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The son of a Unit Commander in the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) shows great interest and pride in reading the Magen David Adom Blood Donors Citation awarded to his father during a recent ceremony held at the Magen David Adom (MDA) Headquarters in Tel Aviv. Thirty-eight outstanding IDF Units were honored for their voluntary blood contributions this past year.

ZIONISM WHAT IS IT?

AND WHY IS IT HATED BY SOME?

A MAN WALKED UP TO OUR 'BL' EXHIBIT AT THE MARION COUNTY Kansas Fair and after briefly looking over the literature said, "That sounds like Zionism to me," with the connotation that Zionism is bad.

UNITED NATIONS (REUTER)—The Soviet UN mission recently asserted that world public opinion had "long ago condemned" Zionism, and that the UN and the non-aligned group of nations had called for its eradication.

The Soviet mission took issue with the Israeli mission taking issue with the Soviet representative on the UN Human Rights Commission for advocating the eradication of Zionism, along with racism and colonialism.

The Soviet statement cited an anti-apartheid resolution adopted last December by the General Assembly which also condemned the "unholy alliance between Portuguese colonialism, South African racism, Zionism and Israeli imperialism." (Underlining — Editor's)

BECAUSE THE WORLD AT LARGE and the true Christian in particular owes their greatest blessings under God to "Zionism," satanic forces have a highly sophisticated false propaganda program going against it. God's modern day plan of Zionism is the regathering of His chosen people to the land of Israel for the purpose of rebuilding and developing Israel according to the prophetic Scriptures and ultimately anointing them as a "kingdom of priests" (Ex.19:6) when they shall take the Word of the Lord to all the nations culminating in Messiah's coming and ushering in the Messianic age.

IN THE MEANTIME THE FINAL conflict between "the sons of light" and "the sons of darkness" rages on with the latter calling bitter, sweet; and sweet, bitter. If these satanic forces can discredit the Jew, they will discredit the

Book of Redemption divinely written by them, and if they could discredit the Book, they would discredit the sin-atoning Redeemer, throwing the hope of the world into an eternal black abyss from which there could be no deliverance. Such thoughts are preposterous. "The sons of light" and all who follow in their train are triumphantly marching unto Zion; Zion, the beautiful city and Kingdom of God.

IT IS QUITE SIGNIFICANT THAT the two largest atheistic powerful governments in the world today, Russia and China, the chief enemies of Israel, have openly avowed their intention to destroy Zionism.

WHAT IS ZIONISM? Where and how did it begin? Who is involved? What are its aims? Why is Zionism so hated by the enemies of God and righteousness? Is it an international "Jewish plot" or a worldwide Zionist blessing? Where, when and how will it consummate? How do Christians relate?

'ZIONISM' IS ONE OF THE LEAST understood and most ignorantly used terms in print and on radio and TV today. Many unlearned apply their own distorted interpretations. An intelligent person is careful in the use of words, for "In the multitude of words there lacketh not sin," and havoc (Prov.10:19).

WORDS ARE POWERFUL THINGS. As the proverb has it, "Words have slain more than the sword . . . the sword has slain its thousands but words her tens of thousands." Words have provoked to suicides, murders, wars, the destruction of nations and civilizations. The experienced

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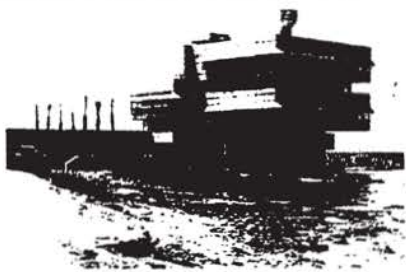
LIFE'S BLOOD

It is all right that it is the Israeli soldiers themselves through their many IDF Units that are the largest donors of blood which in so many cases saves the lives, not only of the military but also of the civilian population. This means by giving blood they may actually one day save their own lives. Though we as Christians in America cannot contribute blood (to the Israelis) we can give to the on-going of this program. This can be in the form of financial contributions which help to buy and maintain equipment, pay salaries, do research, etc.

What greater physical blessing can we be to Israel than making possible the giving of blood that members of God's chosen seed might live? It is Scripturally certain that the Almighty will not let such contributions go unrewarded. (It costs \$50 to process one pint of blood.)

'SKY-JACKED BLOOD'

The first international sky-jacking was that of an Israeli El Al 707 jet to Algeria
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The National Oceanographic Institute at Tel Shikmona, Haifa.

A Look at the Sea

HAIFA—Research into the seas on which Israel borders and into its lakes was put onto a proper scientific basis with the inauguration recently of the National Oceanographic Institute here.

The institute's handsome building on the coast south of the city was started in 1970 and is only now being completed. Scientific work has been going on for three years already.

Among the practical research projects already under way at the institute, science director Arie Back cited the ecological problems of the Sea of Galilee. "The alarm was sounded in 1971 when the death of the Sea of Galilee was predicted for 1975. Research conducted since 1968 has established that there are dangers facing the lake, but that there is no need to panic," Back explained. "Our work over the past four years allows us to keep a steady watch and to analyze the lake's role as a water reservoir. We can predict the results of any significant change in the water level, but are mainly concerned with the quality of the water."

Sea farming is another research project of the institute. "This is of world-wide interest today and research into the production of food from the sea is undertaken in several countries. One of our first projects was at the Bardawil Lagoon in Sinai. We worked on the intensive breeding of a fish found in the lagoon, called denis in Arabic and sparus aurata in Latin."

Other research projects deal with marine geology and a search for sources of geothermic (internal heat of the earth) energy.

God's calamities are aimed at man's transgressions.



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and wise King David prayed, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips" (Ps.141:3).

WORDS ARE DYNAMITE and especially, "Zionism." We must know the truth before we speak. What is 'Zionism'?

1. ZION IS A CITY.

Many Christians the world over have sung and still sing: "We're marching to Zion... the beautiful City of God."

The references in Scripture to Zion and Jerusalem are to be taken literally as the context may indicate, though they may also be spiritualized since they are a type of heaven. Those, therefore, who speak against Zion, speak both against God's earthly and heavenly city.

The first we read about Zion in the Bible is in II Sam.5:7; "Nevertheless, David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David."

In 1048 B.C., David had just been anointed king over all Israel at Hebron, and they brought him to Jerusalem, i.e., Zion, the city of David (II Chr.11:4-9).

Zion is Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, and in Psalm 48 it is called, "the city of our God; the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion, the city of the great King," as Jesus also quotes in Matt.5:35.

The Bible speaks of Zion and Jerusalem interchangeably: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion" (Ps. 147:12).

2. ZION AND ISRAEL ARE SYNONYMOUS NAMES FOR GOD'S PEOPLE.

"Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king" (Ps.149:2).

"For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places... Say unto Zion, Thou art my people" (Is.51:3,16).

3. ZION WAS CHOSEN BY THE ETERNAL.

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation" (Ps. 132:13)—as an instrument of world blessing (Is.41:8,15-18;44:1-3).

"This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise" (Is.43:21).

"The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself" (Deut.7:6).

"Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests" Ex.19:6; I Kings 8:53).

4. THE WORD OF GOD FROM ZION.

The Almighty states, "I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people" (Is.51:16).

"Out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Is.2:3).

5. THE MESSIAH AND PERSONAL SALVATION FROM ZION.

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste"—not be confounded (Is.28:16—quoted by the Apostle in I Peter 2:6).

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings [gospel] get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God" (Is. 40:9). Read Isaiah 40 to "behold" the God of Zion.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringest good tidings [a prophecy of the 'gospel' to the world, revealed in the N.T.] of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

"The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Is.52:7,10). "His holy arm" is Messiah, as in Is.53:1, "to whom is the arm of the Lord [Messiah] revealed?"

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call"—speaking here of physical deliverance as the context indicates (Joel 2:32).

In Acts 2:21 the Apostle Paul attributed to quoting only the line of this passage on the Day of Pentecost.

6. THE ALMIGHTY DWELLS IN ZION.

"Sing praises to the Lord which dwelleth in Zion; declare among the people His doings" (Ps.9:11).

"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined" (Ps.50:2).

"In Salem [early name for Jerusalem] also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion" (Ps.76:2).

"So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain; then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her anymore... But Judah shall dwell forever and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed; for the Lord dwelleth in Zion" (Joel 3:17,20, 21). There is need of cleansing in the whole Judeo-Christian framework.

7. GOD'S JUDGMENT ON WICKED NATIONS.

8. AND BLESSINGS ON ZION.

"The Lord also shall roar out of Zion,

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Rabbi's Criticism of Key '73 Draws Rebuke From Editor

Dallas (RNS) — A United Methodist editor here has strongly criticized Jewish leaders who have warned that intensified Christian evangelism could threaten the Jewish community.

The Rev. Spurgeon Dunn III, editor of The Texas Methodist, addressed himself particularly to the comments of a New York rabbi on Key 73, the broadly based evangelistic program set for 1973.

"If Jewish leaders are seriously concerned about the effects of Christian beliefs on Jews, we suggest they should concentrate their efforts on solidifying the beliefs of their own people, rather than asking Christians to 'lay off,'" Mr. Dunn wrote in the Dec. 22 issue of the weekly paper that has a wide circulation in Texas and other states.

In early December, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, national director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, voiced concern that Key 73 and other evangelism programs might be used to proselytize Jews.

He urged Christians "to recognize that a Christian theology based on the negation of Judaism and that sees Christianity as a substitute for the Jewish faith will have the human effect of destroying the existence of the Jewish people."

He also said that Key 73, which has "calling the continent to Christ," as a theme, could be an opportunity to "clarify Christian recognition of Jews and Judaism as valid sources of truth rather than as objects of conversion."

Mr. Dunn responded that Rabbi Tanenbaum is, in effect, asking Christians to negate their own faith. "The Jewish leader wants Christians to avoid any

attempt to convert Jews," he wrote.

"For Christians to accept this suggestion would be to compromise a basic principle of our faith," that is, to take the Gospel to the whole world, he said.

The editorial maintained that "calling our continent to Christ is completely different from seeking to force our continent to accept Christ."

Christian Unity Week... Prayer is the Theme

The theme of Christian Unity Week, Jan. 18-25 will be prayer, according to Father Titus Cranny, S.A. Ecumenism "has come upon hard times," Father Cranny said in a statement from headquarters of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Cumberland, R.I., "and that is a... reason why prayer is so necessary."

Unity Week was begun in 1908 as the Church Unity Octave by Father Paul James Francis, S.A. Since then ecumenism has grown with the foundation of the World Council of Churches in 1910 and the second Vatican Council.

The phrase from St. Luke 11:1, "Lord, teach us to pray," will be used as the theme for the week, said Father Cranny. In the Gos-

pel, this phrase precedes Jesus' teaching the apostles the Our Father.

In Rochester, Father Henry Atwell, head of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, will speak at the Unity Week observance of the Four Downtown Churches at St. Luke's Episcopal, Sunday, Jan. 21, at 10:45 a.m.

In Avon, where Father Atwell is pastor of St. Agnes, services will be held at 7:30 each evening, Jan. 21-26, in the various churches.

A typical service is that arranged at Holy Family Church, which will be the gathering place for eight area congregations at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

Msgr. George Cocuzzi, pastor, said that the opening procession would include clergymen from Trinity Lutheran, Trinity United Church of Christ, Grace Presbyterian, Lyell Avenue Baptist, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi and Holy Family.

In addition to the liturgy of the word, there will be a general confession of sins against Christian Unity, recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the Ni-

New Treasurer Named At Nazareth College

Stephen C. LaSalle has been appointed treasurer of Nazareth College, according to an announcement by Dr. Alice L. Foley, president. He replaces Tom James who resigned to accept a new position at Chatham College in Pittsburgh.

"Mr. LaSalle comes to us with a splendid background of experience both in finance and personnel administration," Dr. Foley said. "He was selected from a field of 20 very fine applicants."

LaSalle has a B.B.A. from St. John's University, and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

He has been treasurer of a

division of U.S. Industries; assistant treasurer of the American Association of Advertising Agencies and tax accountant in the Treasurer's Office of Eastern Airlines.

He is 38 years old, married, and has four children.

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"ISRAEL MINE ELECT" - THE ALMIGHTY

ISRAEL DESTINED TO BE TOP NATION AS WORLD BLESSER

"ISRAEL SHALL BE DELIVERED BY THE LORD WITH AN EVERLASTING SALVATION: YE SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED NOR CONFOUNDED WORLD WITHOUT END. FOR THUS SAITH THE LORD THAT CREATED THE HEAVENS, GOD HIMSELF THAT FORMED THE EARTH AND MADE IT, HE HATH ESTABLISHED IT: HE CREATED IT NOT IN VAIN, HE FORMED IT TO BE INHABITED, I AM THE LORD AND THERE IS NONE ELSE. In the

Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory" [Isaiah 45:4, 17-18, 25]. "But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm [to the nations, something to be trampled on] Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having many teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains [powerful enemy nations] and beat them small, and the wind [the Spirit of God] shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. [Isa. 41:8-16]

Isaiah 65:9: "And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob [ISRAEL, MINE ELECT], and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell

there."

Verse 19: "And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying."

Verse 21: "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them."

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"If You Jews Leave, STOP AT MY HOUSE"

This editorial appeared in the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph. It was written by William Aiken. Mr. Aiken is not a Jew, even as the Gazette-Telegraph is not a Jewish organ or journal. It was Mr. Aiken's comment on the slogan which appeared during the recent flurry of Nazi scrawlings on Synagogues and other public buildings.

"JEWS GO HOME-Well, now this is nothing new. Never in the past have you ever taken this gentle suggestion to move on. But Heaven forbid, suppose just this once, you thought that expression of a few sick people actually expressed the conviction of all the people in this wonderful land of ours and all of you started to pack your bags and leave for parts unknown.

Just before you leave, would you do me a favor? Would you leave

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WORLD-WIDE HOLOCAUST PROBABLE

ELIE WIESEL STATES
"I FEEL THREATENED"

I ADMIT IT SADLY: I feel threatened. For the first time in many years I feel that I am in danger. For the first time in my adult life I am afraid that the nightmare may start all over again, or that it has never ended, that since 1945 [the Nazi Holocaust] we have lived in parentheses. Now they are closed.

COULD THE HOLOCAUST happen again?

Over the years I have often put the question to my young students. And they, consistently, have answered yes, while I said no.

I saw it as a unique event that would remain unique. I believed that if mankind had learned anything from it, it was that hate and murder reach beyond the direct participants; he who begins killing others, in the end will kill his own.

WITHOUT AUSCHWITZ, Hiroshima would not have been possible. The murder of one people inevitable leads to that of mankind.

IN MY naivete I thought, especially in the immediate postwar period, Jews

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INJUSTICE & HYPOCRISY REARS ITS UGLY HEAD

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that in this day of world-wide news coverage and dissemination through modern fast facilities of radio, TV and 'teletype newspapers' that so often the news is biased by unknowledgeable reporters. One prime example is the injustice being perpetrated against Israel and its citizens regarding the present Mideast situation.

UNINFORMED NEWS correspondents continue to call the West Bank and other such areas, "Israel-occupied Arab lands."

A man may be very highly educated and keenly-skilled in some areas, and yet be as ignorant as a new born baby in another. The latter is especially true in the sphere of true God-breathed bibliography as it relates to the Middle East and the Almighty's plan of blessing all nations through Israel.

