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# Salutation



## DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS IN THE LORD:

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield . . ." These words from Psalm 84:11 actually describe the platform decorations of one of the most unusual, soul-inspiring Bible conferences that Dr. Charles Feinberg and I ever attended. We have just returned from Japan and the memories of this conference still seem like pleasant happy dreams from which one dislikes to awaken.

As soon as we passed through customs at Tokyo International Airport we were welcomed by a group of pastors of Kirisuto Kyodai Dan, the indigenous church that had invited us to speak. Our baggage was whisked out of our hands and I was soon embracing Harold Nishimori, a Hawaiian-born Japanese whom I had the privilege of baptizing in New York several years ago. After introductions, greetings, and all of the usual excitement of arriving in a foreign land, we looked up and saw a huge sign, "Welcome—Dr. Fuchs and Dr. Feinberg!" It was a delightful, thoughtful and warm-hearted gesture, but it was just the beginning of a time of ardent fellowship and blessing.

## My Second Opportunity to Visit Japan

This was my second visit to Japan. I can readily imagine some readers of *The Chosen People* wondering why I ever went there in the first place. After all, Japan's population of 102,000,000 people includes only 600 Jews (American Jewish Year Book, 1970, p. 541). Last year I went because a group of Japanese Christians had made good friends in Israel. I went not only to speak at their Bible conference but also to explore the possibility of Hebrew Christians migrating to Israel and maintaining their testimony there as Israeli citizens.

When Mr. Nishimori learned of my plans he urged me to stay for another conference. I was unable to do so, but promised that if our Lord opened the door I would return. This led to an invitation for me and also for Dr. Feinberg to return for a conference on Prophecy and the Jews. Dr. Feinberg gladly accepted the invitation. Dr. Feinberg is not only the prince of Bible-teachers, he is a prince among men and a delightful companion. This explains our visit to Japan.

Our hosts were most thoughtful. They gave us time to rest until noon the day following our arrival when we had a reception by the staff members, min-

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isters, and leading laymen of our host church. The reception was held in the Student Building of the University of Aoyama Gakuin. On the wall of the dining hall, to the right, was the flag of Japan which is a picture of the sun. To the left was the flag of Israel—the "shield" of David. Between the flags were the words of Psalm 84:11 in Japanese, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield." What a thrill it was to meet some of the redeemed of Japan, the leaders of a vigorous, growing church, entirely self-governing and self-supporting. It was a missionary church, and one of the reasons why Dr. Feinberg and I were there was that they wanted to bring the Gospel to the Jews!

Our interpreter for the week was Dr. Ross A. Kida, president of the Japan Nazarene Theological Seminary. He spoke a fluent English and most of the time the conversation was so natural that we didn't realize we were speaking through an interpreter. When I spoke, I used Ephesians 2:14 as my text, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." Later the Rev. Denzo Shimura, president of the group, and, the Rev. K. Kobayashi, the secretary, told me that this same verse had been chosen by the brethren as the conference theme. It was at this meeting that we learned some startling facts. This church's first pastor was a Japanese pastor who believed both the Old and New Testaments and who taught the Scriptural truths of Israel's place in the prophetic Scriptures.

### Japanese Christians Are Praying for Israel

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL IS PART OF EVERY WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHURCH GATHERING! At every service they sing a hymn for Israel's salvation. For forty years this denomination has had a steady growth, and for forty years they have continually prayed for Israel. The story of what this group did during World War II will be fully known only in eternity. Refugees from Hitler had fled through Russia and Siberia, and one of these dear pastors began ministering to them with the help of the other churches. Many of the pastors were imprisoned. All of the Protestant denominations were forced into a national puppet church by the government but these children of God remained firm and true to the Lord and faithful to the Word of God. For forty years they had prayed and now Dr. Feinberg and I were the first Hebrew Christians they had ever seen!

The conference itself was held at the denomination's Hatori Bible Seminary, about a two-hour ride from Tokyo. Dr. Feinberg was the Bible teacher and I spoke on the Mission and its work. As Dr. Feinberg taught, it was amazing to see the light of the understanding of deep things of God in the listeners' eyes. They were not recently converted heathen; they were deep and earnest students of the Word. The Holy Spirit used Dr. Feinberg to answer puzzling questions and the brethren received his teaching with keen delight.

Both Dr. Feinberg and I were saved through the Mission's ministry in 1930, and shortly after that we both taught at the Daily Vacation Bible School. One morning Dr. Feinberg was teaching the Mission boys about John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." In order to emphasize a point he asked the boys a question, "What does a Jew become when he receives Jesus as his Lord?" One of the boys in the class, a brother of David Woods who is now our missionary in Minneapolis, raised

his hand and answered, "A missionary." This truth, of course, has been one of the blessings of missions to the Jews. So many of our converts become missionaries.

