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And The Dragon (Satan) . . . Waged War Rev. 12:7 Against The Jewish People





From the President

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Purim (March 19) commemorates God rescuing the Jewish people from destruction by the anti-Semitic Haman, (Esther 9:20-30).

We all recognize how horrible, wicked and anti-God anti-Semitism is, and those who love Jesus certainly wouldn't (consciously) be a part of such a thing. But, I wonder if we realize how apathy towards the Jewish people can hurt in other, less obvious ways.

Though many Christian churches genuinely love the Jewish people, that can't be said for all. Most Christian churches, of course, haven't said one nasty word about the Jewish people. They haven't perpetrated one anti-Jewish slur, nor prayed one anti-Jewish prayer! But, unfortunately as well, most Christian churches haven't prayed for the peace of Jerusalem, nor preached against anti-Semitism as being anti-God (Ps. 83), nor helped to reach Jewish people with the Gospel.

Their help can be given

1) by having programs to reach out within their local Jewish communities with the Good News. Churches have put ads in their newspapers. Others have gone door to door in their area or in Jewish communities utilizing tracts and other materials Chosen People Ministries provides.

2) by placing Chosen People Ministries in their church missionary budget. It's amazing to me how many Bible-believing churches still haven't applied their missionary budget to the "Jew first" (or to any missionary outreach).

3) by having our missionary speakers share their burden and ministry during one of the church services.

4) by sending some of their people to S.T.E.P. (Summer Training And Evangelism Program) to be trained in reaching Jewish people where they live.

5) by utilizing our materials: books, music tapes, videos, tracts, etc. One especially meaningful item would be a book by Eliezer Urbach (see page 8), *Out of the Fury*, which deals with God delivering this man from Nazi anti-Semitism "unto the Kingdom of His beloved Son" (Col. 1:13).

But unless something is done, Jewish people will be neglected—not by God's love, but by the Church's apathy.

What a joy though, to realize how many churches and individuals are co-laboring with the Lord in His burden and love and ministry to the Jewish people. "The least of His brethren" (Mt. 25:40) were helped by faith demonstrated through love.

This Purim let us encourage one another and our churches to do all we can to serve God and rescue the Jewish people from that preeminent anti-Semite, Satan. And, in so doing, minister unto Him, the true "King of the Jews," Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world!

Sincerely,

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Out Of CONTROL

Addicted to crack, living on the edge, Susan Liles wandered far from her Jewish heritage—until someone suggested Jesus might be the answer to her problems.

SUSAN LILES' TESTIMONY

If you saw me at a family gathering, I always looked happy and in control. That is, if you were able to look past how thin and drawn I was. If you saw me out on the streets in the worst parts of town, you saw the real me: desperate, frightened, strung-out and self-destructive. I was a 30-year old mess, using crack cocaine, addicted to anything that made me numb.

Ever since I could remember, I had been trying to escape the horrible situations around me. When I was very young, my father physically abused my three brothers, my mother and me. I remember trying



With my brother's death, I felt my life go out of control. I occasionally tried returning to synagogue. But I finally stopped, because my prayers never seemed to go anywhere.

to protect myself, and feeling so guilty that not only could I not stop him from hitting me, but my mother was often hit as she was trying to protect us.

My mother and father had been high school sweethearts. My mother was Jewish and had escaped Hitler's Europe. My dad was not Jewish, but had been a tender person when they first met and married. After he returned from Korea, however, mom noticed a change. The abuse—verbal and physical—grew as the family grew.

The closest thing to a traditional upbringing was the summers I spent with my grandparents in Long Island, New York. I also spent many holidays with my grandparents, and frequently attended synagogue with them.

Finally when I was 10, my folks divorced. By that time, however, the damage was done. In addition to the physical abuse, a relative had frequently sexually abused me. At night, I'd lie in bed, sometimes using safety pins to close my nightgown, afraid that he'd come in. I could never tell anyone because I was full of guilt, certain that I was doing something to deserve it.

Death and Drugs

So as far as I was concerned, life was horrible and I was horrible. At 13, I began to use whatever drugs I could find. The only person who loved me, and whom I trusted, was my oldest brother Robert. When I was 16, he was murdered while walking down the street. It seemed to me at the time it was because he was using heroin, and had gotten mixed up with drug dealers. Because they never proved the connection between his death and drugs, officially the case wasn't solved.

