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# Salutation

**D**EARLY BELOVED FRIENDS IN THE LORD:

"... On earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). This declaration of the angelic host at the time of our Lord's birth is prophetic. It still waits fulfillment.

As I write this letter I am seated comfortably on a beautiful 747 Jet, 40,000 feet above the Atlantic ocean. Just after we took off from Geneva, the captain announced that because of head winds our speed would only be 500 miles an hour and that the flight to New York, a distance of about 4000 miles, would take eight hours and five minutes. Only eight hours for 4000 miles—yet earlier this afternoon it had taken over two hours to manipulate the less than 1000 feet from the Geneva airport to board the plane itself. There was no difficulty checking in at the airport, but every passenger's luggage was carefully inspected to make sure that no weapons or bombs were being smuggled aboard. Once again this year on Christmas eve, the Israel police will have to inspect "pilgrims" going to Bethlehem so that there will be no sabotage. The sad fact is that there is no peace on earth and very few men of good will.

This morning I walked around Geneva. It is a beautiful city and its history is significant. The name of one of the streets, Quai Wilson, vividly reminded me of the hopes that the city had for the world. As a boy in New York I joined the parade of school children when the Kellogg-Briand pact was signed. We were told there would be no more war. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, who was once introduced by his announcer as "the prince of the power of the air," welcomed "God's kingdom on earth." They welcomed the kingdom but rejected the King. This, too, is the "modern history of Geneva"—a history of buried hopes. If it weren't for the fact that there is a street in Geneva named after Woodrow Wilson, few would even remember his name. The kingdom of God awaits the coming of the King. Only He can bring peace to men of good will.

## The Reformation Monument In Geneva

When I started my walk I wasn't thinking about ex-president Wilson and the League of Nations. My destination was the Reformation Monument. (See front cover.) This impressive monument, located in a beautiful park in downtown Geneva, is over three hundred feet long and has several sections, each

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dealing with one of the liberating declarations; such as, the Mayflower Compact and the Bill of Rights. It should be noted that these pronouncements, which historically are basic to our liberties, did not cause the Reformation; they were its results!

The main section of the monument is a magnificent panel containing four statues over fifteen feet high of the leaders of the Reformation: Calvin, Knox, Bezé, and Farel. I have traveled widely and have seen many monuments, but this was the most impressive of all. I studied the imposing figures closely. Each was different, yet each showed the same characteristics. Determination was shown not only in their facial features, but also in the symmetrical positioning of the huge blocks of rocks from which they were carved. Lately much has been written about the sternness of these characters, but these men had to be strong and rugged. Each face showed different elements of strength: Calvin's forehead showed strength of intellect; Knox's mouth and chin showed strength of determination. However, each hand held the same book—the Bible. These men were effective, stalwart warriors for the Lord, but they did not cause the Reformation. All they did was to open the truths of the Book, and that in turn led to the Reformation. All of the liberties which are so precious to modern man can only be effective as they are based upon the Scriptures.

From time to time in our publication we have been critical of both the League of Nations and the United Nations. This criticism is not against the purpose nor against the personalities involved. It is against one principle upon which both organizations were founded, and that is that peace could come by deliberation while the Prince of Peace waits outside uninvited.

#### **Plans For The Passover Telecast 1972**

The trip to Switzerland was delightful. However, it was not all touring and vacation. For several months I had been writing to leading Hebrew Christians in Great Britain and the Continent about the Passover telecast. I felt that it was important to talk over problems personally, and I scheduled a quick trip to London. But, when I wrote to our British friends, I found that at the time I was able to go to London, the people I wanted to see would be in Gunten, Switzerland, attending the International Hebrew Christian Alliance meeting. So I changed my plans, and that explains my visit to Switzerland.

It was a delight to personally meet Hebrew Christian leaders from the United States, France, Switzerland, Germany and Scandinavia, as well as from such distant places as South Africa, South America, Iran and Israel. The fellowship was delightful.

#### **Jewish Missions In Germany**

Besides planning for the Telecast I was able to use the trip to Switzerland for the expansion of our ever-growing ministry. For months I had been corresponding with Adolph Löwy, who has had a small, but very effective ministry in Frankfurt, Germany. Jewish missions in Germany are now at a low ebb. There are only 30,000 Jews left in Germany, and they are very hard to reach with the Gospel; but they should not be forgotten. Our brother in the Lord has been able to gather about 25 Jewish believers in Frankfurt. He needs the support and encouragement which we can give. Incidentally, the support he needs is not financial. Mr. Löwy has been able to win friends to his ministry so that his

work is self-supporting. However, he realizes that all missionaries should be under the discipline and protection of a Board and that all missions should be effectively supervised. While we are thankful for our brother's successful testimony in Frankfurt, we faced him with the problem of reaching the rest of Germany's 30,000 Jews. We informed him of our ministry to the churches. It is only when the evangelical churches in each city where there are Jews will evangelize them that the Jewish people will ever be reached. The plan is for Mr. Löwy to interest local churches in Jewish evangelism and to instruct and help them in their witness.

#### **Missionary Worker To The Jews In Iran**

I was delighted also to meet a Hebrew Christian from Iran (formerly Persia). Mr. Habib Yusefzadeh is now the president of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance. The story about missions and especially missions to the Jews in Iran is heartsickening.

