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International terrorism has become the latest tool in the arsenal of the anti-Semites to destroy the Jew. The PLO, Al Fatah, and other such terrorist groups, are not just limiting their attacks on Israel. They are now striking at the hearts of countries where terrorism can turn the tide of public opinion against the Jew and against the nation of Israel.

We are seeing frequent terrorist attacks in Western Europe, North America and South America, but, interestingly, there have been no reports of terrorism in Russia or in any of her satellite countries. In fact, sources now confirm that the financing of international terrorism is coming from the Soviet Union.

Its roots can be traced directly to the Tri-Centennial Congress held in Havana, Cuba in January 1966. The terrorist uses violence to intimidate a society and to impose his political will by force when he cannot achieve it by democratic means.

Since Israel captured Jerusalem in 1967 our State Department has documented more than 7,300 incidents of international terrorism. Of these, 2,700, or more than one-third, were directed at American citizens. Another report states that there have been 590 terrorist attacks in North America in the last nine years. The majority, 582, occurred in the United States.

We now know that the PLO was involved in the takeover of the American Embassy in Tehran and the taking of the American hostages. Yassir Arafat, head of the PLO, stated, "Tell Imam Khomeini to give the order and we will all obey and move to strike U.S. imperialism and U.S. imperialist interests, at any time, and in any place" [emphasis ours].

Interestingly, terrorists have equated U.S. imperialism with Zionism. And, more recently, the United Nations has equated Zionism with racism. The result: world-wide anti-Semitism. International terrorism, in effect, is becoming the satanic revival of Hitler's "final solution" for the Jew. We are in a continual ideological and theological struggle for the hearts and minds, yes, the very souls, of men.

In this issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE magazine you will read about this life and death struggle. You will also wrestle with the question: Is God Angry with America?

Dr. Fuchs presents an outstanding article focusing on the popular deception that one can be anti-Zionist without being anti-Semitic.

In addition, you will find the stirring testimonies of Jewish believers who have struggled with the Messiahship of Jesus and who, finally, by the Spirit of God, have come to accept Him as their Lord and Savior.

These are strategic days in which we live. Days when the Gospel needs to be proclaimed loudly and clearly to Jew and Gentile alike. Terrorism enslaves through fear. The Gospel liberates through faith. It is your prayers and your gifts that enable us to faithfully proclaim the Good News of salvation until the Lord returns.

Yours for an abundant harvest,

HAROLD A. SEVENER

IS GOD ANGRY AT AMERICA?

by TERRY DELANEY

On May 18, 1980 at 8:32 a.m., Mount St. Helens exploded with a fury 500 times greater than the atomic bomb that fell on Hiroshima. Was it just an accident of nature? Or, did it carry an even more ominous message that God is angry at America?

The voices of modern day prophets, or should we say modern day preachers, have been strangely silent on the subject. Perhaps they fear the accusations that such a suggestion echoes the naive superstitions which haunted our ancestors.

But some of America's leading insurance executives aren't so sure. God is angry at America, and they have the statistics to prove it.

Until recently, relatively few natural calamities have befallen the United States in the short span of a year. In 1979, that fact began to change. America began experiencing a series of natural catastrophes that a New York Times reporter described as

"almost biblical in size and scope."

Insurance companies define a catastrophe as an event that causes over \$1 million in insured losses. The 1979 insurance losses total \$1.68 billion—the highest amount ever claimed in America.

The figures soared even higher hitting a whopping \$3.5 billion dollars in losses.* Hundreds of tornadoes in the Midwest, floods in California and the Southwest, the Mount St. Helens eruption are all pushing insurance claims skyward. A spokesman for the Insurance Information Institute lamented, "It's like living in a disaster movie."

The Mount St. Helens blast demonstrates his point. After lying dormant for 123 years the mountain began to rumble. But few people were overly concerned. Volcanoes were something that only happened in faraway places or on the late, late show.

On March 28, David Johnston, a





30-year-old expert from the federal government's Geological Survey spoke to a group of reporters in the shadow of the mountain. Just the day before it had belched steam and ash. Johnston told the group, "It is extremely dangerous where we are standing. If the mountain exploded, we would die. It's like standing next to a dynamite keg with the fuse lit. Only we don't know how long the fuse is." They nervously listened, but none left.

Fifty-one days later David Johnston would shout into his radio, "Vancouver! Vancouver! This is it!" He was never heard from again.

The shock of the blast sent 200-mile-an-hour winds across the quiet forest, tearing out giant trees and tossing them over 1,500-foot-high ridges. Millions of 200-year-old fir trees fell like match sticks in a 150 mile radius, enough to build 200,000 single family homes.

Newsweek magazine reported, "The eruption's impact was so staggering that witnesses spoke in terms of biblical wrath or nuclear Armageddon." Linda Belmore, who watched the explosion from twelve miles away, agreed. She said, "It was like one of those biblical epics. You felt overwhelmed. You felt like falling on your knees and covering your face."