With Robert's death, I felt my life go out of control. I occasionally tried

returning to synagogue, and enjoyed the services. But I finally stopped, because my prayers never seemed to go anywhere.

Over the next few years, I made many choices which led me deeper into drugs and relationships with men who, for the most part, were drug dealers or gang members. I attempted suicide several times, almost succeeding at age 25, which resulted in my being in a coma for four days.

One night, early in 1991, I was at rock bottom. My latest boyfriend had thrown me out. With nowhere to go, I checked into a cheap motel room.

When I ran out of crack, I stared into the empty jar, then swung it hard against the bathtub. Holding a piece of glass against my wrist, I was determined to succeed this time. I didn't want to die, but it seemed that there was just no other answer.

"God," I cried out, "help me." That night, I put aside the glass and decided to live at least the rest of the day. Even then, I sensed that something, or someone, was preventing me from taking that final step.

Against All Odds

Not too long after that, I went to visit my mother and stepfather. Two of my stepdad's co-workers had been praying for me and told him about a drug rehabilitation center. Against all odds, and despite a normally lengthy waiting list, I was accepted at the home within two weeks. If I hadn't been, I firmly believe I would have been dead in that same time.

I was so frightened the day my mother and I came up the drive that I wanted to back out, but something inside of me kept pushing me forward.

Inside, I was greeted by many faces. These people hugged me, some said they were glad I was there, and

others told me they loved me.

"How on earth could they love me?" I kept thinking. I knew how lousy I really was. Being around them made me very uncomfortable. I didn't trust anyone, and could tell they were either Jesus freaks or liars.

And besides, I was Jewish. Jewish people didn't believe in Jesus.

Even though my life had been so atypical, I did have a sense of Jewish identity, which became even more important to me than ever.

Happy, Loving, Truthful

Slowly I began to see that even though I had learned not to trust people, these people at the center were real. They were happy, loving, truthful, caring, kind and patient (especially with me). Everything they said or taught was shown in their actions.

One morning, while meeting with a staff member, she told me how she had come to a personal relationship with the Lord and went on to say, "Susan, you need to be willing to ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you. Ask Him and He will."

All that day, under my breath, I asked Jesus—if He was real—to show me. I said it before I went to sleep. I repeated it when I got up the next morning.

That morning, after breakfast, I went into the classroom we used for chapel. When I walked in, I was stunned. There was a long table covered with a white cloth, set with a complete Seder service.

It was beautiful. There was even a bowl of charoseth, the special mixture of apples, nuts and honey, and I wanted to sneak up and take a taste.

Defining a "Coincidence"

A Jewish woman, Artis Clotfelter, a missionary with Chosen People Ministries, was there. I could feel everyone's eyes on me and I tried to act as if I wasn't affected by any of it. Then I looked over at my desk where there was a sign that read, "A coincidence is when God makes a miracle and decides to remain anonymous."

I went and sat in the first row as

Artis explained how the Messiah was portrayed in the Passover meal. There it was, amidst all the tradition and ritual I had always felt comfortable with: the truth that Jesus is the Son of God, that He is the Jewish Messiah. I watched Artis explain how the middle matzoh is taken out and broken, half is buried and then raised later in the service.

All of my doubts and fears fell away.

After the service, I went for a walk

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with Artis. For over an hour we talked about God and Scripture. It was as if I had been seeing everything through a grey film up until now, and suddenly everything became clear.

Talking about how much God loves us and takes care of us, Artis plucked a tiny flower that was growing along the side of the path.

"Look, God is a God of such detail." The love I felt was compelling, but still, I worried about how my mother and grandparents would feel.

Completing My Judaism

She explained that I would not be departing from being Jewish . . . I'd be completing my Jewish identity as I came into a relationship with the Jewish Messiah. She asked me if I'd like to receive my Messiah. Part of me wanted to, but I hesitated. We talked more about the Jewishness of the message, and Artis pointed out Jeremiah 31:31, where God promises a "new" covenant.

Once more, Artis asked, "Would you like to receive Yeshua (Jesus) as Messiah?" This time I replied, "Yes." I prayed, acknowledging that I was a sinner, separated from God. I recognized for the first time that Jesus was my Messiah, the son of God who died for me, the One Who loved me as no one else could.

