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Salutation

"Salute every saint in Christ Jesus" — Philippians 4:21

DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:

"They shall part alike." David and his men had been serving in the army of Achish. While they were away the Amalekites attacked the city of Ziklag which had been left defenseless. They plundered the city and took the wives of David and his men into captivity. On David's return he found utter ruin. The homes had been burned; and the wives, children, and property of his men had been carried away.

David's men were wearied from their long march. Instead of home and rest they found ruin and devastation. It is small wonder that they were grieved and even talked about stoning their leader. "But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God" (1 Samuel 30:6). In his distress he inquired of the Lord and the Lord instructed him to pursue the Amalekites with the assurance that "thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all."

Although David and his men were exhausted from their long campaigns, he at once led his band of six hundred in pursuit of the spoilers who already had a long head start. When they reached the brook Besor two hundred of the men were so utterly fatigued that they could not ford the stream and had to be left behind. But these wearied and exhausted soldiers who were left behind were not useless. One of the reasons for their being so tired was that they had been transporting the heavy baggage of their warfare. This was left behind in the care of the two hundred; the other four hundred were relieved of this burden and so enabled to pursue their foe more swiftly.

AN EGYPTIAN SLAVE LEADS DAVID'S MEN TO THE ENEMY

On their way they stopped to pick up a sick Egyptian slave who had been cruelly abandoned by his Amalekite master. He was nearly dead, so they revived him with food and water and when "his spirit came again" they questioned him. The grateful slave led David and his men to where the Amalekites:

... were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah (1 Samuel 30:16).

Their revelry was turned to slaughter. Daniel's four hundred warriors attacked and swiftly and utterly routed the Amalekite host. The kidnapped wives and children were liberated and the lost spoil recaptured.

On the return to Besor there was a quarrel. The four hundred who had come to grapple with the enemy insisted that the spoil was theirs and that it should not be distributed among the two hundred who, in their opinion, had had no hand in winning it. Once more we see the magnificence of David's character. He reminded his men that it was the Lord who delivered the enemy into their hands. If the two hundred left behind had not remained with the baggage, the four hundred who pursued the enemy might have been too tired to notice the sick slave and would probably have been sleeping on the night of the attack. David laid down a principle of distribution that became the law of the land:

... as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike (1 Samuel 30:24).

FOR TWO MONTHS WE WILL BE SEPARATED FROM OUR READERS

"They shall part alike." It is now June and THE CHOSEN PEOPLE will not be published again until September. For a period of two months we will be separated from our readers, except for our Midsummer Letter which will accompany our Jewish Art Calendar about August 1st. During these months we shall be engaged in the battle, our summer schedule usually being the heaviest of all the year.

Already the summer camps for our Jewish young people are being garrisoned and supplied. Street meetings on the East and West Coasts are now beginning. At the height of the battle our stalwart soldiers will be physically exhausted and we will need faithful ones who will gladly serve as they "tarry by the stuff." This battle demands two kinds of service. With us, as it was with David and as it is in every campaign, some of the available strength has to be taken to guard the base of operations. The lines of communication must always be kept open. The sword is necessary but its wielding depends on the long train of baggage cars. The forwarding of supplies to the front lines is as indispensable to the conduct of our warfare as is the attack on the enemy.

In every work there is a distinction of duties and functions all of which must coordinate if the task is to be completed. There are few things which are the product of a single cause. In any machine all of its parts are equally necessary and a defect in a tiny cog could be just as disastrous as a flaw in the main shaft.

So in the work which God has given to us there are two forms of service, the direct and the indirect. Our missionaries will be in the front lines; they will come to grapple with the enemy:

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12).

But our hands will falter unless we know that there is a deep exchange of sympathy and prayer in our behalf.

OUR LORD GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO "TARRIED BY THE STUFF"

"They shall part alike." Our Lord Himself was grateful for those who "tarried by the stuff." There were the faithful women who ministered to His wants; there were the few members of the "inner circle" with whom He shared the mount of transfiguration; and there were the sisters of Bethany

in whose home He was sheltered before the cross. There was the owner of the upper room; there were the women who prepared the spices; and, yes, there was also the owner of the garden in which there was a new tomb. There were some places which only He could tread, but He had humble friends upon whom He called. Surely they "tarried by the stuff."

Paul was the greatest of missionaries but notice how he depends on his fellow-believers. There was "Epaphroditus, my . . . fellow soldier, . . . and he had ministered to my wants." Epaphroditus did not fight, but because he ministered to Paul's needs he is immortalized as a fellow soldier. There was also "Onesiphorus, for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain."

"They shall part alike." Yes, there are two kinds of service and the one is just as important as the other. Our service for the Lord must necessarily be different in kind but it must be one in its essential motive. It is not what work we do, but for whom we work that classifies us. It is not the size of a book or the color of its binding that determines its place in the library—it is the subject matter.

THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF BEING "FULL-TIME" WORKERS

There was a time after I had accepted the Lord that I thought it was a special privilege to be called a "full-time" worker for our Lord. The years have passed by, and I now realize that we are all "full-time" workers for Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Some mechanic has worked full time, some farmer has toiled long hours, some have labored more abundantly so that I could be used in the front lines. We all serve the same Lord. Peter shows this relationship in service:

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ: to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever (1 Peter 4:11).

My mother couldn't speak in public. I once asked her to give her testimony at a meeting and the mere thought of getting up in front of an audience sent her blood pressure soaring. But I love to speak in public about our wonderful Lord. I'd rather preach than eat—and I love to eat! Yet I know that "they shall part alike" and to me that is seemingly unfair to my mother. It's much easier to preach than it is to scrub floors so that the children can be adequately fed and educated. I face many problems in my work but none such as my widowed mother had in caring for three growing and oft-times rebellious children. The ones bidden to the wedding feast who will hear the blessed words, "Friend, go up higher," will not always be those whose deeds fill the pages of history. At that time there will be startling new principles of seating arrangements.

"EVERY MAN'S WORK SHALL BE MANIFEST"—

It is not necessarily deeds, but character that is rewarded. It is by deeds that we build upon the foundation, but what is made manifest is revealed by fire. The wood, hay, and stubble will burn, but the gold, silver, and precious stones will remain. The faithful servant enters into the joy of the Lord. He who faithfully administered his talents will rule over the same

number of cities that were given to his care. The capacity for service throughout eternity is the result of stewardship faithfully rendered in this life.

Peter was a man of action. He earnestly desired to do great things for the Lord. We admire his zeal but we readily sympathize with him in his utter failure. Three times he denied his Lord. After the resurrection our blessed Lord asked him the same question three times, "Lovest thou me?" At each of Peter's answers our Lord gave a command—"Feed my lambs," "Feed my sheep." Then Peter learned his lesson. It was not a desire for greatness that was to be his motive as he fed the sheep; it was love for the Lord. It wasn't even love for the sheep; it was love for the Lord that would impel him to feed the sheep. He who loves his Lord the most will feed his sheep the best.

It is love for the Lord which sends us as missionaries to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. It is the same love which motivates you as you faithfully stand "by the stuff." "They shall part alike." Our work demands two kinds of service each as important as the other, each to be rewarded alike, not according to actions, but according to character. Our Lord set His seal of approval upon David's edict when he said:

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward (Matthew 10:41).

MUCH TO PRAY FOR—HEALTH OF OUR WORKERS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

As we look forward to our summer program, we ask you to pray for the health of our workers. Physically it has been a difficult year with several of our missionaries undergoing serious operations, but one by one the Lord has restored each to his place of service. Then there are the young peoples' camps and other outdoor ministries for which we covet your prayers.

Once more our Conference Director, Rev. Emil D. Gruen, has planned many feasts of good things at our Bible conferences on Prophecy and the Jews. Pray for them; attend if you possibly can. Perhaps your pastor would benefit from such a conference. This summer's conferences and dates will be found in Brother Gruen's article on pages 8 and 9.

Please be sure that we have your correct address. About August 1st you will receive "Our Christmas gift in Midsummer"—our Midsummer Letter and Jewish Art Calendar. If you are planning to go on a vacation about that time, you might want to make arrangements with your Postmaster to forward your mail or hold it until you return.

Our hearts are full as we thank our God for His faithfulness and for His devoted servants who continue now as through the years to uphold our hands as we together serve Him Who loves us and hath redeemed us.

Faithfully yours for Israel's redemption,

Samuel Sachs

Incidents In the Work

"THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL"

Our blind evangelist, Alexander Marks, returns to Birmingham, Alabama, for the third time, meets an Orthodox Jew newly arrived in America from Israel, witnesses to several Jewish merchants, and travels a hundred miles to present the Gospel to a Jew in prison. Other reports from California and New York.

Many Hebrew Friends Greet Us in Birmingham

By REV. ALEXANDER MARKS
Missionary for Canada and U.S.A.



REV. MR. MARKS

TWO YEARS ago the Lord took me to Birmingham, Alabama, to work especially among my Hebrew people. Upon returning there this year, my third visit, I was greeted by my friend, Mr.

Bob Weeks, a dear lover of Israel, who arranged his business so as to give me five days a week of his time for four weeks, escorting me in his car to Jewish homes and stores. Many of the Jews we called on gave us a very good reception. I was thrilled to discover that there are a number of believing Jews in Birmingham who are members of the various churches.

One day Mr. Weeks and I saw ahead of us a man with a long beard, a long black coat and a black hat. We decided from his looks that he must be an Orthodox Jew. He was walking fast and we had difficulty catching up with him. I greeted him with the salutation in Hebrew, "Peace be unto you!" which surprised him. He told us he was a new arrival in America from the State of Israel, on a visit to this country. He became enthusiastic on the subject of Israel, and said, "You must return to Israel. It is the land of the Messiah."