For one hundred years beginning in the middle of the last century two of the largest Protestant denominations, one based in Great Britain and one in New York, spent hundreds of millions of dollars in a missionary program in Iran. The missionaries were zealous and consecrated. The work among the Moslems was almost fruitless, so they brought the Gospel to the Jews with a good measure of success. (At present there are still about 90,000 Jews in Iran.) Many Jews accepted the Lord and in turn were successful in witnessing to their Moslem neighbors and for several decades a fairly strong church was founded in Iran. But, the well-intentioned missionaries exercised complete control. Instead of training the believers to lead and take responsibility, they built schools and hospitals. With the rise of nationalism, the schools and churches have been nationalized. With the rise in ecumenism and liberalism in the denominations, the duty to evangelize has been neutralized. The denomination in the United States sold all of its property and left the field entirely. The denomination in Great Britain refused to bring the Gospel to the Jews, and its shrinking ministry is now entirely to the Moslems. All their income, even that designated for work among the Jews, is transferred to the Moslem work. The church is weak and the believers, most of whom are Hebrew Christians, are scattered. There is absolutely no trained leadership.

I spoke to Mr. Yusefzadeh about the predicament and suggested that the believers in Iran, few in number and untrained as they are, must themselves take the responsibility. I suggested that he should gather together a group of the brethren of good report, who were faithful to the Word and they should organize the local church. I assured our brother that this local church was not seceding from the denomination, but rather that the denomination had seceded from them having failed in its ministry. This local church should pray for the raising up of a missionary to the Jews from its own members. I offered to provide good Bible correspondence courses for the church to translate and study. Our Mission would train and support the missionary to the Jews. The training must be in Iran and not in the United States.

I realize that this is just a small beginning, but how else can we get the Gospel to the Jews of Iran? I realize, too, that the training of the worker will not be as complete as we would like. Naturally, we will keep our *Chosen People* family fully informed.



### Report On Our Work In Paris, France

I also took a side trip to see our work in Paris. It was a joy once more to meet our honorary director, Pastor Henri Vincent. No one would realize that he is seventy-one years old. What a faithful servant of the Lord he has been!

It was a joy to again meet our missionary, André Boulagnon. He is a young, energetic man in his thirties. I love to walk, and I set a good pace; but I just couldn't keep up with him. He is a brilliant witness for our Lord. He has many responsibilities; for example, he is the speaker on our French program over Trans World Radio. (This program is also repeated in our Israel broadcast.) Twice a year he flies from Paris to Monte Carlo and stays at Trans World Radio for a day. Each day he completes the message for twenty-six of his broadcasts. This is a remarkable feat, but it is also remarkable how the Lord has blessed the program. Since it started just a few years ago, over 2000 requests for literature have been received! This indicates a tremendous listening audience.

Our new Paris building is beautiful. I never dreamed that it could be made so attractive. What thrilled me most is not just the good building, but the fact that it is used as a center from which the Gospel is reaching the Jewish youth in the neighborhood. About 15 young men from the Paris Bible Institute help us in a coffeehouse ministry where the Lord is glorified and souls are being saved.

Assisting André Boulagnon is his secretary, Mme. Marguerite Azenor. She is a sweet, diminutive lady who found the Lord later in life; and one can't meet her without learning about the love of our Lord. Answering the radio mail is a big job, but Mme. Azenor has grown so much in the work that she now edits the French edition of *The Shepherd of Israel* and some of our tracts in French. After that she became so interested in Jewish people and their history and customs that she began to write a series of radio programs about Jewish Holy Days and the Gospel especially for Jewish children. These programs were an instantaneous success. Trans World Radio broadcasts one each month without any charge to us. This opens an entirely new ministry to us, not only in Europe, but also in the United States. So effective has been the work of Mme. Azenor that we now list her as one of our missionaries.

One of the most thrilling parts of my trip I leave to the last. As I reviewed the budget figures with brother Vincent, I found that our Paris branch is now 10% self-supporting. I instructed Pastor Vincent to use this amount exclusively for publication of tracts and *The Shepherd of Israel*. I did this in order to give the local believers a well-deserved sense of accomplishment.

Our return from Geneva to New York was only eight hours. How thankful we are to live in a day when we can use modern means of transportation and communication to bring the news of Him Who is called "Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sin."

Faithfully yours in His service,



## Jewish Notes

By ALTHEA S. MILLER

### Jewish Liberationist

Some women have achieved liberation, so called, without making an issue of it. They simply dug in and took their part in and responsibility of the world's work. Israel's Prime Minister, Golda Meir is a case in point.

The old Jewish fathers had a saying: "Lo Hamidrash h-ikur ele ha-maaseh,"—"Not the talk but the deed is the important thing." In a time when it took great courage to be a Jewish liberationist, Golda Meir left Wisconsin, one of the most advanced states of the Union and went to a land where it was often difficult to get even a glass of water. Her voyage by ship was to take 14 days, but it took 40. About mid-way across, the passengers were told they might land in the bottom of the ocean. That experience 50 years ago set the stage for the tremendous responsibilities Mrs. Meir was later to grapple with. Instead of shouting, she acted and went on to become Prime Minister.

### Hanukkah and Christmas

Washington's *Jewish Week* suggests that many Jews have come to terms with December on the basis of the old expression, "If you can't lick 'em, join

'em." Since it is next to impossible to avoid the overwhelming atmosphere of Christmas which descends on American society, some Jewish families, especially those with young children, have attempted to blend Hanukkah with Christmas rather than let the nearly concurrent celebrations collide.

