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Salutation



DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS IN THE LORD:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." This promise, found in Isaiah 54:17, has always been a source of strength to us in our ministry. Last March our opponents forged a weapon against us. At first it seemed that their whetted sword would decapitate us! But the promise of God is sure, and "the weapon" that was formed did not prosper. In fact, our Lord literally beat their swords into plowshares that have broken hard ground and made it a fertile field which, by His grace, is now being harvested. We will not know until eternity how greatly the cancellation of our Passover Telecast triggered the reception the Jewish youth are now giving the Gospel. Perhaps "there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand" (1 Kings 18:44).

As I write this letter we are being buried with mail from our "Smiling Faces" ad and also by the initial responses from our Passover Telecast! On March 12th, without any advance notice of what we were going to do, we placed the full-paged "Smiling Faces" ad in newspapers in every city in the United States which has a population of over 100,000 Jewish people. The returns have been in the thousands.

The ad appeared in the following papers: *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Long Island Press*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Miami Herald*.

The response has been gratifying. It indicates that many unbelieving Jews have a keen interest in the testimonies of Hebrew Christians. Here are some letters that we have received:

If this is really on the level, I'm looking anxiously forward to reading your booklet. This subject has been bothering me for years. There are very few to whom I've been able to express my feelings. Others may think I'm either a lousy Jew or nuts. I could hardly believe my eyes when I read the article. Ever since seeing "Jesus Christ Superstar" (Editor's Note: Could this be a weapon of the opponent which our Lord will use?) I've felt stronger and stronger about the entire concept of being a good Jew who can accept Christ. Even though my friends, husband and synagogue could never understand, I must be true to my-

self. This, I feel could be the start of one religion for one world. Please rush the booklet.

Please send me the booklet advertised in The New York Times. Do you have a speaker who might want to talk to a college group at _____ college. We are located 30 miles north of _____.

Please let me know as soon as possible.

This card was signed by the president of the Jewish Student Union of a women's college. We have asked Stuart Sacks to accept the invitation.

The ad is opening up many doors of opportunities for Christians to witness. A teacher asked for 20 copies of the booklet and wrote:

I have Jewish teachers with me at the school where I teach. Have given them my testimony but they just listen.

A Christian medical doctor wrote:

This is one of the most effective advertisement-type testimonies I've seen. I plan to put it on the wall of my office; my two fellow doctors are Jews as are some patients.

Other letters read:

I posted the message, cut from *The Boston Globe*, on a bulletin board at Massachusetts Institute of Technology but two days later it was removed after many had read it. I will post reprints when they arrive. Thank you. I think it is a wonderful idea and am praying God will use it for His glory.

Thank you for *The New York Times* spread and the letter accompanying it. I was thrilled. What a wonderful idea you had. Both are completely appreciated. Also, each month I look forward with appreciation to your monthly magazine.

The New York Times spread gave me an unexpected opportunity to speak to a wonderful young Jewish fellow (on March 10 he reached his 20th birthday). He studies voice with me and is also a member of the student body of Hofstra University. He is quite active in the film and drama departments of the University, and, from what I can discover, is quite popular, as he should be. From the day he entered my studio I claimed him for Jesus. As he was quite taken by *The New York Times* spread I gave it to him. Also, I gave him my calendar, *The Chosen People*, and one of my pamphlets, I've forgotten at this moment which one. Also, he asked if any representative ever went out to present Jesus to colleges. I immediately answered, "Yes." He spoke about Hofstra as having a 50% Jewish enrollment and suggested perhaps someone would come there. I again said, "Yes." Would he be interested enough to help any one that would come there, and he agreed immediately. His name and address are: _____.

Although, as we have stated the replies have been in the thousands, these new contacts, in God's providence, have actually been part of the minor benefits. The ad has led to radio and television opportunities. The controversy it has generated in both the general and especially the Jewish press has reached as many Jews with the Gospel as did the original paid ad. I wish that it were possible for our *Chosen People* family to read all of the mail that we are getting. It would thrill your hearts. But, one of the greatest thrills to me is that we are finding out that hundreds of Jewish young people are accepting the Lord!

Shalom! Praise God! That ad in today's *L.A. Times* is so beautiful. I am an almost 18-year-old Jew who has had "that smile" for a year and a month. My mouth fell open when I saw it. My parents, who don't know Jesus as the Messiah, were impressed with it.

Anyway I'd appreciate it if you could send me the booklet and also anything else that would be good to share Christ with Jews. My whole family is so stubborn. I'm the only Jew from generations back in my family who has ever become a Christian. They think I've become a Gentile. They still can't understand that I haven't.

Anyway, Praise God! The Lord bless your beautiful ministry. Your sister in the Messiah.

I'm very glad to write you concerning the ad which you placed in the *Miami Herald* newspaper on March 12. The ad was brought to my attention by the group which I'm in, and since then I've shown it to many others.