I'm wondering if this will not also be the case of these Bible-centered Japanese Christians. One day I was speaking to them about the Mission, its history, its ministry, and its problems, especially in Israel. It was a simple, factual message, but at the close of that message seven young people (five young ladies and two men) dedicated themselves to be used as missionaries to the Jews. "What!" you say, "Japanese becoming missionaries to the Jews?" Why not? What gives us the idea that in order to become a missionary one has to be an American citizen and must travel at least six thousand miles to minister the Gospel?

In Ryoko, Japan, there is a monument to the honor and memory of a Christian Jew, Bernard Jean Bettelheim, M.D.:

As far as I am able to learn, Dr. Bettelheim was the first Protestant missionary to Japan. He was a Hungarian Jew who found the Lord at Smyrna. He spent ten years on our islands, during which time he translated the greater part of the New Testament. Leaving the country under compulsion he was kindly given passage to America by Commodore Perry. His death occurred at Brookfield, Montana.

Bishop Juji Nakada of Tokyo as quoted in *When Jews Face Christ*, p. 93, edited by Henry Einspruch.

If a Hebrew Christian, in spite of language and cultural differences, could be the first Protestant missionary to open the doors of Japan to the Gospel, is there any valid reason why the debt cannot be repaid? There is a closer cultural tie between Israel and Japan than there is between the United States or Great Britain and Israel. Israel and Japan are both Oriental; they are both in Asia. I believe if the Lord tarries, the day is not far off when an apostate Christendom in the United States and Europe will be evangelized by Bible-believing missionaries from Christ-honoring indigenous churches from all over the world.

Didn't our Lord also tell His followers "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47)?"

### Missionary Revival — the Result of Prayer

I am sure of one thing: the Lord is answering the prayers of those Japanese Christians who have prayed for Israel for forty years. There has never been a missionary revival that has not been the result of prayer. This is as it should be. It is our Lord's method!

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:36-38).

In these words our Lord gives his evaluation of the need of Jewish missions and also His method of meeting that need. The evaluation is "they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." No shepherd? What about the rabbis, the leaders, the Scribes and Pharisees? Not until the people say, "The Lord is my shepherd" will they become members of His flock. "The harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few" is still our Lord's diagnosis of the need.



Our Lord also prescribed the answer: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into the harvest." This is God's method for Jewish evangelism. I realize that many, earnest, consecrated missionaries to every field all over the earth have used these verses to plead support for world-wide evangelism. I have no argument with them; I am thrilled when the Gospel is brought to all men everywhere. I am especially thrilled that it was a Hebrew Christian who first brought the Gospel to Japan.

But never forget, these words in Matthew Chapter 9 were spoken primarily for Jewish evangelism. In the next chapter notice the conjunction "and" at the beginning of verse one. Chapter 10 does not begin a new subject. It is a continuation without a break of our Lord's words in Chapter 9, and our Lord specifically commissions His disciples to bring the Gospel to the Jews. No words that I can write on this subject can be more forceful than Matthew 10: 5, 6: "... Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

However, the point I want to emphasize is this: our Lord commanded His disciples to pray for labourers, and He answered their prayers in a very unique way. He commissioned the ones who did the praying to do the preaching. For forty years these dear Japanese Christians have been praying for Israel. Our Lord has commissioned seven of them (The Japanese Board of Missions to the Jews?). At present they are not organizing themselves in this way. They are supporting us with their gifts and we are thankful for their generosity. In the meantime, we are thankful for the universal truth: "The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly (Psalm 84:11).

Faithfully yours in His service,



## JESUS IS FOR THE JEWS, TOO!

Testimony of Louis Levinson, Dallas, Texas Branch



The testimony of a Hebrew Christian will vary with each individual life; but with each person, there is a time when, by a step of faith in God, he accepts the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, into his life.

I was reared in Dallas in a Reformed Jewish family, and I can trace the beginnings of my Christian roots back to 1963, the year I was confirmed at Temple Emanu-El. The confirmation class was given a comparative religion course to acquaint us with the "Christian World." We studied most religions of the modern world: Protestant, Catholic, Mohammedan, Buddhist, all grouped together as Gentile with emphasis on specific points of church doctrine. The "learning" of each religion had the general format similar to the following for the Presbyterian denomination: "The Presbyterians believe in pre-destination. Of course, we know we don't behave in robot fashion. Judaism believes in each person having a freewill to do anything he wants." Nothing was mentioned about Christianity being the acceptance of the same Messiah that was foretold by Jewish prophets. It was mentioned that a man called Jesus pretended to be the Messiah and He is the basis of the Gentile, Christian world.

The same year I went to many activities with my high school Christian friends at a liberal Protestant church. These activities consisted of a short lesson from the Bible or on Church doctrine followed by socializing and refreshments. Even though I thought Christianity was just for the Christians, I began to read and ask questions about the different Christian religions.

I enrolled at Dallas Baptist College and my understanding of Christianity deepened. Although many people were afraid to offend me by telling me about their Savior, I sought out the ones who would answer my questions. I could also see that these same people had something in their lives that was unusual.

