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Isaiah the Prophet

One of the most meaningful of all of the plaques of the Knesset Menorah in Jerusalem is this of Israel's great prophet, Isaiah. It is the sculptor's rendering of Isaiah, Chapter 11.

Rays of brightness rise behind Isaiah as his spreads forth his hand in a symbol of millennial peace. There is the lion sleeping on a bed of straw; a small child playing with an asp; the wolf and the lamb; all together in a symbol of millennial peace.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cocktrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah Δ 11:6-9).

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DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD;

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle" (Zech. 14:2). Once more Israel was attacked by her surrounding enemies. Without warning on the Day of Atonement, when the synagogues of Israel were jammed with worshippers, Egypt and Syria attacked. Shortly afterward Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan welded the circle around Israel. For a while it seemed as if all nations were gathered against Jerusalem thus setting the stage for the possible fulfillment of the prophecy of Zechariah. Thank God it was not "all nations." In the midst of "Watergate" our nation demonstrated that a vestige of statesmanship still exists in Washington. This time it was all nations but one in the Security Council of the United Nations.

The Arab attack was well-timed. Not only was the thrust on the Day of Atonement, but in the autumn when the countries of Europe and North America are getting ready for a long, cold winter. The result is that we are having oil diplomacy at its "slimiest!" I am convinced that the threat of oil and gas rationing is breaking our resistance to the pressure by the Arab world.

Prophetic Significance of Israel's 4th War of Independence

Is there any prophetic significance to this 4th war of Israel's independence? We need to be very careful as we analyze these events, and always remember that "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev. 19:10). We must also realize that the purpose in our analysis of events is not merely to scratch a "curiosity itch" about the future; our interest in prophecy is commanded by the Lord:

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21:28).

Things are happening so rapidly that we are convinced that our Lord's return is nigh.

While Israel's wars are significant, I believe the greatest indications about these prophetic truths are to be found in the people of Israel and not in the acts of her enemies. Let us observe some simple but obvious "people facts."

- The people of Israel are back in the land.
- Four wars have been fought to drive Israel "into the Sea." Israel is not in the sea; she is in the land and when the events of Zechariah 12 and 14 take place Israel will still be in the land. "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem."
- Jerusalem is divided into East Jerusalem and West Jerusalem; Old Jerusalem and New Jerusalem; Israel Jerusalem and Arab Jerusalem. Zechariah 14:2 tells of a divided Jerusalem, "half of the city shall go forth into captivity and the residue of the

- people shall not be cut off from the city."
- 4. The Jewish people are also divided religiously. The great majority are agnostic. Generally, they are not atheists; they merely state they don't know, which is exactly what agnostic means. On the other hand, there is a vocal growing minority of Orthodox Jews who believe the Old Testament Scriptures as these Scriptures are interpreted by the rabbis. Whereas the agnostics don't know; the rabbis frequently give the impression that they know everything. They state that there is absolutely nothing in the Old Testament that refers to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. Both groups, the agnostics and the Orthodox, avidly study the Old Testament. The agnostics study it for clues about archaeology (the national pastime of Israel) and for clues to sources of water supply. Even agnostic Jews readily admit "the Bible has a remarkable historical memory." The Orthodox Jews believe and constantly study the Old Testament Scriptures.
- 6. The people of Israel are also studying the New Testament! Even the school children in Israel are studying the New Testament. They teach it in the schools because they feel that by so doing they are inoculating the children against the "missionary virus." They seek to show from the New Testament that the Lord Jesus Christ could not possibly be Israel's Messiah. (A few years ago a school teacher in Tel Aviv, who could not get copies of the New Testament from the Department of Education, almost lost his job because he got them from the missionaries! Now both the Old and New Testa-

- ments are published in Israel.)
- 7. For the first time in its history the people of Israel know that there are Jewish people who are loyal Israelites but who also believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is Israel's Messiah. They cannot be called traitors since many of them are fighting in Israel's armed forces. Israelis finally realize that a Jewish person does not become a Gentile when he believes in Jesus.

With these "people facts" in mind we can begin to see the significance of current events in the light of prophecy.

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations (Zech. 14:2, 3).

Zechariah's Prophecy Will Be Fulfilled

A generation ago it was not possible for all the nations of the world to unite on any single project. Even today the world is divided. The United Nations are sterile. The only time they have been united has been against Israel. In 1967 the troops of the United Nations conveniently withdrew so that Egypt could attack Israel. The troops of the United Nations are again on the field, and perhaps they won't withdraw the next time-they may spearhead the attack! This is just surmise, but one thing is certain: There will be a time when all nations will attack Jerusalem, and the divided city will be taken. It is at this time that "the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations."

