal the resources that will be needed from time to time with which we shall carry on. We may have to buy property in Jerusalem, although in the meantime we shall rent quarters of some kind. We may have to support Jewish children who have put all their trust on the Lord Jesus Christ; we

may have to find employment for believers who will be thrown out of employment. All these things we must stand ready to do. Are you with us?

The pages that follow will cheer your heart as you read of the lavishness with which the Lord has poured out His Spirit of blessing upon us. Never before have we had so many of the people of Israel seeking God, never before so many conversions, never before so deep a spirit of inquiry, so great a reverence for God's Word and for us as His messengers. Truly the time is rapidly coming that will be God's set time to favor Zion. What a day for us to be living in! And what a privilege and an honor God has bestowed upon you and upon us together that we shall be so clearly and so closely in His will in these dramatic days of a collapsing civilization and of a crimson sky that blazons out the signals of a fire that soon shall light the world of darkness, and shall usher in that day of days when He shall sit upon the Throne of David, and peace shall roll like a river over this bloody earth of ours. So, rejoice with us, and keep on praying with us, and working with us, and we shall see some brilliant outpourings of His blessings. The promise still holds, "The Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel," and the invitation still is valid, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

Ever faithfully yours in His service for Israel,

J. Hoffman Cohen.

P. S. As this letter is being prepared, the Summer's End Conference has just begun. It is already the finest and most blessed gathering of this sort that we have ever had. The full tide of God's rich blessing is upon us. Our Chapel is jammed to the doors, there are many pastors and Bible teachers present, and they have their note-books and their Bibles, and they seek earnestly for truth for these last days of an age which is crumbling before our eyes. We hope to give at least a brief report of these meetings next month. In the meantime you will give thanks to God with us for His manifest presence.

Likewise, we are unable to give you in this issue a report of a wonderfully successful Summer Camp at Hananeel, the treasured spot where our Mission children look forward each year for a time of spiritual refreshing and growth. We hope to include this also, next month.

Now the point is that this land is held sacred by the Arabs, and is second only to the Temple at Mecca, in the reverence and adoration and worship of the Moslems. If the Jews were ever to get possession of this land it would mean that they would have to virtually kill every Arab on the face of the earth. Because that is the last position that the Arabs ever will give up. But now comes this amazing piece of fantasy from Lawrence Langner, and while we ourselves would attach little value to his dream, yet it shows how a secular idea originating in the brain cell of some man of the street, can begin to gain a foothold and gather strength until it may eventually become a reality, and demonstrate once more how the wisdom and wrath of men can be turned by God to His purposes and to His Glory.

This Mr. Langner, of whom we know nothing, and of whom we never have heard before until we saw this article, is apparently an inventor and an engineer and perhaps a mechanic of some parts. But the fact that a man is an engineer or a mechanic does not necessarily accredit him as a Bible expositor. Often the more a man knows about things of the world, the less he knows about things of the spirit. You remember it was Henry Ford who knew all about taking a few pieces of tin and having them roll on wheels, but made a world laughing-stock of himself when during the early part of World War I he hired a ship and took with him a boat-load of crackpots and long-haired simpletons with the cry, "Get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas." But in the middle of the voyage the crackpots and the starry-eyed world fixers got into quite a set battle, with resulting fist fights, and many other accompaniments of the day dreamer's paradise; and the ship came back to New

York a hopeless and much ridiculed flop. All of which only shows that a man may be a success in business or in some mechanical field but be a hopeless failure when it comes to the things of God. However, this is a most interesting sign of the times, and only reveals how things which seemed impossible a few decades ago suddenly pop up as being the most desirous and most immediately possible things of all.

The conquest of "The **Chil-** China by Russia will **dren of this** be effected shortly and **World**" will give the Soviets a total population of between 700,000,000 and 800,000,000 persons, George E. Sokolsky, New York Sun columnist, told members of the Advertising Club of New York today. He was the guest at the club's final Celebrity Luncheon of the year.

"While we are talking, they are creating one world" he declared.

"If China is going to Russia, as it is now going, we are in peril," Sokolsky said, and pointed out that Russia then would have the thousands of miles of China's seacoast to be used as submarine and ship bases.

"This is a speech of gloom, of fear," the columnist said, "if only those 'great' men in Washington will get a little fear in their hearts and understanding in their minds, we might save this world," he said.