"Truth is fallen in the street so that justice cannot enter" [Isaiah's apropos message] should be written over the entire Mideast impasse. The intolerable situation will continue until the nations and religionists stop clawing one another long enough to hear the one voice of authority, the Word of the Eternal Creator, regarding Israel as He declared, "I will give unto thee [Abraham] and to thy seed [Israel] after thee the land where in thou art a stranger... for an everlasting possession... For unto thy seed have I given this land from the river of Egypt unto the Great River Euphrates... from Lebanon... unto the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your coast... And in thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed" [Genesis 17:8; Joshua 1:4; Genesis 15:18].

MAN'S CHILDISH proverbial, 'kicking, screaming and holding his breath till he's blue in the face' will never change the decrees of the Almighty. The Lord God charges Israel's enemy as being the usurpers of this property God gave in a royal grant to Abraham and his seed in an eternal divine title deed. Yet, the State of Israel is willing for the Arabs to live among them if they will do so peaceably. And the two brothers "Isaac and Ishmael" are destined to not only be reconciled but be a blessing together "in the midst of the earth." [Read Isaiah 19:23-25.]

UNBRIDLED HYPOCRISY

THE HYPOCRISY of Israel's enemies in the Middle East lies in the blowing up beyond all proportions such small incidents as the accidental killing of a girl by the Israeli defense forces in Nablus that were attacked by young high-

schoolers. Any normal thinking person on earth knows that these children were not the organizers of such an attack on armed soldiers; but they were without doubt stirred up by, and perhaps even threatened by the terrorists who were afraid themselves of such a confrontation. They knew the Israeli soldiers would have to be more gentle with the children and that such a demonstration above all would make for good news stories around the world. They staged the same type of a propaganda demonstration in Jerusalem where a seventeen year old boy was accidentally struck by a bullet fired to quell the demonstrators. The news media not only took pictures but recorded the sound so that all the world might hear and see "the terrible upheaval in Israel." Such injustices perpetrated against this people of whom God said, "I will curse him that curseth thee" and "I will undo all that afflict thee" [Genesis 12:3; Zephaniah 3:19] will not be passed over by Him who cannot lie.

TO TOP IT ALL, the very next news item on the radio to follow the above "scoop" was a brief announcement of the continued slaughter that is going on in Lebanon, the latest Arab country to house the terrorists, that provided them a base for their murderous acts toward Israel. The fatalities in Lebanon now have passed the mark of 20,000 dead and multiplied more injured and some hopelessly crippled for life. Instead of two being accidentally killed there were over 150 deliberately slaughtered that same day including 10 children in a kindergarten, by Arabs killing Arabs, brother destroying brother. This land now lies in shambles. Are these men capable of establishing a peaceful multi-national state on the West Bank and do they possess the resourcefulness to serve as the administrators of an "International Jerusalem" as they insistently propose?

WE CANNOT BE justly charged with being blindly pro-Israel and anti-Arab. We lived peacefully and peaceably in the all-Arab city of Ramallah for on to five years with a Christian Arab landlady with whom we had established an excellent relationship as well as with

Arab business men. We know from experience that the true Israeli and the true Arab get along very well together when left alone. The conflict and clashes come when outside satanic forces, perhaps sometimes even unknown to those who perpetrate these evil deeds, seek to destroy Israel knowing the Almighty has destined her to bless the world with redemption through His Word and the coming Redeemer-Messiah. Regardless of our "view on religion" the indestructible Word of God will be fulfilled as His Spirit indwelling His people, 'the sons of light,' will gloriously triumph in the final battle that will bring perfect peace not only to the Middle East but to all the world. All the righteous people should arise figuratively and spiritually to stand with His people in this hour for the glory of God, for the coming of Messiah and for the blessing of all nations. His unchangeable declaration remains, "I will bless them that bless thee" and promises, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee" [Gen. 12:3; Psalm 122:2].

THREE LOVES

by Eliezer ben-David
Jerusalem, Israel
Author of "God and Man"

To live, to love, to lose
and in losing find.

To taste the fruits of Nature's
abundance spawned upon her
broad bosom in lavish display.

To feel the throb of every
living creature their aches and
pains;
this alone is life.

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Verse 22: "They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and MINE ELECT shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

Verse 23: "They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them."

Verse 25: "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt [wound] nor destroy [kill] in all my holy mountain [Kingdom], saith the Lord."

Isaiah 66:10, 12: "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her."

Verse 12: "For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles."

Editor's note:

We witnessed many of the special finds that were discovered in the archaeological digs near the temple mount. One of the most important was the finding of the huge stone with Isaiah 66:13 and 14 which follow in the context of these passages. Nothing could have been more divinely and prophetically timed than this discovery following the close of the Six-Day War and Israel's retrieving of the Old City of Jerusalem after 2000 years. The passage follows: [Isaiah 66:13-14: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies."]

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ARAB BOYCOTT UNDER ATTACK

MAJOR CORPORATIONS REJECT BOYCOTT DEMANDS NEW ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES

NEW YORK — THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE of B'nai B'rith accused "more than 200 U.S. corporations and 25 major commercial banks" of collaborating with Arab economic warfare against Israel, many of them "in alliance with Arab American Chambers of Commerce," which regularly validate boycott demands for the Arabs.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH Congress stated that banks were the worst offenders. But it made public written assurances it received from 22 of the largest corporations in the United States such as General Motors, General Foods, RCA, Texaco, Pitney Bowes and Xerox that they would not surrender to Arab boycott demands.

THE AJC IN PHILADELPHIA also stated that the Philadelphia National Bank remained the only bank in that city that ignored the Chamber of Commerce anti-boycott resolution.

New Anti-boycott Measures

Senator ABRAHAM RIBICOFF (D-Conn.) has introduced a bill to deny tax benefits on foreign income to any American company that participates in the Arab boycott of Israel. Ribicoff charged that tax incentives are available for U.S. firms in Arab markets even if they comply with the boycott. Labeling this situation "intolerable," Ribicoff said his measure would "make compliance with the boycott much less attractive to American companies." Senator Vance HARTKE (D-Ind.) said the measure would break the "racially-inspired economic boycott" which "like a disease... is spreading to the international value structure of the United States."

Representative PETER W. RODINO, Jr. (D-N.J.), meanwhile, has urged criminal and civil sanctions against "businesses who willingly engage in boycotts against Israel in order to gain favor with its enemies."

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would never again be singled out, handed over to the executioner. That anti-Semitism had received its death-blow long ago, under the fiery skies of Poland.

I WAS somehow convinced that — paradoxically — man would be shielded, protected by the awesome mystery of the event.

I WAS WRONG. What happened once, could happen again. Perhaps I am exaggerating. Perhaps I am oversensitive. But then I belong to a traumatized genera-

tion. We have learned to take threats more seriously than promise.

THERE ARE SIGNS and they are unmistakable.

THE SICKENING spectacle of a diplomatic gathering wildly applauding a spokesman for killers. The scandalous exclusion of Israel from UNESCO.

THE ARROGANT self-righteousness of certain leaders, the solitude of Israel, the anti-Semitic statements made by America's top general.

Anti-Semitism has become fashionable once more both in the East and in the West.

No wonder than that suddenly one hears discussions on a subject that many of us had thought buried long ago: Jewish survival.

CAN ISRAEL — the country, the people — survive another onslaught? How many times must it sacrifice the best of its children? How long can one go on living in a hostile world? Is it conceivable that Hitler could be victorious posthumously?

FOR THOSE OF US who have lived and endured the human and Jewish condition in its ultimate depth know: At this turning point in history, the Jewish people and the Jewish State are irrevocably linked; one cannot survive without the other. As a community, we have rarely been so united. And never so alone.

AND SO, THE IDEA OF another catastrophe is no longer unthinkable. I say it reluctantly. In fact, it is the first time I say it. I have chosen until now to

place the Holocaust on a mystical or ontological level, one that defies language and transcends imagination.

I HAVE quarreled with friends who built entire theories and doctrines on an event which, in my view, is not to be used or approached casually. If I speak of it now, it is only because of my realization that Jewish survival is being recalled into question.

HENCE THE FEAR in me.

ALL OF A SUDDEN, I am too much reminded of past experiences. The enemy growing more and more powerful, more and

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more popular. The aggressiveness of the blackmailers, the permissiveness of some leaders and the total submissiveness of others. The overt threats. The complacency and diffidence of the bystanders.

I FEEL AS MY FATHER must have felt when he was my age.

Not that I foresee the possibility of Jews being massacred in the cities of America or in the forests of Europe. Death-factories will not be built again.

BUT THERE IS a certain climate, a certain mood in the making. As far as the Jewish people are concerned, the world has remained unchanged: As indifferent to our fate as to its own.

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VERSES 15 AND 16 CLEARLY indicate there will be a ferocious battle in which the enemies of God and Israel will be destroyed. Verse 15: "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire [power], and with conveyance and transportation], to my holy mountain [the Messianic Kingdom based in Israel] Jerusalem [the World's Capital], saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering [symbolically, their souls] in a clean vessel [their bodies and garments] into the house of the Lord." Verse 21: "And I will take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord [fulfilling the Promise God made to Moses — you shall be a Kingdom of Priests — Exodus 19:6].

THE FINAL WINDUP OF THE beginning of an entirely new day and age that will never end. Verse 22: "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain." Then the whole world will revert back to keeping the Sabbath since the Messiah Redeemer will be in the midst of His people and will not need a special day [weekly] to remind of His redemptive grace and deliverance. "From one Sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before me saith the Lord."

VERSE 24 DEALS WITH THE final clean-up of the earth of the "carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die [the memory of their evil deeds] neither shall their fire be quenched [the eternal regret and remorse] and they shall be an abhorring of all flesh."

CHRISTIAN NEED TO RE-THINK

PAUL WARNS THE GENTILE Church at Rome about taking a conceited attitude toward the Jewish people, because the Gentiles had been invited into heaven's

household through "God in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." The tragic thing is that when they [Gentiles] entered [Abraham's household] they attempted immediately to take over the entire house forgetting where all their spiritual blessings came from, as Jesus stated, "Salvation is of the Jews" [John 4:22]. Not only did they bite the hand that was feeding them, but pushed them completely out saying they no longer had any inheritance in God's covenant.

JESUS WARNED THAT MANY false christs would arise. From that day on many have conjured up, in their own minds, christs they have twisted into weapons with which to torment the Jews. He told us how we could identify His followers: "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, if you have love one for another" [John 13:35]. Not those who build a 'big little kingdom' of their own, have a great throng of followers, build huge beautiful church buildings, or who are great orators, etc.. Jesus warned against the ostentatious, and Jude warned against those who have "men's persons in admiration because of advantage" [verse 16].

IN MUCH CHRISTIAN conceit toward the Jew we have not only attempted to push him out of his own house of salvation, but we have attempted also to rob him of the Book of God and say the Hebrew Scriptures are no longer for them. We apply all the blessings from the Hebrew Scriptures to the Church and say now the curse of God rests upon Israel. We take the word, "everlasting," at face value in the 'New Testament' but say it cannot mean that for Israel in the 'Old' as God declared to Abraham, "I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee" [Verse 7]. [Stated three times in Genesis 17 and confirmed and made very clear by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 3:16 to 18]. Read this carefully and thoughtfully. It is something the Church as a whole has passed over [and we will be held responsible before God for misinterpreting it]. For this cause we beg our readers to secure a copy of, "Israel, God's Key to World Redemption."

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COVER PICTURE

A portion of the Wailing Wall, the original Western Wall of the Temple Area. Since the destruction of the Temple; this is as close as the orthodox Jews will come to the Temple Area for fear of trespassing on the spot of the Holy of Holies where only the High Priest was permitted and not without sacrificial blood. The Lord declared, "I have...put my name there forever" (I Kings 9:3).

On pages 20 and 21 of this issue of the Bible Light is a report of recent excavations at this wall.

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Israel— Vindicator of Faith

By Dr. Pinchas E. Lapide

(Editor's Note: Dr. Pinchas E. Lapide decided to change his citizenship from Canadian to Israeli, and since his arrival in Israel in 1940 has held several important posts in both the army and in the government. A few of which are: Liaison Officer between Anglo-American and Russian armies in Vienna, Austria (1945-46); Intelligence Officer in Israel's Army (1948-50); Israeli Consul in Milan, Italy (1955-58); First Secretary and Cultural Attache in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1958-60). He is the author of fourteen books, some in as many as nine languages. He is a multiple-linguist, knowing eleven languages.

Dr. Lapide now serves in the highly responsible position as Director of the Israeli Government Press Office in Jerusalem. Having been introduced to him by Professor David Flusser, it is our pleasure to know Dr. and Mrs. Lapide as treasured friends. The following article is an excerpt from a new book Dr. Lapide expects to publish soon. The facts incorporated in this article disprove the belief held by some that the majority of Jews are returning to Israel as unbelievers and atheists.

Four thousand years of history have extended their span between Israel's first nationhood, her Second Temple and her third restoration to sovereign freedom, two and one-half brief decades ago.

Athens was still a village and Rome unheard of when Israel appeared upon the world scene. Today, classical Athens is the stuff museums are made of, and Imperial Rome is rubble, while Israel, speaking its ancient language and worshipping the Same God, is back where it began, carrying on where the Maccabees left off.

We Jews became one people not by virtue of geography nor by dint of blood-ties; at our cradle stood three concepts of the mind:



The idea of One God Who cares for all mankind; the ideal of man's perfectibility and faith in the ultimate Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

In 1544 when John Calvin set up his theocracy in the city of Geneva, the first proposal made for a municipal coat-of-arms was a picture of Abraham breaking the idols in his father's household.

More than two centuries later, when Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were consulted on the emblem of the future American Union, they both sug-

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should represent the Children of Israel, fleeing across the parted waters of the Red Sea on their way to freedom. This portrayal was to be surmounted by a motto of equally Hebraic inspiration: "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God." It seems that Calvin and Jefferson epitomized the twin events which forged one entity out of a hodge-podge of Semitic clans: the revolt against idolatry and the rebellion against slavery.

Two Exodi have shaped our destiny: Abraham leaving Ur of the Chaldees who led us and mankind to The One God; and Moses, leading us — and the world — out of bondage into freedom and the Promised Land.

Nothing since that miraculous redemption four millenia ago can compete in our history with the recent transition from martyrdom to sovereignty; this abrupt ascent from the depths of agony to new peaks of opportunity and pride.

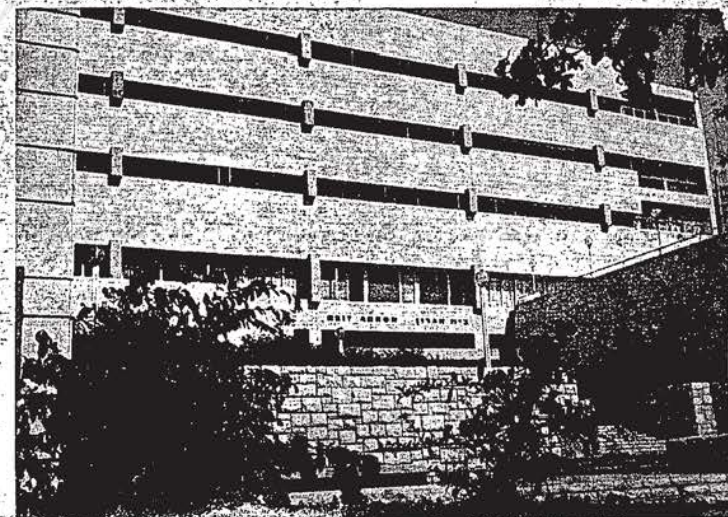
From 1933 to 1945 we suffered total destruction. At the portals of

Auschwitz the road led straight to genocide — in the very heart of Christian Europe. Yet within three years Jewry went from the threshold of complete extinction to a dawn of brilliant revival on the ancestral soil of Israel. For the first time since the legions of Titus subjugated Jerusalem, the Hebrew tradition has again taken on the substance of independent statehood.