Earlier Zechariah wrote giving other details:

Behold I will make Jerusalem a

cup of trembling unto all people round about, when they shall be in the siege against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people (Zechariah 12:2, 3).

This is the siege of Jerusalem, a prelude to Armageddon. In verses 4-9 Zechariah describes the battle itself. Then note especially verses 9 and 10 of chapter 12:

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications.

Let us momentarily revert to the "people facts" I listed. The inhabitants of Jerusalem will consist of Jews, both agnostic and Orthodox. The agnostics "don't know" and—they have to be shown, but they have been studying the Bible, both the Old Testament and New. Maybe they will have a demonstration and will be shown! The Orthodox just don't believe that there is anything in the Old Testament about the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps they, too, will have a visible demonstration.

As Jerusalem is surrounded by all nations, God will send upon the Jewish people "the spirit of grace and of supplications." "And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced"

(Zech. 12:10). At that time "shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. AND HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, which is before Jerusalem on the east" (Zech. 14:3, 4).

No longer will they be agnostic. They will see Him. No longer will they say that the Old Testament does not refer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Their eyes will be opened and as they look on Him whom they have pierced, they will recognize Him and know Him.

Yes, last year Egypt and Syria attacked Israel on the Day of Atonement. There is a Day of Atonement in Israel's future. Then shall they "look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his son."

On Israel's Great Day of Atonement, the 53rd chapter of Isaiah will be her penitential prayer.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed (Is. 53:6).

Israel's Day of Atonement will be followed by the Feast of Tabernacles. Thank God that we have the "sure word of prophecy."

Faithfully yours in His service,

Namel Tuck







From the field

Papanikolaou Boulagnon

Woods

INCIDENTS OF THE LORD'S LEADING

By Demetrius Papanikolaou Missionary, Athens, Greece

We have been busy witnessing and visiting and in various ways and circumstances opportunities have come to tell Jewish people that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Many people promised to read the New Testament, and they are in our prayers that the Holy Spirit may lead them in their study that they may find the Messiah.

For two weeks we stayed in a Christian camp in Macedonia for a rest and study and prayer. There also we had grand chances of witness to Christians in challenging and encouraging them to witness to the Jewish people.

As I returned to Athens from Macedonia during the 18-hour train ride, there was a Greek lady whom I approached and witnessed to about God's grace. She told me about a friend of hers who had married a Jew and she wanted to hear about the Jewish religion. It was an opportunity to tell her about God's dealings with His people and every human soul. As we talked a rabbi got on the train. He was from Athens and I knew him personally, There was much congestion on the train so I offered him my seat in my compartment, He perceived the kind of conversation I was having with the Greek lady; and he, too, entered into

the discussion. The lady seemed satisfied with all she heard and meanwhile the rabbi saw my Bible, being much underlined in red in the Old Testament prophecies. Then there was given a very bright opportunity to lead the conversation to the wonderful grace of Jesus and for four hours God enabled me to present portions of the Old Testament on God's grace. The rabbi was deeply thoughtful and stirred up. When I added that now each of us had to call upon the grace of Jesus, the man was speechless. Pray that God will continue to deal with him. We parted in a most friendly way.

Another extra-ordinary occurrence brought a great chance for witness to a whole village. One of my nephews, a believer and a shepherd, became seriously ill; and I went to his village and brought him to Athens to the hospital. This deeply impressed all the villagers, many of whom had heard the Gospel previously. They became interested when they saw our real Christian love and care manifested. So for three days we were approached by numbers of people in the village. Many received New Testaments after promising to read them. One young woman, who with her husband had killed her father, was approached with the Gospel of grace and doubted that there was salvation. But during the days we spent in the village she came continually for help and encouragement. How wonderfully God blessed us and these many village people. Please pray for them.

CHALLENGING A SABRA

By Andre Boulagnon Missionary, Paris, France

Sometime ago a church in Paris invited me to speak about Israel and to show a film on the land and the people today. When the meeting was ended, as I prepared to leave, a young man walked up to challenge me, He pulled a passport out of his pocket. and asked, "Can you read this?"

"Yes," I replied, "You are an Israeli."

"Right! I listened to your message and watched your movie, I am a 'Sabra' and I was seriously wounded during the Six Day War, so I cannot stand what you said about the persecution to Hebrew Christians in Israel. I don't believe you. I am here in Paris with my family for Pesach, I must say this Feast means nothing to me. I don't believe in God and I don't believe you at all!"

I handed him a letter to read from a Hebrew Christian friend living in Jerusalem. My friend wrote that his car was burned while a bomb exploded in his apartment. Thanks be to God, he and his family were unharmed.