Sokolsky asserted that there were many things happening in the world today that were more important than the result of the recent elections and declared that the Russian onslaught on China was one of them. — *The N. Y. Sun.*

Truly, "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Luke 16:8. And the child of God knows the time of our redemption draweth nigh.

Pilgrim's Periscope

"For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Heb. 13:14.

Rebuilding the Temple WILL the Jews ever rebuild the Temple on Mount Moriah? If so, will they rebuild before the coming of Christ? Will it be before the Armageddon? These are some of the questions that have been troubling the minds and souls of the Lord's people for the last one hundred years or more. To the run-of-the-mill man on the street, there has always seemed something strange and unexplainable in the question as to whether the Jews would or could ever rebuild the old Temple of Solomon. Unquestionably, a literal understanding of the Prophetic Word certainly indicates that there will be the Temple rebuilt. But, when or how, this information is not given in sufficiently clear form to justify dogmatic assertions. Isaiah 66:1, would lead to the conclusion that there will be some sort of a temple in existence when the Lord comes. The last part of Ezekiel also has in view not only the rebuilding of the Temple but even the establishing of sacrifices.

But while we are in the midst of wondering how this is all going to be, and when, and where, there comes suddenly a piece of news from the press which we quote verbatim:

Lawrence Langner, one of the country's most versatile men, has come up with one of his mightiest dreams. Which is tantamount to saying that he will see it through to fruition.

The inventor, patent attorney, founder of the Theater Guild, playwright, philanthropist, etc., etc., is spearheading a drive that would more firmly establish Jerusalem as the spiritual capital of the world.

He would erect in the Holy City the foremost synagogue on earth to take

its place beside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Great Mosque, the latter an incredible twelfth century edifice erected on the site of Solomon's Temple and the later temple in which Christ taught.

World contributions for the synagogue would be divided also among the Catholic and Moslem shrines, for restoration and undoing of war damages. The division, if the contributor is Jewish, would be 50 per cent to the building of the synagogue, 25 per cent to the Catholic and 25 per cent to the Arab shrines. If the contribution was from an Arab, 50 per cent would go to his own shrines, 25 per cent to the others, and the same would be true of Catholic contributions.

Langner points out that from the Holy City has sprung the religious faiths of more than a billion living humans. He sees in its establishment as a spiritual capital an unmatched opportunity to strengthen the peace.

Langner created the pre-war "Inventors Council" which passed on more than 300,000 inventions and produced, among other semi-priceless results, the land-mine detector that made possible Montgomery's desert victory and countless subsequent Allied drives.

Now of course the Arabs own the land on which rested the Old Temple of Solomon. On that piece of ground there stands now the huge building known as the Dome of the Rock, popularly called the Mosque of Omar. This Mosque is built directly over the huge stone, called the Rock, which is none other than the old Mount Moriah, where you remember it was that Abraham brought his son Isaac for the expected sacrifice. This Mount Moriah is grooved and deeply stained and colored, because of the countless thousands of animals that were sacrificed here through all the ages gone by, so that the blood ran down these grooves. All this your writer saw for himself on one of his visits before World War II.

Incidents In The Work

WHAT I SAW AND HEARD AT THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE JEWS IN NEW YORK CITY

By Evangelist John C. Kastelein

FOR a long time in the past I have always had an interest in the evangelization of the Jewish people and have therefore been a friend to the Jews, and to the Jewish Mission on 72nd Street in New York City of which Dr. Cohn is the Director.

It was our privilege some weeks ago to sit down with Dr. Cohn in his office in New York City. It was during the Easter week and he told me that there was to be a baptismal service next Sunday morning of five Jewesses. This was on Easter Sunday morning. I was thrilled to hear about it and I told him that I would plan to spend Easter Sunday at the Mission.

I must truthfully say that I don't know when I had a happier Easter Sunday in my life. Oh, what a thrill it gave me to hear all these dear Jewish converts sing the songs of Zion, and to see the Lord's table spread that morning and to partake with them the bread and the wine to remember the Lord Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection and His glorious return for His own people.

I wish that you could have heard the creed that was read that morning. It was not the Apostle's creed, but it was a creed which every church ought to have; and every church ought to believe the things which were read that morning. Everything was true to the Word of God.