Two large candy chains, each owned by Jews, have dedicated their window displays to both themes.

Hanukkah, not a Biblically-rooted holiday, is the celebration of a victory which took place in ancient Judea in the years 167-165 B.C. It has lost much of its religious significance to the Jews of this day. The celebration of Christmas, originally intended to remind men of God's victory over sin in every era through the birth of Jesus Christ, has become at best a sentimental journey through a never-lasting world of gift giving and revelling.

At this season may it be our purpose as Christians to offer God's gift of love to our Jewish friends and neighbors. Surely, we don't have to be reminded that "peace on earth" will become a reality only when the Christ of Christmas, the Messiah of Israel who died for mankind's sin and rose again for his justification, is loved and accepted within men's hearts.



"... 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

### "I Have Set Before Thee An Open Door . . ."

By MARY ANN SLEICHTER  
Missionary, New York City

AFTER SPENDING last year in the small, friendly town of Jerusalem (100,000 pop.) returning to New York City (8 million pop.) was no easy adjustment. God is faithful and continues to provide the strength I need day by day. In the month that I've been back in New York He's given many opportunities to continue in a student ministry among Jewish youth.

Recently as I was walking in Greenwich Village I noticed a college-age girl sitting on the steps of an apartment building, reading what looked like a Bible. I stopped to ask her what was so interesting and she replied that it was the Book of Mormon plus the Bible. After talking several minutes about her new belief, she asked me who I was. I explained I am a follower of Jesus Christ and working with Jewish people who believe in their Messiah. Her eyes lit up with interest. She, a Jewish girl, was fascinated to hear that some Jews really believe Jesus is the promised Messiah of Israel. When I told her more about Beth Sar Shalom and our Bible studies, she was eager to come and study the Bible.

L is typical of many Jewish young people who are desperately searching for the truth. Jewish youths are trying to fill their emptiness with false cults, drugs, sex, humanism, anything that will give temporary relief from their basic loneliness and despair. I felt this despair in the very depths of my being

until someone communicated the living Gospel to me and I accepted Jesus Christ.

I in turn am sharing this love that overflows from God with the people I meet in New York City. Will you pray for me as I communicate the love of Christ especially to the Jewish students I'm meeting everyday? Will you also pray for L and so many like her who are searching for spiritual life, that they will find Jesus Christ—the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thank you and SHALOM!

### A Genuine Decision

By JOHN S. FEINBERG  
Student and Part-time worker  
in Chicago Branch

NEVER underestimate the ability of the Holy Spirit to work even in the most outwardly difficult situations. The truth of this statement was recently confirmed in our visitation work in Chicago. Paul Meiners and I were visiting one afternoon, and one of our visits was with a lady in a convalescent-rest home. When we first saw the place, we were fairly certain that we would not be allowed to get in to see Mrs. L. We figured that even if we could see her, she might be too sick to talk with us. However, the nurse showed us to Mrs. L's room and although she was suffering from a stroke, poor eyesight, and poor hearing, she was still able to understand us.

After explaining who we were and that we were from Aedus Center, a Hebrew Christian organization, we told Mrs. L that many in our group believe that Jesus is Israel's Messiah.

We asked her what she thought about Jesus. She told us that she believed He was the Messiah. Paul showed Mrs. L that Jesus is also God. Then, I asked her if she believed we are all sinners, and she said, "Yes." I asked if she realized that Jesus the Messiah had made an atonement for our sins, and she said, "No." We shared the plan of salvation with her and asked if she wanted to accept Christ. That afternoon that bedridden lady received her Messiah. Even though she was hard of hearing, she had no trouble hearing what I prayed and repeating it. After praying with her, I asked her if she knew what she had done, and she said she had asked Jesus into her life.

As Paul and I left, we were somewhat uncertain as to whether she actually understood what she had done. It had all seemed "too easy." I went to visit her a week later with Rev. Harry Jacobson to try to discern more accurately if she had actually made a genuine decision. At first Mrs. L seemed to have difficulty remembering me. However, she gradually recalled who I was, and she remembered what she had done the previous week. Before we left Mrs. L said that she now had both God and Jesus living within her.

With such indications as these, Mr. Jacobson and I felt fairly certain that her decision the week before had been genuine. In spite of her physical problems, in spite of the other people around her in the rest home, and in spite of all the interruptions from doctors and nurses, the Holy Spirit was

able to take the simple message Paul and I had given and apply it to her heart so that she accepted Jesus as her Savior. "With God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26).

Please pray with us that God will help this new Hebrew Christian lady to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

### Presenting God's Word To God's Chosen

By STEVE WELHAM and WAYNE PANNEY  
Students in Training, Chicago Branch

THE FORCED "rescheduling" of the Passover Telecast until next year has had many beneficial side effects. We have had unique opportunities to begin visiting, in advance of the 1972 Telecast, some of the thousands of Jewish names that were sent in by concerned friends who had wanted these people to receive invitations to view the program.

Sometimes, with traffic jams, uncomfortable weather, people at work or on vacation, our home visitation does get discouraging, especially when we visit in the more affluent neighborhoods along Lake Shore Drive. Often the only person we can talk to is a doorman or a maid. However, the Lord always works things out for us so that on almost every visitation day we gain entrance into at least one of these homes and find that spiritual needs are the same regardless of wealth or poverty.