"That Smile" is here to stay. I'm Jewish, 19 years old, and I found Jesus as Savior last June while hitchhiking through St. Louis, Mo. after a long romance with drugs and revolution. Now I say there's no other way but Jesus. He is Lord; the Holy One of Israel, sent by God to embrace mankind and to make manifest God's love. (Oh, what LOVE!) Love so great that it even melted the heart of Paul on the road to Damascus. I hope He melts many hearts through your group and your efforts to show the Light to the Jews (and the world).

Thank you for the ad; my mother (who has not accepted Jesus yet) has requested that I ask you to send one of the booklets, "Here's the Story Behind All Those Smiles."

I am interested in more information about your group.

I love you all. May God bless you and fill you with grace in the Holy Spirit. Yours in Christ.

I read your advertisement and am very happy that you have all found Christ. I have found Christ a couple of months ago. I would like to have at least 10 booklets of "Here's the Story Behind All Those Smiles," if possible. I want a lot of my Jewish and Christian friends to read it. I have heard a lot of prophecies on the Second Coming of Christ. It is supposed to be soon and I want my friends to find Him before it's too late. I have enclosed my address with the slip you had in the advertisement. Thank you very much. Praise the Lord!

What a thrill to find such a wonderful full page advertisement in my Sunday *Los Angeles Times*. I am a Jew who found Jesus last year. I hope you will still allow me to have your booklet. It is nice to know that I am not alone. Thank you. May you be able to fill the hearts of many Jews with inner peace and the love of Christ. Sincerely and with love.

We estimate conservatively that the ad reached one-quarter of the Jewish population of the United States. Naturally, our opponents reacted. We received another bomb threat and some very beautiful "adverse publicity."

The Passover Telecast—1972

While all of the preparation for the "ad" was taking place we were busy also with the Passover Telecast. Knowing that our opponents were actively undercutting us with the stations which had originally cancelled

the program, we tried to outflank them. The efficient, untiring vice-president and secretary of our Canadian ministry, Beth Sar Shalom Mission, is Mr. Tom Walker. While the pot was steaming here in the United States, Tom quietly negotiated with television stations all over Canada with the result that our Passover telecast was broadcast over 40 stations throughout the Dominion in the following cities : Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Winnipeg, Barrie, Bancroft, Georgian Bay, Haliburton, Kitchener, Minden, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Peterborough, Toronto, Bon Accord, Moncton, Saint John, Antigonish, Caledonia, Canning, Halifax, Inverness, Sydney, Argentia, Bonavista, Cape Broyle, Central Nfld. Corner Brook, Deer Lake, Grandbank, Lawn, St. Alban's, St. John's, Signal Hill, Terranceville, Trepassey.

Here in the United States we offered the program to those stations that cancelled and two, in Chicago and Pittsburgh, accepted. Besides this, the Miami station while not accepting the Passover has given us a wonderful opportunity to present our faith entirely free of charge. We expect that we will be able to tell you about this in our September issue. You will rejoice in the way the Lord is using the weapons our opponents have formed as tools for our ministry.

Meanwhile, our field men in selected areas organized the evangelical clergy in various cities. These Bible-believing shepherds worked together, and, as a local ministerial organization, offered the telecast to stations in their own cities. In every case the Telecast was accepted, and in almost every case it was aired without charge on prime time as a public service!

About five weeks before the Passover a Hebrew Christian from Portland, Maine, attended our meeting. After he went home, he wrote me that we *must* start a Beth Sar Shalom in Portland. His letterhead showed that he owned an FM radio station. When I talked with him I asked if he might be able to help us get on a station in New England. The next day I had contracts to sign for stations in Bangor, Maine, and Poland Springs, Maine. One may exclaim, "Poland Springs—you're wasting your money!" It just happens that this station's towers are on top of Mount Washington, the highest mountain in the eastern states. The station effectively covers the States of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont; and a clear signal is received even in Montreal, Canada. Forty-five percent of the population of New England is tuned to this station at the particular time offered us.

A few days later I was in Jerusalem to help solve an acute problem. I attended the Messianic Assembly there and a visiting pastor from a church in Oklahoma asked me if he couldn't show the Passover on his program in four cities. Altogether, the Passover was telecast on the following stations in the United States: Hartford, New Haven, Atlanta, Chicago, Bangor, Portland, (Me.), Kansas City, (Mo.), Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Amarillo, Dallas, and Portsmouth (Va.), Tulsa, Little Rock, Fort Smith, (Ark.), and Springfield, (Mo.)

The result has been that both our Canadian and New York headquarters are swamped with mail. We simply do not have the staff to handle the mail we are receiving. The manager of the Winnipeg station called Tom Walker and said that they received 500 telephone calls about the

program. He wanted to know what this was all about. Tom told him. As I am writing this report, the mail is still coming in. The remarkable thing is that to date we have not received a single critical letter, only appreciation from the Jewish people. Our opponents, the leaders of Jewry, should realize that they speak for themselves only. Once more the common Jewish people are hearing the Gospel gladly!