FIVE BAPTISMS — THE FINAL BREAK

The real joy that morning which thrilled my soul to its very depth was to see and to hear the five fine Jewesses confess the Lord Jesus Christ

publicly in the waters of baptism. They each gave a real clear-cut testimony of their personal experience with the Lord. For a Jew, or a Jewess, to receive Christian baptism means to be cut off as a member of their own families. To them it really means something. It means persecution, it means that to their own fathers and mothers they become as dead and buried children. It means the loss of business, and friendships. Yes, baptism to a Jewish convert has a depth of meaning.

At the close of the morning service Dr. Cohn gave opportunity for converts to testify concerning their experience with the Lord. I wish that you could have been there to hear it for yourself. There was no hesitancy on the part of people to stand on their feet quickly and give their testimony of what Christ had done for them. Oh, how they would praise the Lord! I remember Dr. Cohn would say, "Now just two more, because it's getting late"; but they just could not stop to praise the Lord and to testify of His redeeming grace.

"MINE EYES HAVE SEEN"

I left there on that Sunday morning very much blessed in my soul. I do praise the Lord for the privilege that was mine to be there and to see with my own eyes what I have been supporting for some years.

I would like to say to every one of you Gentile Christians who may read this article, if you ever get into New York City, don't fail to visit the American Board of Missions to the Jews. You will get the thrill of your

life to see and to hear what the Lord is doing and has been doing through his faithful servant, Dr. Cohn.

Let us remember too that we Gentile Christians owe the Gospel to the Jews. The great Apostle Paul said, "To the Jew First." I feel sorry for the church that does not have any room for the Jews on its program, nor ever gives a cent to the support of the evangelization of the Jews. May we as Christians do our part in these trying days for Israel, as well as for every other race, to bring the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to those who are still without the knowledge of Him.

DO YOU WANT GOD'S BLESSING?

May we pray more for Israel and for those who are working among God's ancient people. The Lord has given us His promise in His Word, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." Do you want God's blessing? Then try to bring a blessing to Israel. To those of you who have never had any part in supporting a Jewish work and would like to have a real share in helping to bring Christ to the Jews of the world, I would like to say that your money would be used for the glory of God if you send it to the American Board of Missions to the Jews. I have seen with my own eyes and heard with my own ears what is being done there.

May the Lord continue to bless and use Dr. Cohn and his co-workers for the glory of God and for the salvation of many precious Jewish souls for which the Lord Jesus Christ also died.

I say again that I thank the Lord for the joy that has been mine to visit at the American Board of Missions to the Jews, in New York City. May the Lord bless all the friends who support the work there and may the Lord raise up more helpers for this

great work. God bless you, Dr. Cohn, as you plan your trip to the Holy Land soon. May the Lord keep you, and use you there for His glory. May your trip to the Holy Land and back be a real blessing to the people here in this country as you come back and bring your experiences to the people here of what you saw in Palestine. The Lord willing, we hope to be in New York City again some day and we would not think of being in the City and not stopping to worship with you again. God bless you and use you for His glory.

FRUIT FROM FAITHFUL WITNESSING

Visible results of patient labor and prayer are like medicine to the soul. Dr. H. A. Marko, our Field Evangelist in Texas, writes of a blessed gathering of Jewish believers, all of them his children in the Gospel. Do you wonder he is happy? And proud? This is the kind of work all our fellow-laborers are doing day by day, thus squeezing out of your every Jewish Mission dollar one hundred cents of toil, sweat and tears. But they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. The tears come first, the joy comes after.

ENCLOSED find a group picture in which there are twenty-one Christian Jews, all baptized believers, each and everyone of them belonging to a New Testament Gospel Church, representing six families of Austin and San Antonio. These are the visible results of the years that I have been connected with our Mission. Again I want to say that they are the results of much prayer, patient witnessing, and much travel to and fro. In fact, you know how much tireless labor is involved in witnessing to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

On July 10th we had a Hebrew Christian Fellowship gathering with our Christian friends in San Antonio, Texas. We started the day with the

of war is under cultivation; he said:

"Those areas of our state which our soldiers captured and liberated will not flourish in our hands if 90 per cent remain deserted and empty. Our whole independence lies in the balance if we remain so few in a country encompassed on all sides by strong and active enemies."