Recently God enabled us to gain entrance into the luxurious apartment of an eminent rabbi. We prayed that we



would be able to present this brilliant, intellectual Jewish community leader with the plan of salvation. To our surprise, he proved to be most gracious in sharing Scripture from the Old Testament. We concentrated on the "new covenant" promised in Jeremiah and then spent almost a half-hour discussing the forgiveness of sins. We were able to show this scholarly gentleman the fulfillment of Jeremiah's promise in the New Covenant: "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Mt. 26:28). Many passages in the New Testament were pointed out to the rabbi, showing the need of a Savior from sin and the all-sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah in meeting God's standard of righteousness.

The rabbi did say that according to our interpretations we had found the truth but this truth was relative and not absolute. However, before we left he said that he envied us because his own faith had not given him the full assurance of salvation that we possessed. Please pray that God will use His Holy Word to bring this rabbi into a personal relationship with the Messiah Jesus!

At another home the parents were out but the son, on vacation from UCLA, greeted us bitterly and called us "hypocrites." He was willing to listen though, and we had a long, intensive discussion on the need for God's plan of salvation. When we left he asked for a New Testament and promised to read it faithfully.

On one visit we encountered a very socially-concerned young Jewish woman. We pointed her to Jesus the Messiah as the answer to her need of a Savior from sin.

These young people, and others we have met during the visitation program, indicated a desire to participate in the youth meetings being inaugurat-

ed at Aedus Center. By God's grace, we continue to bring the Word of God to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, both in our testimonies and in our actions. Please uphold us so that the Jewish people we visit might also receive the blessings that they first gave to us through the Messiah Jesus.

### A Sinner In Need Of Salvation

By JEAN SMITH  
Missionary, Philadelphia



ONE DAY NOT long ago Mrs. Ringheiser, our helper, took literature to a man who was reading our window display. He manifested no interest, refused the proffered copy of

THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, and said he didn't believe in God or in eternity. He asked, "Where are the people who died a hundred years ago?" He followed Mrs. Ringheiser into the office and met brother Burgen. Our visitor admitted to being Jewish by birth and we found him argumentative by nature.

In the course of conversation, Mr. F said, "We're reaching for the planets. Who knows, there may be a Being up there superior to us."

Mr. Burgen asked him, "Who was the wisest king who ever lived?"

"Solomon," our visitor answered.

"Right! He wrote three books," Mr. Burgen continued. "Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. In the book of Ecclesiastes he says, 'For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not' " (7:20).

Mr. F confessed, "I'm a sinner from way back," and brother Burgen advised him to read his Bible. Later in the conversation Mr. F said that he needed salvation but confessed that he didn't know much about religion.

Mr. Burgen, knowing where God's answers to man's questions are to be found, asked the Jewish man if he read any Hebrew. When he assented, we directed his attention to the wall sign showing Isaiah 53 in Hebrew and he falteringly read it.

Just then a young believer entered and soon he was bearing witness to the Lord's redeeming work of love in his heart and life. He told Mr. F of the new covenant that God gave in the Scriptures. Mr. F admittedly referred to himself as a sinner, yet was reluctant to talk any further. When another person entered, our Jewish friend departed. Our final plea was for him to accept the gift of God, eternal life through Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah.

### Perfect Timing

By TED PAUL  
Missionary, Los Angeles Branch

IT IS MOST interesting to meet our Jewish people in every level of belief or unbelief. God's way is perfect and His time for each person's salvation is also perfect (Ps. 18:30 and Eccles. 3:1).

I first visited Mr. V, a man suffering from cancer, at the request of Christians who did not wish to be identified. Mr. V was indignant on being visited so abruptly by a stranger. He told me he was an agnostic with no use whatever for a God who would allow such sufferings in the world, especially during the Nazi era and in the case of his own illness. He was in great pain and it was very difficult for him to control his outrage at God.

The next morning I was surprised to receive a telephone call from this man and he apologized for his blasphemy of God. He mentioned that he had once been a very religious man and something I had said to him caused him to desire to return to God. He was very careful to inform me that it could not be the "Jesus way" but his own

way. Please pray for future contact with him and his wife.

Another illustration of God's perfect timing is Mrs. C whom I met over a year ago when she was very troubled over a daughter's unfortunate marriage. Although there was an openness and copies of the book "God's Psychiatry" were left with her, it was apparently not God's time yet to work in this family. Then several days ago, Mrs. C contacted me. Her troubles had skyrocketed and she wanted to see me. I thought perhaps she would request us again to help her daughter, but instead she realized that she herself needed "peace of mind." She now wanted to study God's Word.

In the case of Mr. A we realized the truth of the Scripture, "it is time to seek the Lord" (Hosea 10:12). I met him through knowing his unsaved sister. Mr. A had been quite famous in his earlier years in the Yiddish theatre world. He started coming to the meetings at our Hollywood Center and was drawn to accept our Biblical teachings. Pray that he may soon arrive at a definite decision for Jesus.