To most non-Jews this is merely a political event. To us it is a miracle. It is no less a work of Providence than the cleansing of the Temple by the Maccabees, than the return to Zion under Ezra and Nehemiah; indeed, than the freeing of the slaves from Pharaoh's yoke. If the Exodus from Egypt is a moment in sacred history, the Exodus from Auschwitz is another. If the State of Israel is to be written off as merely secular, then so is the entry into Canaan. If the latter is sacred, the former is no less imbued with transcendental meaning. We do not pretend to fathom either mystery, but four

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Israel's Government Press Building where Dr. Lapide has his offices. At the right, scarcely seen, is an auditorium which is used for large press gatherings and is available also for general public meetings. (Photo [AJ])



The Koran Speaks on Israel

The Koran is the Holy Book of Islam, State Religion of Arab countries. The following quotations from the Koran set forth the right of the descendants of Isaac to the Land of their fathers. The Koran admonishes its followers to accept the Tenach (Hebrew Bible - Old Testament) which is replete with promises of Israel's restoration to their homeland as well as the blessing of the Arab people and ultimately all nations.

The Koran attests the divine inspiration of the Old Testament Scriptures:

"And We gave Moses the Book, and made it a guidance to the Children of Israel" (Night Journey, 3).

"We also gave Moses the guidance, and We bequeathed upon the Children of Israel the Book for a guidance and for a reminder to men possessed of minds" (The Believers, 56).

The Koran recognises also the teachings of the Prophets and of the rabbis:

"Surely We sent down the Torah wherein is guidance and light; thereby the prophets who had surrendered themselves gave judgment for those of Jewry, as did the masters and the rabbis following such portion of God's Book as they were given to keep and bear witness to" (The Table, 48).

The Koran teaches that the Children of Israel were set apart, and a special ministry was given them:

"Indeed, We gave the Children of Israel the Book, the Judgment, and the Prophethood, and We provided them with good things, and We preferred them above all beings...." (Hobbling, 15).

"And when Moses said to his people, 'O my people, remember God's blessings upon you, when He...gave you such as He had not given to any being. O my people, enter the Holy Land which God has prescribed for you'...." (The Table 24).

The Koran warns against listening to leaders who call for war against the Children of Israel:

"Upon the day when their faces are turned about in the fire, they shall say: 'Ah, would we have obeyed God and the Messenger!' They shall say: 'Our Lord, we obeyed our chiefs and great ones,

and they led us astray from the way, Our Lord, give them chastisement twofold, and curse them with a mighty curse'" (The Confederates, 66-68).

"Say: 'Have you considered? If it be from God, and you disbelieve in it, and a witness from among the Children of Israel bears witness to its like, and believes, and you wax proud - God guides not the people of the evildoers'" (Sand-Dunes, 8,9).

"O believers, be not as those who hurt Moses; but God declared him quit of what they said, and he was high honored with God" (The Confederates, 69).

"Dispute not with the People of the Book save in a fairer manner, except for those of them that go wrong; and say: 'We believe in what has been sent down to us, and what has been sent down to you; our God and your God is One, and to Him we have surrendered'" (The Spider, 45). "We" - Allah; God

"It may be God will establish between you and those of them with whom you are at enmity LOVE. God is All-powerful; God is All-forgiving, All-compassionate" (The Woman Tested, 7).

The Koran's Simple Solution to the Mid-East Problem

The following is an excerpt from the book, "Symposium" by Rev. Vendyl M. Jones, Baptist Minister, Houston, Tex.

The Koran states that "If a man comes to your house and takes something that is yours (though it be a grain of wheat) you have a right to take it

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Why some say,

"Stay Out Of The Holy Land"

Will two-thirds of Israel be destroyed in the final battle prior to Messiah's coming?

"Stay out of the Holy Land," the title of a pamphlet published by a religious organization believed to be 'sound.' The author evidently desires to warn immigrants (and tourists) not to come to Israel, since according to his interpretation of a certain Bible passage, there will be a future destruction of Jerusalem, killing two-thirds of Israel's population.

We must ask and answer this question; Is the Lord regathering His people from all the nations of the world to His land for the purpose of destroying them in a judgment? Some ask the question: Since the Abrahamic Covenant and call is still in force (Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3: 16-18) would God deceive His people by promising them these great blessings on their return to Israel and instead give them as a prey to the enemy?

If propagating the fear of a coming destruction of Jerusalem and Israel were widespread and believed, it would very seriously damage and cripple Israel's economy, since both immigration and tourism is a lifeline upon which the young state greatly depends. One wonders, then, if such subtle seeds of fear are not

a knowledge of the Scriptures and faith in the sovereign God of Israel, will not be deterred from coming to "the land of promise" (Heb. 11:9).

In a careful reading of the Scripture used in this pamphlet, it is clearly seen, first that the warning was not to stay out of the Holy Land but rather for the inhabitants of Jerusalem to flee the city for a given period, and that this was in reference to a now past period.

Blessing IN the Land

God's call to Abraham in the covenant was, "Come out from thy country (Ur of the Chaldees) from thy kindred; from thy father's house UNTO a LAND I will show thee." The Lord asked Abram to abandon the three things that influence a man most. (But what God takes He mul-

tiplies and in His way returns.)

There follows seven clear promises: "AND I will make thee a great nation (not destroy them); and I will bless thee (not torture) and make thy name great (not humiliate it) and thou shalt be a blessing (not a curse); And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee (verified by history) and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (through the Holy Scriptures and Messiah). — Gen. 12:1-3.

The world must know that one of the Almighty's grand purposes of Israel's very existence and ingathering to her land is to bless all the families of the earth ("Adam" in Hebrew), including the Arabs, Russians, Chinese, Uygandans and all. This is a sincere and deep desire on the part of Jews in general and of Israelis in particular. But they must have a home base of operation. And Israel's land is very small compared to the vast land areas God has given the Arabs. (See map below.)

Other promises of special blessing given to Jews who return to the land include Isaiah 61:17; "Therefore in their land they shall possess the double (not trouble, but blessing) and everlasting joy shall be unto them." The complete fulfillment of all these promises are contingent not alone on Israel's ownership of the

land, but possession of and presence in the land of Israel. These are God-given encouragements to immigration.

We wonder if the writer of such an article as referred to above has carefully studied Isaiah chapters 60 through 62; Joel 3; Micah 4; Zephaniah 3; Zechariah 12 through 14. These passages must be considered. The fulfillment of the words of Jesus in Luke 21:24, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled," is also proof and promise that Jerusalem shall never again be dominated by Gentiles nor destroyed by the enemy. Now after 2,000 years it is again under Israeli rule, since the Six Day War.

The Passage in Question

The prophets of doom who today predict Israel's future destruction refer to Zechariah 13:8 and 9 as a basis of believing that two-thirds of the people of the State of Israel will be slain by "the beast" prior to the coming of the Messiah.

A very popular Christian reference Bible has a subhead above these two verses reading: "Result of the Gentile Invasion Under the Beast." These editors have thrown in a period of 2,000 years between verses 7 and 8, of their own "private interpretation," by which they have perverted this passage. The Lord Eternal gives a very solemn warning against those who "add to" or "take away" from His Word (Deut. 12:32; Rev. 22:18-19).

We must take into account the verse that precedes: "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd and against the man that is my fellow," the Lord of hosts.

shepherd (the Redeemer-Messiah) and the sheep shall be scattered: (the bulk of the nation) and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones" (leave the unlearned and poor farmers) - Zech. 13:7).

Jesus quoted this verse just before He was crucified by the Roman soldiers: "Then said Jesus unto them (the 12 disciples), All ye shall be offended because of me this night for it is written, I will smite the shepherd and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad" (Matt. 26:31).

Now to whom was Jesus sent? He himself answers, "I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." They are the sheep which were scattered "abroad" according to the predictions of Jesus. The first primary sense, of course, is that Jesus' disciples would be scattered from Him, but there is a much larger meaning including the nation of Israel which was "scattered abroad" (Luke 21:24).

It must also be carefully noted that the passage in Zechariah 13 does not say, "two-thirds," or even "two equal parts," but rather, "two parts shall be cut off and die."

Since this took place after the

'smiting of the Shepherd' (Messiah) it would most likely mean the multiplied thousands that perished at the hands of the Romans in 70 A.D. The "third part" (not "one-third") shall be refined — as the scattered remnant has been through the centuries among the nations.

"Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction" (Isaiah 48:10).

"For, lo, I will command and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth" (Amos 9:8). — This could only have a spiritual and eternal fulfillment since many have fallen physically.

Day of Vengeance

When Jesus was trudging up Calvary's Hill to his crucifixion, Luke records (23:27,28): "And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." He knew of the indescribable suffering and destruction that was coming

How much more land does Ishmael want?



Official emblem of Israel's spring 25th Anniversary exhibition, with the shield (star) of David in the regulation colors of blue and white.



upon Jerusalem and His people shortly after His "smiting," and prophesied this in Luke 21:20-24. Read the passage carefully. It is a prediction fulfilled by the Roman Emperor Titus in 70 A.D., when he brought his torturous armies down upon Israel — plundering, massacring and smashing everything in their wake and completely destroying the city of Jerusalem after a long bitter siege. Much of the description of the excruciating anguish and horror of that siege recorded by Josephus is too terrible to recall — and the final result, leaving the glorious Temple of God and city of Jerusalem, the "joy of all the earth," a heap of burning ruins, was one of the greatest tragedies of all Jewish history.

A careful reading of this passage makes it very clear that it could refer only to that awful period 1900 years ago as the Lord predicted. "When ye (those then living) shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh." ("Desolation" means utter waste, ruin, utterly forsaken, as it was in 70 A.D.)

All 'Jerusalem passages' regarding Israel's present and final ingathering read exactly the antithesis (as the references given on page four of this article indicate).

Regarding Jerusalem's destruction in 70 A.D., Jesus went on, "Then let them which are in Judea (Jerusalem area) flee to the mountains and let them that are in the midst of it depart out (of Jerusalem — not out of the country) and let not them that are in the (neighboring) countries (at that time) enter thereinto; For these be the days of vengeance that all things which are written may be fulfilled" (Luke 21:21,22).

Jesus read the prediction of Isaiah 61:2 in the synagogue at Nazareth, then He closed the book before reading, "the day of vengeance of our God," knowing what was shortly to come to pass in 70 A.D.

Continuing in Luke 21:23: "But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations...." (the scattering abroad of Israel's sheep by Rome).

Our Day Fullment

The momentous prophecy made by the Lord in 33 A.D. and fulfilled in 70 A.D. was unwittingly spoken of by Caiaphas, the High Priest, who prophesied Jesus would die for the nation of Israel and also that (as it is in the Greek) "He would gather together in one the children of God (prior to Messiah's appearance as King) that had been scattered abroad." Israel's 'scattering' technically ended in 1948, and the capital, Jerusalem, retrieved and reunited officially in 1967.

The scattering of the people of Israel has made them in the truest sense an international people. Wherever one has travelled the past 1900 years among the great cities of the earth — in London, Moscow, Rome, Tokyo, Athens, New York, Madrid, Paris, etc. — there one could find Jewish synagogues and temples dedicated to the One true and living God..

Now, in their ingathering, being "a wise and understanding people," they are bringing their wisdom, now

ledge, culture and 'know-how' to Israel from all the nations, from every level in the various fields of human endeavor and education, science, medicine, literature, art, industry and finance. How rapidly with the arrival of every new immigrant, Israel is increasingly becoming what the Lord Eternal promised, "a great nation."

The Lord God has appointed and prepared His people to be the guardians and administrators of Jerusalem. If the U.N., which declares it should be internationalized, were in control there would be ceaseless bickering between the nations, all seeking for advantage and preeminence. Who has had as much experience and would be as understanding and qualified to deal with international affairs as the people gathered from among all the nations of the earth? And all look forward to the ultimate prediction of Israel being the divinely appointed guiding light of the nations (Isaiah 42:6).

Scriptural proof that the Almighty will not permit the destruction of His sheep after they are regathered to their land is clearly given in Ezekiel chapter 34:

"My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them" (verse 34).

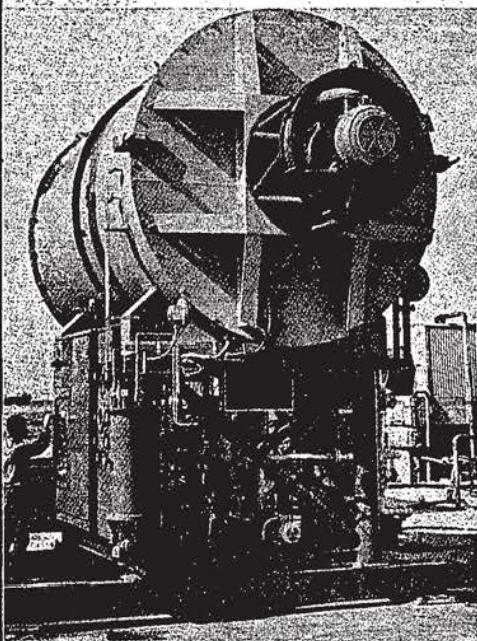
Many denominations, believing that "We are the people" of the Lord, have tried to convert the Jews — each one having his own different 'must plan' of salvation. Yet these have shown very little genuine concern in "deeds and truth" for the plight of the Jews through the years.

Therefore, the Lord Himself will do a work among them so that none can take credit or glory:

"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited



Israel occupies a leading place in research and developing of desalination plants and a local company, Israel Desalination Engineering, supplies units to many parts of the world. Here a unit with a daily capacity of 100 cubic meters is tested before being loaded for export to Spain.

places of the country.

I will feed them in a good pasture and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick....

"And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid" (verses 11-16, 28).

This is a plain statement of fact by the Creator, that after Israel's ingathering to the land they will never again be victims of plunder. "Beasts" are the Gentile nations having beasts or unclean fowls, etc., as their national emblems — England, the lion; Russia, the bear; China, dragon; America, eagle (king of birds), etc. These shall not "devour" God's sheep again, but Israel shall be safe and unafraid.

But this does not mean that Christians should move here — as so many want to do. God gave this land to Abraham and His seed, marked by the "token" of circumcision on "the eighth day" (Gen. 17). They are having a difficult time enough finding places to live. (This is one reason why we live at a place on the West Bank where no Jews can yet live.)

"Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, even the House of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God.

And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God" (vs. 30, 31).

Eight Words

Many today put an anti-Semitic connotation on the words spoken by some Jewish political leaders who collaborated with Rome in Christ's day, and who answered Pilate (after he declared that he had washed his hands innocent of Christ's blood), "His blood be upon us and our children." Many anti-Semites declare that this passage indicates that God's judgment, therefore, rests on all Jews living in that day of all the

nations whether they were there at the crucifixion or not (demonstrating for the release of Barabbas), and further, apply it to every Jew of every land and of every succeeding age unto this present day. Could anything be more ridiculous and prejudicial? Many Christians who would not admit bias against Jews yet are caught up in this subtle trap of anti-Semitism.

And whatever guilt these may have incurred at that time, did not Jesus pray, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"? And if Christ's prayers are not answered, what assurance do we have that any of ours will ever be? And as our Presbyterian French-Israeli minister friend, Rev. Claude Duvemoy, has suggested, "If Christ's blood be upon them, what does it do but cleanse and deliver from guilt, its condemnation and death?"