I was looking for an intellectual answer to religion, and I came to the point where I was a Jew but couldn't discount Christianity as being a fable. Still, I was afraid I would have to give up my Jewishness by accepting Christ. It took two years in college and the guidance of many friends and teachers for me to see that a Jew retained his Jewish heritage when he accepted the Jewish Messiah.

During these first college years, I had my first contact with Beth Sar Shalom. Dr. Tom McCall and Arnie Fruchtenbaum visited with me and invited me to the Passover dinner held at the First Baptist Church. Beth Sar Shalom showed me that Jesus was for the Jews too. I can now see how God guided me closer and closer to Him in every step. I had been hesitant to walk up the aisle of a Dallas church to accept Christ; but one Sunday morning I found myself in a Baptist church in San Marcos, Texas, away from the pressure of Christian friends. The guest preacher was a young man on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ. He asked anyone who wanted to accept Christ to pray the prayer of salvation with him. All at once what had been so difficult for me became very easy. I asked Christ into my life and became a completed Jew. I knew that I was really on the "inside" before God.



"...My Word... shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please" (Isaiah 55:11).



# Incidents from the field

REPORTS SENT IN BY OUR WORKERS

## A Family In Need

By PERRIN COOK  
Missionary-in-Charge, Atlanta, Georgia



YOU WERE with me in your prayers and support as I sought to minister to the needs of Mr. S and his wife. This is to share with you how God is leading. Please

continue your prayers for this Jewish man as sickness continues to take its toll. Now his wife has also had to take leave from work due to sickness. Fair weather friends have long since forsaken them. Not knowing God in a personal way through the Lord Jesus Christ, where could they turn? What could they do? God showed the way.

For some time we had been trying to get a list of Jewish names in the Atlanta area. When I approached Mr. S about taking a telephone directory and marking all the names for me, he gladly accepted the task. This was something that he could do at home. I told him to work at it for ten hours, and we agreed upon the hourly rate. He called me later and said that the directory was ready. He had completed it, but he would only let me pay him for the ten hours as we had agreed. The amount was small, but it paid for some medicine and groceries and his self-respect was maintained.

Please continue to pray for the salvation of this Jewish man and wife.

Their only daughter married a Christian and joined the church. I haven't met her personally, but I believe that she is saved. Your prayers and support led us by the Holy Spirit to contact this family in their hour of need. Thank you for your faithfulness in standing with us.

## Hollis Mission Ladies Class And Deaf Work

By MRS. JO ENNIS  
Missionary, Hollis, New York



WE HAVE a blessed time on Tuesdays at the Ladies' Bible Class and luncheon at the Hollis Mission. The women eagerly look forward to Tuesdays. For

some of them it's the only time of spiritual refreshing in the entire week. Most of our ladies come from homes where they are the only believers.

We gather around the tables in the ceramic workshop, painting and chatting and sharing the things on our hearts. At noon we have lunch, each bringing her sandwich to add to the salad, dessert and coffee provided. Then we meet in the chapel or sometimes around the fireplace in the living room, where we pray and sing together. If we have new ladies who have never been in classes before I take them to the dining room where

we sit around the huge old table and start with the basic beliefs of the Word of God. Many of the women have never before read the Scriptures. Miss Bullock teaches the other class on doctrine and a deeper life. What a wonderful time we have!

This year several of our faithful members moved from the city or went to work and we miss them. But, the Lord has sent us new ladies and we thank Him for each one. My husband has helped us with the transportation bringing two sweet ladies in wheel chairs from a convalescent home, and each one has asked Jesus to come into her heart and be her Savior. Praise His Name! One of the ladies says now she has a whole new family and that Tuesday is the brightest spot in her week.

We still have some ladies in our group who haven't yet believed in Jesus as their Messiah. We covet your prayers for them.

I can't close this report without adding an encouraging word concerning the work among the deaf in Queens and Brooklyn. Within our group at the Hollis Mission and at the church we attend, there are three young, dedicated deaf couples who are sincerely interested in winning their own people to the Lord. We have two meetings each month for the deaf at Hollis and attendance is growing, especially among the young adults. One young deaf man has been licensed to preach and his special burden is for the Jewish deaf people around us. He goes with my husband on visitation. This winter

he brought a young, deaf man to the Hollis Mission for Mr. Ennis to explain the way of salvation. He accepted Christ and now his wife is antagonistic. He is also having difficulty on the job. Please remember KM in prayer that the Lord will strengthen him and use him for God's glory.

The Lord gave me an unusual opportunity of service and witness this past year as I interpreted in the sign language to deaf students at New York University and Hofstra University. It was extremely interesting and I am grateful to the Lord for this new avenue for sharing the Lord Jesus on the campus and to the deaf community. Please pray for this ministry.