God's "time" of working with the M family is also thrilling. Mrs. M is a Gentile Christian and she wanted me to witness to her Jewish husband. He was not especially interested in the Bible and had retired early in his sixties because of a heart ailment. He was very friendly and we had quite a few opportunities to witness, yet it did not seem his "time of visitation" (Luke 19:44). Recently Mrs. M phoned to tell us that she and her husband and grandson had been invited to attend a Gospel meeting where Mr. M had accepted Jesus as his Messiah. The amazing thing was that Mr. M had not even desired to go but God's timings are always perfect! Now Mr. M is seeking to know God more perfectly and is already witnessing to others with much boldness.



# Our Ministries In The Southwestern District

By DR. THOMAS S. McCALL, Missionary-in-Charge

As missionary in charge of the Southwestern Region, with our home base in Dallas, part of my responsibility is to oversee the extension of our evangelistic outreach among the Jewish communities throughout the entire region. Our staff members will describe activities relating to the ministry of our work in Dallas in the following portions of our report. However, my assigned task in this article is to share with our *Chosen People* family some of the highlights of our extension ministry in the major cities of our region—Houston, San Antonio, and New Orleans.

## Houston Meetings

Some two and one-half years ago, we began conducting regular Jewish evangelism meetings in Houston, on a bi-monthly basis. The chairman of our local Houston committee is Mr. Simmon Lambert, who with his wife has contacted Jewish families in Houston and helped us get in touch with concerned pastors and churches. Our average Jewish attendance at the Houston meetings, conducted in a community hall, has been around 25, along with many Gentile Christian friends. Among the Jewish people who have been touched by this ministry is Mr. T who, though paralyzed and confined to a wheel chair, is radiant in his faith in his Messiah, whom he received over a year ago. Mr. T has brought his elderly Orthodox mother to several of the meetings. On one occasion Mrs. Lambert gave her testimony of salvation and the elderly Mrs. T expressed her deep appreciation to her. A newly appointed representative for Israeli tourism has also attended our Houston meetings and spoken to our people. After hearing our message on the Prophet Daniel, this gracious and diplomatic man told me, "Words cannot express how attracted I have been to you." We are grateful for this fine friendship.

## San Antonio Ministry

San Antonio is another city where we are conducting an extension ministry. Mrs. Dorothy Rascoe has done much to help us there, and recently Mr. Falk and Mr. Kemp have helped in preparing meetings at the Wonderland Town Hall and in contacting Jewish people. One of our Hebrew Christians there, Mrs. S told our people during the meeting how she came to receive Christ. Her father was also present on that occasion. He came to the Lord shortly after we began conducting meetings in San Antonio and has been faithful in attendance and has grown in the Lord.

In our meetings in Houston and San Antonio, we stress the importance of Messianic prophecy, and why Jewish people should give serious consideration to the message of God and the claims of Jesus as Israel's Messiah. Before he went to be with the Lord, our Rev. Josef Herschkowitz helped with these meetings and was much loved by the people.



Staff visitation team

## New Orleans Outreach

Last summer we began a ministry in New Orleans, a city of 10,000 Jewish people. The First Baptist Church there heard of the work our Mission has done with the First Baptist Church of Dallas in conducting Jewish Evangelism Banquets, and asked us if they could have one. We showed the Passover Telecast film, and about 25 Jewish guests were present, along with many church members. The response was most positive. Two Jewish ladies afterwards asked my wife if the Passover film could be shown to their Hadassah group! We trust that the Lord will guide in continuing this work. Please pray that the some 100,000 Jews in this Southwestern region area will be "provoked to jealousy" for their own Messiah.

## LOVE AMONG THE BRETHREN

By BILLY T. MITCHELL, Associate Minister

Meetings on Saturday night at Beth Sar Shalom in Dallas certainly do not lack for variety! The programs are usually built around Bible study, and sometimes studded with a musical number, testimony or unusual announcements. However, entirely different activities often take place: a musical program interspersed with the personal testimonies of a converted night club trombonist and his Jewish wife; an all-day retreat at a nearby church's country resort; or a special slide show of Israel by a local Jewish engineer who wields an expert camera. The pattern for programs has at least three objectives: (1) It strives to attract all types of Jewish personalities through its variety. (2) It endeavors to preach Christ as Messiah, Savior, and Lord while opening the richness of both Testaments through systematic Bible study. (3) It tries to portray, by example, a way of life in which a Jew can envision himself after he becomes a Christian and thereby cuts himself off from his current Jewish culture. Too often, the Gentile Christians tend to overlook the "change of culture" aspect which so differentiates the conversion of Jews and Gentiles to Christ. We apparently do perform this function, judging from often-heard remarks from some of our Jewish people such as, "I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't come out to Beth Sar Shalom!"

We consciously strive in Dallas to make Jewish people feel at home among Gentile Christians. Not the least effective of our tools is the buffet dinner which precedes the regular weekly program. Every week unconverted Jews find genuine love and fellowship around the table. We see Jews accepting Christ after months of attendance and even bringing their Jewish friends.



A recent innovation to augment our regular visitation is proving valuable. Staff members and wives gather weekly for a "dutch treat" cafeteria supper, followed by visitation and then return to the Mission for discussion of results.

### REPORT OF SUMMER YOUTH MINISTER

By LOUIS LAPIDES

Here at the Youth Department in the Dallas Branch we are all learning how unnatural it is for a Jew **not** to love the Messiah Jesus. The Youth Department is split into two age groups. In the upper age group, which is under my supervision, we have been studying God's plan of the ages as found in the prophetic Scripture.