The military demonstration was Israel's way of celebrating "V-Day." Its most dramatic moment came when Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israeli President, presented the first Israeli medals for valor to seven soldiers during the review. He also bestowed posthumous awards on the parents of three soldiers killed in battle.

Brigadier Yaakov Dori, Chief of Staff, in an order of the day to the massed troops, said that Israel did not seek war but must be prepared for it. "So long as the armies of the Arab states crowd at our frontiers and speak of piling up arms and of fortifying their military forces, there can be no security except through our army," he said.

The army that went on parade probably has no parallel for diversity of equipment. It wore American helmets and rode mainly in American jeeps and trucks. Its khaki dress—to ward off the blazing summer heat—was similar to American.

Its style of march reflected the British Army. Its 6 and 25-pounder artillery pieces were of British manufacture. Its rifles were preponderantly Czechoslovakian; its fighter planes were German Messerschmitts; its long-barreled, rapid-fire anti-aircraft guns were Swedish. To complete the picture, one of the infantry units which participated in the march was recruited from Arab Druze villages.—*N. Y. Herald Tribune*.

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The "Protective Association of Victims of the Restitution Laws"—an or-

ganisation composed of former Nazis who have been forced to return property taken from Jews under the Hitler regime—has asked the Austrian Catholic hierarchy to intervene against the restitution laws which, it says, "are carried out against innocent victims in the spirit of retribution laid down in the Talmud."

In a letter addressed to a recent conference of Austrian bishops in Vienna, the Association says that the Austrian people, as good Catholics, accepted the new regime in 1938 "in the spirit of the word of God and in accordance with the orders of its Church hierarchy." Therefore, it had regarded the organs of the new régime as the lawful representatives of the legal State administration.

In thus discreetly reminding the Catholic Church of its own attitude during the Nazi régime and implying that the Church, to say the least, had silently condoned the forceful expropriation of Jews, the former Nazis hope to enlist its sympathy in their fight to prevent the restitution of Jewish property.

All neo-Nazi papers here made great play of the letter, while other papers reprinted it without comment.

Meanwhile the Vienna Jewish Community has protested to Cardinal Innitzer, head of the Austrian Catholic hierarchy, against the wording of a parish leaflet which contains a direct reference to ritual murder which is alleged to be perpetrated by Jews.

The leaflet, issued by the parish council of Rudolfsheim, a district of Vienna, to induce the local inhabitants to visit their church more regularly, contains the following passage in the description of the altar:

"The panel shows . . . the figure of the boy Rudolf, who was slaughtered by the Jews. He indicates the manner of his death by holding a knife."—*The Jewish Chronicle*.

Jewish Notes

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (A.P.)—The Jewish population of Jerusalem paid its last respects today to Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of modern political Zionism.

Long lines filed past his body, lying in state in the courtyard of the Jewish Agency building. Interment was scheduled for later in the day in a newly built concrete bombproof tomb on the highest hill in Jerusalem's western suburbs.

Dr. Herzl died in Vienna in 1904. A plane yesterday brought his remains from Austria to Tel Aviv, where about 200,000 persons filed past the coffin outside the Israeli Parliament building in bright moonlight last night. The funeral procession moved off to Jerusalem before dawn, while floodlights played on the bier and a full-dress military guard of honor saluted.

Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion said it was "not a funeral procession but a victory march — victory over a vision that became a reality." The procession followed the same route to Jerusalem that Dr. Herzl used on his pilgrimage a half century ago. Villages along the way were decorated with floral arches.

All Israeli Government ministers, high officials and members of Parliament assembled in Jerusalem for the entombment ceremony.—*N. Y. Sun.*

[Our readers may like to turn now to Exodus 13:19 and read: "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you."]

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TEL AVIV, July 17—The Israeli Army allowed some of its long-cherished secret weapons to go on public display today as part of the

annual Army Day review and parade which was witnessed by 200,000 cheering civilians.

Above the parade ground, in a Tel Aviv suburb, where 5,000 troops and vehicles massed, three Flying Fortresses made repeated low-altitude passes so that the Zionist Star emblazoned on their fuselage could be easily seen. For the first time, the powerful bombers, which played a decisive role in Israel's military campaign, cast off their secret role.

Off the Tel Aviv coast, a destroyer steamed at the head of a naval convoy which included several corvettes.