After viewing "The Seder" on Sunday, March 26th, 1972 on Channel 13, I would appreciate immensely receiving the book, "Israel, a Modern Miracle."

Being an orthodox Jew I feel that this book would certainly add to my library. Thanking you in advance for your kind co-operation in the above matter.

My family and I have just finished watching your program "The Passover." We all found it most enjoyable even though it was not portrayed exactly the same as our own family Seder.

I am fourteen years old and I go to Hebrew school. I am very interested in your booklet, "Israel, a Modern Miracle" and would very much like to receive it.

I enjoyed your program on the significance for both Jews and Christians of the Paschal meal. I thought it was very well done. I would like to be able to pass on to my students the feeling of tolerance and respect for other faiths that was shown there. Would you please send me at least one copy of "Israel, a Modern Miracle."

Our entire family watched your most delightful television program on Friday, March 24, 1972. It happened to be my daughter's birthday and we were to have a special supper. We watched your program first, in awe I might add.

I am at this time requesting 5 copies of "Israel, a Modern Miracle" so that all my friends could enjoy it as much as we did. Also, I would like my children to have their own copies to treasure.

So, by God's grace, we are able to report on our new thrusts using mass media. Our report has necessarily been condensed. It is the story of the truth of the Scriptures, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." It is a story which will reach into eternity, therefore we can trust our Lord to close this salutation with a thankful *TO BE CONTINUED!*

Faithfully yours in His service,

Samuel Tuchs

"...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

New Believers Hungry For God's Word

By WILLIAM T. ENNIS,
Missionary-in-Charge,
Hollis, New York



THE Lord has truly been blessing in Hollis! Forty to fifty college-age young people come on Friday evening arriving from 7:30 to 9:30 and staying to mid-

night—even beyond that time. They stand around and witness and visit and are very orderly. One night five young Jewish students received Jesus Christ, then four teens and Juniors made professions of faith another Friday evening. I can hardly keep up with the decisions for the Lord Jesus, especially out in the garage! (The garage at Hollis has been made into a meeting place for the College group.)

The College group also had a winter retreat at Hollis and this featured small groups of four, "Enabling Labs." Rev. Charles Eisenberg led us in our Bible study from Proverbs. There are many new, hungry believers in the group—hungry for God and His Word. We rejoice in this spiritual awakening among the young people.

We have had many good responses in visitation as a result of "The Smiling Faces" booklets, also many inquiries are coming in as fruit of the hundreds of "Broadside" (tracts)

that have been distributed in this area. We are praising the Lord for these many avenues of outreach to the Jewish people—young and old.

Going Forth and Preaching The Gospel

By DEMETRIUS PAPANIKOLAOU,
Missionary, Athens, Greece



I AM thankful that by God's grace I have found favor before many Jews with whom I come in touch everyday in giving out the truth of the Gospel.

It is most characteristic of this spirit that a Jewish man from a town in northern Greece has written to me:

Dear D,

You always remember me in a very striking way. Thank you so much for your calendar you sent to me. Although this is a lifeless thing, yet it gives to our friendship life and meaning. I greet you with brotherly feelings. EK

He is a pious soul who for a long time has been reading the Word of God and any literature I give him. Please remember him in prayer.

Another Jew, whom I have known for years, expressed to me his pleasure and appreciation for my spiritual help to him as he accepts the Word and studies it attentively. He brought me presents from Jerusalem assuring me they were from

his heart as tokens of my love and concern for him and his family. I have had some wonderful opportunities with them all in the Word of God. Often I go to his shop and he and many other Jews hear the Gospel. He looks so happy.

The Lord in His grace softened the hearts of two other men, brothers in the flesh, who would not hear anything on my previous visits at their shop. They now have accepted a calendar from me and did not seem displeased with my preaching to others who chanced to gather there.

Some days ago I met a Jewish shopkeeper I knew and as I began giving him a greeting in the Lord he expressed the desire to hear more. However, he was in urgency to go somewhere and asked me to go with him so we might speak together on the way. The Word was richly given as we travelled and as we came to his house I met his wife. The shopkeeper related to her how we met and what we had been discussing, saying that "it was God who was with us although I prevented Mr. Papanikolaou from going to the synagogue." (I was going to the synagogue when I met him.) Following another synagogue service one Jewish person accepted a New Testament when I talked to him, and two days later another man asked me for a New Testament. I am thankful for the many opportunities of witnessing to Jews and Gentiles and appreciate your prayers that

many will come from darkness to the light.

A Woman Searching For The Truth

By LARRY JAFFREY
Acting Missionary-in-Charge,
Philadelphia Branch



As I speak in churches about Jewish missions, I am frequently asked: "Why don't more Jewish people see the meaninglessness of their holidays and traditions?"

I generally reply that the years of persecution by so-called Christians through the centuries has built a barrier which does not allow one to search for the true meaning of being a Jew.