Guilt of Christians

But if a relatively few Jews, as in this case who could be said to be 'not true Jews,' can bring down the judgment of God upon every Jew of that and ever succeeding generation by speaking eight words upon momentary impulse in the heat of their spirit, then what terrible and awesome judgment awaits every Christian that ever lived from the time of the Spanish Inquisition to this day, since the Inquisitors as professed "Christians" not only spoke defiant words but perpetrated such atrocious deeds and torturous acts upon God's chosen people Israel, of whom the Eternal has said, "I will curse him that curseth thee"?

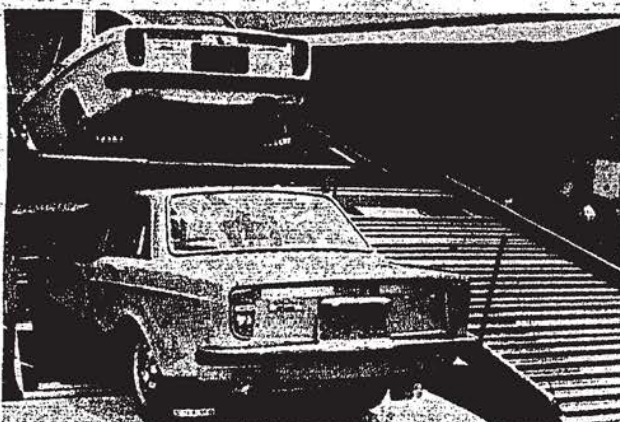
We may say of the 'Inquisitors,' "They were not true Christians." Let us grant this to be — yet many



African student learns her vocation in Israel — — to bless the nations.

who were, incurred guilt by their very silence. And the Church, as a whole certainly believes Martin Luther was a true Christian, who when he thought there was hope of converting Jews, wrote: "Our fools, the popes, bishops, priests and monks have hitherto conducted themselves toward the Jews in such a manner that he who was a good Christian would have preferred to be a Jew. And if I had been a Jew and had seen such blockheads and louts ruling and teaching Christianity, I would have become a swine rather than a Christian, because they have treated the Jews like dogs, and not like human beings."

And on another occasion: "The Jews are the best blood on earth," he wrote, "Through them alone the Holy Ghost wished to give all books of Holy Scripture to the world; they are the children and we are the guests and the strangers; indeed, like the Canaanitish woman, we should be satisfied to be the dogs that eat the crumbs which fall from



Double-bunk parking. With parking space at such a premium in the crowded cities of Israel, something had to be done. Merkavim Metal Works, Ltd. manufactures this double-decker carport, another Israeli item which will also prove a blessing to other nations. The cars shown are the make the BLI director drives in Israel — the Swedish compact, Volvo (1969 model).

(Het photo)

their master's table."

In a fervent pamphlet entitled, "Jesus was born a Jew," which was republished seven times in one year, he sent a thrill of hope through Jewish hearts by saying: "If we would help them, so must we exercise, not the law of the Pope, but that of Christian love — show them a friendly spirit, permit them to live and to work, so that they have cause and means to be with us and amongst us . . . and if some remain obstinate, what of it? Not every one of us is a good Christian."

We must admit, Luther was a Christian. But when he saw he could not convert the Jews from the faith of their fathers to Luther's 'new religion' he wrote a stinging pamphlet in 1543, "Converting the Jews and Their Lies."

"Here the monk who had defied all the power of organized Christendom in his search for truth, joined with the worst bigots in accusing the Jews of poisoning wells, murdering Christian children, and remaining impossibly stubborn in the face of

Christian revelation. He urged the princes to destroy the Jewish synagogues and to confiscate their wealth and devote it to maintain those who accepted Christianity. One of his last sermons denounced Jewish physicians for 'understanding the art' of poisoning their patients, and concluded with the ominous admonition: 'I say to you lastly, as a countryman, if the Jews refuse to be converted, we ought not to suffer them or bear with them any longer'."

(Above quotations are from "A History of the Jews" by Sachar.)

When truly God-fearing righteous Christians hear of such heinous words and deeds done against Jews, they say, "They could not have been true Christians. But, as much as we want to believe this, there are records, as the above, of the carnal nature, which cannot be subject to the law of God (Romans 8:7), tragically running amuck, bringing blight and wicked reproach upon Christ's Name.

Still it is incredible that in our day many Christians believe that a few Rome-collaborating Jews 1900 years ago can eternally damn all the Jews of the world and of all ages by an emotional outcry of eight words, "His blood be on us and our children," but yet do not believe that the eternal God, as revealed in the Redeemer of Israel, can save all His people through the sacrifice of Himself as the sin-offering according to the eternal covenant.

Under Gentile Feet

As Jesus predicted Israel's scattering among the nations, stating, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles UNTIL the times of the

Gentiles be fulfilled," so during the past 1900 years the grandest of all cities, Jerusalem, has been ground under the heels of many wicked pagan nations. Gentile powers have dominated the earth's political scene ever since Judah went into captivity in 587 B.C.: Babylon became the first of these great Gentile world-dominating empires, followed by the Medeo-Persian, then the Grecian and Roman through 324 A.D.; then came the Byzantines; 324-614; the Arabs; 638-1099; the Crusaders, 1099-1187; Ayyubids and Mamluks, 1187-1517; Turk Ottomans, 1517-1917; and the British from 1917 to 1948, which brought the rebirth of the nation of Israel which "shall not be plucked up nor thrown down anymore forever" (Jeremiah 31:40).

It is significant to note that in all these 2500 years when Jerusalem was a pawn to so many world powers, never did it ever become a Gentile capital city. Only under the rule of Israel has Jerusalem been the capital city and as it is now again Israel's capital and beloved favorite city of the world. (The Romans, dur-

ing their occupation, changed the name of Jerusalem to "Aelia Capitolina.")

The last and greatest of all the Gentile world powers was the great British Empire that boasted for nearly 400 years, "The sun never sets on the British Empire." Is it only a coincidence that the final breaking up of the greatest empire on earth came when its largest nations seceded from her just prior to the time Israel was declared a Jewish State in 1948? (The Republic of Ireland and the Republic of South Africa withdrew in 1949.)

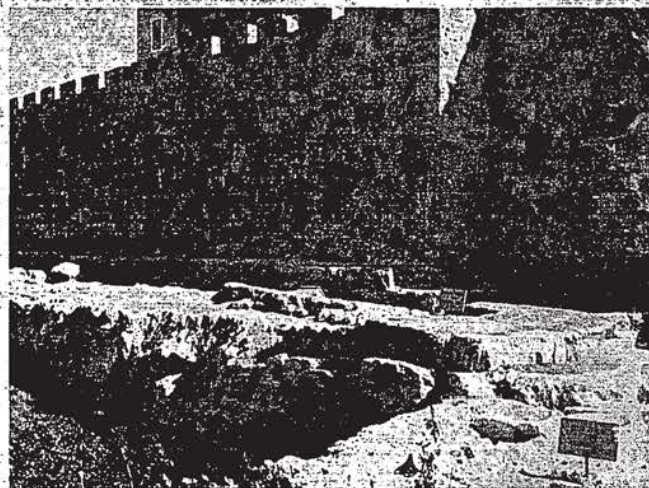
Under Israel Rule

The prediction that Christ made in Luke 21:24 is very clear — that when Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentile nations, then Gentile world domination will cease, indicating that Israel is again about to become the world's guiding light and priest nation. The climactic fulfillment to Luke 21:24 came on June 7, 1967 when Jerusalem became a united city under its original



Bereaved relatives of Yosef Romano, one of the 11 victims of the Munich tragedy, at his funeral. (Israel Sun)

Part of the recently excavated wall built by the Crusaders at the north-west corner of the Old City of Jerusalem. A reminder of the 8 Crusades of the 11th through the 13th centuries that wrought such havoc against both Jews and Moslems — tragically in the Name of Christ. The present walls of the Old City were built by the Turks in the 16th century on foundations going back to the times of the Second Temple. (photo by EAJ)



owners and administrators.

It is significant to note that with the establishment of the State of Israel, came not only the breaking up of the British Empire, but the birth of scores of small independent nations, fulfilling the prophecy: "Every valley (small nations) shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low" (big powers' vote in U.N. are no more than that of small) - Isaiah 40:4. The signs of Messiah's coming kingdom multiply.

This clearly means, then, that Gentile world powers will no longer rule over small nations nor ever again dominate Jerusalem, which shall now forever be under the control of Israel, the rightful God-appointed owners and guardians who have already proved themselves worthy of this high and holy trust and divine commission. If Gentile nations ever succeed in gaining

control and dominating Jerusalem, then we, who have come to trust under the shadow of the God of Israel as revealed in Christ, will have to conclude that the Word of Christ is not trustworthy. But they who know His peace and joy and who possess the living witness of God's Spirit of truth unto life eternal, know that such a thing can never be. He is "the faithful and true witness" whose promises cannot fail. It means Israel will never again be destroyed.

Israel's Security

In other magazine issues we have enlarged on the prophetic fulfillment of Ezekiel: Ezekiel 36 - World War I; Chapter 37 - World War II; Chapters 38 & 39 - Russia's coming fiasco in her attempted invasion and overthrow of Israel. This settles the matter of Israel not being destroyed but especially favored of God as the

prophet states: "But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people of Israel, for they are at hand to come.

For, behold, I am for you and will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:

And I will multiply (not bereave) men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited (not forsaken) and the wastes shall be builded (not destroyed);

And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:

And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit; and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and

thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men" (Ezk. 36:8-12).

(Speaking of this day in which the land and nation is revived. Following the birth of the nation there will be no great bereavement, loss of men in death.)

Israel will never again be removed or have a great slaughter of her people; even after the final battle with Russia, it is evident that Israel's cities are still intact;

"And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years" (Ezk. 39:9-language of that day).

And her people a whole entity: "And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land...neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my



A character study of two Israeli Defense Force officers in a relaxed but meditative mood, 'somewhere in Israel.' Their faces show a depth of genuine concern regarding far reaching decisions that officers must make. 'How can we ever forgive the Arabs for making us to kill?' - Golda Meir. (that Israel might live to be th



Puerto Rican pilgrims- survivors of the Lod Airport massacre. (We will be giving a first hand account of this in our various services in the U.S. as it was told us by [name], leader of the group. - extreme right rear.) (Weiss photo)

Spirit upon the House of Israel saith the Lord God" (vs. 12 & 29).

Some have unwisely said, "As long as Moslems control the Temple Mount and their holy places such as the Dome of the Rock (the Mosque of Omar) and El Aksa, and Christians have churches and property in Israel, it means that Gentiles still trod down Jerusalem." This is as preposterous as saying that Washington D.C. and America is 'trodden down' of the Ethiopians because Addis Abba has an embassy in Washington. There are Ethiopians in Washington and they do have a building they call their own, but the very control they have over it is by the grace of the U.S. government.

It is so with Jerusalem and Israel. There are Christian churches and shrines and Moslem mosques here which are owned by them; but any control they have over them is by the grace of the Israeli govern-



(Rosenblum, Starphot)

Carved into the heart of a mountain, the Weizmann Institute's Geophysical Observatory near Eilat is one of the most important seismological laboratories in the world. — Where the Mount of Olives earthquake will first be registered. (Zech. 14:4-5)

ment. If any other ethnic or religious group should challenge that control and authority I am sure they would find that this has been fully committed unto the people and State of Israel. In fact, many who were highly prejudiced against Israel and who were severe critics of her so-called "occupation" of the administered areas have since admitted that no one could have more fairly and thoroughly administered the various Christian and Moslem so-called "holy places." In fact, those who have toured Jerusalem and Israel prior to the Six Day War, say that all these sacred sites now are cleaner, in better condition and are more efficiently administered than ever before.

More Scriptural proof that Israel will not be destroyed prior to Messiah's coming is found in Zechariah 12:2-3:

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

Read also verses 6 to 8.

Best to Come

The final consummation shall come, according to Zechariah 14, when it seems that all nations, united only by prejudice against Israel, will send representative troops from around the world against Jerusalem to "internationalize" the city. The city shall be temporarily captured and half of the city shall be taken

prisoner, which no doubt will be the Arab side since this is the big contention about Israeli "occupation" (which the U.N. now says should be surrendered), "the houses rifled, the women ravished — and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city." (Zech. 14:2).

It is evident that the capture and occupation of Jerusalem will be brief, perhaps even just a matter of hours. The Word of God declares concerning Israel and especially Jerusalem, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple (the pupil) of His eye" (Zech. 2:8). And no man loses any time getting any foreign irritating substance out of his eye.

Then follows the greatest drama of all the ages, something which has never occurred before in all the recorded history of the world. It baffles the imagination. But "it shall come to pass" that the Lord God shall descend in all His power and glory as Messiah — far above the glory of His manifestation to Moses in the burning bush in Midian; and in thunders, lightnings and earthquake on Mt. Sinai; greater than in the warrior that appeared to Joshua, exceeding even that revealed in Jesus of Nazareth or as Christ revealed Himself to Paul above the shining of the noon day sun.

After Israel's enemies "touches" Jerusalem, we read in the next verses: "Then 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 on the mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem... which shall cleave in the midst... and the



Sorting and packing station for the famous Jaffa oranges.

Lord my God shall come and all the saints with thee... and in that day shall living waters go out from Jerusalem" (Zech. 14:3, 4, 5, 8). Actually 'living water' unpolluted by wastes and uncontaminated by radio activity, symbolic of the truth of God, shall flow east into the Dead Sea giving it life, and west into the polluted Mediterranean, cleansing it and so in turn all the seas and waters of the world. Instead of the waters of false propaganda issuing forth from the mouth of Satan (the "dragon" — Rev. 12), the prophecies of Isaiah, Joel, Micah, Zephaniah and Zechariah shall be fulfilled. And "The law shall go forth of Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." — Law and order with eternal spiritual life and blessing shall flow unto all nations continually.

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The Almighty who revealed Himself in various ways in centuries past and to us pagans in Jesus of Nazareth will now "come in like manner" but in the fulness of His kingly majesty to His own people Israel. Though "He came unto His own and His own received Him not" at His first advent, still they are "His own" and "having loved his own, He loved them unto the end" (John 13:1).

The Redeemer first came "as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" but now as the "Lion of the tribe of Judah"; the first time as the Rock of salvation, but now as the 'smiting stone' upon the wicked; at first as Suffering-Servant but now "King of kings and Lord of lords," ruling over all the earth in peace, truth and righteousness (Rev. 5:5; 13:8; Isa. 11; 9:6,7).

"And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one" (Zech. 14:9).

A Sobering Closing Word

We must discern the times as pre-Messianic from the prophetic signs given in Holy Scripture - the greatest of all being the ingathering of the tribes of Israel to their land. We must also recognize the overruling sovereignty of God in every condition and circumstance of life. It will be painful for Jewish people in the diaspora to find their situations becoming increasingly less secure and more unsettled as the Eternal providentially prods them to return to the homeland, as the Lord Himself declares, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad

her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead Israel and there was no strange god with him" (Deut. 32:11,12 - Read verses 8-12).

When the young fledglings come to age, the mother eagle breaks up the nest, forces the eaglets over the precipice and makes them fly. It looks like certain death, but the mother eagle knows if she does not force this painful operation, their wings will never develop and they will be destroyed by the enemy on the ground. She lets them tumble through the air, but before they perish on the rocks below, she swoops under them and 'bears them up on her wings.' She sees them through the crises period until they join her high-flying as 'king' of the birds.