Yes, God is angry at America. But not all of His anger has been voiced so loudly. Last summer's heat wave and drought proved to be quiet killers. More than 1200 people died in twenty

states in the Midwest, South, and the Southwest as temperatures soared above 100 degrees for more than a month. Nearly \$4 million worth of breeder hens, chickens, and turkeys were lost in the heat in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. One national news magazine reported, "In Texas, birds fell dead out of the sky and sizzling automobile windows shattered spontaneously. Cars stalled and roads buckled everywhere; in Oklahoma, a portion of Interstate 40 literally exploded from the heat."

The Dakotas, Montana, and Minnesota escaped the heat wave, but suffered from a drought so severe that farmers compared it to the Dust Bowl days of the later 1930s. In the Dakotas alone, agriculture losses were estimated at \$280 million.

Nearly twelve years ago a journalist reported Billy Graham as saying, "If God doesn't judge America soon He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah." He didn't actually originate this now famous quote. But he could have because it's true. Things have steadily grown worse since then.

An almost uncontrollable wave of homosexuality, abortion, pornography, divorce, and violence has filled our land. These sins and many others have become so commonplace that most Americans now accept them as being normal. But God doesn't.

The Scriptures teach two absolute principles: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" and "Right-

eousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (cf. Ps. 33:12, Prov. 14:34). Although these truths were given to Israel, they were not meant for that nation alone. History is filled with the testimony that God judges the nations of the world for their sins. The history of Egypt, Canaan, and Babylon bear this out.

Several years ago, the eminent American psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger, wrote a book titled, *Whatever Became of Sin*. In it he presented a sobering thesis. He wrote, "If a group of people can be made to share the responsibility for what would be a sin if an individual did it, the load of guilt rapidly lifts from the shoulders of all concerned." In other words, if enough people begin doing it...it will no longer be a sin.

This is exactly what America has done. Abortion is no longer murder. It is simply a woman exercising her right of privacy to her own body. Homosexuality is merely a difference in sexual preference. Pornography is an expression of free speech. Divorce is an honest admission that things didn't work out the way the couple had hoped. Adultery is "living together" and illegitimate babies are "love" children.

In the words of the prophet Isaiah, our nation must confess, "We have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place" (Isa. 28:15). But God says, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil" (Isa. 5:20). Now



we are beginning to pay the price. . . and not just in natural catastrophes.

America, once the greatest military power in the world, was humiliated by the Iran—Hostage issue. We were humiliated by the disastrous rescue attempt that left eight bodies in the desert. The culprit? A blinding sand-storm. Was it just an unfortunate stroke of bad luck? An act of nature? Or the wrath of God?

Economically, our nation is in trouble, too. The American dollar, once a world-wide symbol of strength and stability, has fallen from its lofty throne. Reflected against what a dollar was worth in 1967, today's dollar is worth only thirty-eight cents. Inflation is steadily eating away at the ranks of middle-class Americans, plunging many into near poverty. Monitoring the trend, Newsweek Magazine noted, "About 355,000 Americans will flock into bankruptcy courts this year—120,000 more than the period record set in 1975." By year's end, bankruptcies increased 82% over 1979. This upward trend has continued unabated into 1981.

The auto industry, once called the backbone of our economy, is floundering. Chrysler is on the brink of bankruptcy. Ford Motor Company is desperately fighting for its life. Even the giant, General Motors, is in a precarious position. One auto industry executive warned that we may be left with only one auto manufacturer in the next ten years.

Americans are distraught. Most can no longer afford to buy a home. Inflation is eating away the American dream. Unemployment is high. And, it is not only our financial security that is threatened. Our very lives are in jeopardy as the rate of violent crime is rising.

Our nation's leaders offer a variety of solutions, but none seem to work. Ironically, not one has suggested that sin may be the problem. When some spiritual leaders have suggested sin as the problem, a response is elicited, echoing the words spoken to Micah by another sinning nation: "Do not prophesy about these things; disgrace will not overtake us" (Mic. 2:6). History proved otherwise.

Now America is beginning to live in the reality of Haggai's judgment upon Israel: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but the harvest is little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it" (Hag. 1:5,6).

Is it too late to turn back? The answer to that question rests largely upon Christians. God promised, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chr. 7:14). The phrase, "If my people, . . ." by application, is speaking of us. And

we have much of which to confess and repent.

Too many have turned their backs on social injustices. Too many have allowed latent anti-Semitism to smoulder in their hearts. Too many have enjoyed the very things God has called abominable.

Many Christians who would never think of committing adultery find entertainment in watching adulterous relationships acted out on the screen. Others who condemn godless values in the world accept such values in their own church.

If the world is to repent, God's people must repent first. We must turn from our wicked ways, then God will keep His promise. He will hear our prayers, He will forgive our sins, and He will heal our land.

Will God's judgment continue to fall on America? The answer to that question depends largely on you and on me. Let's pray that we or our children will never hear the words spoken by Jeremiah addressed to us, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20). □

**U.S. insurance companies suffered \$4.2 billion dollars in losses in 1975.*

Note: It is too early to determine the amount of insurance losses for 1981. But an insurance industry executive recently noted, "The trend is not particularly good. It looks like things will get worse."

Exciting things are happening in our ministry in Texas. Here are the stories of just three Jewish people who recently came to Christ.