When I asked him, "Who is the Messiah?" he answered, "The Son of David." I was amazed at his confidence in God. He said, "Egypt has its armies, but we have the God of Israel. God dealt with Pharaoh of old; He will certainly deal with Egypt today." We gave him some tracts and a copy of THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL containing the article, "Who Gave Israel to the Robbers?" When he told us he would be returning to New York, we invited him to call at our New York headquarters and meet our brother, Charles Kalisky, who spent eighteen years in Israel, and he promised to do so.

Mr. Weeks and I entered a Jewish store and the proprietor recognized me from a previous visit. He said, "I am converted. I married a Roman Catholic and have become one." A few days later I called on him again and he confessed that he had lied to me and explained that his reason for doing so was that he didn't like to discuss religion in his store, so the easiest way of avoiding it was to lie. I presented the Lord Jesus Christ to him as Israel's Messiah. He listened and seemed of an open mind. He gave me the names of two men whom he said were Hebrew Christians, one of them a teacher of a Bible class in a Baptist church and the other a member of a Presbyterian church. We called on these two brethren and found them to be active in the work of their churches.

We called on a Jewess who was said to be emotionally upset. Her husband was in prison and had been for two years. Her husband's father is a well-

known business man of Birmingham and a member of the synagogue. The father, when I called on him, said he thought his son needed a psychiatrist. I offered to visit the son who was in a Montgomery prison, a hundred miles from Birmingham. The father said, "I don't mind even if he believes in Christ so long as his life is changed."

I went to see the son. He told me that he was not a sinner, that he was born with a clean heart. I told him of King David and his confession in Psalm 51, "I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." We can only obtain pardon and forgiveness from God, I told him, when we confess our sins to Him. We offered him a New Testament and a number of tracts upon his promise to read them. A good friend of ours, a Hebrew Christian minister, promised to visit this man. We will continue to pray for him.

The husband of a Jewish family told us that when Jews become Christians a cross is tattooed on their left arm. To disprove this, I showed the man my left arm. He seemed satisfied. Then he said that in 1907 in Russia he had seen Roman Catholic priests order their people to attack Jews. His wife took up the argument and said, "Why do you try to convert Jews to Christ? Wouldn't it be better if you preached the teachings of Jesus Christ (which are very good) in churches and tried to make bad people good?" I told her, "I do preach to Gentiles in churches and know of some who once hated our people, but have changed and now love them." In her opinion all religions are good and she can't understand why we Jews don't convert Gentiles to Judaism, for, after all, didn't Jews give the world the Bible and Jesus Christ too? A son, who was present during our visit, seemed especially open to the Gospel. May all who read these words join us in prayer for this dear family.

A Jewish Teen-ager Stumbles and is Brought to Christ

By REV. THOMAS S. McCALL
Missionary, Los Angeles, Calif.



MR. McCALL

IT IS OFTEN interesting to trace how God sometimes brings us into contact with Jewish people whose hearts are open to the Gospel. A wonderful example of this is a teen-age Jewish boy named L. His story begins with a Christian policeman who walks his "beat" on a busy Los Angeles street, and often stops to talk with the people he meets. One day he spoke with a Gentile lady who with her Jewish husband owns a prosperous flower shop. She told him how L., her Jewish stepson, had, with some other teen-age boys, gotten into serious trouble with the law for stealing several automobiles. She said the boy needed help—spiritual help. The policeman spoke to his wife, and she in turn spoke to a Hebrew Christian pastor, the Rev. Marvin Jacobs, and told him the step-mother's story about L. Mr. Jacobs, in turn, telephoned the Rev. Martin M. Rosen, our Missionary here in Los Angeles. In this round-about way our Mission came to know about the request of the boy's step-mother on behalf of L.

But this was only the beginning. Our brother, Martin, made a trip to Juvenile Hall, talked with L., and accompanied him through the court hearing. In his talk with L., Martin presented the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah and only Saviour, but did not press the lad immediately for a decision. Since the Youth Program of our Mission has for the most part become my responsibility, Brother Martin suggested that I visit L. and seek

to bring him to the Lord. When I called on him, the boy seemed friendly, professed sorrow for his crimes, and appeared to be open to the truth about his Messiah, the Lord Jesus. Gradually the light of the Gospel began to dawn upon him. At length, after three or four visits, he prayed with me and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

L. had been sentenced to six months at a correctional camp, and it was, of course, a trying experience for him to be separated from his home and parents for so long a time. Now, however, he is a new creature in Christ and God is beginning to fill the needs of his heart. I continued to visit him and he completed several Bible studies while in camp.

May all who read this join us in prayer for L. that he may grow in grace, and for other teen-age Jewish boys in Los Angeles that they may become receptive to the glorious Gospel of salvation through our Messiah and Lord, Christ Jesus.

My Date With One Hebrew Finds Three Waiting

By MISS MADELEINE OSBORNE
Missionary, New York, N. Y.



MISS OSBORNE

ABOUT a year ago, a lady, Mrs. P., came into our Headquarters Building in New York City, and asked for one of our Jewish Art Calendars. Fortunately we had one for her. She was a lovely Jewess and I felt it to be a great privilege to talk with her about the things of God. When she left I prayed that the seed sown had fallen on good ground.