So now God is saying to Jews in the diaspora, "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain" - 'Israel.'

When God allowed Assyria to take Israel captive because of her disobedience, the Lord declared, "O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation" (Isa. 10:5). But after "the Lord hath performed his whole (chastening) work upon Mount Zion and Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria and the glory of his high looks - for he said, By the strength of my hand I have done it and by my wisdom" (vs. 12-13a).

In the case of Judah's 70 year captivity in Babylon, God used Nebuchadnezzar as an instrument (whom He twice calls, 'His servant') to chasten His people. Yet the Lord pronounced a destruction on Baby-

lon "as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah... it shall never be inhabited" (Isaiah 13:19,20).

We must see the hand of the Almighty in all things; yet this does not lessen the guilt of the enemy when the Eternal may even use his evil deeds to prod His people to the homeland to make them "a guide and a light to the Gentiles." The promise to Jerusalem and Zion in this day is, "I will undo all that afflict thee and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame." (Read carefully Zeph. 3:14-20.)

World redemption, including the

blessing of the Arabs and Mideast peace, depends upon Israel's return to her land.

(See page 22 regarding Isaiah 19.)

Therefore the urgent divine call must go out to all world Jewry to come to the homeland - "Get thee out of thy country" - to fulfill the divine promise, "I will make thee a great nation" - in whom all the nations of the world will be blessed with peace and salvation, when He the Redeemer-Messiah, whose right it is to reign shall come to Jerusalem and "His will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Amen!

E.A.J.

Russia's Shift To Syria Gog From The North Parts

What does the pull-out of Russians from Egypt really mean --- now after they have trained and well equipped the Egyptian army? It would follow that the Soviets would not want to risk so many of their top-brain power advisors being killed in the event of a war at the Suez. Could this so-called Russian 'pull-out' be a colossal ruse and subtle maneuver on the part of the enemy to trick Israel into relaxing her military preparedness? Could this not be just a big change in military strategy? It has become increasingly clear there never was any kind of a real break between Cairo and Moscow. Diplomats from both sides have continued to shuttle between the two capitals. The token "come back" is revealing.

The enemy planners must have looked at the map and said, 'How absurd for us to try and fight Israel clear across the hot desert sands of the Sinai, where the supply lines of food, water, fuel and ammunition are almost impossibly long and hazardous. The supply lines also from Russia to Egypt are ridiculously and needlessly long. We should move the

operation to Syria and not only shorten the lines from Russia to Israel but also be within easy striking distance of Israel's military nerve centers and principal cities and where any extended supply lines would be immeasurably shorter than from Egypt.'

In fact, this has already been done in a measure. Is it coincidence
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ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE DESTRUCTION

Sketch at right shows Architect Brian Lalor's reconstruction of the southwest corner of the Temple Mount as it looked in Jesus' day — showing the steps (at left center) supported by 'Robinson's Arch', leading to the royal basilica. At left, the bridge (which rested on 'Wilson's Arch') connecting the Upper City to the Temple Mount. The archaeological expedition is being carried out by Professor Binyamin Mazar and Meir Ben-Dov.

Recent archaeological discoveries at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem have given new understanding as to the actual appearance of the Temple building, court approaches, etc., at the time of Christ.

Monumental Stairway

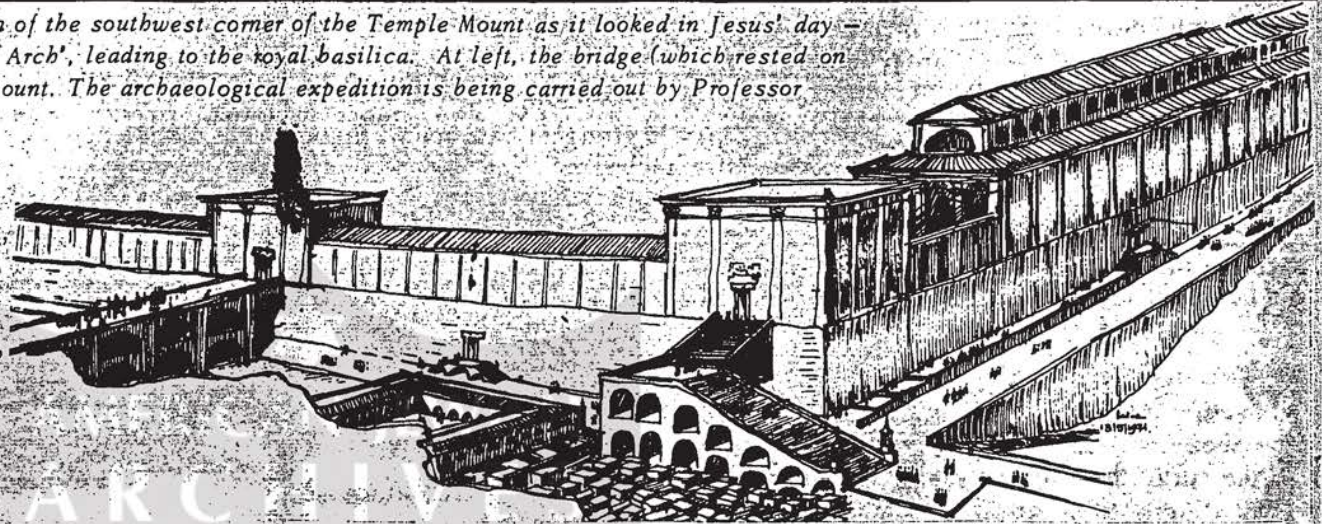
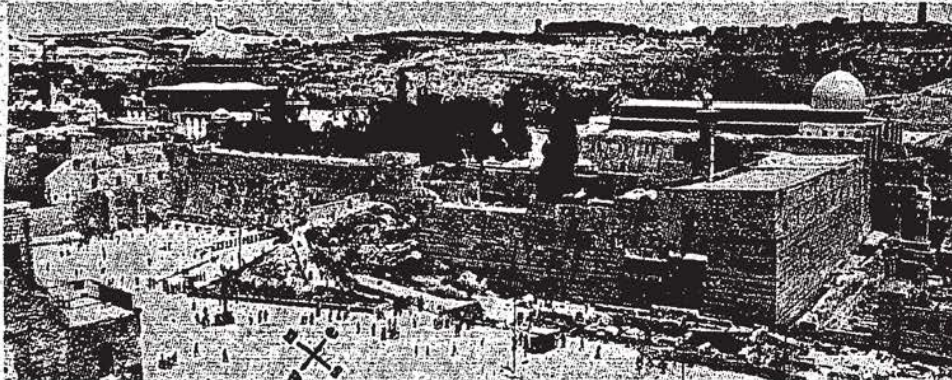
The remains of an arch (called "Robinson's Arch"), jutting out from the Western Wall of the Temple area, for many years has been thought to be one of six such arches which formed a bridge over the adjacent valley leading to the "Upper City." However, further digs have failed to produce any other arches of this kind, but instead smaller arches have been found extending south, each lower in height than the preceding one. Next to these archways, dozens of stone steps were found, all of which indicated that 'Robinson's Arch' formed part of a stately wide stairway supported by these arches and rising from the main thoroughfare along the wall directly to the area which was known as Solomon's Porch, — long colonades extending the full length of the Temple area from east to west.

There was a paved road which stretched along the entire Western Wall, running under the archways and from the southwestern corner of the Mount down to the Pool Siloam and was one of the main streets of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus — the Second Temple period. From the southwest corner of the Temple Mount another road branched off, along side of the South Wall and leading to the Hulda Gates, the main entrance to the Temple Mount precincts.

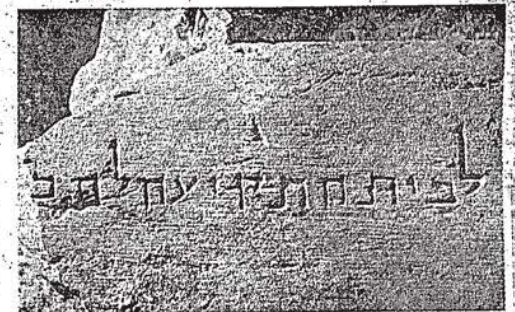
It was probably in this area of Solomon's Porch where the 120 disciples of Christ were praying at the time of Pentecost when the Spirit of God was outpoured upon them. As they came down this huge stairway praising God in all the various languages of the visitors, they doubtless encountered people on this public thoroughfare below who were in Jerusalem for the

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Below — general view of the excavations at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, with 'Robinson's Arch' at the southern end of the Western Wall. 'Wilson's Arch' is enclosed in the structure at the left (north end of the wall). The 'Wailing Wall' is in the left-center below the Mosque of Omar (Dome of the Rock) which is built over the rock believed to be where Abraham offered Isaac and where the Temple stood. In the right background is the Mount of Olives.



Below — Cornerstone from Temple Wall. The paved road running along side the wall of the Temple Mount, archeologists found to be strewn with large stones dislodged during the destruction of the Temple by Titus in 70 A.D., and which had come crashing down from the magnificent structure above. One of these stones was very significant. Fashioned out of Jerusalem stone, it is over three feet high, six and one half feet wide and weighs about eight tons. Built into it is a niche in which a man could stand. This stone had an inscription in Hebrew: "To the place of the blowing of the trumpet" and had been thrown down from its place at the southwest corner of the Temple Mount. From this spot which commanded a wide view of the city, the priest would blow the ram's horn, signalling the approach and close of the Sabbath. It lay some 120 feet below its place.



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that Syria has not asked the Russian advisors to 'go home' but are inviting more? Also much of the military hardware in Egypt was moved to Syria and even to Iraq, including Russian Mig fighter planes, etc. The Soviets also asked for access to Syrian ports — for what special purpose? It was then revealed that airlifts of military hardware were initiated from Russia to Syria. The build-up there is being closely watched by the U.S. as well as by Israel.

It is reported there are still about 800,000 Egyptian troops on the Suez front. In the event of war in the north, these Egyptians could keep a large force of the Israeli army tied down and so divide its strength.

But as clearly set forth by the Prophet Ezekiel, Gog shall come from "the north parts" so that the present situation looks more 'conducive' than before to the final fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 and 39 which we set forth in our BLI magazine Vol. 9, No. 1.

In any military operation and battle there are casualties and we should never become so callous that death on the battlefield will not deeply affect us and our hearts go out to the sorrowing bereaved. But let no one be under the illusion that God is regathering Israel to the homeland to destroy two-thirds of its people. Their fatalities will be minimal compared to the awful judgment of God that shall be meted out against their enemies.

Rightly Dividing

Since the Munich massacre and Israel's raids of terrorists' bases in

Lebanon and Syria, certain Christian groups are heaping terribly unjust criticism on Israel for not 'turning the other cheek' — so their enemies could destroy her? They reveal their utter lack of proper Scriptural interpretation and exegesis. Christ's stringent Sermon on the Mount, including the "turn the other cheek," formula was given to His disciples as a guideline in their personal social relations, the observance of which should make unbelievers see the reality of Christ's saving power in His disciples. Unfortunately there has been little seen of this divine grace in Christ's followers through the centuries — and in fact, sadly enough the Church has been guilty of the very antithesis toward the Jews. Is it any wonder they do not believe in Christ? The agnostic, Bertrand Russell said, 'There is no doubt that Christ offered the world the greatest way of life — and it is a pity no one has ever tried it.'

But the nation of Israel is not living under that dispensation but under the Abrahamic Covenant where the promise, "I will curse him that curseth thee" is being fulfilled (Gal. 3:17,18). Israel in fact, is entering a transition when the promises made to them shall be fulfilled such as: "The Lord shall also roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel... Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall dwell forever." (Jeru-

salem from generation to generation" (Joel 3:16,19,20).

A heavy responsibility is laid on every true Christian — especially because of the great debt we owe Israel under God for all the light and knowledge of God we have and enjoy and that the world so badly needs. This responsibility is to tell by every available means, that the reason the Almighty is regathering Israel to the land is to bring peace and redemption and all other resultant blessings to this confused, fear-ridden, sick and dying, war-torn world.

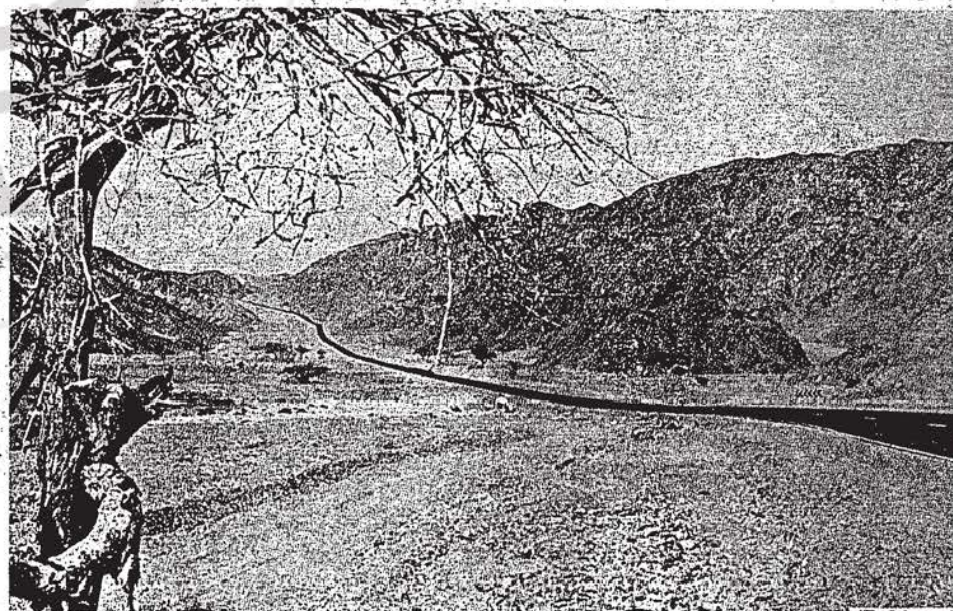
As Paul writes, "If the casting away of them (scattering and suffering of Israel the past 2,000 years) be the reconciling of the world (giving us pagans God's Word and Christ), what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead" (Romans 11:15). This ingathering will mean the spiritual,

moral and even physiological resurrection of the whole world.

The Solution

This is the reason why the anti-God forces in the world are so viciously opposed to Israel's ingathering. Mussolini, Hitler and the Nazis thought they had the answer to the world's problems. Modern Communists think they have the solution. 'Science and technology' has failed to give the answer. A lot of frustrated 'kids' over the world really believe they have the answer in Mao Tse Tung's "Little Red Book" and many are willing to die for it and some do.

The Almighty alone has given the eternal answer in His Word through His chosen instrument, Israel. God said to Abraham, "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3); to Moses, "Ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests" (Exo. 19:



(Rubinger)

The new eastern Sinai road which runs along the Red Sea from Eilat to Sharm-El-Sheikh. This might be part of the highway spoken of in Isaiah 19.

6). Jesus declared, "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). Therefore any ruler, nation, kingdom or power that seeks to circumvent or oppose the Eternal's redemption plan will come under the divine judgment, "I will curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3) and "I will undo all that afflict thee" (Zeph. 3:19), as history corroborates. And at Messiah's (Christ's) coming "He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth (Word of God) and with the breath of His lips (Spirit of God) He shall slay the wicked" (Isa. 11:4 - Read also II Thess. 2:7-8; Rev. 6:12-17; Rev. 19:11-16).

"Truth is fallen in the street, therefore equity cannot enter," Isaiah cried (59:14). This is the reason for the earth's dilemma: The truth of God and His plan through Israel is being trampled down and the result is that the traffic of righteousness, peace, God's law and order cannot continue its normal course.