Fear Almost Kept Her Out Of Heaven

PHOTO/ILLUSTRATION

by Marty Waldman
Missionary, Dallas

Martha had heard about Jesus from Christian friends in college. She was interested in knowing more, and yet, always held back. "After all," she thought, "I *am* Jewish." Now, two years later, a Gentile co-worker was telling her about the Lord. She was willing to come to our Bible study with him, but she didn't really believe she would change her mind.

After the study, we began talking. She told me that for her, the main obstacle was fear of friends and family. She wondered what they would think, and she admitted, "I'm afraid I'd be ostracized and alone."

"Yes, you might be cut off from your family," I agreed, "However, I can only tell you about what God wants and what He offers you." We went through the Scriptures together. Still, she couldn't take the step of faith. After almost an hour of talking together, I felt a strong and heavy need to pray for this young woman. So I earnestly prayed for Martha as her friend began talking with her.

When her friend walked away, I said, "Martha, would you like to pray to receive the Messiah?"

"Yes," she admitted. "But I can't. I'm afraid."

"Do you know why you are afraid?"

"No," she said very quietly.

I gently responded, "There is one who doesn't want you to believe, and will try to keep you from accepting the Lord. If you'd like, I'll help you and I'll show you how to pray. But *only* if you'd like."

"Yes, I would," was her reply.

The Holy Spirit had given her victory in answer to my prayer. She had overcome her fear, and now she bowed her head and quietly invited Jesus into her life.



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The Man Who Didn't Know How To Believe

TALES FROM TEXAS

by Marty Waldman
Missionary, Dallas

Sam was not a believer in Messiah when he first came to our Bible study, but he had heard about the Lord from Zola Levitt, a Jewish believer in Jesus. While Sam was curious enough to want to know more, he was not convinced enough to believe. He was Jewish, in his mid-40s, a distinguished looking man who worked as a sales representative for a local corporation. He attended the Bible studies regularly, but always refrained from investigating Christ's claims too seriously.

One Saturday, after lunch at my house, Sam and I began talking about a number of things, including spiritual



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matters. "Sam," I asked, "have you gone through the Bible yet, to see what God says about salvation?"

"No," he replied, shaking his head.

Somehow I sensed the timing was right, and asked if he would like to begin such a study.

"Yes," he agreed.

The next time we got together, we began looking at a number of Scriptures. When we came to Isaiah 53, I asked, "What do you think this means?"

Sam replied, "I understand that it's talking about Jesus, but I don't know how to believe. I don't feel anything."

I explained that people don't always feel things, but if they trust, such trust comes from the heart. I encouraged him to simply trust and accept what the Bible says about Jesus. "As for not knowing how," I volunteered, "I'll pray with you."

"All right," Sam said. "I'd like that."

I began to pray, and then Sam followed in his own words. As he continued, he confessed his inadequacy before the Lord. Then, the man who didn't know how, very simply asked Jesus to come into his life.

Sam is now studying and walking with the Lord. Won't you please pray for him in his new life with the Messiah?

by Tom McCall
Southwest Regional Director

Pamela is an intelligent, attractive, and very personable Jewish business woman. Yet, this normally poised young woman was obviously ill at ease the first time she came into our Dallas, Beth Sar Shalom Center.

"I've always felt guilty," she confessed as we began talking, "because for years I've had a soft spot in my heart for Jesus."

She explained that she had studied Christianity in college and felt drawn to Christ. I was surprised that a comparative religion class in a secular university would really make such a deep impression. Yet, such was the case, and for years, Pamela had felt guilty because "Jewish people are not supposed to feel this way about Jesus."

"But today," she explained, "I realize I didn't need to feel guilty." She had just come from a business appointment with a man who was a Jewish believer, and had taken the time to share his faith with her. For the first time she heard that it was all right for Jews to believe in Jesus. The man told her that he wasn't the only one to believe and he mentioned the Beth Sar Shalom fellowship.

After their appointment, she came straightway to our offices to hear more about the Messiah. As she and I talked, I shared several Scriptures with her. We looked at Isaiah 53 and Zechariah 12:10. After we had discussed some of the New Testament passages, I asked, "Pamela, do you believe Jesus is your Messiah and Lord?"

"Yes," she acknowledged.

"Are you ready to ask Him into your heart?"

"Yes," she said again.

Together, we prayed, and she joyfully accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Redeemer.

I gave her some literature and a book I had written on the feasts of Israel. Since then, she's been actively attending our studies and growing greatly in the knowledge of God.

How I praise God and thank Him for this daughter of the House of Israel, whose guilt over the Messiah has been replaced by His saving grace.

The ABMJ's ministry in Dallas started with a home fellowship, expanded to an office in a shopping center and continues today at 5324 W. Northwest Highway.

WHO WILL WIN THE



Of course I don't hate the Jews. I'm not anti-Semitic, but I am anti-Zionist." The speaker was a pastor of an evangelical church just a few miles from my home. I was not surprised that he made this statement in public. He believes that Israel is the church and the nation of Israel is an embarrassment to his theology. But I was surprised that this preacher would quote this trite item of Arab propaganda as if it were his own original statement.

For the past decade, the goal of Arab propaganda has been to insist that there is a distinction between Judaism, which is a religion, and Zionism, which they say is just a political system. This campaign was so successful that in November 1975 the United Nations became the world center of anti-Semitism by passing a resolution equating Zionism with racism.