## Birth Announcements!

By RAYMOND COHEN  
Missionary, Hollywood, Florida



WE ARE pleased to announce the birth of two new "children" into the kingdom of God. One is Michael, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. M, who received the Lord

a few months ago. Michael is a straight "A" student in school and was completely sold on the theory of evolution. When we had opportunity to present the claims of Christ to him from the Scriptures and he was able to see the wonderful prophecies written in the Old Testament which came to pass in



the New Testament, he was completely convinced that Jesus was his Messiah and Savior. He and his mother have since joined a Gospel preaching church in West Hollywood and both are growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord.

The other new birth is a seventy-two-year-old gentleman named Nathan G. At his request we had invited Nathan and his lady friend for dinner at our home and it was during the meal that he decided to receive Jesus as his own. We all stopped in the middle of the meal, bowed our heads and Nathan asked Jesus to come into his heart! It was a thrilling moment for all of us. Truly God is no respecter of persons, and it really is a double miracle when a man seventy-two years of age is able to comprehend and receive the Lord as his own.

We are indeed thankful for the enthusiastic response to our Jewish evangelism classes at some of the local evangelistic churches and we have several other contacts yet to be developed. We were invited to a ladies meeting of a local Baptist church and again the response to our testimonies was very gratifying.

#### **Spiritually Fascinated!**

By MISS HILDA KOSER  
Missionary-in-Charge, Coney Island Branch



**D**URING DR. Mill's Bible Conference at the Coney Island Branch a Jewish young man from Yeshiva came to the meetings. Since then he has been coming to see me almost every week and he really has been growing. "The wolf has become a lamb!" He has been reading the New Testament and last

week he came in with some questions regarding the virgin birth. He could not understand it and challenged me; but, praise God, the Lord gave me the right answers. He soon said, "I almost believe. You have made it so clear. Do I have to be baptized if I believe?" (What a long way he has come!)

He came in again and he told me he has started a group among some of his Yeshiva students who are open and interested in reading the New Testament. He brought his girl friend with him but she was afraid to come in. He had told me about her the last time he was here, and I had given him some literature for her. He told me that she had been reading it and by mistake, she left it on her bed. Her brother came in the room and found it and destroyed it all. He was very upset that she was reading "missionary junk." The young man asked for more literature for his girl friend and a New Testament small enough for her to hide. I gave him one and he took more literature for his friends.

He is a fine young man, very intellectual. He said that one of the tracts I gave him quoted Edersheim, "Life and Times of Jesus Christ," and he asked if I could loan him a copy. I gave him one that I had, and he told me he is fascinated. He is writing out all his questions and really and truly seems very, very sincere. Please continue to pray for his salvation. I have already claimed it because the Lord has promised, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 18:19). We are praying that he will soon come all the way through. He still won't give me his second name because he is afraid I might find out more about him. However, I really don't care what his second name is, I am interested only in his second birth!

## **God Is Moving In The California Area!**

By DOUGLAS PYLE,  
Missionary, Los Angeles Branch

I am so thankful to be here in the place of God's choosing in the Southern California area working with Jewish young people! In a recent combined meeting of our high school and college groups, we saw over seventy present with thirty-two Jewish young people in attendance, twenty-two of whom were unsaved. After some hardy swimming, ping pong, and volleyball, the kids settled down to listen to Martin Rosen's discussion on "Our Youth Counter-culture." Many personal testimonies were shared with these keen-minded Jewish students during the evening. A Jewish girl, Eileen, who attended the meeting, walked forward the next morning in a Bible-preaching church to publicly declare her faith in her Messiah. She said, "Meeting so many young Hebrew Christians the night before confirmed this decision in my mind." She had been contacted previously by David Woods, our missionary in Minnesota.

Arthur Katz spoke also at one of our combined youth group meetings with over a hundred students present. I was able to share Isaiah 53 with four unsaved Jewish young people. All of them (as is the case with almost every Jewish person I talk to) had never seen this prophecy before.

We make our "get-togethers" very informal. Christian young people bring their Jewish friends. We endeavor to have the best speakers and music provided by folk groups or guitar singers. Refreshment time is important too as some of the heaviest spiritual confrontations have often been over a glass of punch during refreshments.

Another outreach opened up in this area just recently. We now have a literature table at UCLA where the majority of students is Jewish. Each Wednesday, I eagerly look forward to setting up the table on campus with literature dealing with Israel and the Messiah in prophecy. The results have been gratifying, as each week I have face-to-face encounters with Jewish students. Two Jewish young people in particular stand out in my mind. Bill came over to our table and told me, "I had a Bar Mitzvah when I was thirteen, and we keep the holidays at home; but I really know very little about the Bible." I showed him a copy of Isaiah 53 and when he had finished reading, I asked my usual question, "To whom do you think this is referring?" He replied instantly, "Jesus." My second question was, "Where do you think you were reading this excerpt from?" "From the New Testament, I guess," he answered. It was a little staggering to him when I showed him that he was reading from the Old Testament. Needless to say, Bill will not forget this encounter.