One young Jewish girl recently asked the Messiah into her heart and she has taken a real interest in having other Jews and Gentiles share in the joy that she has found in Christ.

God has added two new Hebrew Christians to our class. Their family has recently moved into the Dallas area. Our weekly visitation done by the staff has reached out to touch young lives with the saving message of the Lord and has added many new prospects for the Youth Department. Please remember the young people in your prayers.

### VISITATION

By PAUL CAWTHON, Minister of Deputation

A short time before his death, brother Herschkowitz was confronted by a Jewish woman at our San Antonio meeting. She accused him of selling out to Christians to save himself from Hitler. Seeking to melt this brutal hostility with kindness, I told her we all loved the Jewish people, and I was spending most of my time with pastors and people seeking to get them to love the Jews everywhere. Though visibly touched, she said, "It can't be done." I replied, "Some do."

In Fort Worth, I spoke to a pastor about the plight of millions of lost Jews. He broke into sobs as we prayed together.

### RESULTS STILL BEING SEEN FROM PASSOVER TELECAST

The results of The Passover shown in Dallas are still noteworthy of praise. Many friendships were formed with pastors and congregations through showing of the film and telling of the project. We had work sessions with church volunteers burdened for Jewish evangelism. One friend commented, "You never know who might be reached through the ministry. It's exciting to be with other people who are also having experiences witnessing to Jewish people. I enjoy hearing how the Lord is working." A follow-up survey indicated many Jewish people were watching the program. As a result of the Telecast 1,100 requests for literature have been handled. Our workers are still making personal visits to those requesting literature and the Lord is blessing.

## A Week In The Life of A Missionary To The Jews

By RICHARD COHEN  
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**MONDAY:** We traveled back from speaking engagements in Mammoth Lakes to Los Angeles.

**Tuesday:** Attended staff meeting and also caught up on much needed office work. In the evening I had the opportunity to visit with a young couple who are interested in getting married. They came for marital counseling. The young man is Jewish and an agnostic. I had a good opportunity to witness to him and he agreed to take Gospel literature including "Messiah in Both Testaments" and some of the prophetic tracts we have. He said they would study it and then notify me regarding a decision about their marriage. The young woman did make a decision at an early age but has not had the reality of the Lord in her life.

**Wednesday:** Taught the Inter Faith Sunday School teachers' meeting in the morning and again had good opportunity to talk with the teachers about things concerning the Messiah. In the afternoon had my car towed to a mechanic and repaired. In the evening showed the Passover film at Van Nuys Foursquare Church, with a very good meeting. An invitation was given at the close of the service and two people came forward to accept Christ. One was a young Jewish girl.

**Thursday:** Visited with Arlene S in Van Nuys. She is a Hebrew Christian who made her decision about 8 months ago. She has been baptized and wishes to go forward with the Lord. I advised her about a good local church near her home. In the evening I conducted my Bible study with 20 people in attendance.

**Friday:** In the morning I visited the Panorama East Convalescent Home

which has about 150 patients, 25% of whom are Jewish. I arranged with them to hold a Bible study on Wednesday afternoons between 1:30 and 2:00. The owner is Jewish and she allowed me freedom to preach the Gospel and will give me a list of all of the people in the home and their religious preference. She agreed to let me have visitation rights on all patients and to more or less serve as chaplain of the home, at least on Wednesdays. She had no objection to my telling Jewish people about Christ, in fact she thought that it might do the patients some good.

In the afternoon on Friday I had a call from one of the ladies with whom we have had contact for quite a while and has accepted Christ. She called to say that she wanted to go back and reconcile with her husband. They have two teen-age children. That afternoon I counselled with the children and Mrs. L and spent some time with them looking for a suitable place for them to re-establish their family life. While there I had opportunity to talk to a Catholic girl, Ann, who had been witnessed to before. I showed her some things in the Scriptures which seemed to cause some dissatisfaction with her Catholic faith. I did give her a modern translation of the New Testament.

**Saturday:** Spent some time with my wife looking for possible facility to set up a Valley center.

**Sunday:** Traveled to Lancaster and spoke at Faith Bible Church both morning and evening. It was a rewarding experience and I was able to get to know some of the people there in Lancaster with possible future contacts.

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# Questions & Answers

By HENRY J. HEYDT, Th.D.



Question: *In Gen. 12:10-20 Abraham passed his wife as his sister. Why did the Lord punish Pharaoh instead of Abraham and Sarah?*

Answer: See also the case of Abimelech in Gen. 20:8-18. Some try to justify Abraham on the ground that this was, at any rate, a half truth (20:12), a cautious concealment of truth, response to "a Divine impulse," etc., while others call it unreasonable anxiety, cowardice, and a betrayal of his divine calling.

Let it be noted that inspiration does not protect the subjects of its revelation but records accurately what transpires. However, the fact that Abraham was not censured by God in either case might indicate that there was some expediency behind his action. It might also simply be indicative of the forbearance of God even as He deals with us in this day of grace.

Certainly Abimelech acted with integrity based upon the knowledge he had (20:5), and the same would be indicated in the case of Pharaoh (12:16). Thus early in the sacred record is God showing the possibility of doing something wrong in complete innocence! It was not the case that He punished the Pharaoh of the Exodus. The great plagues were a disciplinary action to bring him to the consciousness that something was wrong. All it took for Abimelech was a dream. God

dealt with each man according to his need, but the net result was the same: "...for I also withheld thee from sinning against me..." (20:6).