A few months later she came into our Headquarters Building again and asked for me. Evidently some of the things we had talked about at our first meeting—in answer to my prayer—remained with her for she invited me to her home in order that we might further discuss God's Word. We made an appointment and about a week later I arrived at her apartment. She was not in. As I stood waiting at her door, a young married woman came along and asked if she could be of help. She was Mrs. S., she said, a friend of Mrs. P., and knew that the latter, who had stepped out to the store, was expecting me.

To my surprise I discovered that Mrs. S., was joining us for lunch. Instead of having only one Jewess to whom to present the Lamb of God, I had two. This was surely of the Lord's leading. Mrs. S. could hardly believe it when I presented Yeshua to her as the Jewish Messiah. It was apparent she had never heard this before. I thanked God her heart was open to accept it.

I had still a third auditor. Mrs. P's 12-year old son arrived home from school as we were talking and became a listener to my message to the two women. Suddenly, looking straight at me, he asked, "Who is Jesus?" I told him the wonderful story of the Jewish Messiah who died for him. All three listened with complete attention. My heart was thrilled and overjoyed at this precious privilege.

As I was preparing to leave the boy said to Mrs. P., "Mother, when can the lady come again so that I can hear more of these stories?" Mrs. P. said to me as we parted, "Please don't forget us. Come again soon."

Won't you join us in prayer for these three precious Jewish souls that on my next visit it may be my privilege to lead them closer to the One who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"?

Five Prophetic Conferences Planned for the Summer of 1960

GOD'S WORD GIVES JOY

By REV. EMIL D. GRUEN, Conference Secretary

I rejoice at thy word (Psalm 119:162).

IN THESE days when the knowledge of men is cause for fear, how wonderful it is to have a source of knowledge that brings joy. The message that comes to us from the pages of newspapers and periodicals does not rejoice the heart, does not edify the mind, does not quicken the soul. But the study of God's Word is exhilarating, it lifts up the spirit, it delights the soul. Therefore, we have once again, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, arranged a series of summer conferences, times of refreshing and feasting on God's precious Word. In these conferences some of our Lord's choicest servants will lead us in the study of the Word on the signs of the times, Israel, the Church, the Second Coming of our Lord, and the Day of Jehovah.

We urge our many friends throughout the country to be with us at these conferences. Some of them will be held on beautiful conference grounds that offer relaxation and recreation as well as excellent facilities for meetings and accommodations. There will be abundant blessings awaiting you in the study of God's Word and in the fellowship of His saints.

The schedule of conferences is as follows:

OREGON ITINERARY — JULY 10 TO 20, 1960

From July 10th to 20th a series of conferences will be held in the following cities and churches:

Springfield, Oregon — First Conservative Baptist Church, Dr. R. Owen Douglass, Pastor. Sunday to Wednesday, July 10th to 13th.

Eugene, Oregon — River Road Baptist Chapel, Rev. Stanley V. Cain, Pastor. Sunday to Wednesday, July 10th to 13th.

Corvallis, Oregon — First Baptist Church, Dr. John B. Houser, Pastor. Wednesday to Sunday, July 13th to 17th.

Salem, Oregon — First Baptist Church, Rev. Arlin M. Halvorsen, Pastor. Wednesday to Sunday, July 13th to 17th.

Portland, Oregon — Evangelical Baptist Church, Rev. W. M. Whitwell, Pastor. Sunday to Wednesday, July 17th to 20th.

Hillsboro, Oregon — First Baptist Church, Rev. Russell K. Wood, Pastor. Sunday to Wednesday, July 17th to 20th.

Vancouver, Washington — Emanuel Baptist Church, Rev. Gordon R. Mumford, Pastor. Sunday to Wednesday, July 17th to 20th.

Our speakers will be our beloved Dr. Charles Lee Feinberg, Professor of Semitics and Old Testament and Director of Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, California; and from our Mission, Dr. Walter J. Atkinson, of Seattle, Washington; Rev. Emil D. Gruen, of New York City; and Rev. Elias Zimmerman, of Los Angeles, California.

THE FIRS — BELLINGHAM, WASH. — JULY 23 TO 28, 1960

Once again we will be spending days of blessed fellowship on the beautiful grounds of The Firs Bible and Missionary Conference. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our friends in the Pacific Northwest to

join with us in a week of Bible study and missionary challenge concerning Israel.

Rev. Grant Whipple, the director, and those associated with him, have created a wonderful atmosphere of Christian welcome and comfort as well as relaxation. Requests for reservations should be addressed to Mr. Whipple, care of The Firs, Bellingham, Washington.

Our speakers will be Dr. Charles L. Feinberg; and from our Mission, Dr. Walter J. Atkinson, Rev. Emil D. Gruen and Rev. Elias Zimmerman.

CEDAR LAKE, INDIANA — AUGUST 6 TO 13, 1960

From August 6th to 13th we will again be privileged to meet on the grounds of beautiful REST-A-WHILE. Yearly this conference has grown in attendance and blessings. It is one of the great weeks of our summer conference schedule.