Shelly stopped to look at the literature and informed me that she was preparing a paper on the Mezuzah for her Folklore Class. She too read Isaiah 53 and she also responded by saying, "It's talking about Jesus." I am sure that our conversation has stimulated her thinking about the claims of Jesus. Please pray for these and others reached through this ministry.

As a result of Art Katz's speaking in an optional student assembly this spring at Beverly Hills High School, a bi-weekly Bible study has been started. At every meeting so far we have had unsaved Jewish students coming.



# Reaching Jewish People In Pittsburgh

By REV. HENRY E. JOHNSON,  
Missionary-in-Charge, Pittsburgh Branch

OUR Beth Sar Shalom Center, located in the Pittsburgh Jewish community, attracts the curiosity of many. As people wait at the bus stop in front of the Mission building, they can't help but read our bulletin board signs; and this has led to many inquiring telephone calls or visits to ask more about our organization and its beliefs.

## A Testimony

Recently, two young men were baptized by Dr. Fuchs at a local church. One was a college graduate who had received Christ a few years ago and asked to be baptized as Christ commanded. The other was a twelve-year old lad who attends our junior Bible class. I quote his testimony:

I am the youngest in our family. My father is Jewish; my mother converted to Judaism before I was born. There was not much peace and happiness at home and it came to the point where our family broke apart. My mother had taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer, and I can remember my brother and I praying secretly at night.

During this time, my mother started to listen to Christian radio broadcasts, and also to look for a place where we could learn about Christ. She found out about Beth Sar Shalom where my mother, sister, and brother began to attend various meetings.



Rev. Henry E. Johnson



Hanna Eurich

I went to the Wednesday class for juniors, and enjoyed the company of the other boys I met there. We had a time of games and a Bible lesson. During one lesson, we learned that one has to receive Jesus Christ in his heart to be forgiven and become a child of God.

During recreation time at the next meeting, Rev. Johnson talked to me and said that if I wanted to commit my life to Jesus I should think about it and see him after the lesson. Before leaving for home that day, I told Mr. Johnson I was ready to accept Jesus. This I did in prayer. I know now that Jesus saved me from my sins, and that I belong to Him. I want to live for Christ's glory, and tell others about His love and goodness to us.

We praise God for these young lives. Pray that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ and be faithful to Him.

## New Avenues of Witness

One Sunday I spoke in a church, and after the service a lady mentioned that her husband was Jewish. She wanted him to meet me and learn more about Beth Sar Shalom. We invited them to our next Fellowship Night and they attended. We witnessed to him personally and through the program. The couple expressed a desire to attend more of our monthly meetings and our weekly Bible studies.



Dr. Daniel Fuchs and the young men whom he baptized



Hanna Eurich and her Bible class

They have read our literature and seem very responsive to the Word of God. We ask God's blessing as we purpose further follow-up.

We are looking for new avenues of witness in the suburbs and in the college communities. Pray with us for a deepening of the spiritual life of these who have accepted the Lord and for the salvation of those to whom we are presenting the Gospel of Christ.

## Report by Hanna Eurich, Missionary

During the months of June and July we continued our door-to-door

visiting. One afternoon I rang a doorbell and an elderly lady answered. She invited me to sit with her on her porch. I learned that she was from Lithuania. I was much impressed by her faith in the God of the Bible and her high spiritual and moral standards learned from the Law. Like many other Jewish people that we meet, she knew the basic claims of Jesus of Nazareth and had done some thinking about them. There was a desire to know more about Him Who claims to be both David's Son and Lord, but there was also fear of family and friends. I encouraged her to pray to God that He may show her the truth about His Son.

In our youth work, we have been seeking new ways of reaching the students of the local high school. Our new helper in this phase of the work is John Pearrel, a student at Pitt University. Because of his work with teenagers in the past and because of his desire to witness also to Jewish young people, he is well prepared to work with us.

Last summer's major event was a pizza party for high school students. We had spent much time on campus, talking to individual students and inviting them. Between 35-40 students responded. Some just wandered in during the evening. There was a folk guitarist who played and sang some of his own compositions, such as, "I will send a famine in the land . . . a famine of hearing the words of the Lord" from the prophet Amos. There were also some interesting games which helped to prepare the group for a discussion in which Christ was shown as God's answer to man's greatest need.

We plan to have a similar event to start off the new school year, and we pray for a wider circle of students to hear about our program and respond to our invitation.





## Talent Appreciation Night

By Rev. Kenneth A. Reeves,  
Missionary, Los Angeles Branch

Rev. Al Stoltey at piano.

Talent appreciation night was a night of nights! People who had never been to our meetings came to perform or to participate by a display of talent such as ceramics, art, etc. Even those not performing or putting on displays participated as they acknowledged appreciation by their enthusiasm, especially for the many Jewish songs. It was a night of enjoyment for all.