However, the Holy Spirit is able to generate questions in a Jewish mind. This is what happened to Mrs. B. She called our Center wanting to know more about Christian Jews. I began answering her questions over the telephone when she interrupted me and said, "I want to come over to your place and talk. How late are you open?" I told her we would stay as long as we were needed.

An hour later Mrs. B came to the Center. She immediately began to ask questions about our organization. I told her the testimony of Leopold Cohn, founder of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and

this led into a discussion of spiritual things.

Mrs. B said that her life seemed empty and needed to be filled with something. While attending the High Holy Day services, she suddenly realized that her attendance at the synagogue meant nothing to her. She wondered if there was not more to life, so she began searching.

We were able to clearly point out the way of salvation to Mrs. B, and she was very open to our witness. She commented that she could see we really believed what we preached. Mrs. B left our Center with much to think about. We did not hear from her for several weeks, but one day she called and made reservations to attend one of our meetings. She was not expecting her husband to attend, but on the night of the meeting, he decided to come too.

Upon further contact we have found Mr. and Mrs. B are both open to what we have to say. Pray that this entire family will soon come to know Christ in a personal way.

God Is Giving The Increase
By MRS. ALTHEA MILLER,
Missionary, Washington D.C.



OUR monthly Family Fellowship Night attendance this year has been unusually and consistently high. More Jews than ever are attending, a great many new to the area. At the close of December's meeting a Jewish girl in her mid-twenties believed Messiah to be her Savior. At the February gathering a 19-year-old Jewish girl made her personal commitment to the Lord. At home, beside his bed that

night a Gentile in his late twenties accepted the Lord. He had been attending our Thursday Bible classes. How truly the Gospel is "... to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile" (Rom. 1:16).

Mature, middle-aged people are also finding salvation through Yeshua Hamashiach. A Jewish economist, Dr. R, who with his family fled Egypt about the time Nasser came to power, has come to a strong conviction that Messiah is his Savior. We've been working to help him grow in the Lord. Home hospitality is a great vehicle for this purpose.

Mr. L comes to Thursday Bible class with his Gentile wife. He wants to learn more of the Messiah to whom he has opened his heart and mind.

Mrs. G invited us to fellowship in her home and to explain the meaning of Purim (story of Esther) to some of her friends from Hadasah. What a Sunday afternoon that was! Mrs. G attends our gatherings faithfully, but has not yet committed herself to Messiah. She says, "Everytime I'm with you some of your beautiful faith rubs off on me." We quickly assured her that our faith in Messiah cannot redeem her, and that she must personally trust Messiah for her salvation.

Our most recent contact is an Israeli-born young lady, now residing in D.C., who saw the name of our Center in the telephone book. She came to a Thursday Bible study because she wants to learn "all I can about the Bible. I especially want to learn something about who Jesus is."

God is calling Jews to Himself these days and He's using diverse means and many people to do so. No less than 15 Christians, Jewish and Gentile, had a part in the salvation of the nine young Jews saved in the past few months.



Jewish Notes

By ALTHEA S. MILLER

SABRE RATTLING

While Egypt's Anwar Sadat periodically roars "War with Israel" the latter works apace, one hand on the plough, the other on the sword.

Israel doesn't want war, but Israelis are realistic. One Cabinet member estimates there is a 70-percent chance that war will be resumed, begun by Egypt, impelled by Sadat's rhetoric.

However, every day's delay in active combat buys time for a strengthened stance for both governments. For Israel, it is literally life-giving. Their greatest energies are directed toward building not alone for the physical, but the creation of spiritual dynamic which can proudly say, "This is my country."

EXODUS

At the end of 1971 the unprecedented number of 100 Jews a day were emigrating to Israel from Russia. Unless the latter suddenly throws a monkey wrench into the exit route, some 120,000 Jews of the 3 million in the Soviet Union may make it to the Land before the end of 1972. Approximate estimates show an emigration cost to Israel of \$10,000 each Jewish person which includes complete care and housing until all

are established and those of working age gainfully employed.

It is no easy transition from an established if uncertain life in the land of their birth to a resettlement in another land. The conditions of leaving the Soviet Union are such as to deter all but the hardest. After obtaining an invitation to go to Israel from either a relative already there, or from the government, the Soviet Jew pays the KGB \$555.00 for renouncing his Soviet citizenship and 400 rubles for an exit visa. From KGB he must go to Netherlands Embassy (because Russia and Israel have no established diplomatic relations) which then issues his visa to Israel. After that, he goes to the Austrian Embassy for a transit visa to Vienna. And the end is not yet.

Each Jew is permitted to leave Russia with no more than \$44 in rubles, one sewing machine, one radio, one vacuum cleaner, one pair of earrings, one engagement ring or one ring with a precious stone. Not much with which to begin a new life—also filled with hardships. Makes your heart cry out with Paul: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer for Israel is that they might be saved" (Romans 10:1).