"I love You," I prayed, without fear, for the first time. "Jesus, I love You."

Susan is still living at the rehabilitation center, growing in the Lord and actively involved in their outreach. Her mother and stepfather say that she is a completely changed person. 😊



Artis Clotfelter (right) sharing God's Word with Susan Liles.



And The Dragon (Satan) . . . Waged War Rev. 12:7

In light of God's Word we can understand the reason for Satan's continuous war against the Jewish people.

by SAM NADLER



We began our study of Revelation 12 in February with a look at Satan's attack against the person of Messiah (vv. 1-6) and the attack against the power of Messiah (vv. 7-12). We now continue the study by examining the attack against the promises of Messiah as Satan attempts to destroy the Jewish people (vv. 13-16).

Attack Against the Promises of Messiah

In Revelation 12:13-16 we see that Satan attacks the woman; that is, the Jewish people (see February '92 *Chosen People*), but God provides help. The first help is the "two wings of the great eagle" (vs. 14). This refers to Exodus 19:4, and God's miraculous assistance in deliverance from the Egyptians.

The second help comes in vs. 16, "the earth helped the woman." When the serpent had a flood come forth from his mouth to sweep away the woman, God provides a way to divert the flood.

This flood from his mouth could refer to his arrogant and blasphemous words seen in the ministry of the beast (Rev. 13:5). In which case, "the earth helped the woman" would refer to those of the earth; believers in the Word who come to the assistance of the Jewish people during the Tribulation. These would be the sheep as opposed to the goats who help "the least of His brethren" (Mt. 25:40).

Or this can refer to a physical miracle as when the Lord had the earth open up to swallow Korah (Nm. 16:31, 32). This is very likely since we know that during the Tribulation period there will be miracles done for Israel as during her exodus from Egypt (Is. 11:15, 16).

Of course the big question would be: Why would Satan bother to attack the Jewish people, since Messiah has now come, died for our sins and been raised from the dead?

To the careful observers of Scrip-

ture, it is apparent that Satan attacks the Jewish people for two important reasons: to undermine the promises of God and to stop the second coming of Messiah.

Because of the promises God made to the nation of Israel, their very existence is a spiritual battleground, and Satan uses them to challenge the testimony of God's faithfulness.

Satan is trying to destroy the Jews in this present age, just as he always has. That is why it is so important for true believers to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, to stand with the Jewish people and to stand against the anti-Semitic representatives of the evil one.

The Jewish people are a witness to all the nations that we can trust in all of His promises for,

"He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep" (Ps. 121:4), and therefore, He will keep you according to His promises as well (Heb. 13:5).

Even as Satan hopes to make a liar of God, so he also attempts to prevent the return of the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, which is dependent upon the Jewish people coming to faith in Him as a nation. The Jewish people as a nation had rejected their Messiah and would therefore need to repent of this as a nation and trust in Messiah that He might reign over them as a people. Therefore, Messiah says to those who rejected Him,

"You will not see me again until you say (Baruch haba B'shem Adonai) blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Ps. 118:26; Mt. 23:39).

Jesus tells us that His return would not take place until the Jewish people, and leadership in particular, who rejected Him, repent and trust Him; thus fulfilling Psalms 118:22,

"The stone which the builders re-

jected has become the chief corner stone."

This national repentance is also what Peter referred to when speaking to the Jewish people in Jerusalem (Acts 3:19-21),

"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until

But even in this last attack Satan will fail, for the testimony of the Jewish believers will be effective at the end of the Tribulation period.

the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time."

If Satan can destroy the Jews before they can repent and trust in Messiah as a nation, Messiah will not return and Satan will be free to continue prowling as a roaring lion, seeking whom he might devour, preventing Messiah's kingdom from being established on earth.

This is very relevant to believers today and I believe is a great reason to support ministry to the Jewish people and protect their existence. To stand idly by while Satan subtly whispers "we should ignore the Jews" is contrary to the desire of God.

Yes, we must stand by God's peo-

ple. In so doing we also confirm our trust in God's promises.

Attack Against the Proclaimers of Messiah

When this attack against the woman (the Jewish people) is thwarted, Satan has one more card to play.

"The dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus" (Rev. 12:17).