A 'stock' accusation of her enemies is that Israel uses the Bible to justify her occupation of her homeland. This is as ridiculous as saying that the U.S. Congress uses the Constitution to justify the passage of its bills. Earth's problems will never be settled by one man's word against another's or one nation's decree against another's, nor from such books as Mao Tse Tung's. But "To the law and to the testimony (the Word of God) if they speak not according of this Word it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

Peace Realized

We do not profess to know, nor would we try to predict, "the day or

the hour" of this battle that will surely hasten the Messiah's appearance, but it will come exactly according to the Almighty's Biblically strict schedule and perfect time table. All wars are devastating and torturous, yet it is comforting to know God's sovereign power above it all. The Lord will bring Gog down on the mountains of Israel "that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

And the ultimate end of the knotty Mideast impasse will be resolved by the Lord Himself as Redeemer-Messiah, as we read in Isaiah 19: 22-25: "And the Lord shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the Lord, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them."

In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

In that day shall Israel be the
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"Why don't you come back? Your chair is still empty." ("Ma'ariv")

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away from him, even if you have to pursue him to his house to repossess it. If you are unable to repossess it, then return to your house and get your father and your brothers and all your family. Go then against the thief and get back what is rightfully yours. If, after the second attempt, you cannot recover what you have lost, go back to your King. Get your King to go against his King in war to recover what is rightfully yours. But, if after the third attempt you are unsuccessful, then forget it! It really was not yours at all, you only thought it was yours when it was rightfully his! It is the will of Allah that he have it!"

Now let the adherents of the Koran be judged by it. The first time they tried to recover the Land they thought was theirs, was in 1948; the second time, 1956; the third time, 1967! It is the will of Allah! That real estate was never really the Arab's in any way! They helped sack it; they spoiled it; they let it erode while they sat upon it; but they never owned it, tended it, nor cultivated it. It was, according to the laws and ethics of the Koran, simply returned to its rightful owner. It is the will of Allah! Even the Koran testifies to the case for Israel! "Hath Israel no sons? Hath he no heirs?"

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third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the earth:

Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance."

E.A.J.

FROM THE LIPS OF THE GREAT TOLSTOY

"The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire and has illumed with it the entire world."

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Feast of Pentecost from the many countries of their dispersion. This gives us a vivid picture and better understanding of the account in Acts 2 and how this phenomenon must have been "noised abroad."

City of David

East of the Southern wall, opposite the Hulda Gates, an impressive stairway was unearthed which led from the ancient city of David (just south of the Temple area) up to the central gates of the Temple Mount. This row of stairs ended in the road which flanks the southern wall of the Temple Mount.

High Priest's House

On Mount Zion just outside the Old City Wall, traces of a residential building whose walls are covered with beautiful frecoes were found. This is further evidence that the spot was the site of the High Priest's house in which Jesus' trial was held before the Roman government took over the case.

In strict obedience to God's command, "Thou shalt not make any likeness of any living thing," none of the beautiful carvings in white or redish Jerusalem stone which depicts the Jewish art of that period, are of animals or human figures. Floral and geometrical patterns are the only motifs used.

Rejoice, Jerusalem

Chisled into a long buried section of the Western Wall is a portion of Isaiah 66:13,14, which remarkably was recently discovered and so apropos for this day, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bones shall flourish like an herb."

*Frecoes are paintings made on wet plaster.

FLASH - The Jerusalem Post declares there is an urgent need for blankets for the sick and elderly of Jerusalem. A blanket can be purchased here for \$10.00. Will you help? - BLD Director

Why Some Die Early

TRAGIC STORIES OF PROFITEERS WHO MADE MERCHANDISE OF 'GOD'S HOUSE'

As severe as it may seem, the Almighty kills people for seeking personal financial advantage and for 'cutting corners' in money matters regarding their stewardship to God. In this article we will consider several Bible instances in the First (Old) and Last (New) Testaments. He is the same in both. "I am the Lord; I change not." Various irregularities that were severely punished, as mentioned in the Scriptures, are written for a warning and example to us. We have warnings in the New Testament: "For this cause many are weak and sick and many sleep"—that is, die—which is certainly applicable to the Church of our day. May we as Solomon advises, "Give attention to reading" (the Word).

The Moral Governor of the Universe often deals very harshly with those who violate His laws and disregard His warnings, not merely to show His Lordship, though it is His prerogative, but rather to keep man from destroying every chance of happiness he may ever have, and from reaping the results of transgression that can be far worse than death itself, as we shall see in the following accounts.

And for this cause He has issued the death penalty for transgression—for our very preservation, happiness and eternal blessing—as in the case of violating His holy day. Eternity alone will reveal the torturous physical, mental and nervous disorders suffered and the joyous blessings lost because men thought it a light thing to trample His divine law under their feet. Most are not aware that the laws of God were not only written on tablets of stone and parchment, but into the brain cells, nervous system and the very make-up of man's entire being. God's laws can-

not be broken. We only break ourselves over them when we transgress.

Love Motive

Someone has computed that every eighth verse in the New Testament bears directly on the subject of man's stewardship. But, by and large, the entire Scriptures, both the First and the Second Testaments, have to do with man's trusteeship unto God and also God's responsibility to man. The Creator not only gave laws and commandments for man to keep but also wonderful promises and blessings for God Himself to fulfill. Eternal life has always been unconditional as a gift of God's grace to man. But peace, joy, special blessings and answers to prayer are conditional upon man's obedience to God.

God so loved that He gave every physical, material and spiritual blessing we enjoy. It would take many volumes to enumerate them all.

God has made man a trustee of all these myriad blessings—our bodies, talents, time, possessions and above all, His eternal Word. No one, who has ever acknowledged His ownership as Redeemer and Lord and sought diligently to be obedient to His commands, can doubt that He has fulfilled His agreements so clearly revealed in Holy Writ. His trusting and obedient children can see His love and compassion in even the seeming most tragic experiences, as the Psalmist wrote, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Stewardship—God's Order

The first words and command God wrote in revealing Himself and His righteousness on Mt. Sinai, was, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." God was saying, for man's own happiness, He must have first. He demands the first place and first things in our lives. He will not take second place nor shower His blessings on those who hold Him less than the Highest. The Scriptures are replete with the failure and heartache of those who have tried. The Lord does test man's allegiance, whether His temporal material gifts and pleasures take precedence over His spiritual presence and eternal promises.

I was shocked to learn the first thing the Almighty said and asked of the people after coming down on Mt. Sinai by fire, thunder and earthquake and a mighty voice that made all the people in the camp tremble. Immediately, after giving His laws and commandments by which the people should be governed; and after keeping Moses waiting alone

six long days on top Mt. Sinai—on the seventh day He invited Moses in and spoke to him saying (what is first in God's mind), "Speak unto the children of Israel that they bring ME an offering (materials for the Tabernacle) in order—that I may dwell among them."

During Moses' forty day stay on Mount Sinai, the people gave lavish offerings, even their gold earrings, to make an idol which became their god. God removed His blessing and they had no power to stand against other base sins. As a result three thousand died in one day (Exo.32).

When Moses brought God's message, "Bring ME an offering," he was not joining the 'spiritual hucksters' but only passing on the divine order that was to bless the people beyond what they had ever experienced.

This 'giving' was for the purpose of making the people happy (blessed); giving them what the modern man in our now generation, hippies and all are really looking for—that fully satisfying and enduring inward peace and joy. This can only be by the actual 'presence' of the Creator in one's life.

This is what the Tabernacle in the wilderness and later the Temple in Jerusalem was all about. And the most important article they were to make with their gifts was the Ark of the Covenant, which was to be placed in the Holy of Holies, a symbol of Heaven, and the Ark, a type of Messiah (Christ).

Three things were in "the Ark":
(1) The unbroken tables of the law—God's perfect righteousness;
(2) "Aaron's rod that budded"—miraculously,—resurrection life;
(3) An omer of manna,—symbol of the Word of God, food for man's

earthly 'wilderness journey.'

Man had access to all this and heaven itself by the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrifice on the ark — signifying the death penalty for man's sin had been paid and now all these blessings were his by reason of the death of the sacrifice. What this was symbolically to Israel, so Christ's death, resurrection and entering into Heaven itself now is to the whole world, "having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:11-12).

It is significant that the Scripture relates that the people had a choice of thirteen gifts to bring from gold to wood, "whatever his heart made him willing" (Hebrew). Now, as then, there are gold to wood-givers. Many that have the most give the least and some that have the least give the most. This was not paying the tithe. It was an outright gift. Nor were tax-deductible receipts offered or any strings attached by which they might get a 'kick-back.' They were not even to get a piece of chipped rock from Mount Sinai as a

reward. The whole purpose of God's giving plan is to test His people's self-sacrifice and their genuine love as well as their faith in His ability to repay and care for them. It is apparent today that man's first concern is to secure himself — being perfectly normal for the 'worldling' but will prove terribly tragic in the light of man's giving account of his stewardship at the judgment, according to the Scripture.

Heart and Treasure

But why was this matter of bringing an offering the first thing God asked immediately after He had given them His wonderful life-preserving, happiness-producing laws and precepts? He knows the natural heart, the carnal nature that tends to idolatry and covetousness. Man holds tenaciously to his earthly possessions, trusts in them for his security and makes idols of the works of his hands. God knows that man is so tightly bound to his earthly treasures that if He gets them, He will have the man. This is why Jesus warns, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon

earth... but in heaven, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:19-20).

It is not a 'religious platitude' but a cold hard fact that anything that comes first, has a greater influence on us than the Lord Himself, is an idol. These destroy man's moral fiber and make him a frustrated servant rather than a ruling master of his possessions. Man will learn, but many too late, as the Lord warns, that "man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:

15 — an honest conviction of many sincere hippies.

First Things First

The Almighty and All-wise Father demanded the first-born, the firstlings of the flock, the first fruits of the increase. He demanded the treasurers of the first city, Jericho, on Israel's entrance into the promised land, which were to go into the Lord's treasury. This is not the concept of a musty, senile theologian, but the 'undodgeable' and dreadfully awesome truth decreed by the Lord God Eternal. Rejection brings ultimate frustration, confusion and death; death to peace, joy and eternal blessing.

After Israel's miraculous victory at Jericho, the people were told they were to gather the silver and gold, etc., for the Lord's treasury. Achan

didn't think this was important or binding on him and he would be the exception! He reasoned it was a waste for this handsome tuxedo to be destroyed in the burning of the city, and the bar of gold and shekels of silver, worth about \$165.50 (before inflation) would come in handy and never be missed.

But the Father of All Wisdom cautions, "Your thoughts are not my thoughts...." The disobedience of one man, Achan, cost Israel's defeat in battle, the death of thirty-six men at Ai, blocked the onward victorious march of Israel's armies and its two and a half million people, and brought Joshua and Israel's leaders to near utter despair (Joshua 7). This clearly points up the oneness of Israel and that the Almighty deals with them as a nation.

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The Jordan River



A scene at the fountain of Dan, one of the three main sources of the Jordan River. Dan was the northernmost town in Biblical times, hence the saying, "from Dan to Beersheba." A kibbutz (collective farm) is located here now, and a national park and nature reserve. (Photo of Chris at the headwaters, by EAJ)

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In the following investigation, Achan was found guilty, sentenced to death and all his possessions were burned. The Righteous Judge of all the earth must judge disobedience which also serves as warnings to the careless and unbelieving. After the confession and judgment of the transgression, Israel again became victorious and the people shared in all further spoils:

How contraiwise the story of the widow at Zaraphath that was making a last cake for her son and herself during a famine, then expecting to die. But she obeyed God — made a cake for Elijah first and "the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruise of oil fail..." (I Kgs. 17:16)

Obedience Vs. People-Fear

King Saul didn't think complete instant obedience was really too important. (Read I Samuel 15.) He very piously told Samuel he did not kill the best of the sheep and oxen of the Amalekites; as God had implicitly instructed him, in order to "sacrifice them unto the Lord thy God." But the Lord charged him with rejecting His Word and Samuel had the sad task of informing Saul, "Because thou hast rejected the Word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king." And the account relates, Saul not only lost his kingdom and fellowship with God, but his very life, "Because," as he lamented, "I feared the people and obeyed their voice."

"People" may be against those who are fully obedient to the Lord. The self-indulgent look on the Lord's disciplines as fanaticism. Jeremiah was considered a rabid fanatic. God

demanded that he speak out boldly against the idolatry and covetousness of his day. He warned the people that for this they would be "cast out of the land," that God would bring a foreign Gentile power upon them and they would be deported and reduced to slaves — not to material things as they had been, but brought under the heel of a cruel and ruthless Gentile king and nation for seventy long, torturous years. It tragically came to pass — but the 'religious mystic' Jeremiah was free to enjoy his life and the blessings of God for all the years ahead.

Today the people of Israel stand out as the 'mystic' God-fearing nation against the backdrop of a pagan world. Gentile nations such as America have had the knowledge and blessing of God as it has been revealed through the Word of God and the Christ of God that have come through Israel, as Jesus related, "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). Now America and other 'Christian nations' have become idolatrous and worship the works of their own hands and material possessions, the rule by which even many in the Church measure success.

Again God has raised up another cruel ruthless system that demands that all material possessions be surrendered to them. And if today Christians that have been so blessed of God spiritually and materially do not denounce their covetousness and tight-fisted 'giving to get something in return,' it may be taken from them by a communistic system or go up in the dust of an atomic explosion.

Other O.T. Examples

Balaam was on his way to collect-

ing a 'shady reward' when he got his foot crushed up against a wall. He would have lost his life had not his faithful donkey perceived the restraining angel "standing in the way and his sword drawn" (Numbers 22-24).

After the 'divine healing' of Naaman, Syria's Chief of Staff, and Elisha's refusal to take any reward, his servant, Gehazi, got the "covetous itch." He secretly ran after Naaman and collected a good sized loot. The Spirit of God revealed it to Elisha and he said on his return: "... Is it a time to receive money and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and menservants and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow" (II Kings 5:26, 27). — Quite a severe penalty for pulling strings regarding financial returns in the Lord's work.

Costless Giving

When the Lord instructed David to build an altar on the site of Ornan's threshing floor "that the plague may be stayed from among the people," Ornan willingly offered to give, not only the huge threshing floor, but the oxen for sacrifice, the wood, other instruments and also the wheat for the meal offering — "I give it all." Most anyone would have 'jumped' at the offer, but David said, "Nay, I will verily buy it for the full price." And then the famous words, "Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (II Sam. 24:18-25 and I Chron. 21:18-24). No

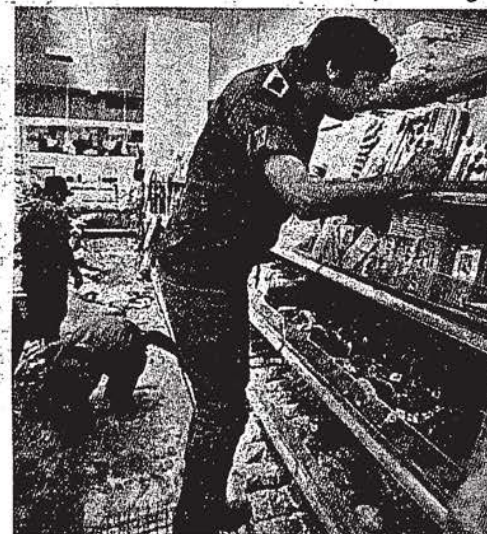
wonder David was a man after God's own heart — a true ungrasping faithful steward:

How unlike many moderns who must be 'primed' and promised rewards in order for them to give to the Lord's work. One large Christian organization advertises they can secure a 75% tax discount for those who invest (property) in their ministry. Our Lord appeals to self-sacrifice in His people's giving, not to financial gain (Mark 12:41-44).