Our speakers for Cedar Lake will be Dr. Thomas G. Lawrence, Bible Teacher, and Pastor of Calvary Temple, Hartford, Connecticut; Dr. Henry J. Heydt, President, Jewish Missionary Training Institute and Editor of the "Questions and Answers" department of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE; and Rev. Emil D. Gruen, Conference Secretary of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, of New York. We will also have missionaries from our Mission to bring testimonies of God's marvelous workings among Israel. Our brother, Rev. Samuel Kalmus, will again have charge of the music. Each morning there will be a two-hour Bible school program for the children and on Friday evening they will present their program. This has always been one of the highlights of the week.

We urge our friends in the Midwest to join us for this great week of blessing, fellowship and relaxation. Mr. Richard H. Boldt, Jr., and his fine staff, will do all they can to

make you comfortable. For reservations write to "Manager, The Cedar Lake Conference Grounds, Box 88, Cedar Lake, Indiana."

ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY — AUGUST 21 TO 26, 1960

From Sunday, August 21st, to Friday, August 26th, we will again be with the First Baptist Church, of Asbury Park, of which the Rev. John Ludlam is the pastor. Situated in one of the very popular seashore resorts on the Atlantic Ocean, this has been for many years a great summer conference church.

Our speakers will be Dr. Charles L. Feinberg, Rev. Emil D. Gruen, and missionaries from the New York, Philadelphia and Camden Branches of our Mission. This will be a blessed week of Bible study and missionary presentations. There will be both morning and evening sessions.

NEW YORK CITY — AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 1960

Last but certainly not least will be our Summer's End Conference on Prophecy and the Jew, held each year at our Mission Headquarters here in New York City. Our speakers will be men who have richly blessed our souls in past conferences, Dr. Charles L. Feinberg; Dr. Charles H. Stevens, President, Piedmont Bible College, and Pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Rev. Sanford C. Mills, our Field Evangelist for Ohio. In addition to these speakers there will be our own missionaries from the Metropolitan New York area.

God is spreading a wonderful feast of good things in this summer conference program. Fellowship with us, and you will be truly blessed. Plan now to attend the conference nearest to you. We will be happy to send you more detailed information about any of the conferences if you will write to us. ☆

Questions and Answers

By REV. HENRY J. HEYDT, Th. D.

Question: *I would like to know the meaning of Psalm 137:9 and 140:10.*

Answer: The so-called vindictive or imprecatory Psalms which call down maledictions upon enemies have been used by those who oppose the Bible to denounce it. Often believers, in emphasizing the love of God above His holiness and justice, are shocked



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at these prayers and consider David and those of his day as "a primitive and barbarous people Particularly in David do we see a rugged, half-civilized, kingly man, full of gross errors, fleshly and impetuous" (Crane, *Religion of Tomorrow*, quoted favorably by A. H. Strong). It is an abortive spirituality which sets itself higher than the Word of God.

The prevalent explanation that these are not actual imprecations but prophetic utterances solves nothing and succeeds only in removing an assumed stigma from man and placing it upon God. It is a jump from the frying pan into the fire. Wrath against unrelenting evil-doers is in complete harmony with that which is Godlike (Mark 3:5; Revelation 6:16, 17). The most vivid description of the casting out of the money-changers is told by the disciple of love in John 2:15. The anathemas of the apostle Paul, the most prolific penman of the Holy Spirit, are known to all who read his writings (1 Corinthians 16:22; Galatians 1:9), as is his statement about Alexander the

coppersmith (2 Timothy 4:14). Even the souls under the altar cry for vengeance (Revelation 6:10). It must be remembered also that the destruction of the sinner is often necessary to the uprooting of sin. So in Psalm 137:9 the children are destroyed so that a new generation does not rise up to renew the atrocities of their parents. Notice the explanation in Psalm 140:10 "that they rise not up again." The day has not passed that we should cease to proclaim the fate of those who reject the love and mercy of God offered in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Question: *There are two lawyers in our group who can't reconcile the destruction of the two thousand swine with the law, Mark 5:1-17; Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-37.*

Answer: A number of considerations enter the picture here. Perhaps the most important is, "What think ye of Christ, whose Son is He?" If He is acknowledged to be Lord of all then His authority here, whether by direct command or by permission, cannot be questioned. From the legal viewpoint the question may well be asked, "What were the swine doing here at any rate?" If they were owned by a Jew it was in flagrant violation of the Mosaic law. If they were owned by a Gentile it was in direct defiance of the customs of his Jewish neighbors, an almost unbearable insult against both the Jewish people and their faith. It might well be that the Lord was acting here in judgment much as in the case of the cursing of the fig tree. Other matters as well are demonstrated by this act, not the least of which is the actual demonstration of demon pos-

session and the number which may possess an individual. Their existence, their number, and their temperament are all here manifested. The value of one soul is set forth as of more worth than any amount of material possessions. Since animal life is provided for men's bodies it should not be thought strange if it is used for the liberation of their souls.