On the parade ground, French 120-millimeter mortars, a Swedish rapid-fire anti-aircraft gun and military equipment from a score of other nations passed the reviewing stand where the diplomatic corps, foreign military observers and Israeli officials were gathered.

For two hours, soldiers and guns marched in Israeli's largest and most impressive military demonstration.

While the troops were massed before the parade stand, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion gave warning that their battle prowess might again be tested.

"We cannot close our eyes," he declared, "to those in Arab states who are again calling for a war of vengeance."

He said that a supreme and protracted effort would be required by the armed forces to guarantee Israel's security. Then he made a strong appeal to world Jewry, to emigrate to Israel.

The Prime Minister pointed out that "less than 10 per cent of the people of Israel" were living in the state. Less than 20 per cent of the land which Israel holds as the result



Group of Jewish believers in Texas. All are converts of Dr. H. A. Marko

morning service at the Hot Wells Baptist Church, Brother Joe MacNamee, Pastor. This brother turned to me and said, "Harry, the service is yours to conduct in your own way." The congregation sang two beautiful hymns, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Dr. A. H. Broden, a Hebrew Christian, offered the morning prayer, after which the church offering was taken. Before the message, my daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Law, sang a special number, "Why Should He Love Me So?" which stirred the people to tears. I then brought the message, "Why Does the World hate the Jews?" The people were then given the opportunity to become friends of our Mission and to have fellowship with us by their love gifts.

FELLOWSHIP FEAST

We had our picnic dinner in Roosevelt Park where about thirty-five friends gathered to have fellowship. There was plenty of fried chicken, southern style, potato salad, iced watermelon and many other good things. We gathered around the tables, sang the Doxology, after which Rev. A. Bruton, Pastor of Palm Heights Baptist Church, led in prayer and asked the blessing upon the food.

At four o'clock we gathered at the First Baptist Church Chapel for song, praise and testimonies. We started the service by singing the coronation hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and prayer was offered by the Assistant Pastor, Dr. Melvin Roberts. For the hymn of praise we sang, "Glory to His Name." I brought a short message on our Mission and its outreaching program around the world, how Jews are turning to Christ wherever our Mission is represented. After this we had testimonies. Between each testimony I used as a solo a verse of "Saved by Grace." The first to give his testimony was Dr. A. H. Broden, a surgeon, a Hebrew Christian, age sixty-three. There wasn't a dry eye in the congregation when he had finished. My granddaughter, Celia Law, age thirteen, now a child of the Lord for two years, with a desire to be a missionary to the Jews, gave her testimony of what Jesus means to her. The third one, another fruit of my labors in the Lord, Sgt. Bob Rosenberg, gave his testimony of what the Lord means to him. He pointed out that before he was saved he was a gambler, drinker, and heavy smoker; but today all these habits are gone. How happy he is in the Lord!

The last was a newly found child of the Lord, Eddie Goodman, lawyer by training, then a police reporter in Duluth, Minn., later a county judge. When World War II burst upon us, he joined the Army, received the rank of Major, and lost his eyesight. He is now a resident of San Antonio, Texas, and is led by a seeing-eye dog. Dr. Roberts gave the closing message but was so stirred that words failed him at the beginning. Our beloved brother, Joe MacNamee, closed the day with fervent prayer.

Enclosed you'll find a love gift as a result of Sunday's meeting. I just wanted you to share with us the rich experience of Sunday which the Lord so greatly blessed.

Trusting that this letter will find you in the best of health, in the center of His will, and in the hollow of His hand.

A NATION BORN IN A DAY?

A new tract just out. It is entitled, "What Next in Palestine? — Can These Dry Bones Live?" Our brother, Rev. Emil D. Gruen, in collaboration with others on our staff, has produced what we feel will be a welcome and helpful discussion of the questions that have arisen in the newest Zionist and Israeli developments. Full rebuttal is provided against the latest fantasy that Israeli's *de facto coup de etat* is the fulfillment of the promise that a nation shall be born in a day! The child of God needs to be forewarned against superficial and unenlightened utterances by misguided and impulsive brethren. Even some Bible teachers and preachers have been duped by such unscriptural pronouncements; and we are glad to be of some little help in setting them right.

This new brochure has 28 pages, so you get plenty for your money.