And who will make up the millions of dollars in unpaid taxes to cover this 75% tax discount? The government still needs as much to run the government — so heavier tax burdens are placed on others. Is this Christ's plan? Let us "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

N. T. Firsts

On another mount 1900 years ago



Army sappers (bomb experts) search supermarket in downtown Jerusalem for additional explosives after a blast injured three persons slightly.

the Lord declared the same truth. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. No man can serve two masters. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (money - substance). Man then, as now, had the cart before the horse and believed money and possessions were the answer and could solve all their problems.

He who is the express image of the Eternal, the Messiah of Israel, must have first place. He must ride on a donkey "whereon no man had ridden" and even be laid in a tomb never occupied before. He will not do business with "second hand people," who do not give Him first place, for "in all things He must have the preeminence."

Judas Iscariot was the treasurer of the 'First Church.' He showed seeming real concern for the unfortunate. When Mary anointed Jesus with expensive ointment, he lamented it should have been sold and the money given to the poor. However, his concern was not really for the poor but for himself, "because he was a thief and had the bag and bare what was put therein" (John 12:1-8).

A few days later he tried again. He made a deal to "sell Christ." But he had seen Jesus faced with every type of predicament and perhaps thought He would extricate Himself from this, too, and he (Judas) would be ahead financially. Judas' tragedy is universally known. His financial scheme involved innocent and sacrificial blood. It ended in Judas not only despising the blood money - he never spent - but cast it down in the place he bargained for it and then committed

suicide.

How different the financial stewardship of the poor widow in the Temple whom Jesus commended: "Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast into the treasury (and He still does) and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing (1/4¢) Jesus said, 'This poor widow has cast in more than they all...for she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living'" (Mk. 12:41-44).

This is evidence that our offerings to God will be judged and rewarded on the hard cold fact and basis of, not what we gave but, what we have left after giving. This poor widow gave more than they all including the many rich. What a shock the final reckoning will be before the Lord, when the day has actually arrived when "many who are first will be last and the last will be first." It eludes us now and we push it into the far distant future. This is why the warning is given in Deut. 32:29; Matt. 6:19-21; Luke 16:10-12; and II Cor. 5:10-11.

The money changers in the Temple no doubt justified their "service to the Lord" saying, 'Having oxen, sheep and doves handy for sacrifice saves the people the trouble of having to shop for them. But Jesus drove them out with a lash "and poured out the changers money and overthrew their tables." And said, 'Get out of here' - "Make not my Father's House a house of merchandise" (John 2:13-16).

Jesus further made a blistering attack on some religious leaders of His day who preached right but 'practised' wrong. He advised: "all

therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works; for they say and do not... But all their works they do for to be seen of men..." (Matt. 23:3-5). They belonged to the "success cult." Like many today, they were not satisfied being a small bolt supporting the wagon with its precious cargo - they wanted to be a "big wheel." In order to do that they needed much more money and Jesus charged them with "devouring widows houses" to get it (vs. 14). Some years ago I knew a preacher who was guilty of this - and came to a tragic end. "O, that they were wise; that they understood this; that they would consider their latter end" (Deut. 32:29).

In the great 'city-wide campaign' Phillip held in Samaria, Simon, a sorcerer, believed and was baptized and joined the 'evangelistic team.' "...he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done...and when he saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Spirit of God was given, he offered them money." Remember, he was a 'believer' and he thought he could buy his way to the top of the team. He saw the crowds and the action and he wanted in on it. It so provoked the Spirit in Peter he said, "Thy money perish with thee because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond

of iniquity" (Acts 8:9-24). He repented, but many such leaders do not, and their money does perish with them physically - they die and their money becomes useless to them.

Selling Out

Jesus laid down very stringent prerequisites for discipleship (not for salvation which is a gift of God totally by His grace).

"Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:35). A computer is not needed to determine the number of them today - but the early Christians believed Christ; they sold their houses and lands and laid the money down at the apostles' feet. It is not surprising that they had such power and saw such miracles. (Read thoughtfully Acts 2:42-47; 4:31-37).

In the early Church one couple didn't think it was too important to be fully righteous and completely honest and reasoned, "After all, isn't God merciful and forgiving - He will look over a little side-stepping. We must first secure ourselves against the future." Ananias and Sapphira sold their property and said they were giving it to the Lord, but "They kept back part of the price." As a result, the Lord struck them at two separate occasions, that they both died - they lost not only the part they held back but their very lives. (Read Acts 5:1-11:).

Bearers and Non-bearers

And all believers have a responsibility to not only walk in any new light the Lord may give, but to also share it with others who may be stumbling in some darkness.

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millenia of history in our bones tell us that one continuous chain of Jewish destiny goes from the Patriarchs to the reunited Jerusalem of our days.

Faith Before Sight

The sages of other nations, including Plato, the wisest of Greeks, saw their Golden Age in the remote past. Not so the Prophets of Israel who foresaw the era of Redemption, both for their own people and mankind entire, in the distant future, "in the latter days."

In the grammar of classical Hebrew there is, in fact, none of the sharp differentiation of modern languages between that which is and that which shall be. This deliberate confusion between imagination and reality, between the will and the fact, has been illustrated at many stages of our history.

In 1918, Dr. Weizmann went up to Mount Scopus, overlooking Jerusalem, to inaugurate a new university. Apart from the usual speeches, ceremonies and applause, only one circumstance made that solemnity unique: the fact that the Hebrew University, which was being opened, did not exist at all. There was not even a single cornerstone, nor any means to build even the first faculty, no certainty at all that any walls would ever go up — Yet, because all those present at that quixotic ceremony passionately desired a Jewish university in the ancient Jewish capital, they had no doubt that ultimately it would take on shape and substance. And within a decade, they really wished it into existence.

It is this incurable optimism which by some unfathomable alchemy

transforms past sufferings into stout hope — against all rational hope — which holds perhaps the key to the mystery of Jewish survival.

Unsurmountable Odds

Modern Israel, too, was an ideal and a Faith in the hearts of generations of landless exiles, long before the first cornerstone of regained statehood ever materialized. Its very creation flew into the face of economic facts, political realities and the axioms of international relations; its survival upset a galaxy of scientific theories and determinisms, while its continuing growth — in spite of impossible odds of strategy and demography — only makes sense against the background of Moriah and Sinai.

Ours has always been a small country, poor in natural resources, with long tortuous borders, and half of it is still desert. We are scarcely three million Jews, and most of us came to Israel after the third Jewish commonwealth was born, twenty-five short years ago.

History has never pampered us. Few countries have seen so many foreign conquerors on its soil, hardly any nation was ever torn so mercilessly from its homeland as we were 1900 years ago; none ever rebuilt a sovereign state out of sands and swamps by means of a mass return. No wonder the experts were unanimous in their verdict that Zionism was a pipedream; that it simply could not be done.

Eighty-five years ago we were told: To bring back Jews from cities on five continents to work desolate, fallow land ran counter to all laws of economics and sociology.

Seventy-five years ago there was no Jewish child anywhere whose mother-tongue was Hebrew, and the professors were certain that no one could possibly revive a dead language. Sixty years ago when we set up the first kibbutz on the river Jordan, its houses had to be built by foreigners, for there was not a single Jewish builder anywhere in Israel. Only twenty-five years ago, very few, if any, believed that this tiny Jewry of Palestine — we were 650,000 then — could hold out against the concerted attack of five Arab armies.

And now Jews are tilling the soil of Galilee, Judea and the arid Negev as naturally and well as farmers in America and New Zealand. 850,000 Jewish children go to school, speaking and singing in the Hebrew of their remote ancestors; all roads, buildings, factories and airfields between Dan and Eilat are the handiwork of Israelis, and our army, small and improvised at first, has

withstood three times the brunt of invasion and the incessant attrition of siege.

Foundation Stone

Few in numbers, small in geography and weak in power, what has given us the strength to make a nation out of exiles from the four corners of the earth; to build up the ruins of a neglected country, and to establish a bold, free society based on justice and equality?

The root-reason is that as a nation we believe in God, The Sovereign Ruler of the universe, Omnipotent, One and Indivisible, The Loving Father of all creation. Mind you, many in Israel have found new terminologies to circumscribe The Rock of Ages, but in a recent public opinion poll, 81% stated that they believe in the basic principles of the Jewish faith, and if the crowds who overfilled all of Jerusalem's 560 synagogues this past Rosh Hashanah are any sign to go

Israel's new Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren (Ashkenasic), right and Rabbi Ovadia Yosef (Sephardic), left. Rabbi Goren is reading from the book of Psalms.



by, more and more of us are seeking new ways back to the old creed.

We also believe in Man, made in God's image. Throughout the Bible — and in Jesus' sayings in the New Testament — the twin precepts of the love of God and one's fellow man are intertwined and inseparable. We believe in Man — be he a refugee from Arab countries, a survivor of Nazi death camps, a student from Africa, a technician from Russia or a scientist from the New World, eager to apply modern know-how to the age-old vision of Israel's redemption.

Invisible Horizons

We are few, and few we shall remain; our land is small, and small it will always be. The only greatness which awaits us is the grandeur of the spirit — in science and intelligence as well as in conscience and morality.

By knowledge Man governs nature;

by morals himself. Where they combine springs forth the finest flower of human endeavour: the pioneering spirit which built up the virgin lands of the New World — and ours. There are no peaks man cannot climb, no challenge he cannot meet, no handicap he cannot overcome. This is the simple truth borne out by this vindication of faith which we call the rise of modern Israel.

But science alone will not suffice; it needs moral force to direct it. From remote antiquity Judaism has upheld the vision of a moral order. "Remember that thou wast a slave in the land of Egypt!" has been the eternal reminder against oppression of all kinds — even now, when thousands of Egyptians have come to live under Israeli rule, to experience not the bondage of our ancestors, but the freedom and equality of a Jewish state.

Today 880 of our experts serve in 65 lands on three continents, while

thousands of foreign students study in Israel. It is our ambition to be a laboratory to serve all Africa and Asia at whose crossroads destiny has placed us. At crossroads not only in geography, but also in the realm of ideas. By fortune of history we are a member of the modern world of science and technology, as well as one of the newly liberated states within the family of nations. Thus we are akin to both major revolutions of our generation: The rapid expansion of national freedom, and the speedy growth of human knowledge.

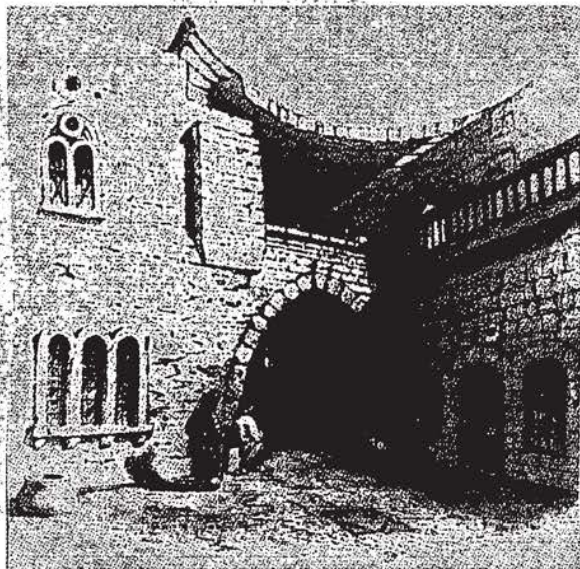
Future Hope

Maybe here, on the soil of Israel, the birthplace of ideas that have shaped human thought and actions for three thousand years, in the land which has given mankind its deepest revelations — maybe here a unifying pattern may yet emerge; one harmonious texture be woven out of the manifold threads of our turbulent age. Who can tell? But of

one thing we feel certain. Future historians will be able to say of our time:

Encircled by enemies on all borders and threatened openly by the powers of Soviet atheism, the third Jewish republic had the faith to dream of visions worthy of its ancestors. A vision of a country where the three great creeds could pray and live together in peace; a land as small as Massachusetts, yet big enough to accomodate all social and economic systems in a climate of fruitful cooperation. A state where minorities are treated the way history's proverbial minority yearned to be treated — but never was.

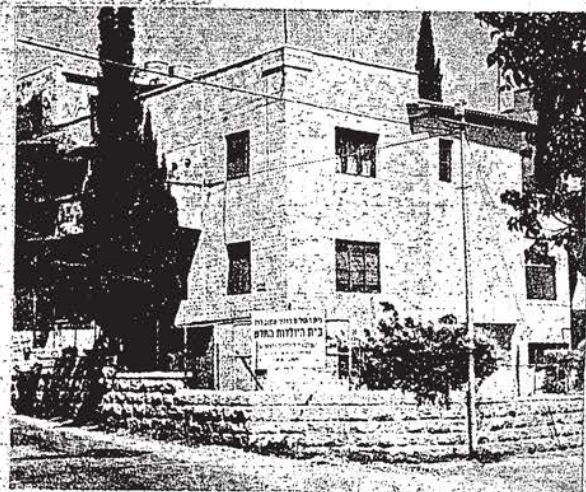
And, last not least, a place where scientists and scholars tackle the basic problems of mankind: desalting seawater, harnessing the energy of the sun, taming the atom for doctors and farmers, and a hundred other ways of making this world a safer place to live in.



General Jewish Hospital of Old Jerusalem. Sketch by W.H. Bartlett in "Jerusalem Revisited," 1884.

"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble" (Psa. 9:9) is the Scripture chosen by the "Misgab Ladach" (which means "Refuge for the Oppressed") Hospital of Jerusalem. Established by rabbis and elders in the early 19th century it was the first Jewish hospital inside the city walls. Completely destroyed by the Arab Legion in 1948 — and the sick & wounded with other refugees were evacuated to West Jerusalem. The refugees' deepest grief was not their brush with death nor the loss of their homes, but that it was Friday evening and most of them had desecrated the Sabbath for the first time in their lives by travelling with their most necessary possessions. (Caption left of picture on next page for

But "Misgab Ladach" (also called General Jewish Hospital) did not die but had a new beginning in West Jerusalem as a maternity hospital in a large residence. Dr. Maccabi Salzberger is now the director and head doctor of the hospital. Its standards have been recognized in the award of a research grant by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. But the demands on its space and services are ever increasing, so that a new hospital must now be built. How quickly it will be built depends upon its friends and supporters. Designated gifts for this project can be sent to: General Jewish Hospital, P.O. Box 20020, Jerusalem, Israel — or to Bible Light, Inc., P.O. Box 20020, Jerusalem, Israel.



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Here is a seeming Bible paradox: "Bear ye one another's burdens" and "every man shall bear his own burden" (Gal. 6:2,5). But there is no contradiction here. To illustrate: Some Church denominations for years have owned and operated hotels, insurance companies and other businesses tax free in competition with those who must pay full taxes. Someone reminds: "But it's legal." Yet a thing can be legally right and morally and Scripturally wrong. These Christians refuse to bear their own tax burdens and instead put a heavier burden on others. And they may wonder why financial reverses finally overtake them for the "wicked know not at what they stumble." And any person is 'wicked' who rejects the Word of God.

This materialism no doubt is one great reason why the Church today is in decay spiritually though so rich materially. Christ, Who declared the Church was to be as a candlestick, addressing this day, said "...I will spue thee out of my mouth because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased in goods, and have need of nothing: and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. I counsel thee to ...anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see" (Rev. 3:16-18).