NEW YORK CITY

A GREAT MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

By Rev. Charles Eisenberg, Resident Minister, New York Headquarters District

ON July 1st I assumed my duties as Resident Minister in the Manhattan branch of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. The Lord has given us a fine working staff. Miriam Sleichter recently returned from Israel and is working with college-age young people. Mr. Mike Trest, a Ph.D. candidate at N.Y.U., is also working with this group. Mike is involved in numerous types of work throughout the Mission branch. Rev. Mogens Mogensen, our artist and Minister of Visitation, is also involved in deputation work. Rev. Emil Olsen, our Director of Church Relations, co-ordinates our passover demonstrations, shows films, and preaches in numerous churches. His ministry is highly specialized. Rev. Rachmiel Frydland who teaches at Tennessee Temple Schools, works during the summer with Yiddish and Hebrew speaking people. Brother Frydland, a gifted writer, contributes many of *The Shepherd of Israel* articles. We have three secretaries: Miss Emma Smith (my personal secretary), Elaine Fenchel (part-time secretary), and Penny Ripka (receptionist).

MINISTRY OF VISITATION Rev. Mogens R. Mogensen

Recent encounters with Jewish people show us that the Lord is using many means in these last days to reach His Chosen People.

Phil J, the Jewish young man who acted one of the main parts in the production, *"Jesus Christ Superstar,"* and I were chatting over our evening meal one Tuesday in a restaurant near the Mission. A fellow worker had told me that his brother had come in contact with Phil and had found him quite open to discuss spiritual matters. He suggested that I try to contact him, since he had quit the play and was planning to return to his home in California. Realizing that I must act quickly, I called Phil at the nearby hotel where he was staying and in a straightforward manner told him who I was, whom I represented, and what we believed. I also challenged him with the statement that we could explain to him how to fill the greatest need in his life. Right away he was interested.

"I'd like to meet you. Why don't we have dinner together?" he asked.

As we talked there in the restaurant, I discerned that Phil had begun to get an insight into the implications of this play in which he was acting and had decided he could not continue in it. He said he felt that God had caused Christian people to cross his path at this time. He expressed his fear of death and his anxiety that he might meet with death even before he reached his home in California.



He accepted my invitation to our Bible Study which was being held that that evening. I introduced him to our Hebrew Christian young people who welcomed him and witnessed further to him of their faith in Christ. Before Phil left that evening we gave him the address of our branch in Los Angeles, and he promised to visit there. Won't you pray with us that soon this young Jewish man will receive the Messiah and know victory over the fear of death and the abundant new life He provides now?

Mrs. Pauline G, a widow after sixty-five years of married life, poured out her heart to me one Friday evening in her home. Her daughter had called and asked me to visit the mother who was bitter and lonely. I was in the midst of a very busy schedule; and, even to the last minute, many things happened to



discourage me from making that call. The trip took me three hours through the worst New York traffic jam I have ever seen and in freezing rain. I reached the address and found an elderly, disillusioned lady. She told me her sad tale, including the fact of her bad heart ailment and that the doctor had forbidden her to take her daily walk, which she missed so much. All I could think of was to say, "Cheer up, dear lady. The Lord loves you." She laughed bitterly and replied, "He never sent any love my way."

"Perhaps you have been traveling the wrong way," I answered.

"What other way could I have traveled?" she asked.

I spent a couple of hours speaking of the things of God to her. I read John 14: 1-6 to her. Her eyes gleamed with interest. I explained about the new birth and how she could receive the Messiah. Before long she dropped to her knees and asked the Lord Jesus to come into her heart and save her from her sins. I explained her new position as a child of almighty God and read from 1 John Chapter 5. Again she laughed, but this was the laugh of one whose sins had been removed as far as the east is from the west. The peace the Lord had given her showed in her face and in her whole attitude.

I promised Mrs. G I would return and bring her a Bible; but only a few days later, she passed into the very presence of the Prince of Peace. I look forward to that day of rejoicing when we shall meet again in heaven.

CHURCH RELATIONS

Rev. Emil Olsen

There is an important facet of our Mission's ministry carried on under the heading of Church Relations. This ministry consists in part of bringing before committed Christians the challenge for a personal involvement in the cause of proclaiming the good news about Jesus the Messiah to the Jewish people.

For many years the Mission has published a series of leaflets which are captioned, "What Every Christian Should Know About The Jews." These tracts carry the message clear and strong that we, as Christians, need to become involved in taking the Gospel to the Jews. Basically, this is what our church relations' activities and deputation ministry are all about—becoming involved in Jewish missions.

Last year a large number of dedicated Christians from over one hundred churches in the greater New York area accepted the challenge to become involved in the Passover telecast project. Everyone who participated in this project desired to see Jewish people hear and receive the Gospel. It was a great encouragement to us to see many concerned Christians take part in the work. We are confident that their labors in Jesus' Name were not in vain and that our Lord will bless and reward each faithful steward.