The Sabra was abashed, but he persisted in saving that he did not believe in God.

"Do you think that you would say such things if the Gentiles were the only ones to decide the destiny of the Jews?" I asked. "Everytime I see a Jewish person, I think that this is the best proof of the existence of a loving and merciful God. To date, there are more than fourteen million Jews in the world. But, probably none of them would be alive if the 'Goyim' only determined their destiny."

As I spoke, I noticed his eves were wet with tears. I added, "The One Who has guided and saved you and Israel is still watching over His beloved people, His plan for Israel will be accomplished. You may not realize this now, but be sure that you and your

people are not in existence by mere chance. You are a sign of divine mercifulness not only for Israel, but also for the rest of the world,"

We parted with a warm "Shalom." Pray that this young man may find the One Who loves him!

TO OTHER IEWS

By David Woods Missionary, Mpls./St. Paul Branch

Recently a young intellectual man, twenty-nine years old, queried in all sincerity, "How could you, a Jew, go to other Jews about Christ? This is totally irreconcilable." I was able to speak to him quite directly and found he had an atheistic attitude and anger at the human race. I witnessed to him out of the Bible and learned that he was Jewish. This was a time of opening God's Word and the young man was astounded by the truth. His arguments disintegrated and as he left he said, "I must go now, but I'll see you later." I learned later that a Christian woman has been praying for this Jewish man and his wife.

We have been on the University of Minnesota campus witnessing and we have met some Jewish students. Two Jewish girls accepted the Messiah and want to reach other Jews with the Gospel. Our young people need your prayers. We are thankful for the interest of students and professors at the school.

I would ask your prayers for Rabbi G. prominent in the Twin Cities, as I had opportunity to speak to him recently. After allowing the Rabbi and two other men to attack me verbally and vehemently, I proceeded to open the Scriptures to them. They were speechless as they were unlearned in the Bible, Tenach or Torah. Please continue to remember our Jewish people as they have a zeal for God but are not informed in the Word of God. This was a strong witness to the

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O UR Beth Sar Shalom in Buenos Aires is strategically located between the two largest Jewish districts of the city, with a population of about 250,000 Jews. Our activities are held in a suitable two-storied house owned by the Mission. From the moment of the inauguration of our own building here it was evident that a new impulse would be given to our missionary enterprise by the grace and power of God. We are glad to share with our Chosen People family news of our regular activities as well as highlights of our outreach to the Jewish people.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO THE GERMAN-SPEAKING JEWS By Rev. Emanuel Lichtenstein,

Director Emeritus

Mrs, Lichtenstein and I had the joy of being the first missionaries to the European Jewish refugees in 1942 when ABMJ opened the door in Buenos Aires, After the inauguration of our new building, we were sure that the moment had been reached when we would break down the language barrier between the Spanish-speaking and the German-speaking groups. But, we realized that in spite of the two different languages, the whole group was able to praise Him with the same happiness and love; and the Lord blessed abundantly.

Our group of German-speaking Jews came from Europe where they became acquainted with each other in Vienna. Most of them lost relatives under the cruel Nazi persecution. They still keep sad memories but they are grateful to God that they have believed in the Messiah Jesus and have joy of salvation. A considerable number are at an age when their only strength comes from the Lord, and each year God is receiving some of these faithful believers into His presence.

We thank God that some new German-speaking Jews are attending our meetings on Saturday evenings. They feel within their hearts that the person of the Messiah is alive among the group. We have a dedicated group of helpers in our ministry in the German language. Brother Hecht has been a real friend to the work from the beginning and his preaching is highly appreciated. Mrs. Bartch shows a special love and it is good to hear her telling of God's love. Miss Altman is an indispensable helper to everyone in our mission in which she has grown up. She helps with the music for our meetings, and her mother, together with Mrs. Sedaca, are responsible for the socials. Everyone brings new comers to our meetings.

During the Yom Kippur holidays, the telephone rang in my office. Someone wanted to know when Rabbi Lichtenstein would speak at the synagogue. Brother Sedaca, who was visiting me, helped to clear up the situation. He made it clear that I was an evan-

Reaching the Jews in Buenos Aires

By Victor Sedaca, Missionary-in-Charge

gelical pastor, the grandchild of the late Rabbi Ignacio Lichtenstein from Hungary. The caller was rather taken aback to know of two Jewish ministers of the Gospel and he asked brother Sedaca to pronounce a blessing for him and his wife, who was a Sephardic Jew. I heard Mr. Sedaca say, "My deep desire is that during this Yom Kippur time, you may know your sins are really forgiven through the One Who came to die for you as the precious sacrifice. This is my sincere blessing for you and your wife."