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Question: *Please explain the dates A.D. and B.C. in connection with the birth of Christ.*

Answer: A.D. stands for the two Latin words *anno Domini* and refers to the year of the birth of Christ which was thought to have been the year 4714 of the Julian period or 754 of Rome. This was designated 1 A.D. To indicate the years before the birth of Christ the designation B.C. (before Christ) was used.

This assigned date is now considered to be a few years too late. In the words of M'Clintock and Strong, "...since the death of Herod the Great (Matt. ii, 1 sq.), according to Josephus (*Ant.* xvii, 8, 1; comp. xiv, 14, 5; xvii, 9, 3), must have occurred before Easter in B.C. 4. . . Hence Jesus may have been born in the beginning of the year of Rome 750, four years before the epoch of our era, or even earlier . . . but in no case later . . ."

Since it is impossible to revise all the dates used in history to correspond with this, we are now confronted with the seemingly contradictory statement that Christ was born 4 B.C., i.e., Christ was born four years before the birth of Christ.



# ISRAEL in the Spotlight

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## CHAPTER XIII

### THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS ISRAEL'S PRESENT—REJECTED

When we come to the study of the New Testament, it is not long before we see a state of affairs quite different from that obtaining in the Old Testament dispensations. For instance, we hear Paul saying in Romans 3:9: "We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin." Surely Paul could not be putting Israel, as privileged as she was, on the same level as the Gentiles who were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world!

But that is precisely what Paul has done, and this declares to us most unequivocally that Israel has been rejected from her position of privilege during this present age of grace. It is to a study of this parenthetical period that we now turn our attention.

In the ninth chapter of Daniel we read that after the prophet had studied God's Word concerning the end of the desolations of Jerusalem and after he had earnestly poured out his heart before God in true confession of his sins and those of his people, that God

sent Gabriel to give him understanding in the matter.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Dan. 9:24-27).

Needless to say, this is one of the most interesting prophecies of the Word. We shall not attempt a detailed study of this wonderful prophecy; we make several observations. It is evident that the prophecy concerns Israel,



for Gabriel speaks of "thy people," Daniel's people. Furthermore, the weeks spoken of (*shabhuim*) are not meant to be seven-day weeks. They are rather heptads of years or 490 years. (This is substantiated by Daniel 10:2 where "three full weeks" is a translation of *sheloshah shabhuim yamin* or "three weeks of day." In this case, the weeks are seven-day weeks.) The division of these weeks is as follows: (1) seven weeks or 49 years, (2) sixty-two weeks or 434 years, (3) one week or seven years. The beginning of this reckoning is to be the time of the decree to restore and build Jerusalem, which was in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes or 445 B.C. (Neh. 2).<sup>19</sup>

From that time till Messiah the Prince there were to be sixty-nine weeks or 483 years, and it is only another proof of the infallibility of the Word of our God that the Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem (according to the reckoning of the prophetic years) at the expiration of the sixty-ninth week. Then we have the prophecy of the death of the Messiah and the destruction of Jerusalem. There remains now but one week of the prophecy, and from the nature of its prediction it is readily seen that it has not been fulfilled. The clock of God stopped at the end of the sixty-ninth week and the Jewish age has been interrupted. This interval is the Church age, not foreseen in the Old Testament. It is this interval that solves the problem that troubled the prophets when they searched for the specific time of the sufferings of Christ and that of the glory that should follow. The Lord Jesus made this clear in the synagogue at Nazareth when He stopped in the midst of Isaiah's prophecy in 61:1-3, and announced what part of it was then being fulfilled.

<sup>19</sup> A. C. Gaebelien, *The Prophet Daniel*, pp. 130-140.

This interval is further brought into prominence from a study of the Gospel according to Matthew. The Gospel begins with the Lord's ministry among Israel, His preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, His great signs and miracles, and His choosing of the twelve disciples to "go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:6). In the eleventh chapter the Lord upbraids the cities wherein most of His mighty works had been done, and at the end of the twelfth chapter He breaks all human ties by declaring that whoever did His will would be His brother, and sister, and mother. Dispensationally considered, the thirteenth chapter of Matthew is most important, for in it the Lord foretells of the previously unforeseen period known as the age of Christendom, wherein good and evil co-exist until the end.

When we study the interval in Daniel nine and that predicted in Matthew thirteen, we become convinced that it is the same period of which Paul is speaking in Romans 9:22 through 10:21. He is here demonstrating that God had forewarned Israel that because of her sin—specifically here, that of the crucifixion of Christ—she would be set aside and the Gentiles would come into blessing. Hosea had prophesied that God would call a people His people which were not His people. Isaiah had foretold that if it were not for the Lord, Israel would have been left as Sodom and Gomorrah.

The rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ and His subsequent crucifixion constituted the greatest calamity of all Israel's history. Those were solemn words for Israel that the Lord uttered when He told them that their house was left desolate unto them and that they would not see Him again till they said: "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matt. 23:38, 39).

This rejection was not caused by Israel's idolatry as had been their exile to Babylon, for Caligula could complain of Israel that in all of Asia there was not one single place that had refused to receive his statue for worship, except in Judea.<sup>20</sup> The rejection of Israel between the two advents of the Messiah, between Daniel's sixty-ninth and seventieth week, is the result of her rejection of Him in whom all her hopes and promises had been centered.