I was thrilled when the United States Ambassador, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, angrily demonstrated that the United Nations in that action granted a symbolic amnesty to the murderers of six million European Jews executed in World War II. He added that the United States never would abide by this infamous act. I hope he is right.

Let's not get tangled in the semantics of anti-Semitism or anti-Zionism. The Arab propagandists are both. If they had their way, not only all Zionists but all Jews would drown in the Mediterranean.

We will never understand anti-Semitism or anti-Zionism, unless we realize that both of these are terrifying instances of the warfare between Satan and God. It is a continuation of the struggle between Cain and Abel, which was not just a Cowboys and Indians game between a "tiller of the soil" and the "keeper of the sheep." It was a ferocious onslaught of Satan against God's purpose which He had revealed. When Adam and Eve sinned, God gave the first promise of the

ARAB PROPAGANDA WAR ?

by DR. DANIEL FUCHS

Messiah, the One Who would redeem us from sin:

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15).

Theologians have called this verse the *protevangelium*, the first gospel. To you and to me it is the first Messianic prophecy, but observe that it was addressed to Satan! It is God's statement that a state of war existed between Satan and the "Seed of the woman." The warfare is not between Satan and mankind. The Seed of the woman is not the human race; it is the Messiah. The struggle is between Satan and God's promised Deliverer. The lines are drawn. From that day onward, mankind has chosen, not just between "the way of Cain" and the promised Redeemer, but between Satan and God.

It is evident Eve believed God's promise. When her first son was born she named him "Cain" (gotten). Luther translates it "I have gotten a man—Jehovah." It seems clear that she believed that her son was the promised Seed who would bruise Satan's head.

"Apparently, she connected the birth of her son with the immediate fulfillment of the promise concerning the Seed, who was to bruise the head of the serpent. This expectation was, if we may be allowed the comparison, as natural on her part as that of the immediate return of our Lord by some of the early Christians. It also indicated how deeply this hope had sunk into her heart, how lively was her faith in the fulfillment of the promise, and how ardent her longing for it. But if such had been her views, they must have been speedily disappointed. Perhaps for this very reason, or else because she had been more fully informed, or on other grounds with which we are not acquainted, the other son of Adam and Eve, mentioned in Scripture, was Abel, that is "breath,"

or "fading away."

Alfred Edersheim, *The Bible History*, Vol. 1, p. 24.

Satan knows much, but he is not omniscient. He doesn't know everything. He probably made the mistake that Abel was the "Seed of the woman." He was wrong. Abel was not the promised One. Centuries later, God made another promise that the Messiah would be also the Seed of Abram. Satan reacted again. His violent anti-Semitism is basically anti-God; it is also anti-Christian! We don't have to repeat the history—just mention names—Canaan, Egypt, Philistia, Assyria, Syria, Persia, Greece, Rome, Spain, Turkey, Germany, the United Nations, Russia. Let's not make any mistake about it, it's not just "all nations against Israel to battle" (Zech. 14:2); it's Satan against our Lord, "the Seed of the woman." Satan holds the copyright on anti-Semitism. He is its author.

My heart pains for my ministerial colleague who proclaimed, "Of course, I don't hate the Jews. I'm not anti-Semitic, but I am anti-Zionist." He is a deluded man. Let's take him at his word and look at what he is against.

The word Zion is found 154 times in the Old Testament. Additionally, there are eight references in the New Testament, usually spelled "Sion" in our authorized version. Take out your concordance, and there is one fact that will be very evident: that is that God is not anti-Zionist. Originally, Zion was a fortress which is now outside the Old City of Jerusalem. Zion is first mentioned in the Bible when David captured this stronghold from the Jebusites. "Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David" (2 Sam. 5:7).

Frequently the term refers not to the fortress only but to the entire city:

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is

our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death" (Ps. 48:12-14).

Our Lord called Jerusalem "the city of the great king" (Mt. 5:35). God blessed Zion in the past; He will also bless it in the future.

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it" (Ps. 132:13-14).

Later Zion is equated with the entire land of Israel. "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. Harken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people" (Isa. 51:3,4).

These Scriptures indicate that to be anti-Zionist is to be in rebellion against God. The last time Zion is named in the Bible is in Rev. 14:1: "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

Anti-Zionism is anti-Christian. When the United Nations voted to equate Zionism with racism, they initiated the process of final world rebellion which will culminate with Armageddon, when "all nations will be gathered against Jerusalem to battle." At the United Nations, rebellion against God was made evident by its anti-Zionism. This will culminate when "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" (Ps. 2:2-4). □

TESTIMONY OF STEFFI RUBIN

On the morning of my interview at New Vision Display I was as nervous as could be expected. I didn't really anticipate that they would hire me with my makeshift portfolio of non-professional designs, no prior experience, and not a bit of education in the field. I dared not even hope. But somewhere deep inside, I fanned the faintest glimmer. . . thinking "maybe."

Walking downstairs after the interview, I couldn't breathe, I was so unbelievably delighted, so numb with hilarious shock! I had the job—a position as a display designer. The place even smelled wonderful! To me, the smell of magic markers was like perfume, and the freshly sawed wood used to create the scenes and sets had a special fragrance. I could almost hear the lovely music of creativity, of busy hands, and of hard but satisfying work.