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY IN THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE By Rev. Victor Sedaca

Since our Mission began, there have been many changes in methods and procedures; however, one method will not change-that is to sit down with a Jewish person and open the Scriptures showing that Jesus is the true Messiah. Our midweek Bible study meeting is "old-fashioned" enough to believe that by searching the Bible we may show the Jews that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. We thank God that each week a good number of Jews, believers and unbelievers, come in to our meetings and are confronted with the Old and New Testaments and the realization that Messiah is a Jewish reality, a blessing "to the Jew first and also to the Gentiles." In these Bible studies during the past three years a number of precious Jewish souls as well as Gentiles have found the Lord Jesus as Savior.

Our fellowship hour after the Bible study is a high point of interest. Discussion is often continued until late in the evening. There isn't a greater joy than seeing these people grow in the Lord. The first time they timidly entered Beth Sar Shalom, they came with tremendous spiritual burdens. It is wonderful to see them now in the hollow of God's hands!

BILINGUAL WORK By Juan Jorge Hecht

During the last years our Argentine group was steadily increasing, and therefore it was advisable to translate German preachings into the national tongue. Whereas the older generation of Jewish immigrants continues in the German language, the younger ones prefer Spanish. For me it's a marvelous experience to talk in Spanish and in German about the same thing, as each tongue has beauties of its own. Sometimes a truth becomes clear to me in the Spanish text of the Bible, after having gone unnoticed in the German. It is a good thing to praise God in all languages and this is our experience.

INTERESTING CHRISTIAN GROUPS By Mrs. Deborah Sedaca

After one of my recent articles in a Christian Women's magazine in Buenos Aires titled, "A Journey Through The Jewish Calendar," I have



had the great joy of presenting the Messianic symbolism of the Jewish feasts in many ladies' groups and institutions. The Baptist International Seminary in Buenos Aires invited me to explain the meaning of the Jewish feasts, with special emphasis on the Passover. It was a wonderful Godgiven opportunity to create in the students a new sense of their responsibility to reach the Jews with the Gospel.

By the grace of God I have recently written a book on the subject: "The Christian Woman and Her World" under the auspices of the Baptist Women's Convention of Argentina. It has been a best seller in its field and also has been the means of gaining concern in the churches and women's groups for our Mission. Pastor Lichtenstein is mentioned in one of the chapters and because of this many have wanted to know more about our outreach to the Jews. In the presentation of the book it is clearly stated that Mrs. Sedaca is working among the Jews in Argentina as a part of the ABMJ staff in Buenos Aires.

Everywhere I go for speaking engagements, I take our tracts to show the great need of making known the message of salvation to Israel. Please pray that our churches may grow more interested and sincerely concerned toward Israel.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

The recent crisis provoked by the Middle East War has enabled us to increase our literature ministry to the Jews. The booklet, "The Indestructible Jew" (El indestructible pueblo de Israel) is being gladly accepted by almost everyone. With the help of brother Richard McMullin, thousands of these booklets have been distributed to the Jews, sponsored by the Million Testaments Campaign. As a result of such mass distribution, hundreds of Jewish people have written asking for the Prophecy Edition of the New Testament. Some people have even sent their requests "registered mail" or "special delivery!" A few weeks ago I received an eager request over the phone for a New Testament from a Jewish person who had just attended a Jewish mass meeting in a sports stadium. I told him that he would receive the Testament the next day. Early the next day he called again and reminded me, "Please remember that you promised to send me a New Testament." He received it with much prayer to the Lord that he may know the Messiah as he reads the Word of God. The Spanish edition of the "Shepherd of Israel" has had a warm acceptation. Please pray that we may continue translating and publishing this every month.

FROM THE FIELD

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most prominent religious leader of the Jewish people here. May God's truth soon set him free from tradition and empty zeal.

GOD'S SPIRIT MOVING IN CENTRAL JERSEY

By Mitch Triestman, Missionary Candidate, Philadelphia

Six years ago this missionary spent many hours in a small New Jersey town frequenting the race track that was located there. God worked many wonders over the past six years, saving me, changing my life, and training me to do His work. Last week I was privileged to return to that familiar race track town to do a far better work than gambling—a work for Him.

The Spirit of God is wonderfully moving in New Jersey among the Jewish people. God began this work to the Jews in Central Jersey with a young dynamic Gentile Christian, who by living an exemplary life provoked two Jewish boys to search the Scriptures that they might also gain the joy he had found. Their searching led them to the Messiah, and they received Him as Savior and Lord.