Since the woman is the Jewish people who have not yet come to faith, the "rest of her offspring" are the Jewish people who have come to faith in Jesus. They are Jewish believers "who keep the commandments of God" and hold to the testimony of Jesus. That is, they are obedient to God's Word, and are out-spoken regarding Messiah. This will most certainly refer to the 144,000 (Rev. 7:4-8), but also, as the last-days warfare grows, to all of us in Jewish outreach.

As Jewish believers, when we speak of obeying God's Word or keeping His commandments are we advocating a return to legalism? Certainly not! However, one of the most effective witnesses we have to our unsaved Jewish brethren is our observance, for example, of the Passover and other biblical holidays, and Messiah's role in these. Like the Apostle Paul said regarding his Gospel ministry:

"To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, though not being myself under the Law that I might win those who are under the Law" (1 Cor. 9:20). Satan wants to destroy Jewish mis-

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"My life was saved many times in many ways during the years encompassed in this story, but none of my physical escapes from death compare with the miracle wrought by God in the heart of this wandering Jew."

—from the foreword, "Out of the Fury"



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DEBBIE KUKIELKA'S TESTIMONY

"God Has Become Real"

For a Jewish girl named Debbie, walking the "walk" was more important than talking the "talk" in convincing her to accept Jesus as Messiah.

WHEN SHE started talking to me about it, I didn't want to listen. But when I saw it in action, I had to know more. A few years ago, Chris moved into my neighborhood, just three doors down. At the outset, she tried to develop a friendship with me. I was kind of leery at first, and then when she told me she was a Christian, I was immediately turned off.

Stay Away

This little alarm went off in my head warning me to stay away from this woman. I even told her I didn't want to talk about it. She respected my wishes and would only mention things in a very general way.

But I watched her. And something she experienced amazed me.

Chris had been trying to have children for at least five years. During that time she had several miscarriages, and I couldn't believe the faith the woman had. I really thought it was something. She'd tell me she knew things would work out right.

When she did conceive again, her doctor confined her to bed rest. Up until then, Chris' words had been just that—words. I could hear how she trusted in her God, but I only became intrigued by her Christianity when I saw it in action. To show their concern for Chris, several of her friends from

church brought food over while she was bed-ridden. Those people took time out of their busy lives to share with this woman.

I had always had a difficult time establishing close relationships. I guess it built this deep desire to develop true friendships, and when I saw the concern of these people I was hooked.

Our family wasn't very religious even though we were Jewish. For me, being Jewish had always been a heritage, but never a religion.

I had to know more about it. I wanted friendships where people felt concerned about me. At the time I didn't necessarily associate it with Christianity. I thought if I found a church, I'd find people who would care about me like that.

So I went to the library. There, I found a book listing denominations and information about them. There were so many, I didn't know where to go. As I looked through the library, I came across a book of testimonies of Jews who believed in Jesus as the Messiah.

As a teenager, I'd had an aunt who confessed her belief in Jesus as Mes-

siah, and she had talked to me about it, but most of my family had little to do with her. Our family wasn't very religious even though we were Jewish. For me, being Jewish had always been a heritage, but never a religion.

Even when I married, my parents weren't as concerned about my fiancé's religion as the M.D. after his name. So I really didn't have a strong religious background, even though I was Jewish.

In back of the book, I found a list of churches proclaiming Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. I found the closest church to me in Rockville, MD, and I couldn't believe it. The church used the same phone number as Chris', except some of the numbers were transposed.

In the meantime, Chris had her baby, and I still found the woman's faith incredible. For the first time I'd found something to believe in. And that started me reading the Bible. I spent the next year or so reading through the Old Testament, continuing to make trips to the library.

On one visit, a book caught my attention—*Betrayed* by Stan Telchin. The book listed Telchin's church as a local one and I found it and started attending there. Eventually the church had Telchin visit me.

Searching for God

He was so Jewish, but he had found God. And I wanted to find God, too. I read everything I could to

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The Rising Tide of ANTI-SEMITISM

A Neo-Nazi demonstration in Atlanta, Georgia.



Anti-Semitism is not a recent development, nor is it an issue which died away last generation. This month, as we honor the Jewish holiday of Purim (based on the book of Esther), it is especially appropriate to consider this subject.

by DR. DANIEL GOLDBERG

PURIM, A MOST joyous day of the Jewish year is, in reality, an almost holocaust memorial holiday. The story of Esther tells it all. For the Jews, the Biblical account has become an allegory describing their life in many countries.