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Question: *Who are the lost sheep of the house of Israel? Are they the ten tribes?*

Answer: The lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 10:6) could not have been geographically lost or the Lord Jesus Christ could not have sent His disciples to them. The Jew, like the Gentile, is lost in sin and needs the Saviour (Romans 3:9, 10:12, 13).

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Question: *Why were the Levites priests? Why did one tribe have more favor with God than another?*

Answer: The violence of Simeon and Levi manifested in Genesis 34:25-30 was cursed in Jacob's prophecy in Genesis 49:5-7. God said, "I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel." This was carried out in Joshua 19:1, 9 and 21:1-42. Even though God carried out the prophecy upon Levi He changed the curse into a blessing because of the events in Exodus 32:26-29 and Numbers 25:11-13. The service of the sanctuary would normally have fallen to the first-born sons out of all the tribes, but God selected the Levites instead (Numbers 3:12, 45; 8:14) because of all the tribes it was the Levites who stood by Moses and defended the honor of the Lord at the incident of the golden calf when they executed judgment without respect of persons (Deuteronomy 33:8, 9) and for which they were promised a special blessing (Exodus 32:29). See also Malachi 2:4, 5.

Question: *How can you refute the Jewish interpretation applying Isaiah 53 to the righteous Jewish remnant from within the chapter itself?*

Answer: The Servant of Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is set forth as an individual distinct from the entire nation, and none of the nation claims to be righteous (53:6). He alone suffers for all and he only is set forth as righteous (53:11). This righteous servant dies and is cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of the nation (53:8), a factor never seen fulfilled in any "pious remnant." The suffering and death of the Servant for the nation's transgression and iniquity cannot have as a parallel the suffering of a pious few at the hands of the nations for what they feel against Israel as a nation since such suffering can never atone for the sin of the nation. No pious remnant was ever as such given the treatment by the rest of the nation here depicted as received by the servant, nor was any such pious remnant ever considered to have been afflicted by God. No such group ever suffered silently and without resistance, or expressed a willingness to suffer for the rest. No such group ever made intercession for the transgressors. Only a superficial interpretation of the passage will see here anyone except the Messiah Himself.

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Question: *Does juvenile delinquency have any meaning in regard to what Jesus said would be one of the marks of the last days?*

Answer: Juvenile delinquency is certainly one of the marks of the last days since it is listed as disobedience to parents in such Scriptures as Matthew 10:21; Mark 13:12 and 2 Timothy 3:2. Some of the other characteristics listed in 2 Timothy 3, 1 Timothy 4, and 2 Peter 3:3 are especially prevalent in the juvenile age today. ☆

Jewish Notes

By REV. CHARLES KALISKY



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BEN GURION defines the question, Who is a Jew? The Israeli Government has finally issued regulations defining who can officially be regarded as a Jew. This brings to an end, temporarily at least, the controversy that has divided the country for the past two years. According to this ruling a Jew is a person who is born to a Jewish mother, whether or not the father is a Jew. A person born to a non-Jewish mother is not Jewish, even if the father is a Jew. A convert to Judaism must prove his Jewishness with documents issued by some rabbinical authority. One of the important clauses in these regulations states that any person who declares himself to be a Jew, and who is subsequently proved to be a non-Jew will lose all his rights under the Law of the Return, and may even be expelled from the country.

This decision is based upon Jewish traditional teaching and bears no relationship to the fact that Israel is descended from Abraham and Isaac who entered into covenant relationship with God through the rite of circumcision. (Genesis 17:1-14; 21:4, 5).

Soviet anti-Jewish efforts. For the second time since the Russian Revolution the Soviet authorities forbade the baking of Matzoth (unleavened bread) for Passover, and also banned the importation of Matzoth. The importation or the manufacture

of ritual articles is forbidden; and in other ways efforts are being made to prevent the practice of Judaism. There are about three million Jews in Russia.

Excavating the Cities of the Plain. Jordanian airmen have stated that it is possible to see the outlines of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah in the waters of the Dead Sea from the air, and local Arabs say that when the level of the Dead Sea drops in the fall it is possible to see traces of cities lying just beyond low tide.

Divers are to go down into the salt-laden waters of the sea to examine these ruins, and it is believed that they will find remains of the cities of the plain mentioned in Genesis 14.

Jews in New York City. According to a recent study there are now over 2,100,000 Jews residing in New York City. They comprise 27.1 percent of the population, the highest total in the city's history. There are now more than twice the number of Jews in the Metropolitan New York area than in the whole of the State of Israel.

Emigration from Israel. Since the creation of the State of Israel there have been about eighty thousand emigrants who have left the country to settle in other parts of the world. This is a little less than 8 percent of the number of immigrants who entered the country during the same period. It is interesting to note that very few of those who have left the country were new immigrants—over fifty thousand of them were old timers who had settled in the country before the State of Israel came into being.

South Africa's Jews. As usual Jews have suffered from the racial upheaval in South Africa and some of the leaders of the Jewish community were actually imprisoned. One result has been, however, that the Israeli consuls in that country are receiving large numbers of applications from Jews who wish to immigrate to Israel. Israel is thus fulfilling its function as a homeland for all Jews and a place where they can go as of right. The Jews of South Africa have always been comfortable and well off. Again we see the hand of God shaking them and driving them back to the land where they should be.