The young Gentile Christian was now confronted with a real dilemma. He wanted to help and to teach these Jewish believers, but he didn't know where to start. He had never confronted a problem like this before. The Jewish boys were afraid to tell their parents what had happened to them or to let their parents find the New Testaments or tracts in their possession. The older Christian knew it was wrong to lie, but he didn't want the

boys to be put out of their homes either. Not knowing what to do or where to turn, he began to pray.

In answer to his prayer God used a dear woman to bring a tract to the attention of a pastor. The pastor was impressed with the tract and the story it told of a Jewish rabbi who found the Messiah. When the pastor learned of the problems the Jewish believers were having, he suggested that the Gentile Christian young man contact the organization that produced the tract. The tract was our own "A Rabbi's Quest." The young man was intrigued with the possibility of getting help from us and contacted ABMJ Headquarters. They, in turn, contacted us at Philadelphia. Meanwhile, the Spirit of God continued His work; and, while the letters were still in the mail, a third young Jewish man was saved.

We arrived at the Gentile Christian's home and, with the Jewish believers, began to discuss principles of Christian living. We shared our testimonies and discussed the good things of God and then a Bible study was presented which involved work at home. The Jewish believers were afraid of bringing Bibles into their homes, and so we went home with them. We had the privilege of explaining to the families what the young people had come to believe. One mother wanted to throw her son out of the house, but God overruled in a wonderful way. She allowed her son a trial period to prove his faith. If after six months his parents could see a beneficial change in his life, they would allow him to go to meetings and to worship as he pleased. God moved in the parents' hearts to be fair with their children, and God is now working to teach the young men their proper family roles.

Seventy-ninth Annual Financial Report American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc. Operating Fund Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Year Ended September 30, 1973

Funds:	RECEIPTS	
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REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.:

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the operating fund of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc. for the year ended September 30, 1973. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. It was not practicable for us to extend our examination of contributions beyond accounting for the receipts as recorded.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents fairly the recorded cash transactions of the operating fund of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc. for the year ended September 30, 1973.

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DISBURSEMENTS	
Missionary and Evangelistic:	
Branches:	
Salaries and other expenses\$ Other general missionary activities in the	820,287.06
United States of America: Salaries—missionaries and field workers, retirement insurance	
and social security, transportation and other expenses	182,574.06
Foreign Missionary and Field Work: Israeli, South American, European and Canadian fields	80,902.50
Missionary Literature: The Chosen People	
	189,834.18
Mass Media—Evangelism:	
The Promise of Tomorrow 49,049.18 Israel Broadcast 47,052.18 News Media 86,728.69	
	182,830.05
Student Training and Missionary Institute: Jewish students supported in part or in full, in training for Jewish Missionary work, also maintenance of Missionary	
Institute	41,983.75
Bible Conferences	51,279.31
Evangelistic, educational, handicraft and recreational supplies, outings, and Camp Sar Shalom	11,597.98
Relief to Needy Christian Jews	19,776.95
Total Missionary and Evangelistic Disbursements	1,581,065.84
Administration:	
Salaries—Administrative and office 128,291.84	
Leopold Cohn Memorial Building: Maintenance, fuel, building supplies,	
insurance, repairs, replacements, etc 18,833.88	
General:	
Maintenance, equipment, supplies postage meter, postage, printing,	
stationery, legal and auditing	
fees, and all items not properly	
chargeable to other classifications 194,823.76	
Total Administration Disbursements	341,949.48
Total Disbursements\$	1,923,015.32

"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness . . . " (Psalms 65:11).

Continuing Blessings in Pittsburgh

By Rev. Henry E. Johnson, Missionary-in-Charge





Our Pittsburgh work is continuing under God's blessing. We are most thankful for the many new contacts in the community that have come to us through the "Promise of Tomorrow" broadcast. The contact is first through the mail and then we follow up with a personal visit to determine if the people have been listening and what their reactions are.

Many times it takes several efforts to see a person. Such was the case with Mrs. S on whom we had called four times before we actually met her. Patience and persistence in this case paid off because we had a lively discussion for an hour with Mrs. S and her friend Mrs. H. Mrs. S said that she believed Jesus was a Jew, and a good Jew. But for us to claim that he was any more than that was wrong. We cited the Old Testament Scriptures, such as Micah 5:2 and Isaiah 9:6,7 and Jesus' own claims in the Gospel to be equal with God. She mentioned the many religious groups that claim to have the way to God, and that she had her Jewish religion. She did not think anybody should question or challenge anyone's convictions about faith. Her attitude was that the Gospel was for the Gentiles but the Jewish people don't need forgiveness through Christ. There is a great need for Mrs. S to learn more about God and we are glad we were invited to come back and continue this conversation.