In the days of Xerxes the Great, King of Persia (c. 480 B.C.), Haman the Agagite was the arch-enemy of the Jewish people (Esther 3:1). Haman was either a native of the town of Agag in Media, later incorporated into the Persian empire, or a descendant of an Amalekite king executed in Palestine by Samuel half a millennium earlier (I Sam. 15:8; Num. 24:7). If the latter be true, then anti-Semitism was boiling in his bloodstream long before Mordecai refused to bow to him.

Elevated to the second position in the kingdom of Persia under Xerxes, Haman found it essential to misrep-

resent the Jews as a rebellious and dangerous element within the empire (Esther 3:8). About 445 years later, similar accusations were leveled at Christ Himself (Lk. 23:2).

Anti-Semitism Past

Furthermore, playing on the king's greed, Haman offered to pay a vast sum of money to the royal treasury to carry out his plot of Jewish annihilation. Haman's enormous personal wealth (10,000 talents of silver) was a fabulous sum, equivalent to two-thirds of the annual income of the entire empire (Esther 3:9). His revenge was so important to him that Haman would not only hazard the king's favor by the horrid proposal of murdering a whole nation, but also expose himself to a severe loss in his fortune rather than permit the hated race to live.

History illustrates the terrors of despotism in the decision of Xerxes to commit the fate of the Hebrew people into the hands of Haman (Esther

3:11). *Kill all Jews*—young and old—throughout the empire, little children and women, on the 13th day of the month Adar, the ancient decree declared (Esther 3:13).

Purim, the casting of the lot, was a Persian custom that Haman employed. His astrologers and magicians cast this lot to determine the exact day most propitious for the destruction of Israel. Haman refused to heed the excellent advice of his wife, "... If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish origin, you will not overcome him, but will surely fall before him" (Esther 6:13).

The final outcome? God had assured His covenant people that when "the lot is cast into the lap, ... its every decision is from the Lord" (Prov. 16:33). Through the prayers of godly Mordecai and the daring courage of Queen Esther, God's preservation and providence once again prevailed. Haman was executed and Mordecai elevated in the empire.

Lest anyone think that anti-Semitism has died away, however, I wish to cite some specific instances of the issue as we now face it.

Anti-Semitism Present

In the United States last year, in a burst of rage following a traffic accident in which a Hasidic Jew killed a seven year-old black boy, young blacks stabbed to death a Jewish scholar, wrecked Jewish shops and pelted the local headquarters of the Hasidic sect with stones, chanting, "Hitler didn't finish the job."

Throughout America, an organization known as CODOH (Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust) has been placing ads in college newspapers stating that the Holocaust is a hoax. Full page ads have appeared at

Duke University, Cornell University, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and Northwestern University.

The European Director at the Paris office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Shimon Samuels, protested to Estonian authorities recently over anti-Semitic activities in the Baltic Republic: a Jewish cemetery desecrated in Tartu, Estonian newspapers inciting readers to acts against the 3500 Jewish Estonian survivors of the Holocaust and calls for legislation to rehabilitate war criminals.

There are an estimated 140 anti-Semitic computer "games" currently

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circulating in Germany, Austria and Holland. One of the games reported in *Response* magazine (Vol. 12, No. 2) is "KZ-Manager." It invites the player to manage a concentration camp. To get a promotion and win the game, the player gains credit for selling gold fillings and killing and torturing prisoners.

In Moscow, a recent poll indicated that 50% of the Soviets want all Jews to leave the country. And the Jewish Student Association of McMaster University (in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada) has been plagued by anti-Semitic mail containing phrases such as "It's a Moslem's job to kill every Jew."

The fact is, that fifty years after the Holocaust, and thousands of years after Haman, anti-Semitism is still emerging on a global scale.

What can you do as a Christian to stand with God's people, the Jewish people, and stand against anti-Semitism in your own locale?

First, don't wait for anti-Semitic acts to take place. Take every opportunity to relate positively to the Jewish people in your hometown. Build bridges to the Jewish communities, one-by-one, with acts of kindness.

Second, if anti-Semitic acts do take place, then encourage your pastor and church to take a *public* stand against such acts. Speak out ... call your newspaper ... demand a public forum to denounce this evil.