New Vision Display turned out to be all I'd anticipated and more. Not only was it a place to work, but it also became a place to make friends, to share ideas, to laugh together. My fellow designers, Tom, Lizzie, and Richard seemed to become old friends instantly. My first few weeks there almost seemed like a spiritual experience.

Indeed new "spiritual" realms were opening to me. My friend, Tom, introduced me to some new authors: Gurdjieff, the spiritualist; Edgar Cayce, the sleeping clairvoyant; Suzuki, the interpreter of Zen Buddhism. I eagerly read everything he recommended. In one book by Edgar Cayce I read about Jesus Christ for the first time. This was not the factual account from the gospels; instead these writings washed Christ in the light of Eastern thought. I was fascinated with this special person, but at that time, Jesus merely remained part of a huge patchwork of new "spiritual" data I hungrily absorbed.

I seemed to thrive in many ways while working at "New Vision." I felt



as though I was seeing things in a new way. All my experiences seemed to point me in a direction but I couldn't tell just where. I wanted desperately to know.

After a few months, a certain conflict became apparent. On the one hand I was developing a "spiritual" inclination. On the other hand, I was spending

eight hours each day designing window displays for clothing. "Certainly," I thought, "the most materialistic of pursuits." I felt pulled from both sides and the conflict remained aggravatingly unresolved. All my life I'd had a talent: the ability to communicate. Yet, I was never satisfied that I had anything important to say. A medium, but no message. I had felt the same in college, but never was the problem more pronounced than here, at New Vision. I was so perplexed that later that year I quit my job.

I moved from New York City to Buffalo, and from Buffalo I travelled to San Francisco. To deny that I'd gone west "looking for something" would be a lie. But the "something" that I found surprised me—for who would have thought that a Jewish artist from New York would find new life in Jesus Christ! Though I didn't realize I was looking for God, when I was confronted with Christ I knew that indeed He was the One I had been seeking.

It didn't take long before the truly new vision that I now had, found its way into the creative channels for which God had prepared it. Over the last ten years, since knowing Christ, I've had the privilege to invest these talents into writing and drawing tracts, composing Jewish gospel music, writing gospel drama, and designing book covers and album jackets for Christian literature and records.

Finally the medium has discovered its message—the message of our wonderful Messiah, Jesus. □

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David Sedaca, our man in Argentina, tells about two people who heard about Jesus because of A Paper Missionary and A Lost Inheritance.

A PAPER MISSIONARY

A few months ago I visited Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, to make contact with Jewish believers in that country. While there, a number of us distributed literature among the Uruguayan Jews. One of our volunteers handed a tract to a young Jewish woman.

When Lilyan first accepted this

"paper missionary," she didn't pay much attention to it. Later she reread it, noting that we claimed that Jesus was the Messiah, the fulfillment of Jewish hopes. On the back, she saw our address and decided to write me a letter.

Lilyan explained that she needed to find peace with God and with herself.

She was having problems in her marriage. She longed for peace, but it seemed beyond her reach. She had searched in all the places she could think of: religion, cults, and even drugs. But all of them were empty and made her feel even more distraught. Now, this 26-year-old woman was considering ending her life.

How marvelous that God chose this time to reach out to her through our tract!

I responded to Lilyan's letter emphasizing God's love and explaining the plan of salvation. I urged her to get in touch with other Jewish believers so she could learn more about His plan for her life. But I wasn't prepared for what happened!

Only a week after I mailed my letter, shortly before 8 o'clock one Saturday morning, my door bell rang. On my front steps stood Lilyan, who had flown from Uruguay that very morning to talk with me.

"How," she began, "can I find peace with God?"

As we drank coffee, I opened my Bible in response to her question. I pointed out God's love for everyone, even for her, no matter how far she felt from Him. We discussed the truth of the Scriptures, the peace of God, and many other subjects about which she wanted to know God's viewpoint. She carefully read each of the passages I pointed out, and for three hours, we studied the Word of God.

Yet, she was not ready to make a commitment to Christ.

Since it was Saturday, I invited her to come to our meeting that afternoon. It was with great hope I introduced her to the others who attended the meeting. "Surely," I thought, "she will come to Christ this very afternoon."

Lilyan was delighted and surprised to discover many other Jews who believed in the Lord. Yet neither the Scriptures, nor the testimonies, had

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been enough to convict this wary and world-wise young woman of the reality and necessity of Christ. She said goodbye, and caught an early evening flight back to Montevideo.

The following morning, the shrill sound of the telephone woke me up at 6 A.M. It was Lilyan. But it was not the agitated Lilyan who had stood on my porch twenty-four hours earlier. This was a calmer, more peaceful, Lilyan,

with a fresh excitement in her voice. "I have spent all night reading the Bible and struggling with God," she explained. "And now I'm so happy I couldn't wait one more minute to tell you. I have asked Jesus to come into my heart."

Lilyan has been growing in Him since that day. We rejoice for this Jewish woman who longed so much for peace and finally found it in the Prince of Peace. □

One day as we discussed it, and it seemed the evidence could not be found, I said, "Well, Mair, it seems that your coming to Argentina was a waste of time."