As a reaction to some newspaper advertising, we experienced repeated and extensive vandalism at our center. A group of young zealots broke many of our windows. Our Jewish neighbors and other members of the community deplored such methods of showing disagreement and because the public supported our right to advertise our religious convictions, the vandalism subsided. Through these incidents, we had opportunity to witness to Mr. S. an Orthodox Jewish man in the community, and also to one of the young zealots. Mr. S came to the center and, after looking the place, and us, over, he decided we were people to whom he could talk! Through the various conversations we had with him he came to the conclusion that we knew something of the demands of righteousness God makes in His Law, and he saw that there was a spiritual application of those standards.

The same applied to the zealot. He was challenged to apply the Law of love of God and neighbor to his own life and situation, and he heard probably for the first time, that Christ demands the same of those who follow Him!

The largest attendances in ten years were recorded at the meetings at our Annual Prophecy Conference held at First Presbyterian Church under the direction of our Dr. Sanford C. Mills. This shows a renewed interest in the prophetic Word.

At the Conference Mrs. R. who recently moved here from California, gave her testimony. She has been contributing to our Mission program through her musical talents. Her piano playing has brought a needed element into our activities. She told how she received Jesus Christ as her Messiah about nine years ago through reading a Bible given her by a Christian. Reading the many Messianic passages in the Old Testament convinced her of Christ's claims as Savior. She came to the Lord by the method advised by Him: "Search the Scriptures . . . they testify of me." (John 5:39).

HANNA EURICH TELLS OF HER ACTIVITIES

During the Bible study, the telephone rang. It was a long distance call from a Christian in Texas asking us to visit a Jewish lady in a nursing home in the city. The Jewish Art Calendar proved a useful tool in making this first contact. Although the lady was physically weak, her mind was clear. We had a conversation on the Jewish New Year and the Day of Atonement and this gave me an opening to tell her of Jesus Who has made atonement for us. Like many people in conversation, this dear lady would readily agree with what I said just because she enjoyed the visit and did not want to offend me by objecting. Please pray for God's work of grace in her heart.

At one of our recent Fellowship Nights at the Center, Rev. Johnson showed his slides of his trip to Israel. Seldom have I seen a group so absorbed! All references to ancient Biblical sites and events became even more significant in light of the recent Arab/ Israeli conflict. After the slides, we listened to a tape taken at Masada, the last Jewish stronghold against the Romans. The Israeli guide explained to the travelers the quality of freedom and the price paid for it. He said that standing for one's convictions has never been and never will be easy. Rev. Johnson closed the evening quoting Christ's definition of perfect freedom: "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

Mr. B, who attended the Fellowship Night, told us a few days later that his heart had been warmed by the spirit that prevailed. He said, "The world outside is so bad, and the greed and distrust among people so painful, that this atmosphere seems to belong to a different world." He has many intellectual doubts but we pray that he might soon find new life in Christ.

We trust that these sharings of the work in Pittsburgh will enable you to envision the work and ask your continued prayers for the Word and the Spirit of God to work mightily among the Jewish people.

Questions and Answers

his heart to be turned to other gods. For the Bible account of his last days read 2 Kings 11. The Rabbis took opposite positions on the matter, and those who favored him maintained that the statement on his idolatry in 1 Kings 11:7f is only figurative and does not mean that he himself fell into idolatry but was guilty of failing to restrain his wives from doing so. However, the prevailing legend in rabbinical literature, based on Ecclesiastes 1: 12 ("I, Kohelet, was king over Israel in Jerusalem"), is that Solomon lost everything — his riches, his royalty

OUESTION: Please tell me of Solo-

mon's last days, I understand that

ANSWER: The last days of Solo-

mon were troublesome indeed, due

especially to his idolatry in allowing

they were not happy.

show his downfall: "At first, Solomon reigned over the higher beings (his influence reached the highest spheres, the angels and the spirits) . . . afterwards, (having sinned) he reigned (only) over the lower. . . . But eventually his reign was restricted to Israel. . . . Later, his reign was confined to Jerusalem alone. . . . And still later, he reigned only over his couch.

and even his reason. The matter is

discussed in the Talmud in Sanhedrin

20b, and we shall quote enough to

QUESTION: If in the eating of the fruit Adam gained the knowledge of good and evil, how did he know it was wrong to eat of the fruit?