Third, and most important, share the Gospel with the Jewish people *and* the anti-Semites. For as someone once said, the most anti-Semitic act of all is withholding the Gospel from the Jewish people.

For this—love through the Messiah—is the true response to anti-Semitism, whether to the sufferers of the past, to the victims of the present, or to those who might fall prey to it in the future. ☺

Next month Dr. Goldberg will continue this discussion of anti-Semitism by discussing Passover and the great holocaust to come.



DEBBIE

find out more, and then Chosen People Ministries entered my life.

A cousin of Chris had listened to Scott Brown from Son of David speak at her church where she obtained information concerning Chosen People. She gave it to Chris, who then gave it to me.

I started a personal Bible study with Scott Brown and also started attending Son of David—a place I had passed many times, never knowing what it was all about. I accepted Jesus the Messiah as my personal Savior last May. In September, I was baptized.

God has become real for me, and my Jewish identity is complete. In fact, I feel more Jewish than ever before. I have started experiencing a new sense of fulfillment in my life. And that deep desire for true friends that started me on the search for God has been fulfilled too. For just a few weeks ago, while I recovered from walking pneumonia, friends from church brought meals, prayed and fellowshiped with me, as God restored my health. ☺

REVELATION

sions! He attacks all who are bringing the Gospel to the Jewish people. He is trying to stop this at any cost.

Satan would not mind if we would “act like regular Christians,” and forsake our Jewish identity. Also he would not mind if we maintained our Jewish identity, but would forsake the testimony of Jesus. But the combination of these two things, our testimony both to our Jewishness and our proclamation of Messiah, is anathema to the devil.

This will be heightened even more during the Tribulation period with the ministry of the 144,000 as they, along with the two witnesses in Jerusalem (Rev. 11:3-6), are empowered with miraculous ministry to be even more effective in the testimony of God.

But even in this attack Satan will fail, for the testimony of the Jewish believers will be effective at the end of the Tribulation period. The Jewish people will call out to Messiah. The Gospel seeds will bear fruit. The confession of faith will come from the Jewish nation (Isa. 53:4-6). Messiah

will return, establish His kingdom and Satan will be cast down to the Abyss (Rev. 20:1-3).

Dear brothers and sisters, we are all on the front lines of spiritual warfare. Yet we must heed the lesson of Revelation 12: that of all the things Satan wants to hinder and destroy, he is powerfully against the Jewish people and the ministry to reach them.

Every time a believer supports the work of God in Jewish missions, he stands with God in His promises and joins in the front lines of spiritual warfare.

These believers and proclaimers of Messiah—you and I as we stand together—will be victorious, for God has brought us together, to celebrate in eternity, the victory found in Rev. 12:11, “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony. . . .”

This is ultimately our hope and victory. As the day of Messiah’s return grows closer, may we understand, in truth and deed, the victory which is ours to claim. ☺



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANNE PRISCILLA FRAIMAN FEINBERG

November 12, 1911 – January 21, 1992

Beloved wife Of Dr. Charles Feinberg

Honorary Director of Chosen People Ministries

ANNE WAS BORN in a small village in Russia. When Anne was very young, her father left his family to go to America where he hoped to later relocate them. However, war broke out unexpectedly, keeping the family separated. During the war, soldiers forced the little family to vacate their home and struggle for existence in the forest. Only when peace came were they miraculously reunited. At the age of nine and very sick, Anne was almost refused entrance to America at

Ellis Island. However, God in His merciful sovereignty, intervened and the family settled in Chicago.

As a young woman, Anne made a life-altering decision—she believed and accepted Jesus as her Savior, her Messiah. She met Charles Feinberg, a young Jewish-Christian seminary student, after her freshman year at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois and they married two years later on May 14, 1935.

Anne was wife, mother and helpmate throughout those fifty-six years

as she encouraged and supported her husband in his work serving the Lord. She is survived by her husband, Charles; children: Dr. Paul D. and Dr. John S. Feinberg, professors, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois; and Lois Gonzenbach, Teacher, Northgate High School, as well as grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

We at Chosen People Ministries give great praise to God for all she has meant to this ministry and to the Jewish people.