The Tragedy of Agadir. In February last an earthquake struck the city of Agadir in Morocco and almost twelve thousand people perished. Among these were about twenty-five hundred Jews—indeed, almost the entire Jewish community of the city was wiped out.

Israelis are Healthy. In spite of the fact that under the Law of the Return no Jew can be excluded from returning to Israel on account of ill-health, the standard of health of the Israeli people is one of the highest in the world. Israel today has the lowest TB mortality rate in the world—five to every one hundred thousand persons (5 to 100,000) as compared with the next lowest—the USA and Scandinavia—which is just double, or 10 to every 100,000.

Are the Arabs anticipating another battle with Israel? In an article that appeared recently in an Egyptian newspaper, the writer, a close friend of Nasser, stated that he considered that the last battle with Israel is nearing, and that it will take place in about three years' time.

At the moment the different Arab nations seem to have many differences among themselves, but they are all

agreed in their vituperations against Israel, and threaten to blot Israel out at some convenient time.

Iraq modifies its laws. A 1951 law of Iraq which abolished the Iraqi citizenship of Jews who emigrated from the country, and under which the property of such emigrants was confiscated and put under government custodianship, has now been canceled. This may be the first step to a change in the attitude of Iraq to Israel. Iraq is no friend of bombastic, saber-rattling Nasser of Egypt.

A swimming pool for Nazareth. An anonymous American donor has made a gift of one million dollars for the construction of a stadium and swimming pool in Nazareth, for the use of Christians, Jews and Moslems.

Desalinization of Sea Water. A USA corporation has gone into partnership with the Israeli government in the erection of a special plant in Israel where an entirely new process of extracting salt from sea water will be put into operation shortly. The process is the patented invention of an Israeli engineer, and experts from all over the world are watching this pilot project very closely, as it may usher in an entirely new era of irrigation of barren lands, and may help considerably in solving some of the world's food supply problems.

The oldest Hebrew letter. A young Israel archeologist examining excavations at the site of Israel's first nuclear reactor came across pieces of pottery (sherds) inscribed with legible Hebrew writing. One of these appears to be part of a letter addressed to the local governor asking his intercession for the return of a cloak. The date of this letter, as is evidenced by the script used, is from the days of King Josiah. The discoverer of the letter thinks that it is a good illustration of Exodus 22:26. ☆

Will America and Russia Lead the World to the Armageddon?

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EIGHT OUTSTANDING FUTURE EVENTS

THE last three chapters of the Book of Zechariah have one general theme, namely, the personal return of the Lord and the establishment of His kingdom. The prophet links eight outstanding events which are connected with it. They are as follows:

1. The gathering of nations for combat against Jerusalem, under sovereign permission of Jehovah. "I will gather all nations" (14:2). "All the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it" (12:3 A.S.R.).

This is emphatically confirmed by the prophet Joel in 2:1, 2; 3:2, 3, 9-16.

2. The siege of Jerusalem (12:2, 3; 14:2).

3. The battle itself—the Armageddon and the deliverance by the Lord (14:1-3).

4. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Israel and the special revelation of Christ to the people of David, not only as King and Messiah, but as the One whom they long rejected and pierced (12:10).

5. Israel's godly sorrow in the realization that they crucified the Prince of Glory (12:11-14; 13:6).

6. The fountain of cleansing that will be effectually opened for God's chosen people (13:1).

7. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose feet shall stand on Mount Olivet (14:4).

8. The setting up of His kingdom and the millennial blessings for Israel and the nations of the earth (14:9-21).

These eight future events form a profoundly significant foreground for the present world situation and create tremendous interest in the theme I propose to discuss; namely, Will America and Russia lead the world to the Armageddon? If that question is answered anywhere, it is answered in the Word of God.

RUSSIA'S OBJECTIVE

The Russian objective is the domination of Europe and, later, Asia. The American objective is the economic recovery of Europe, including Germany. A frightened world tries to take stock. The line that Soviet Russia seems about to step over is being marked for everyone to see. On one side of the line stands Russia with her satellite states. On the other side, exposed to communistic invasion, stand Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Western Germany, Austria, Italy, Turkey and the Middle East. One step across that line would mean war. That is the fear of nations. The critical situation is portentous and very significant to the students of prophecy. We can't escape the conviction that the "times of the Gentiles" are rapidly drawing to a close and the nations, with their godless programs, are moving swiftly to the blood-soaked valley of Megiddo. In this age of planetary and interplanetary missiles, atomic energy, jet-propelled planes, cosmic rays, radar, radio activity, and the rest, we are forced to believe that there can be but one more war and that it is doubtful if civilization can survive it.