. . . And finally, he reigned only over

his staff. . . . "

ANSWER: God had already told man that it would be wrong to eat of the

fruit (Gen. 2:17). Compare Gen. 3:22. Just as man had life without partaking of the tree of life, so he had knowledge of good and evil without first partaking of the tree of knowledge. It was a matter of degree, as we learn from the words, ". . . Behold, the man is become as one of us. . . ," This is also indicated in the suggestion by Satan in Gen. 3:5 that if they (Adam and Eve) ate of the fruit of the tree their eyes would be opened and they would know good and evil as God knows them. It was an offering of a higher attainment, just as eating of the tree of life would have caused them to live for ever. However, since the offer involved disobedience, the resultant act evoked the death penalty. Had man eaten of the tree of life in this condition he would have been able to cancel the penalty of physical death and would have lived for ever but without the possibility of redemption and reconciliation to God through the blood atonement. In that instance the Lord

QUESTION: Why did Adam and Eve require a covering since there were no other people living on earth at that time?

Jesus Christ could not have died for

the sin of the world.

ANSWER: The consciousness that Adam and Eve had concerning their nakedness was the direct result of having disobeyed God and having given heed to Satan. Remember the words of the serpent, ". . . For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened . . . (Gen. 3:5). After they sinned we

read, ". . . and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden" (verse 8). It was before Him that they were ashamed of their nakedness (verse 10) and this in spite of the meager covering they had hastily put upon themselves. It was then that God demonstrated the need for blood sacrifice as the covering which is necessary for coming into His presence (verse 21).

QUESTION: Why was Zacharias stricken with dumbness as a punishment for asking "Whereby shall I know this?" in Luke 1 when Mary was not punished for asking a similar question in verse 34?

ANSWER: Van Oosterzee answers this in Lange's Commentary by saying: "His objection seems, in itself, as natural as that of Mary, ver. 34; but the Lord, who sees the heart, knows how to distinguish between the objections of unbelief, and the natural questionings of innocence." Mary asked a simple question regarding the how of the fulfillment because it concerned her personally and she needed to know. There was no doubt expressed here. It was simply a question for further instruction. The case of Zacharias was different. He asked for proof because he did not believe ("because thou believest not my words"). As a result the sign that was given took the form of a judgment. Perhaps the severest aspect of this judgment was the fact that after Elizabeth became pregnant he could not open his lips in praise until after the child was named (Luke 1:64).



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How to Witness Simply and Effectively to the lews

by Martin Meyer Rosen

(Continued from the January issue)

CHAPTER 9

Sundry Suggestions: The Approach

- 1. Encourage your Jewish friends to talk about their interests. They are usually very pleased to talk about their families and the achievements of their loved ones.
- 2. Be a good listener! Sometime you might only have an opportunity to do ten percent of the talking. However, it is not how much you say but what you say during your allotment of the conversation.
- 3. Do not ask questions which allow "Yes" or "No" answers, but rather ask questions about "their opinions" which would tend to encourage your Jewish friend to talk and express his opinions.
- 4. Seek out common interests such as hobbies, work or neighborhood matters for a basis of conversa-
- 5. It is better to talk as one person 13. Do not use terms like "You to another, that is to say, speak privately, not while other members of the family or other Jewish friends are around.
- 6. Do not be too eager. You cannot catch fish until they nibble.
- 7. If a person refuses to be steered into a conversation about the things of God, do not be disappointed and do not give up per-

- manently. Perhaps your opportunity will come next time.
- 8. Do not give your Jewish friend too much spiritual food for thought. He might get indigestion, Keep up the conversation only as long as he or she is interested, otherwise you become a bore.
- 9. Be interested in and sympathetic to Jewish problems and causes. Read widely enough to be conversant in matters of interest to the Jewish people.
- 10. As a rule it is preferable for a person to witness to another of their own sex. Man to man; woman to woman.
- 11. Always be courteous and respect the wishes of the person to whom you are speaking.
- 12. Never! Never get into a heated argument with a person to whom you are witnessing, even if you know you are right! No person has ever convinced another in anger.
- Jews." Keep it impersonal as he will apply these principles to himself. It is better to speak in the third person and talk about "the Jewish people," rather than "that Jew" or "that Jewess." It is better to refer to "that Jewish lady," or "that Jewish gentleman."
- 14. After the conversation, make a note of the subjects you discussed

as a basis for future contact with your friend.

Sundry Suggestions: On Proving Your Point

- 1. Do not argue to prove a point unless you are sure of the facts and the logic of the case.
- 2. Do not use your strongest argument of proof first. You might need it for a clincher.
- 3. Always understate your case rather than overstate it.
- 4. Rather than argue as to whether something is true or not, argue to show that it can be true. That is to say rather than argue in the declarative - argue in the subjunctive.
- 5. After you have stated your case, do not try to get your friend to admit that you are right. Be gracious enough to allow him to "save face."
- 6. You can usually refute your opponent's argument by taking his generality out to the particulars. That is, get him to offer evidence to prove his point then make him offer evidence to show that his primary evidence is really valid.
- 7. Always close on a friendly note and tell your friend how much you enjoy discussing these things with him.
- 8. Never raise your voice.
- 9. Never interrupt your friend as he is stating his case.
- 10. Try to analyze carefully your discussion and eliminate whatever is not germane.
- 11. Do not state the obvious.
- 12. If you do not fully understand

what kind of argument your friend is setting forth, ask questions until you do understand.