This year we are engaged in a new, extensive program of presenting the ministry of Mr. Calvin Marsh and Rev. Stuart Sacks in the local churches. These two dedicated men of God have yielded their talents to the Lord and for almost six years have ministered as a team. Mr. Marsh, an outstanding baritone who performed for twelve years with the Metropolitan Opera and sang a number of lead roles, accepted Jesus as his Savior at the 1957 Billy Graham Crusade at Madison Square Garden. Mr. Sacks, a Hebrew Christian and outstanding pianist, worked for WCBS-TV. He accepted Jesus as his Messiah and then was called of God into a full-time

ministry. As *Messiah's Messengers*, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Sacks are proclaiming the Gospel by song, testimony, and preached Word to Jews and also to the Gentiles.

We believe that there are expanding opportunities and new challenges before us to reach the Jewish people with the Gospel. We invite you to become involved with us.

FOLLOW-UP AND GROUP WITNESSING

Miriam Sleichter

Each week I'm asked to follow up contacts. I receive letters such as: "I'm Jewish, and I'd like to discover Jesus"; or "Shalom. Having just completed reading the Bible for my 'Bible as Literature' course, I stumbled upon your imaginative pamphlet, 'Jews for Jesus.' Needless to say, it sparked my curiosity." Both of these responses were from high school girls. My contact continues with them as they are investigating the claims of Jesus the Messiah.

I keep in touch with friends whom I met in Israel who have returned to New York to live. The opportunities to share the love of Jesus are many and varied. One such opportunity came a short time ago when a young Jewish woman stopped by for dinner. After our meal, we spent several hours looking at Old Testament prophecies, such as Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 53, and Psalm 22. She was surprised to see the connection between the Old and New Testaments. She left my apartment with the New Testament Prophecy Edition in her pocketbook and promised that she would read it.

Usually, I'm dealing with people on a one-to-one level through follow-up work. Occasionally, I'm involved in witnessing collectively to a number of Jewish people. Twice, through the invitation of other believers, several of us have witnessed from the pulpit in Reformed Temples. One visit to a Sisterhood in New Jersey proved to be quite stimulating as a number of Hebrew Christians told how they had become fulfilled Jews in Jesus.

God is working in mighty ways His wonders to perform, and I'm really thankful to be a part of His eternal plan.

YES—JEWISH CHRISTIANS ARE INDEED JEWS!

Mike Trest

It was almost two years ago that I first heard of Beth Sar Shalom. I was deeply involved in a conversation with two of my Jewish friends in a Greenwich Village coffee house. Since my college and seminary education had included reading the Koran in Arabic and studies on the Islamic religion, my two friends were determined to ask every question they could about the religion of the Arabs, their traditional rivals. In the course of the discussion we covered many points of Islamic and Jewish tradition. My friends did not understand how I could have become so involved in study of these religions. I told them the reason was that I took my own religion seriously.

As the hours passed, a group had gathered around us to listen to and occasionally contribute to our conversation. After my Jewish friends had exhausted me with their questions (it was now four hours later, 2 A.M.) two members of the group, Marcia and Miriam, introduced themselves to me and to my wife. They invited us to a social the following evening at

which we were told we would meet many Jewish Christians. I was curious so I accepted.

To my surprise I found many at the social gathering at Beth Sar Shalom who were truly Jewish by birth. This seemed strange to me since they all claimed to be Christians. I thought they could not be very Jewish, but I was wrong. I met several who had a traditional Jewish education as well as one who, because of his East European birth, was more at home speaking Yiddish than English. I also met a former Israeli soldier who claimed to be a Jewish Christian. They all talked of the Jewish people as "we" and not "they."

Since that first meeting I have observed many who have passed through the doors of Beth Sar Shalom Fellowship and have but one conclusion: Yes, Jewish Christians are indeed Jews, Jews whose lives have been changed by a personal experience with Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah.

MINISTRY OF RESIDENT MINISTER

The Resident Minister is, for all intents and purposes, called of God to serve as pastor specifically to the believers (primarily Jewish and some Gentile) who attend various functions here at the Center. These include Tuesday and Thursday Bible studies and a Sunday worship service at 3:30 P.M. Believers are encouraged to attend and join churches which uphold the Bible as the inspired Word of God and which uplift the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin.

As pastor, it is my privilege, through the Holy Spirit, to equip the believers for the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:1-16). Jesus told His disciples to evangelize everyone, to preach the Gospel of Christ to every person and to teach, or disciple, the ones who believed on Him as their Messiah and Lord. By His grace and through His power, we are endeavoring to carry out the King's commands.

Since the hope of tomorrow is the youth of today, much of our ministry is directed toward them. Many of these young people were led to Christ through the Jesus People or Jesus Movements in California and New Mexico; and eventually, God led them back to New York. These Hebrew Christian young people are bold witnesses for Christ and show rapid growth in the Christian life. They witness at Queens College, Hunter College, N.Y.U., and Brooklyn College. Since many of our Jewish people are leaders before receiving Christ, they assume these roles in their new lives too. However, many are novices and need spiritual direction from the Word of God and from the Holy Spirit.