"A waste of time?" he exclaimed. "I have been wasting time my whole life! This has been the best investment of time in my life, for now I know Jesus the Messiah. I came to Argentina to find valuables and instead I learned what the real values are!" □

A Lost Inheritance

Mair emigrated to Israel from Europe before that small land was even a nation. He fought in all the wars, and had believed that all of his dreams would come true once there was a secure Jewish state. He had married, raised a family, and worked hard. But now at 56, Mair began to realize that life had to be more than just making a living. Disillusioned, like many other Israeli pioneers, he wanted to try his luck in America. But before he could make the arrangements to go to the United States, he received a letter from Argentina telling him that an elderly woman had died in Buenos Aires. He was her only living relative. If he could legally prove he was her relative, the letter stated, he would inherit all of the lady's possessions: two fine houses and a very impressive bank account.

This was a dream come true for a man whose life had been filled with struggles, hardships, and sacrifices. He left for Argentina almost immediately. As soon as he arrived he contacted the lawyer who had sent the letter and made arrangements for the necessary papers to be processed and the matter brought to the proper court. But once in court, Mair found he didn't have enough evidence to

prove his identity. Like many victims of war, he found he could not prove he was the deceased woman's relative. All his documents had been lost during the war in Europe, before his flight to safety in Israel. The burden of proof was made even more difficult by the fact that he was now in a foreign country. He was told that the case would probably take over a year to settle, while all the necessary proof was accumulated and established.

So, Mair rented a room, got a job painting houses, and waited for the case to clear the courts.

One day, having nothing to do, he went out for a walk. It was on this day that he spotted our "Beth Sar Shalom" sign. Curiosity led him in, and much to his surprise, he found a number of Jews who believed in Jesus! Mair was a tolerant man, and had heard of such people even in Israel. So now, while he had the time, he decided to learn more about the matter. He studied with us for months and even helped teach Hebrew in our Language Institute. And while he waited for the evidence to come in his case, he studied the evidence of Jesus the Messiah.

As time passed, his inheritance case appeared more and more hopeless.

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Earthquakes, Pain, Curiosity and Loneliness All Provide Opportunities to Share Christ.

GREECE

D. N. PAPANIKOLAOU writes: I was in Salonika sharing the word of God when I heard that earthquakes had rumbled through Athens. When I returned to that city and since that time, I've found that many Jewish people were terrified by the events. They felt the need for encouragement and security and, as a result, many have invited me to come speak with them.

Time hardly seemed enough to visit many of them, but God has given me strength. Over and over, people heard the good news of God's grace and of His leading hand. I see God working in many hearts, and I ask prayer, please, for many to completely trust in Him. □

LONG ISLAND

CLARA RUBIN WRITES: AT a recent Friday night Bible study, we had a young Israeli man who came to our meeting for the second time. Avi is good natured, a very pleasant person, and very willing to talk about spiritual matters.

LOS ANGELES

DAN AND MADELINE Goldberg write: We were asked to visit a Jewish lady receiving chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Pain and despair had turned her bitter toward God. Talking to a person in such pain (both physical and spiritual) is always difficult. We gently suggested that God might be trying to turn her attention to Him. God is, we shared, "a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

As a result of this visit, we were able to witness to the couple and also to pray with them on behalf of the wife. Despite their seeming bitterness, they asked us to visit them again. Won't you pray with us for Mr. and Mrs. P. □

So, on this particular Friday, he began talking with Marty, one of the men who regularly attends the study. You should have been there. . . Avi's English, Marty's Hebrew (he is trained in biblical Hebrew), and my Yiddish! Between us, we talked until 1 A.M.

"Well," Avi said, "Jesus can be the Messiah, and Jesus can be the Son of God, and maybe Jesus can be God, but not 100 percent." (The way he said "percent," not percent, was like my old time Yiddish, and we all laughed about it. As you can see, our conversa-



MONTREAL

WINNIE MARRINER writes: The voice on the other end of the telephone announced, "I've been calling your dial-a-message for some time, and today I decided I would telephone and talk with you."

This is how our conversation began, and we talked for almost an hour. She admitted that she knew little about Scripture, since she was a woman, and therefore not encouraged to "study the Holy Book." Instead, she had been told to depend upon her husband, and he would teach her whatever she needed to know. I was surprised that she knew little about the coming of the Messiah. She knew Messiah, son of

tion was very comfortable.) I gave him a Hebrew-English New Testament which was helpful in two ways: studying English and studying the Scriptures.

Please pray for him, that he comes back and that he will soon give his heart to Jesus. □

David would come, but she hadn't heard of the suffering Messiah, son of Joseph, even though rabbinic literature clearly talks about both Messiahs.

She was clearly upset at this, as she heard these things about which she had not been taught. I reminded her of a Hebrew prayer which says "Messiah, our righteousness, has departed from us, horror hath seized us, and there is none to justify us. . ."

She was defensive when I suggested that in order to depart, the Messiah must have already come. When I spoke of Daniel, chapter 9, she was embarrassed that a Gentile would know what the wife of a rabbi did not. Yet, she couldn't say anything about her own views, because she needed to ask her husband why what I was saying wasn't true.