We had song writers who played their own compositions; soloists who did a marvelous job of presenting Gospel music. Mr. Douglas Pyle led us in a number of Hebrew songs and the entire group participated. One lady, in costume, gave us a demonstration of folk dancing. Another lady contributed a few words of testimony that really touched hearts. One man played a harmonica solo. Rev. Ted Paul surprised a number of people who had never heard him whistle before. One of the songs that he whistled with such feeling was, "My Yiddish Mama." Mr. Joey Muslin, a Hebrew Christian formerly of New York and now in the Los Angeles area, strummed his guitar and sang a number of Gospel songs. Rev. Al Stoltey who teaches our memory verse lessons on Tuesday nights, favored us with piano selections of heart-moving Hungarian music. A Hebrew Christian doctor played a selection, "How Great Thou Art." Mr. Grodman played Jewish songs and selections on the saxophone, and for the climax of the talent program, accompanied Doug Pyle as Doug sang, "The Holy City." This was followed by a brief message and a time of prayer. Then we looked at the various displays and had a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The displays were delightful. One lady brought a collection of over seventy-five dolls, as well as embroidered and covered coat hangers. Most of the dolls had been discarded, then recovered, dressed, and repaired. It was a very outstanding collection. One of our Hebrew Christian ladies displayed ceramics that she had done over a period of years. This fine lady attends almost all of our meetings. Another Hebrew Christian lady displayed crocheting, pincushions and ties. One lady displayed her oil paintings and pencil sketches. Then there was a man who brought his wood carvings to display.

Some of the comments heard after the performance and during the time of fellowship went something like this: "If my wife had known of a program like this, she would have come." This man's wife has never attended one of our meetings, and has always been against his coming. He felt that she would have come to a meeting such as this. So he said, "Next year when you have Talent Night again, I trust she will be coming so she can hear the Gospel."

Everyone is looking forward to our having a program next year. Our hearts were blessed, and many people came to realize that God's people have talents, but would prefer to talk about the things of God than to display their talents. Even in the displaying of the talents, they prefer to give all glory unto God.



## Jewish Notes

BY ALTHEA S. MILLER

### Religious Hostility

Four sociologists have recently studied Protestant clergymen's attitudes toward contemporary Jews. A rather exhaustive analysis within the year reveals a pessimistic outlook as to the ability of some 1,500 Protestant clergymen to eradicate anti-Semitism in their churches.

Since "enlightened" Christians no longer officially blame the Jew for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, presumably the clergy should be able to convince laymen to renounce that false doctrine. The trouble is, say the sociologists, spiritual leaders are unable to cure laymen until they themselves are healed. Apparently the sore is stubborn, resistant to healing.

University of California (Berkeley) Sociology Department researchers Glock, Stark, Foster and Quinley stated that "roughly 94% of the clergy from comparatively liberal denominations were more open in their attitudes toward Jews than (theologically) conservative men." Among the latter, more agreed with the statement: "... because Jews are not bound by Christian ethics, they will do things to get ahead that Christians generally will not do."

Makes one wonder if some Christians feel a bit of regret at the re-

straints of Christian ethics. At least it's worth pondering—and praying for release from any ignoble, unchristian attitudes.

### Breaking Point

Austerity is a fact of life today in Israel for which few of its citizens have any fondness. In virtually all of its twenty-three years of statehood Israel has been geared to and involved in war in a seemingly never-ending struggle to be able to say with a newly-found sense of belonging, "This is my country."

There are stirrings abroad in the land today. Like miasma over a swamp one sees and feels the utter weariness enveloping those who continually sacrifice without seeing any clear light on the horizon.

Many Christians show concern by putting at least a little money where their mouths are, all the while knowing that cessation of war, undisputed establishment of the state's boundaries and a less stringent economy are not really the answers to Israel's sighings. Her basic weariness comes from within; she will never rest until she rests in Yeshua Hamashia, Jesus the Messiah. As a people today, they don't know who He is. Are you doing anything to bring them this knowledge?



# Questions & Answers

By HENRY J. HEYDT, Th.D.



**Question:** *Your tract, Of the Jews, calls Adolph Saphir "That master in Israel." Could you explain that to me a bit more?*

**Answer:** The designation is usually given to a person who is held in high esteem by his people as a scholar and teacher. Since Adolph Saphir was saved when quite young it is doubtful whether he has ever been so esteemed in Judaism, but his scholarship and its application for the cause of Christ have earned him this description. A. C. Gaebelien, in the introduction to Saphir's book on Hebrews, says:

"Adolph Saphir, whose voice is no longer heard in the earth, was a Hebrew by birth. Brought up in an orthodox family, he had from childhood a good knowledge of the oracles of God committed to the Jews (Rom. iii:2). When quite young he was saved by Grace and the dead letter became spirit and life in him. He soon developed, through the Grace of God, into the man as he has often been described, 'a man mighty in the Scriptures.' His 'Christ and the Scriptures' and 'The Divine Unity of the Scriptures' are unanswerable arguments for the verbal inspiration of the Word of God. As a Hebrew Christian he had a grasp of Scripture and of God's purposes such as few Gentile minds acquire. His exposition of Hebrews is a masterpiece in which all the wonderful

knowledge of the Scriptures given to him by the Head in Glory is brought out."