These young people have come from divergent backgrounds. Several have been previously involved in religious and philosophical movements. Others have experienced various types of mind-expanding drugs which eventually led them into the occult, witchcraft, and even to the doorway which inevitably leads to the worship of the Devil himself.

Due to the evident acceleration of cults, false prophets, and messiahs foretold by Jesus, the believers here are constantly being bombarded by the wicked one. Believers need sound teaching in the Word of God and various meaningful opportunities to share Christ with their contemporaries. Pray with us concerning their continued growth in the living God, and for us that we will be vessels fit for the Master's use, vessels used to exalt Jesus.

Questions & Answers

By HENRY J. HEYDT, Th.D.



Question: Is it a commonly accepted fact (by science and theology) that the great flood was over all the earth's surface or only on an inhabited part?

Answer: The partial flood theory is the one most generally accepted today. When I studied geology back in about 1925 our professor mocked the idea of a universal flood which my roommate and I both held. However, when we made a geological expedition to the top of Lehigh mountain he took pains to show us the remains of a shore line at the very top and pointing to the valley below us said with great gusto, "Gentlemen, at one time the entire area you see was under water." For anyone vitally interested in the subject I believe the book by Morris and Whitcomb called *The Genesis Flood* is an absolute must. This may be obtained from the Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, Post Office Box 185, Nutley 10, New Jersey. The first chapter deals with the seven basic arguments for a universal flood and chapters two and three deal with the major objections to these. The arguments deal with the depth, duration and geology of the flood; the size and need of the ark; the testimony of Peter in 2 Peter 3:3-7; and the total destruction of the human

race with the exception of Noah's family. The latter argument breaks down into several others.

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Question: What is the meaning of "overshadow" in Luke 1:35?

Answer: The Greek word used here is *episkiazō*, to cast a shadow upon. Strong gives this by analysis to mean "to envelop in a haze of brilliancy; fig. to invest with preternatural influence." Thayer traces the development of the word as follows: "From a vaporous cloud that casts a shadow the word is transferred to a shining cloud surrounding and enveloping persons with brightness. . . . Tropically, of the Holy Spirit exerting creative energy upon the womb of the virgin Mary and impregnating it, (a use of the word which seems to have been drawn from the familiar Old Testament idea of a cloud as symbolizing the immediate presence and power of God)." The word beautifully expresses a statement of the fact of the conception without explaining the miracle and mystery of it.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee . . .

Luke 1:35



ISRAEL in the Spotlight

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CHAPTER XIII

THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS ISRAEL'S FUTURE-RESTORED

(Continued from the MAY ISSUE)

Against the background of Israel's present her future shines forth the more gloriously, if the word of Scripture is to be trusted. Yet there are those who are willing to receive the testimony of the Word concerning Israel's past and present, but they cannot bear the thought of a glorious future for the Jewish people. We have before us a number of a nationally known magazine in which a letter is addressed to the editor concerning a recent article on the Jew. It reads in part:

But the Bible, Old as well as New, more powerfully condemns the Jew than ever a Hitler or a Roman did. And what is more this eternal condemnation has already rested on him for 2,000 years and more, and will so rest we may well judge to the end of time. When you quote God's Word to the effect that in Abraham shall all nations and families of the earth be blessed and that a curse shall rest upon any who curse him you quote a Scripture that was completely fulfilled in the words from the cross, "It is finished."

The attitude of some of God's children, howbeit unspoken, is similar to this. Have done with quibbling and sophistries; the question is, Do we believe the true Word of the true and living God? If so, we must accept the dictum of Scripture that Israel has a future! The last word on Israel has not yet been pronounced.

The subject for our present consideration, then, is to contemplate how God will bring about the restoration of Israel. In our former study of Daniel's seventy weeks we attempted to show that the Jewish age was brought to a sudden close at the end of the sixty-ninth week with the cutting off of Messiah the Prince. When the Church age is brought to a close by the completion of the body of Christ from Jews and Gentiles, the blindness will be taken away from Israel (Rom. 11:25), and the Jewish clock will begin again to tick. The law will again be in force, part of the nation Israel will be regathered

in unbelief to Palestine, and the temple will be rebuilt. This period is known as the Great Tribulation which intervenes between "the fulness of the Gentiles" and the time when "all Israel shall be saved."

The cause of the Great Tribulation is a threefold one: moral, Satanic, political.⁴⁶ The failure of Israel to accept her Messiah and the complete moral failure on the part of Gentile nations and professing Christendom will bring on this period (Ezek. 30:3). Secondly, it will be occasioned by the increase in the power and influence of Satan in preparing for the time when he shall reveal his man of sin as the god of the age (II Thess. 2:7, 8) in the middle of the period. In the third place, it will be occasioned by the plan of God to set His King on His holy hill of Zion.