Together with Dr. Charles L. Feinberg's treatise, "Isaac and Ishmael, Twentieth Century Version," this will give to the earnest seeker for truth, much that he needs to know at the present time, in order to understand the present Arab-Israel-Britain triangle of confusion.

Send 10 cents for this new brochure: or 15 cents for the two. In quantity, the prices are much lower — less than half.

INSIDE GERMANY

You will be happy to read this brief word from our Brother Burgstahler, through whom we have been privileged to send clothing and food, and more precious than all, New Testaments in Yiddish. Our Mr. Jones in Hamilton, Canada, is responsible for the food shipments to this area.

DEAR BROTHER:

We would be very thankful if you could send us some more shipments of clothing. Please send us thirty to forty boxes, as our need is very great.

All the other organizations only take care of the Juden-Christen who are not in the camps. We do that too, but besides that our love and interest belongs to the D. P. Jews, who suffered most in the last few years. Some among those are Juden-Christen and while doing mission work we were discovering new families. Some others are still Jews but they opened their heart to the evangelization and we consider these people brothers in Jesus. These people are neglected by the Jewish Distribution Agency.

I want to thank you with all my heart for the food-packages I got, specially those from your Hamilton Mission. It certainly was a big help. My workers could not help crying, when so many people opened their heart, the demand for New Testaments was big. But we sometimes have to struggle hard.

FROM POLAND, TO PARIS, TO ROME, TO AUSTRALIA

IT is a D.P. Concentration Camp in Italy. To a Jewish boy in the camp we had sent a box of food. In the box was a Gospel tract in Yiddish. This tract meant more to that boy than all the twenty-two pounds of food. Thus, began a correspondence and in due time the boy accepted Christ and of course was made to suffer for it.

Came my trip to Rome this past summer, and once more I saw the boy. Twenty-seven relatives he had had, father, mother, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and so on, and everyone of them died the death of the slaughter house in the Nazi gas ovens. To Paris I took him with me, and gave him several weeks' intensive experience with our Mission and with our workers there. Through the devious red tape artistry of Government bureaucrats, a visa was finally forthcoming, whereby he is to be shipped to Australia to start life afresh.

We have stepped into the picture to the extent that when he arrives in Australia he is to be taken over by a group of devout believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and lovers of Israel, and there we will be responsible for his training and preparation for becoming a Gospel preacher to the Jews in Australia. Thus, without our seeking, and without our maneuvering, the Lord has put upon us the responsibility for gospelizing the Jews in a Continent where we have never before labored. The boy is only twenty-two years of age, and it looks to us as though the Lord has a brilliant future for him.

On July 24th, our Honorary Director of the Paris Headquarters, Pastor Henry Vincent, administered to this boy the rite of baptism. It was a blessed and holy occasion. Then fol-

lowed a letter to me from this new convert:

MY DEAR BROTHER JOSEPH COHN:

I greet you arriving in your country. I believed the Lord of Heaven protected your voyage and safety on your return trip.

At present I will inform you everything about me. After your leaving Paris I'm taken lessons from Pastor Frankl; also I received many books from Pastor Vincent and so I make large progress toward the truth, to the duty of every believer to love profound our Lord Jesus Christ. July 24th, the day will remain deep in my heart, deep in my conscience. The day will be the first one of my happy time. I will never, never forget the historical moment of my life. I thank God for the wonderful way in which He conducts me. My way into love and being loved, love my friends and love my enemies. So I feel very young after the July 24th, 1949. I feel like a baby, like a new man which had been born only days ago. Of course the day was to me so different from other days. I can't tell you how it was, I'm not able to express my great joy. It was extraordinary in the day when I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, God took off all my sins and I remained pure, pure to love His rule of love. At the day I have been baptized, I feel again like a new born.

Before my baptize, I made a speech and Pastor Vincent translated in French; all people were very glad and delighted with me, also Pastor Vincent and Pastor Frankl, they and all believers kissed me and shook my hands. I'm happy to be a new man and serve my Lord Jesus Christ.

I close my letter, I, Moses, the Son of Jesus Christ, His true believer and servant. Always in His service to Him and for Him my life. I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,

MOSES HOFFMAN.

And so your Mission is now embarked on a new undertaking, another lengthening of the cords, and another strengthening of the stakes. You will pray with us, and you will remember this boy in your prayers. We hope to have more to report from him as the days go by.