Sundry Suggestions: The Jewish People and Prayer

- 1. When entertaining your Jewish friends in your home and dinner is served, never hesitate to say a table grace before meals. You might introduce the matter by saving "In our home it is our custom to thank God for our food before we eat."
- 2. Most Jewish people will appreciate your prayers for them in crisis periods in their lives. Tell them openly that you will pray for the matter for which they are concerned.
- As a general rule, do not ask an unconverted Jew to pray with you: Jewish people seldom pray in the extemporaneous manner of Christians. They pray by reading aloud from a prayer book. Asking him to pray with you in the customary manner places him in a difficult position.
- 4. As part of giving your testimony you might tell how God answered some particular prayers in your life.
- 5. Pray frequently for the salvation of your Jewish friend. Mention him by name.
- 6. If you lack a burden for prayer, pray that God will give you that burden to intercede on behalf of lost souls.
- 7. Ask the people at your prayer meeting to pray for your Jewish

friend, but do not give too many details. It is also unwise to identify your friend lest some well-meaning Christian inadvertently slip and upon meeting him say something like "Oh, yes, I know about you. We have been praying that you would get converted."

- 8. It is fitting to pray for wisdom to witness for Jesus Christ.
- It is also fitting to pray that God will give you opportunities to witness.
- 10. Often our Jewish friends will disallow our prophetic ministry of sharing the Gospel with them. Most all people, however, will accept our priestly ministry of prayer on their behalf. Let them know that you are praying for them, but do not tell them you are praying for their conversion.

Sundry Suggestions: The Jew and The Church

- Do not be afraid to ask your Jewish friend to visit your church.
 He is probably a little bit curious as to what a church service is like and would not mind visiting as long as he knows that this is just "a visit."
- By the same token, you ought to express a willingness to visit the synagogue.
- Church Socials are excellent services to which you might take your Jewish friends.
- 4. It is not unwise to plan to come a little bit late to the church as the hymns, prayers, creedal recitations, and other functions in which the congregation participates would pose a problem to your Jewish friend as he could not sincerely participate. If possible, it is a good idea to arrive just before the sermon and sit in some inconspicuous place.
- 5. Find out what the program is going to be before you bring

- guests. For example, Stewardship Sunday is not a good time to bring people into the congregation, etc.
- Inform your minister that you are bringing your Jewish friend.
- Do not emphasize why your particular denomination is superior to other denominations but, point out where all truly Christian churches are in agreement.
- 8. Do not be apologetic about anything in the service. For example, do not apologize if your services are conducted in a very small church or if there are very few people there or if the edifice is not as neat as it should be.
- If you reside in an area in which we conduct home-fellowship meetings, we would recommend that you bring your Jewish friend to one of these meetings before you attempt to take him to a church service.
- 10. As you introduce the Jewish person to your friends in the church, do not identify him as being Jewish as this might embarrass him. Likewise there are those who always feel that they can lead a Jew to Christ if they insist long enough, hard enough. Such confrontations where the Jewish person is pressured in a form of "instant" evangelism are to be avoided. If you see one of the church people applying such pressure, you might interrupt by saying something like this: "Mr. Cohen and I were talking about those same things and perhaps this is not the best time to discuss these matters."

Sundry Suggestions: The Use of Tracts

 Where it is possible, speak personally to your Jewish friend.

We cannot be sure that a person will read a pamphlet and personal conversation will give a better opportunity to present Christ. However, we should always leave a tract (adapted for the Jew). The ideal situation is to speak personally with your friend and then "clinch" it with a good tract suited to the particular circumstance. Tracts are also excellent for short-term contacts such as people you meet on the bus, etc.

- Always read every tract that you use and be thoroughly familiar with the contents. You might be embarrassed if your friend tries to discuss the tract with you and you know little of what the pamphlet says.
- Read tracts that are written to Jewish people to give yourself the knowledge that such a pamphlet or tract affords you. The texts

- cited and arguments given are valuable tools for personal work.
- 4. Most of the tracts written by the American Board of Missions to the Jews are written to a situation. They are not equally good in all circumstances. Study your tracts first to find out which would be best for your purpose.
- It is generally best not to use a wide variety of tracts except on special occasions. Decide on two or three and use them consistently.
- Do not give a person more than one or two pamphlets. By giving him too much literature we often discourage a person from reading rather than encourage him. Δ

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