"Provoke them to jealousy," the Scripture says, and I realized that this was what God was doing. As we hung up, I prayed that this rabbi's wife would be challenged by the words of Scripture. I'm still praying for this curious, yet secret inquirer. Please, won't you pray with me?



It Pays to Pray

In the March, 1981 issue of *The Chosen People* you read about Carol, the young Jewish woman who died after trying to commit suicide by setting herself afire. (Until The Last

Breath It's Never Too Late To Come To Jesus.) You will be pleased to learn that two of Carol's Jewish friends have now come to know Jesus. Please continue to pray that other members of Carol's family and friends will come to the Lord too.

Remember the story of the young Jewish mother in Washington, D.C.

who was concerned about being left behind in the rapture. (See, *Please Jesus Don't Leave Me Behind*, October, 1980 issue of *The Chosen People*.) If you have been praying for her you'll rejoice to learn that she has now come to the Lord. Please continue to uphold her in prayer as she grows in His love and grace.

ABMJ IN YOUR TOWN

Schedule of Speakers and Music Ministries

CALIFORNIA

Camarillo: Camarillo Christian Church, Sept. 27, Dr. Daniel Goldberg; South Pasadena: Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, July 19, Donna Jean Wood; Sunnymead: Sunnymead Baptist Church, Sept. 6, Dr. Daniel Goldberg; Temple City: Temple City Grace Brethren Church, July 26, Donna Jean Wood; Whittier: Prophecy Conference, Bethany Baptist Church, Sept. 16-18, 20, Dr. Daniel Goldberg.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Greater Washington D.C. Conference on Prophecy, Sept. 11-13, Dr. Gary C. Cohen, Dr. Charles L. Feinberg, Dr. Rocky Freeman, Dr. Daniel Goldberg.

OHIO

Ashland: Grace Brethren Church, Sept. 6, Donna Jean Wood; Cleveland: Cleveland Chapel, Sept. 9, Donna Jean Wood; Columbus: Sharon Woods Baptist Church, Sept. 6, Donna Jean Wood; Cuyahoga Falls: Northampton Baptist Church, Sept. 13, Donna Jean Wood; Dayton: Dayton Baptist Temple, Sept. 14, Donna Jean Wood; Lakeside on Lake Erie: Lakeside Conference Grounds, Sept. 3, Donna Jean Wood; Louisville: United Methodist Church, Sept. 13, Donna Jean Wood.

NEVADA

Las Vegas: Calvary Chapel, Aug. 2, Dr. Daniel Goldberg.

TEXAS

Celina: First Baptist Church, Oct. 4, Dr. Thomas S. McCall; Dallas: Beth Sar Shalom, Sept. 25, Donna Jean Wood; Longview: Oakland Heights Baptist Church, July 19, Dr. Thomas McCall; Mesquite: Northridge Baptist Church, Sept. 19, Dr. Thomas S. McCall; Rockwall: First Baptist Church of Heath, Sept. 27, Donna Jean Wood.

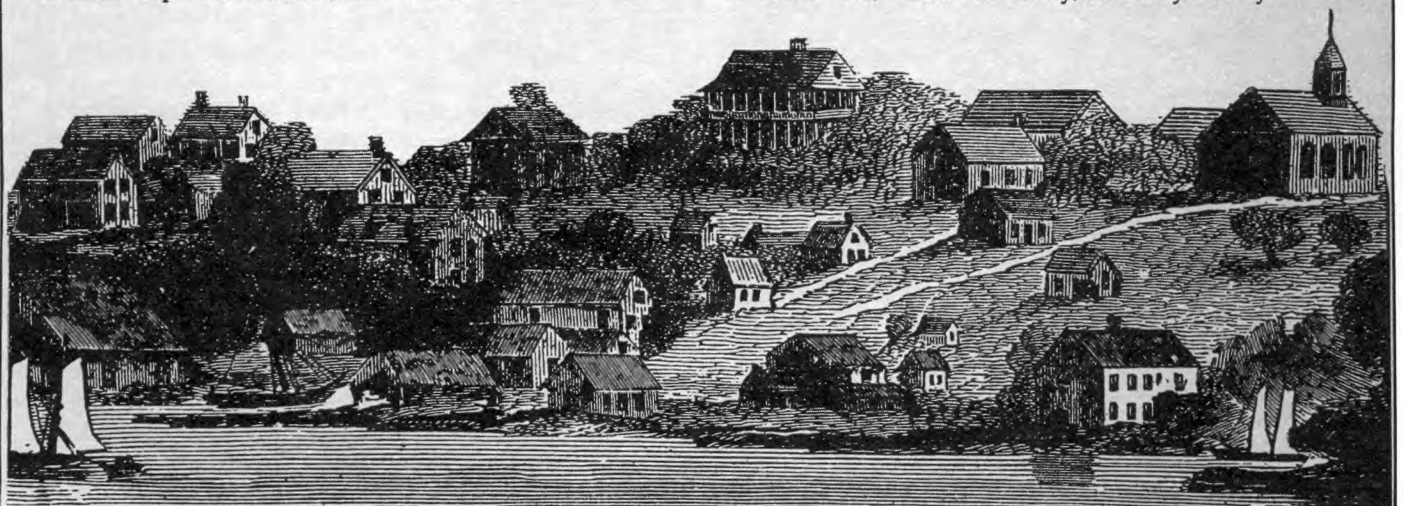
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New Brunswick, Fredericton: Devon Park Baptist Church, July 16-19, Dr. Charles L. Feinberg; New Brunswick, Rothesay: Rothesay United Baptist Church, July 11-15, Dr. Charles L. Feinberg; Peterborough, Ontario: Elim Bible Conference, July 25-31, Rev. Harold A. Sevensen.