The Prophet Daniel



By HAROLD A. SEVENER, PRESIDENT EMERITUS

EVEN JASON—the Hellenistic High Priest appointed by Antiochus—could not bear the deliberate violation of the Law and of Jewish tradition that would result from Jewish athletes' participation in the Olympian games. When the Judeans were sent to participate in the games being held in Tyre, money was to be sent as a contribution toward the sacrifices being made to the pagan god Hercules. But Jason balked; he could not go so far as to sacrifice to a pagan deity. The Hellenists in Jerusalem were furious at Jason and began to devise ways to remove him from the High Priesthood.

Once again the High Priesthood was sold. This time it was purchased by Onias Menelaus, a Benjaminite and therefore not a legitimate heir to the High Priesthood. Onias was an outright Hellenist who was in total agreement with the policies of Antiochus. Jerusalem's Orthodox Jewish community was infuriated. Once again the gates of the Temple would be opened to idolatry because of another false High Priest, a usurper. They despised the sight of Jewish priests garbed in Greek robes, officiating at the idolatrous rites of the Greeks. Jerusalem was fast becoming a Hellenistic city, and Antiochus and the Hellenistic Jews were delighted. They did what was right in their own eyes, giving no thought to the judgment of God which was soon to fall.

God's Judgment

God's Word warns us that He always judges sin. How strange that the Jewish religious leaders, who had full knowledge of Daniel's prophecies and had even used them to influence Alexander the Great, evidently no longer believed them or did not apply them to their present situation. Such is the blindness that sin brings to the heart and mind. When we stop reading God's Word and when we stop applying its truth to our lives, we become indifferent to sin. We accept the wrongs within society, and we justify our behavior by the standards of the society around us rather than by God and the stan-

dards He has revealed within His Word.

Sadly, the small Orthodox community in Jerusalem, which opposed the Hellenistic influences infecting the larger Jewish community in Jerusalem, expressed their

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opposition in ways similar to the Hellenists, the very group they opposed. They, too, began to enter into alliances, seeking out their old enemies, the Ptolemies of Egypt. Instead of trusting God, both groups put their faith in man.

First Things First

Man, by his very nature, always seems to turn to God only as a last resort. Israel would not have experienced much of its painful history had its leaders turned to God *first*. We are often guilty of the same thing today. We would not experience as much pain and misery as we do in our lives if we would turn to God first. The words of Yeshua ring loud and clear: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Mt. 6:33).

God told the prophet Daniel exactly what Antiochus Epiphanes would do. We read, "It [the little horn] grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. Because of

rebellion, the host of the saints, and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground" (Dan. 8:10-12).

Striving to restore the prestige and position of the Seleucid empire, Antiochus built more Greek cities than any of his predecessors. His goal was to conquer the world, to become more powerful than Rome. He had given himself the title "Epiphanes," meaning "Illustrious One" or "God Manifest" because he believed himself to be divine, to be a descendant of the gods. He issued coins bearing his own portrait in the image of the Olympian god Zeus. He further demanded that statues of him be erected in all the temples and that all of the people worship his image. He held lavish spectator sports, going as far as to import the Roman gladiatorial events to the capital in Syria. At his parties and orgies he danced naked with his royal entertainers. All of this was done to impose his rule over his subjects and to force his particular brand of Hellenism on the countries he had conquered. His successes had gone to his head.

Rome's Ultimatum

With the Hellenistic High Priest Onias Menelaus established in Jerusalem, Antiochus turned his attention to Egypt. He wanted to subdue Egypt, bring it under his form of Hellenism, and unify his empire. In the summer of 169 B.C. Antiochus invaded Egypt with a huge army. His campaign was successful, and he soon deposed the young Egyptian king and declared himself king over a unified empire. However, his grandiose plans did not last long. On his way to Memphis, Antiochus was met by a Roman ambassador who served him with papers notifying him that Rome had issued him an ultimatum: Either withdraw from Egypt or face an immediate attack from Rome. Antiochus knew his battle-weary troops would be no match for the well-armed and well-trained Roman army, so Antiochus withdrew from Egypt, a humiliating experience for someone who considered himself to be "a god."

In Jerusalem rumors began to spread that Antiochus had been killed. Jason, the first High Priest Antiochus had appointed for a fee, saw this as his opportunity to overthrow the existing High Priest, Menelaus (whom Antiochus had appointed in Jason's place for a larger fee). Jason was supported in his efforts by the Orthodox Jews of Jerusalem and by those who were opposed to Hellenism, a group of 1,000 men. He attacked the city and was able to penetrate the walls of Jerusalem, forcing Menelaus's forces to retreat and take refuge in the Acra (a strong fortification near the Temple site). Jason en-

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tered Jerusalem and killed many of his fellow countrymen in his attempt to regain the office of High Priest.