It is my conviction that Russia and America, with different motives, are preparing the nations for the march of the last war in the rule of man before Christ comes, which will be the Armageddon. My conviction rests on the following facts:

DIPLOMACY'S FAILURE

The tragic failure of the world's outstanding diplomats to achieve peace has split the world into two divisions that fit in exactly with divine prophecy. The world is now divided into Communism, symbolized by the clay feet and toes of Daniel's prophetic vision, and Fascism or militarism, symbolized by the iron of the image, which represents Gentile rule. Russia has under her control a block of nations over which she is absolute master which will increase in strength and power and prove at last to be the northern confederacy as predicted in Ezekiel 38. She will soon be ready to march into Palestine for much needed oil. The United States of America is desperately endeavoring to build a barrier against Communism in western Europe along the Mediterranean seaboard, out of which will come the ten kingdoms of the end-time that will give strength and power to the beast, the Dictator of Europe, who will lead the nations to an invasion of Palestine and on to the Battle of Armageddon.

DIVISION OF PALESTINE

The decision to divide the land of Palestine sets forth the fact that Armageddon is very near at hand. We read in Joel 3:2,

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Notice three things here: (1) "They have parted my land." This end-time event has already taken place with

more to follow, resulting in much bloodshed, riot and revolution in the Holy Land. God says the land belongs to Israel by divine decree, but our diplomats say: "No, let it be divided among the Arabs and the Jews. (2) "I will also gather all nations", and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat." That is, at the time of the division of the land. (3) "I will plead (or intervene) . . . for my people."

OWNERS OF PALESTINE

To whom does the land belong? God says, to Israel. (See Genesis 15:18 and 17:8.) The dimensions of the land are given in Ezekiel 47:13-23, which clearly shows that it is much larger than the little strip along the Mediterranean Sea. The sovereign God will keep His covenant and restore the country to Israel, its proper owner. The nations made a woeful blunder when they suggested the division of the land as a solution to the pressing problems of Palestine. It did not solve problems but multiplied them. "But," ask some, "are not the Arabs Jews?" No; they are natural descendants of Abraham, but the Scripture says, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called." In Genesis 21:10-12 we read that Hagar and her son Ishmael were to be cast out of the land because her son was not the heir with Isaac's seed. (See also Galatians 4:28-30.) The Arabs say they have a right to the land because they have been in it for fifteen hundred years, but God says "No," and we had better abide by God's decision.

Notice also the text declares that Ishmael's seed would persecute Isaac's seed and be their bitterest enemy. They have done so and are so now.

Note, as well, that the Scriptures say that God will have to intervene for Israel's seed. He will, hence the Armageddon and the needful judgment of living nations.

RUSSIA'S DESPERATION

In the next place, Russia is desperately anxious to control the Mediterranean Sea. Since the end of World War II, she has tried to break through France by strikes, riots and revolutions, but has been thwarted. She tried the same with Greece and failed. Then she tried to force Italy, by communistic influences, but did not succeed. She never will, for France, Greece and Italy prophetically belong to the western federation and not to the northeastern confederacy, headed by Russia.

There are two other points where Russia could break through to the Mediterranean Sea and those are the Dardanelles and Iran. Through one of these channels or both, she will attempt to make her march against Palestine, but will fail in procuring the spoil. She will reach Palestine by land and air. We learn this from Ezekiel 38:14-19.

Why will Russia want to invade Palestine? The prophecy tells us "for a spoil"; a word to cover the fabulous chemical deposits of the Dead Sea and the rich proven oil deposits of the land adjacent to Palestine. These Russia must have for a successful campaign of war. She is also conscious of the fact that, if she can once get into Palestine, she will be in control of three continents, Europe, Asia and Africa.

WAR INEVITABLE

Every student of world affairs believes that war is inevitable between Russia and the United States. For hundreds of years Russia has sought control of the Mediterranean and she is now looking with covetous eyes upon Turkey. She wants to control that little narrow strip of water, which is only forty-two miles long and an average of a mile wide.

That is at the source of the European trouble, for which Russia is re-

sponsible. That is why she says at the conferences, "Hands off of Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and Greece," where great upheavals have taken place. That is the issue now in Palestine as interests move toward the eastern Mediterranean in preparation for the final conflict of the age, the war of Armageddon.

The confusion and conflict between the Jews and Arabs create an ideal situation for Russia to find excuse for moving into the land of Israel. The colossal task which challenges the nations is to keep Russia out of Palestine. The task is superhuman, so God will have to undertake for the sake of His chosen people, the Jews. The Scriptures declare that He will, and the greater part of the Russian armies will be destroyed by God Himself. (See Ezekiel 38:19-23; 39:1-4.)

Thus the Lord declares He will paralyze the hand of invading Russia and will drive her armies back, even as He will gather all nations together for the awful destruction of Armageddon. In this battle, preceding the final one, God says He will destroy five-sixths of the northern confederacy, leaving but one-sixth to come against Israel in the latter part of the tribulation days (39:2).

PORTENTOUS TIMES

These predicted events, now being fulfilled, signify how portentous are the times in which we live. They eloquently proclaim the nearness of our coming Lord as King of kings, and the nearer that is, the nearer is the coming of Christ as the Bridegroom for His bride, the Church.

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