ISRAEL

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by DR. HENRY J. HEYDT

Questions and Answers

QUESTION: I have been led to believe that Jewish women, under the law, were unredeemable and hence unsaved. They were not privileged to know or worship God because they were under a continual curse from Eve.

ANSWER: Not true! The curse was placed upon Adam as well as Eve, and mankind has been under it ever since. If there is redemption for man, there must also be redemption for woman. The Redeemer came as the seed of a woman. The following excellent summary should be studied. It is from the nine-column article on Women in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*.

"Women, as well as men, took upon themselves the self-renouncing vow of the Nazirite (Num. 6:2), and shared in offering sacrifices, as in the vow and sacrifice of Manoah's wife (Jud. 13:13,14); were granted theophanies, e.g. Hagar (Gen. 16:7; 21:17), Sarah (18:9,10), Manoah's wife (Jud. 13:3-5,9); were even permitted to "minister" at the door of the sanctuary (Ex. 38:8; 1 Sam. 2:22); rendered conspicuous service in national religious songs and dances (Ex. 15:20; Jud. 11:34; 1 Sam. 18:6,7); in the great choirs and choruses and processions of the Temple (Ps. 68:25; Eza. 2:65; Neh 7:67); in religious mourning (Jer. 9:17-20; Mk. 5:38). They shared equally with men in the great religious feasts, as is indicated by the law requiring their attendance (Dt. 12:18)."

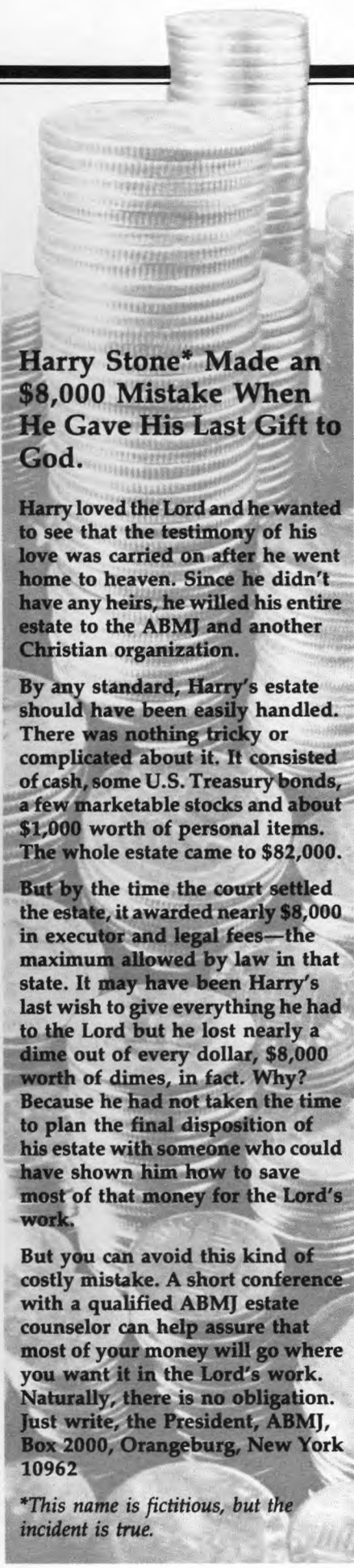
QUESTION: A radio preacher stated that God has endowed the Jew with an above-average mind. Is there any spiritual explanation why, no matter where he is, he prospers economically?

ANSWER: In the first place, it is not true that the Jew always prospers economically, as anyone who has read Jewish history knows. The crowded

ghettoes of Europe were sufficient evidence of this. Also, we could show you much poverty among our Jewish people in the New York area. God foreknew that there would be Jews so poor that they would not only have to sell their property, but themselves also. For this reason He made the provision in Leviticus 25 regarding the kinsman redeemer.

In the second place, it must be remembered that God chose the Jews simply because He loved them and not because they were more in number than any people (Dt. 7:6-8). Furthermore, God does not choose many wise after the flesh any more than many mighty (1 Cor. 1:26-29). However, God has endowed this people with the will and ability to survive. He promised them blessing in obedience and persecution in disobedience (Dt. 28). He wants all the peoples of the earth to recognize that the Jews are called by His name (Dt. 28:10), but for this they must be a holy people (verse 9), as well as an able people whether in the city or country (verse 3). The very endowments that God gave to them became the basis of the jealousy and hatred of the nations when they were disobedient. Elsewhere, He said that He would chasten them with the rod of men but that He would never take His lovingkindness from them (2 Sam. 7:14-15). We are all familiar with the tremendous strides Jews have made in realms of science, philosophy, politics, etc., only to receive the accusation of "Jewish monopoly." An endowed people, indeed, and if they, in their present situation, have done so much for the world, what will their fullness be when they accept the Lord Jesus Christ. Compare Romans 15.

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