There will be certain distinct groups in this time of the Great Tribulation. That Israel is particularly in view can be seen from Jeremiah 30:4-7 where the prophet foretells of a day when there will be heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not peace, when every man will have his hands on his loins as a woman in travail with his face turned to paleness, because "it is even the time of Jacob's trouble." All the nations will form a second company, for Jeremiah testifies again in 25:31 that God has a "controversy with the nations," while Ezekiel speaks (30:3) of "the time of the heathen (lit. nations)." Apostate Christendom (the bad fish and tares of Matthew 13) will be included in Mystery Babylon which consists of all the false religious systems of all ages.

Finally, there will be the tribulation remnant of Israel of which we spoke cursorily above. To ascertain the

constituency and purpose of this remnant we turn our attention now to the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation. After a reading of the chapter two groups are discernible: the 144,000 and the great multitude from all nations, kindreds, peoples, and tongues. Milligan is of the opinion that the 144,000 sealed ones refer primarily to Jewish Christians, but have a wider application as well in the Church universal. With the difficulty of the Jewish names he dispenses by claiming that it is customary for John to "heighten and spiritualize all Jewish names." His final conclusion upon this chapter is that the two companies are identical, in the one case being sealed as God's own and in the second instance having entered into the peace and joy of their Lord.⁴⁷

Alford sees in the 144,000 all the elect of God who will be living on earth at the coming of the Lord, "symbolical of the first-fruits of the church." He contends that the groups in this chapter are not identical, but that the first is included in the second. He explains further that "out of great tribulation" means "the whole sum of the trials of the saints of God."⁴⁸

We accept neither of these statements as being adequate to explain all the facts in the case. In the first place, the Church is not in view in the Book of Revelation (except as seated in heaven viewing the events upon the earth) from chapter 4 through 19. In the second place, we find it difficult to accept any interpretation that views the names of the Jewish tribes as to spiritualize them into the Israel of God or the Church universal. We are in hearty

⁴⁷ *The Book of Revelation*, pp. 116, 118, 130.

⁴⁸ *The Greek Testament*, Vol. IV, pp. 624, 628.

agreement with that maxim of interpretation which states: "When the plain sense makes good sense, seek no other sense." On this principle we should interpret the Book of Revelation, as far as possible, literally. This would lead us to conclude concerning the 144,000 sealed ones that when the Church is caught up to be with the Lord, God will call a remnant of His people to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom, for "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). We continue with a splendid statement of Dr. Gaebelein.

This remnant, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, will pass through the entire seven years. Many of them will suffer martyrdom [Rev. 20:4], but the greater part will pass through the entire tribulation, enduring to the end, and then saved [delivered] by their King, our Lord, when He comes in glory. The so-called orthodox Jews will probably constitute with members of the other tribes [ten tribes] this remnant.⁴⁹

The truth of this remnant is brought out in many Old Testament passages and explains the existence and purpose of the imprecatory psalms. (Remnant passages—Ps. 44:10-26; Pss. 55-57; 64; 79; 80; Isa. 63:15; 64.) The result of this testimony is

seen in the great multitude of Gentiles saved.

Let us now look at the character and consequences of the Great Tribulation. From Isaiah 24 to 28 and from Revelation 8 to 19, an idea of the characteristics of this period may be gained. (Also Joel, Zeph., and most of the other prophets.) There will be worldwide woe, universal distress, and unprecedented anguish. Fear and terror will reign supreme. The earth will reel, rock and shake, so that its very foundations will be moved. God will by grievous judgments melt the nations and Israel in a fiery furnace. It will no doubt be a period of trial, sorrow, calamity, spiritual darkness, wickedness, and catastrophe such as the world has never seen nor imagined (Matt. 24:21; Dan. 12:1; II Pet. 3:3; Luke 18:7; John 9:4; and others).

The plagues of Egypt will be insignificant as compared to it (if we are to understand Revelation literally at all), and the Reign of Terror in France during the French Revolution with its unspeakable atrocities and abominations will not even remotely approximate it. The result of this period for Israel as a nation will be that she will emerge purified "as silver is refined" and "as gold is tried" (Zech. 13:8, 9). A great multitude will be saved from all nations. The beast and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire and Satan will be bound for a thousand years. (Continued in September issue)

MIDSUMMER LETTER AND CALENDAR

This is the June issue of *The Chosen People*. Remember, we do not publish any issues during the months of July and August. We will, however, be sending you, the Lord willing, our "Midsummer Letter" and Jewish Art Calendar on August 1st, which is our scheduled mailing date. If you are planning to be on vacation about this time, it will save extra mailing cost if you would arrange with your local post office to hold your copy until you return.

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

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Has your church been visited by one of our field evangelists to tell you about our work? Arrangements can also be made through these workers for local conferences on Prophecy and the Jews and explanations or demonstrations of Jewish religious customs and the way to reach Jews for Christ.

Please address all inquiries to the Executive Director at Headquarters.