Friend and Foe Alike

The rumors of Antiochus's death soon dissipated. Word spread that he was very much alive and that he was livid over the revolt taking place in Jerusalem. He took it personally, believing that Jason and the Jews were revolting against him and against his Hellenization policy. First being humiliated by Rome and then by Jason in Jerusalem, Antiochus left Egypt in great haste and in a vengeful rage. He ordered his troops to massacre the Jews of Jerusalem without regard to age or sex, slaughtering friend and foe alike.

An account of this slaughter is given in 2 Maccabees: "Now when this that was done came to the king's ear, he thought that Judea had revolted: whereupon removing out of Egypt in a furious mind, he took the city by force of arms, and commanded his men of war not to spare such as they met, and to slay such as went up upon the houses. Thus there was killing of young and old, making away of men, women, and children, slaying of virgins and infants. And there were destroyed within the space of three whole days fourscore thousand, whereof forty thousand were slain in the conflict; and no fewer sold than slain. Yet was he not content with this, but presumed to go into the most holy temple of all the world; Menelaus, that traitor to the laws, and to his own country, being his guide: and taking the holy vessels with polluted hands, and with profane hands pulling down the things that were dedicated by other kings to the augmentation and glory and honour of the place, he gave them away" (2 Macc. 5:11-16). ☺

MEMORIAL GIFTS

For Jewish Evangelism

By REV. DAVID HENSCHEN, *Stewardship Director*



We at Chosen People Ministries Foundation would like to thank all those generous prayer partners who have recently given MEMORIAL GIFTS. While we could not name everyone in this issue, all who participate in memorials, or one of our other programs, have now become "Legacy Builders" for Jewish evangelism.

If you would like to join our "Legacy Builders" team, write to me about which program best fits your needs. Most often our partners join by remembering us in their wills. Also, with Passover and Mother's Day both around the corner, perhaps an additional Passover gift in honor of "mom" would be meaningful. In any case, I look forward to you joining me as a "Legacy Builder."

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If you have included Chosen People Ministries in your Will, please let us know so we can say thank you!

NEWS & VIEWS

A Messianic Perspective

Latin America

Chosen People Ministries (CPM) saw four Jewish people come to faith at their Buenos Aires center, and four more Jewish people immersed in the waters of baptism. CPM has been increasing its staff to reach more Jewish people in South America. In Santiago, Chile the CPM outreach continues to have good response. A 20-minute testimony of a Jewish believer was recently shown on Television Nacional de Chile, reaching viewers not only in Chile, but also in other countries. CPM's weekly radio broadcast, "Oye Israel," is currently on 17 FM stations in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Uruguay.

Scrolls Mention 'Piercing' of a 'Messiah'

A newly released text from the Dead Sea Scrolls mentions the execution of a Messiah-like leader, suggesting that some ancient Jews held the "Christian" belief in the slaying of a Messiah, scholars said.

One fragment contains five lines of text describing the leader and his death, said Robert Eisenman, a professor of Middle Eastern religions at California State University, Long Beach.

Eisenman said he did not know whether the leader mentioned in the text was Jesus, but he said the text has "far-reaching significance" because it shows that the scrolls' writers and early Christians shared similar Messianic ideas.

Canada

In response to growing ministry to the Soviet Jewish community in the

Toronto area, Chosen People Ministries (CPM) has appointed Rob and Sharon Styler to its missionary staff. Rob is leading the new congregation, Beth Sar Shalom (House of the Prince of Peace), formed to provide worship, fellowship and discipleship. CPM has also welcomed Lorraine Wick and Patricia Skene to support staff in its Hamilton office. CPM Canadian workers have reported a number of salvation decisions, including two Soviet Jews.

Records Show 250,000 More Jews Killed in Russia

Long-hidden Soviet documents from World War II have disclosed that Nazis may have killed a quarter-million more Jews than first believed, Israeli researchers say.

The documents include testimony from Jewish survivors, Nazi records and Soviet war chronicles uncovered by Israeli researchers about two years ago.

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