During the time of Israel's rejection she is scattered, persecuted, and blind. The scattering of Israel had been the subject of Moses' prophecy in the Book of Deuteronomy. He foretold: "the Lord shall scatter you among the nations"; "the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other"; "I said, I would scatter them into corners" (Deut. 4:27; 28:64; 32:26). Before His crucifixion Christ, predicting the destruction of Jerusalem, said of Israel that "they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations" (Luke 21:24). Blessing for Israel had been linked with dwelling in the land, but now that she is outside the sphere of God's blessing, she is scattered throughout the world. How literally the words of Christ, Moses, and other prophets have been fulfilled in this instance is a matter of common knowledge. The Jew is the man without a country, the wandering Jew. They are to be found in every country of the world. There are white Jews and black Jews, Indian Jews, French Jews, German Jews, English Jews, American Jews, and so on. But always they are Jews, for God in His scattering of them has preserved their national existence for His yet future purposes.

Israel scattered has not meant Is-

<sup>20</sup> A. Saphir, *Book of Hebrews*.

<sup>21</sup> Resumé from H. Graetz, *History of the Jews*, Vols. 3, 4, 5.

rael blessed. Far from it, for she has been hounded and persecuted to this day. To read the tale of Israel's woes is to learn of a people which has been the object of the hatred of all nations. But so it is always: the world ever hates that which God has loved. Israel's woes began, as Christ had predicted, with the destruction of Jerusalem. Josephus relates of it: "It appears that the misfortunes of all men from the beginning of the world, if compared to these of the Jews, are not so considerable." After the scattering of the Jews from Palestine they dwelt in various countries with comparative safety.<sup>21</sup>

Her night of terror began with the Crusades. The motivating cause, the course, and the results of the Crusades are well known to every high school boy and girl, but few know the sufferings which the Jews underwent during this time. The Jews in Germany bore the brunt of the persecutions. Before the Crusades they had dwelt in Germany in peace and had possessions of land. Religious freedom was also allowed them. The first ranks of the Crusaders plundered Jew and Christian alike. But when the French and English followed, the time for the murdering of the Jews had begun. One monk after another incited the mobs against the Jews by all sorts of promises of future blessedness and by lies to the effect that an inscription on the grave of Jesus had declared that the compulsory conversion of the Jews was the duty of all true believers.

In city after city the Jewish inhabitants were left to decide between the sword and baptism. Such was the terror aroused in the hearts of the Jews that when they heard of the approach of the Crusaders, parents killed their own children; women and girls loading themselves with stones threw themselves into the rivers. Those that survived were brutally slaughtered by the



bloodthirsty armies after witnessing the destruction of their homes, the plundering of their goods, and the burning of the Scriptures.

In the great city of Worms many of the Jews had gained the protection of Bishop Allebrandus. It was not long, however, before the Crusaders made a raid on the bishop's palace, it appears, and demanded that the Jews be turned over to them. The bishop then informed the Jews that they would have to be baptized in order to enjoy his further protection. The Jews asked for time to consider. When the time had elapsed and the bishop went to receive the answer, he found some of them dead in their own blood. When the infuriated mob heard this, they murdered the survivors and dragged their corpses through the streets.

After the massacre at Worms the Crusaders moved on to the city of Mayence. Here the unscrupulous Archbishop Ruthard had craftily invited the Jews to take shelter in his palace. When their surrender was demanded, the mob was allowed to seize them without any opposition on the part of the archbishop's guard. The horrible massacre at Worms was then re-enacted. How true were the words of Moses when he warned Israel that they would become "an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations!" Many a time did they cry in the morning: "Would God it were even!" And in the evening they said: "Would God it were morning!" Wrath was truly come upon them to the uttermost.

But the worst was yet to befall them. They were to be driven from place to place. In England, the accession of Edward I brought to the Jews some feeling of security, because they looked upon the king as a just monarch. The king showed them no favors, but neither did he extort their wealth from them. He protected their persons and

their property. All was indeed going well until a Dominican monk, in studying the Hebrew language in order to be able to convert the Jews, became converted to Judaism, even undergoing the rite of circumcision. This monk was handed over to the Archbishop of Canterbury for punishment, but from all appearances he escaped without injury.

The Dominicans, smarting under the disgrace that this member of the order had brought upon them, resolved to take vengeance on the Jews. The order first sought the ear of the queen, who shortly afterward expelled the Jews from the town of Cambridge which was her property, and aroused ill feeling toward the Jews among the merchants of the whole country. Soon Parliament began to pass discriminating laws against the Jews. The Jews were compelled to wear a distinguishing badge that pointed them out as Jews. Every opportunity that afforded itself of draining them of their wealth was seized upon.

Shortly after this a charge of counterfeiting the coin of the realm was brought against them, for which many were hanged, others sentenced to life imprisonment, and yet others were expelled from the country while their property was confiscated. The next accusation brought against them was that the Jews of Northampton had crucified a Christian child. The outcome of this was that many Jews in London were torn asunder by horses and their dead bodies were hanged on the gallows. It was not long before other accusations were forthcoming and similar penalties inflicted. Finally, in 1290 the king through the influence of others issued a decree that all the Jews of England were to be expelled from the country. Failure to leave the country was to be punished by hanging. From England many Jews went to France.

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