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**Question:** *What does Isa. 40:2 mean when it says that Israel received double from the Lord's hand for all her sin? What does this do to God's justice?*

**Answer:** Some have tried to avoid the implication that God is not just by referring the "receiving double" to blessing instead of judgment, that is, Jerusalem shall have a double measure of grace and favor, blessing double to the punishment. This position forces the context and is amply refuted by both Lange and Delitzsch.

On the other hand, there is some merit to what Ellicott says, "the one meaning does not exclude the other." When God permitted the nations to turn against Israel as a chastening rod (2 Sam. 7:14) they often used this as an excuse to take additional vengeance and thus incurred the Lord's displeasure (Zech. 1:15). The result of this is double blessing for Israel. See Isa. 61:7.

However, the concept of double payment is not foreign to Old Testament legislation. Such a payment is set forth in Ex. 22:9. This might also tie in with the fact that much is expected of those to whom much is given. Romans does not only set forth the gospel to the Jew first but also trib-

ulation and anguish (2:9). But even this would hardly apply here since the sin of Israel was such that God would have been just in wiping her out completely. Mal. 3:6 makes this quite clear.

Having pointed out these various aspects, we should like to quote Delitzsch since we feel that he expresses quite accurately the sense of the statement: "It is not to be taken, however, in a judicial sense; in which case God would appear over-rigid, and therefore unjust. Jerusalem had not suffered more than its sins had deserved; but the compassion of God regarded what His justice had been obliged to inflict upon Jerusalem as superabundant . . . The wrath has gone forth in double measure. With what intensity, therefore, will the love break forth, which has been so long restrained."

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**Question:** *Where did the ritual of confirmation originate?*

**Answer:** There is no record of the

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**Question:** *In one of your studies you gave several examples of the relation between Psalms 22, 23 and 24 as past, present and future. May we have these again?*

**Answer:** In the following list some are my own arrangement and others I have come across in my reading in the course of the years. You can, most likely, add some of your own.

<b>Psalm 22</b>	<b>Psalm 23</b>	<b>Psalm 24</b>
Past	Present	Future
The Cross	The Crook (Shepherd's)	The Crown
The Good Shepherd	The Great Shepherd	The Chief Shepherd
Jn. 10:11	Heb. 13:20	1 Pet. 5:4
Crucifixion	Communion	Coronation
Saviour	Shepherd	Sovereign
Pardon	Peace	Power
Sword	Staff	Scepter
Grace	Guidance	Glory
Yesterday	Today	Forever
Redeeming	Restoring	Reigning
Salvation from	Salvation from	Salvation from
sin's penalty	sin's power	sin's presence

ritual of confirmation in either the New Testament or early ecclesiastical history. Tertullian speaks of the imposition of hands immediately following baptism as also does Cyprian. In its development in ecclesiastical usage, confirmation followed the baptism of adults as a seal by which the covenant contract of baptism was ratified, and it was administered by a bishop. When no bishop was present, it could take place at a later time when either a bishop or his representative could be present. Even after the introduction of infant baptism confirmation followed immediately, and the two were not separated until about the 13th century. Confirmation today is used in some branches of the Church and is the rite by which a person reaching the years of discretion ratifies the covenant of baptism. Since there is no New Testament ground for this rite, it is considered in many areas of Protestantism as an unnecessary ecclesiastical appendage and is, therefore, not observed.





# ISRAEL in the Spotlight

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## CHAPTER XIII

### THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS ISRAEL'S PAST—ELECTED

(Continued from October issue)

A fourth privilege was the giving of the law. Although many Gentiles erroneously appropriate to themselves the enactments and ordinances of the law, the Mosaic system was given to Israel only. Moses had asked Israel if they knew of any nation so great that had statutes and judgments so righteous as the law that God had given them. For we must remember that, although the law cannot render a man righteous, yet it is itself "holy and just and good" and spiritual, because it partakes of the holy character of God Himself. No small privilege was this giving of the law to Israel.

The service of God was that characteristic feature of the religious life of Israel which differentiated them most strikingly from all their heathen neighbors. Here was a people which had access to the presence of God through a divinely instituted priesthood, as well as atonement for all sins committed, through a marvelously arranged system of substitutionary sacri-

fices. How replete with types of the great Sacrifice was this service of God! How loudly it testified to all the nations that Israel's God was not only the true and living God, but the holy God as well!

To Israel pertain also the promises. The *epangeliai* here refer primarily to the promises through the Messiah. We believe, however, that all God's gracious promises to Israel in the Old Testament can be included. All these promises can be summed up under five heads: an eternal national entity, an eternal land, an eternal King, an eternal kingdom, and an eternal throne.<sup>16</sup> The prophet Jeremiah, in speaking of the new covenant to be made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, declares that Jehovah has said that, if the sun shall cease to give light by day and the moon and stars by night, and if heaven above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will He cast off the seed of Israel, so that they shall cease from being a nation before Him forever (Jer. 31:35-37). With such an explicit and unequiv-

ocal promise Israel need never fear for her national existence. To Abraham God had said: "For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever" (Gen. 13:15). Palestine may not be occupied by the nation Israel as their own land, but the right and title to it has irrevocably been given to them by God.

Concerning Israel's eternal King, Jeremiah is again clear in affirming that if God's covenant of the day and that of the night can be broken, then can His covenant also be broken which promised to David that he should never lack for a son to reign upon his throne (Jer. 33:21). Although the heathen may rage and the kings of the earth take counsel together against the Lord and His Christ, yet it is well to bear in mind that God in His eternal purposes which He purposed in Christ Jesus has set His King upon the holy hill of Zion. He has purposed and it shall stand! Who shall hinder Him?

As for Israel's eternal kingdom the prophets are replete with these promises. To Daniel it was revealed that to the Son of Man that came to the Ancient of days, there would be given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, His dominion being an everlasting one and His kingdom, "that which shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14). God had promised David, finally, that his throne would exist forever. The psalm by Ethan the Ezrahite states God's oath to David: "His seed shall endure for ever, And his throne as the sun before me" (Ps. 89:36). A nation with such blessed promises as these could well glory in the Lord.

But Paul has not yet recounted all of Israel's privileges. He gives the greatest last. Israel was favored with being the nation from which the Messiah came. The promise of the Redeemer had first been given to Eve,

then had come down through the line of Shem. God might just as easily have chosen Japheth, but He chose Shem then Abraham. To consider that the Almighty God had chosen them as a nation to bring forth His Son in whom all of God's purposes are centered and in whom all nations of the earth are yet to be blessed, should have been sufficient cause to excite Israel to never ending praise and adoration. A nation so favored of God is assuredly one well beloved of Him.

We have already indicated that Israel was privileged for a certain purpose. This was a threefold purpose. First, the nation was chosen to witness to the truth of the unity of God. This may seem quite an unnecessary calling now, but in the midst of universal idolatry it was most needful. Israel's great slogan, the last words on the lips of her faithful martyrs, is: "Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Lord" (Deut. 6:4). The prophet Isaiah had declared to Israel that they were the witnesses of the Lord, His servant whom He had chosen, to show forth "that I am God" (Isa. 43:10, 11). Second, Israel was to preserve the Scriptures. When the apostle Paul asked in Romans 3:1 what advantage the Jew had, he answered that it was much every way, but "chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God." How well this task was accomplished—the transmission of the Scriptures—is a matter of common knowledge and the subject of the profound admiration and unreserved commendation of all scholars of the Hebrew text of the Old Testament.

An incident that occurred in Brooklyn, New York some years ago is most interesting in this very connection.<sup>17</sup> A member of the Ahavath Moishes ("Love of Moses") Congregation, upon opening the ark of the scrolls in order to conduct the rites of the Passover

<sup>16</sup> L. S. Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. IV, pp. 315-325.

<sup>17</sup> *The Chosen People*, May, 1932, p. 13.



service, found to his dismay that one of the holy scrolls had been stolen. It was later found in a vacant lot opposite the synagogue; it had been partly burned. Funeral rites, exactly corresponding to those for human beings, were conducted for the scroll, and it was buried in a pine box after having been wrapped in a prayer shawl. The congregation went into mourning for one week. Such is the love of Israel for the Scriptures. As we sit here and write, we can see in our mind's eye our father as he used to kiss the book of the law again and again after he had finished reading the particular Sabbath portion. Israel did preserve the Scriptures in their purity.

Third, Israel was chosen to be the channel of the Messiah. The unconditional covenant was vouchsafed to Abraham wherein he was told that in his seed, which is Christ, were all the nations of the earth to be blessed. The promise of the seed passed from

Abraham to Isaac and then to Jacob. Of the sons of Jacob Judah was chosen of whom Shiloh should come. The psalmist David was next favored with the Word of the Lord that of his loins would come forth He who would reign in righteousness on the Davidic throne in Jerusalem. It remained now for Isaiah only to declare more fully the fact of the virgin birth (implied in the protevangelium of Genesis 3:15). The fulfillment of all these promises concerning the seed is seen in the first verse of Matthew's Gospel: "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." The line had been kept pure in spite of the attempts of Satan to destroy the seed. A greater calling than this—to bring forth Him who is verily God manifest in the flesh—is inconceivable. But all these privileges to the contrary notwithstanding, Israel was headed for failure, because "they perverted agency into a monopoly of Divine favour."<sup>18</sup>

<sup>18</sup> R. Anderson, *The Silence of God*, p. 53.

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