Therefore the Lord is turning back now to His brethren Israel who will become God's candlestick to the world. The State of Israel has the menorah — the sevenfold candlestick — as their State symbol and who again are to be God's light to the nations (Isa. 42:6), as He declares, "Ye are my witnesses" (Isa. 43:10).

Coming Priests

The Gentiles, especially the so-called Christian nations, have had the

light of the Gospel of God through Christ the past 1900 years, which by and large has been rejected. Now God is reverting to His original plan and purpose — His people, Israel, as "a kingdom of priests" (Deut. 19:6). And the promise to Abraham and his seed shall be completely fulfilled, "IN THEE shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

And the Messiah "who took on Him not the nature of angels but the seed of Abraham" through Israel shall take the everlasting gospel to all the world, until "the knowledge of the glory of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

This is the message that the nations and world must hear — this is the great purpose of Israel's ingathering. We as Christians have the responsibility of telling it at every opportunity, in letters and by phone, in personal conversations or public forums, on the street or in places of business, on train or plane, in auto or bus, on stage or in pulpit. This is a debt we owe Christ's brethren Israel, for all the light and knowledge of God we enjoy. Christ will come to judge the nations on the premise He declared, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these MY BRETHREN, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

The word of Isaiah shall be fulfilled to Israel: "Arise, shine; for thy light is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising" (Isa. 60:1-3).

Then "All the earth shall worship thee and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name" (Psalm 66:4).

E.A.J.

IN MEMORY — The untimely death of our friend, Dr. Yonā Malachy, who succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 42, came as a great shock. He had recently visited in our home. The Bible Light 'family' extend our heart-felt sympathy to his wife and daughter. Dr. Malachy edited the Christi News From Israel. The publication of the magazine will continue and we will send in your subscription. The quarterly is \$3.00 annually.

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A Famous Hebrew Name

One Monday morning we stopped at the Post Office to pick up our mail as usual. In the mail was a letter from one with a very famous name, "Ben-Yehuda." We immediately thought of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, who is known as "the father of the modern Hebrew language" and after whom principal streets in the three major cities of Israel have been named. You can imagine our surprise when we opened the letter and found it was from Ehud Ben Yehuda, the only living son of this Hebrew language scholar. The Bible Light Magazine had come into his hands and after reading it, he was prompted to write us.

Among the many joys we have had living in Israel is that of making wonderful friends such as Mr. Ehud Ben Yehuda. It is like reliving Israel's history as he recounts the many true experiences from his and his father's interesting lives.

Considered a fanatic by some, Eliezer Ben Yehuda's life's consuming passion was the revival of the Hebrew language and his insistence that it be the only language spoken by the returning 12 tribes of Israel. This led to many amusing as well as history-making incidents.

Our friend told us one of these one day when we were visiting the site of the old Ben Yehuda home on Abyssinian Street in Jerusalem. He described how one day his father was in his upstairs study working on his Hebrew dic-

tionary when he was disturbed by a commotion in the street below. Looking down from the balcony, he discovered that a pregnant woman was just passing by when the pains of childbirth overtook her. She was crying and calling in Yiddish; Ben Yehuda, ever zealous for spoken Hebrew, called to her in Hebrew "Cry and call in Hebrew!"

Mr. Ehud Ben Yehuda is also a scholar in his own rights. He has published the most popular hand pocket dictionary in Israel, which is both English-Hebrew and Hebrew-English.

For Eliezer Ben Yehuda's exciting life story, read "Tongue of the Prophets," by Robert St. John. (Available at our Wichita, Ks address for \$3.00)

Another former Ben Yehuda home in

Jerusalem is now the Haus Pax Youth Encounter Center — German youth seeking to make amends for the sin of their nation against the Jews.

This picture was taken at the gate of this dwelling where the Ben Yehuda children lived with their mother after the death of their father. Elmer had just purchased the Eliezer Ben Yehuda Dictionary — 8 volumes which are in the box at their feet.



The Great

Tribulation-

What and Whose?

"Who wants to hear about tribulation? I have plenty of my own," is an understandable reaction. "Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward," (Job. 5:7). Though man may expect the worst, he hopes for the best. A toothache to one can be a greater 'tribulation' than the fall of an empire on some distant continent. As toothaches must be dealt with, so we must deal with the subject that may involve us all to one degree or another.

The story is told of 'little Johnny' who was in the middle of reading a thrilling storybook and just when the hero got in deep trouble, his mother said, "Johnny, it's time to go to bed. Put the book away; get into your pajamas and go to your room for evening prayers."

"But," Johnny remonstrated; "I'm just in the middle of a good story and the hero is in bad trouble!"

"Johnny!" the mother replied, "Get ready for bed, right now!" The tone of her voice was enough to make Johnny know she meant business.

Johnny went to his room and there was an unusually long silence. The mother thought she'd better have a look. She found Johnny on his knees by the bed with the storybook open and she was just in time to see him turn from the back to his place in the middle and hear him say, "Don't you worry, Mr. Hero, I just turned to the back of the book to see, and you're going to come out all right."

So regarding the world's troubles — and we shall hear more of them

to turn to the back of 'The Book' to learn how we are going to come out.

Most everyone has read or heard something about "the great tribulation." However, the phrase, "the great tribulation," does not once appear in the Bible. We evangelicals 'hatched' it.

"The tribulation of those days," appears once (Matt. 24:29); "shall be great tribulation," once (Matt. 24:21); "into great tribulation," once (Rev. 2:22); and "out of great tribulation," once (Rev. 7:10).

Evangelicals generally believe it will be the last three and one-half year period of a seven year peace pact (a false world redemption plan) made by the anti-Messiah (which means against Messiah). It will be brief, therefore it should not occupy our thoughts beyond the time given by the Holy One. But we must know what the Almighty has to say about it, so it is His Word primarily we share with you here.

It is unfortunate that some seem to be more obsessed with the anti-Messiah and tribulation than they

are with the true Messiah – the coming glorious Redeemer – and everlasting world redemption, the coming Messianic Kingdom of heaven on earth. Some have also projected “the day of vengeance” (Isaiah 61:2; Luke 21:20-24, fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem and the massacring of Israel in 70 A.D. by Rome) into the future as “the great tribulation.” (See previous article “Stay Out of the Holy Land” in Vol. 11, No. 2 of the Bible Light Magazine.)

Tribulation – Jewish or Gentile?

Some teach ‘the great tribulation’ will be primarily directed against the people and nation of Israel, hitching it to “the time of Jacob’s trouble” which they believe is still ahead. (We will return to this later.)

The Scofield Reference Bible has a subhead at the beginning of Jeremiah 30 which reads, “Summary of Israel in the Tribulation,” (meaning ‘the great tribulation’). Some seem to even want a Jewish tribulation, thinking the suffering will pressure Jews to convert to Christianity – a sort of reversion or revised version of the Spanish Inquisition plan. When the indescribable massacres of the Crusades, the subhuman Spanish Inquisitors, the vicious pogroms of the Russian Church under the Czars, the diabolical tortures by the Nazis did not, why should one think more such suffering could force conversion? It is not given us to believe, nor is there one Bible passage to support such warped medieval teaching. Our merciful God has never brought His people to the land of promise for the purpose of smashing their hopes and destroying them.

It is rather the antithesis that the Scriptures teach. (Read again Gen. 12:1-3. See Vol. 11, No. 2.) God’s great spiritual works are wrought, and His method is by grace, not by torture, as the Lord Himself declares, “Not by (human) might, nor by (physical) power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts” (Zech. 4:6). However, being a wise and faithful heavenly parent, God must and does punish transgression. Without doubt there are very hard lessons to be learned in Israel and difficult disciplines they must experience, as most of God’s people do in one way or another – but He will not forsake them for His great Name’s sake.

(To illustrate: Israel is the only country in the world that keeps God’s Holy Day as a nation. However, there are Israelis who feel it is not important, not knowing that the violating of it was one great reason they were “cast out of the land” before (Jer. 17). If we are approaching the Messianic Age, as I believe we are, then the Almighty will teach His people this – and some lessons ‘come hard.’)

Unfailing Pattern of Divine Judgments

The first indication in the Scriptures that there would be certain judgment upon the Gentiles because of their mistreatment of His chosen people – the instrument through which the Eternal would pour His truth, is given in the Abrahamic covenant in the 6th of the 7 promises: “I will curse him that curseth thee,” and again in Genesis 15:13-14, “Thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs (Egypt) and shall serve them and they shall afflict them four hundred years and also that nation whom they shall serve will I judge. Afterward they

shall come out with great substance.” Vs. 16: “But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full” – indicating that when it was they also would be judged for their injustices against Abraham’s seed.

The Scripture and profane history are replete with examples of judgment upon Gentiles as a result of anti-Israel and anti-Jewish acts and deeds: the awful destruction of the ten plagues upon Egypt (Exo. 1-15); the dissolution of the nation of Amalek because of their sneak-pirate attack on Israel’s rear columns consisting of elderly and children, after Israel’s deliverance from Egypt into the wilderness. The Lord declared, “Write this for a memorial in a book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven” (Exo. 17:14). So it has been.

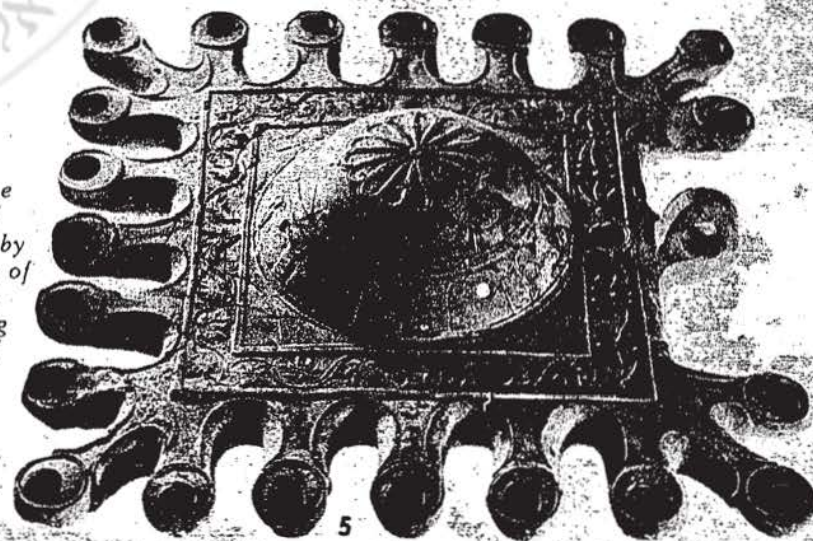
When Balaam was on his way to curse Israel for reward, he got his foot crushed against a wall, for “the angel of God” (Generally this

expression indicates the presence of deity – Christ-Messiah.) stood as an adversary of God against him. Balaam could not help but be reminded of the Israel covenant promise, “Blessed is he that blesseth thee and cursed is he that curseth thee,” for “Amalek was the first of the nations, but his latter end shall be that he perish forever” as he rehearsed later (Num. 24:9, 20). Moses warned, ‘O, that they were wise that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end.’ Balaam himself came to an ignominious end, an untimely death and infamous place in history.

The Time of Jacob’s Trouble

A careful study of Jeremiah 30 and its context, specifically beginning with chapter 25, will reveal that “the time of Jacob’s trouble,” is that long period of wandering and persecution of God’s people that sweeps across a historic span of 2500 years, from the 70 year Babylonian captivity extending to Israel’s last tribulation under the Nazis, culminating in the birth of modern Israel and the great influx and ingathering

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of the exiles – the twelve tribes. (Read Jeremiah 25:30.)

Since God is sovereign over all truth, therefore whatever we or others may write will not change the truth; it will remain eternally unmoveable. Though "We can do nothing against the truth," yet our twisting or rejecting the truth can do horrible things to us. In this sobering light, let us consider; "the time of Jacob's trouble."

In Jeremiah 25 the Lord predicted that "Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, My servant," would take and hold Judah (Israel's southern kingdom) captive for 70 years (vs. 11). Yet immediately after, the Lord declares He will punish Babylon and all other nations for the evil and suffering they bring upon His people. The remainder of the chapter to verse 38 is taken up with this judgment. When Jeremiah faithfully continues to warn Judah of their coming troubles, all turn against him, including the prophets, priests,

princes and even the king – as recorded in chapter 26: God again calls Nebuchadnezzar "my servant" (27:6) warning His people to put their 'necks' under the yoke of the king of Babylon or worse things will come upon them, since the Holy One was using this trouble as a chastening and disciplining measure. (May we also learn from our providential troubles.)

In chapter 29, the people of Judah are told to settle down, build houses, plant gardens, plan marriages for their children, etc., and in working for Babylon's peace they would have peace (29:5-7). (This is not the usual reaction of captives to captors.) In closing this chapter God warns them against (pink lemonade) "prophets who speak lies in my name."

In chapter 30, the prophet is commanded, "Write all these words that I have spoken unto thee in a book" (Jeremiah's – which we are reading 2579 years later) – about the captivity in Babylon. Before they leave Israel, God gives them hope of returning (Vs. 3). In verses 5 and 6 He reminds them they will have many fears during their captivity, even causing their voices to tremble. The Lord had warned of this in the Torah: "And among those nations, shall thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a



Tears of joy are often shed as Israelis meet their loved ones coming from behind the iron curtain that has separated them so long.

An interesting study in facial expressions of those waiting the arrival of friends and loved ones at Lod Airport.



trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life. In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see" (Deut. 28:65-67) – symptoms similar to nervous exhaustion.

This brings us to verse 7: "Alas, for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble: but he shall be saved out of it." A thoughtful reading of the context reveals that the time of Jacob's trouble is the experience of the diaspora, particularly their nightmare of suffering the past 2,000 years among the nations, including and concluding with the indescribable Nazi holocaust when one-third of the stars fell from Abraham's sky (Gen. 15:5) – their 2,000 year wearisome, torturous, fear-filled trek ending with their ingathering to their national homeland of security and "shalom."

Messianic Restoration of Israel

In verse 9 there is the promise of the coming delivering Messiah, the Son of David, after this past 2,000 year period when many of us Gentiles have been brought into God's happy household.

The prophetic plan of the ages

is given in a nutshell in Amos 9: 11 and Acts 15:13-18; "Simeon has declared how God at the first (i.e., beginning with the Italian Cornelius) did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, In that day will I raise up the House of David (nation of Israel over which David ruled) that is fallen and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins and I will build it as in the days of old" – as under King David and Solomon.

This is what we are witnessing in Israel today. It is the answer to the question Christ's disciples asked Him after his resurrection, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). He did not state it would never be restored, as some teach, but rather, that was not the time. He was to first show mercy to Gentiles before restoring Israel. What an unpayable debt we owe our God who "in Christ" reconciled us pagans to Himself, and to Israel who has suffered exile from their land, and, by

an large, from fellowship with God for oursakes. This is why we must constantly, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee" (Psalm 122:6 - Hebrew: "Shaaloo shalom Yerushalayeem, yishlayoo o'havayich").

This brings us back to Jeremiah 30 and the ultimate ingathering of Israel from all the nations. Vs. 10; "Therefore, fear them not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord: neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar and thy seed from the land of their captivity; Jacob shall return and shall be in rest (not troubled) and be quiet (not in turmoil) and none shall make him afraid." - Already greatly fulfilled. They are unafraid of terrorists, military enemies, etc. Surrounded by enemies and constantly threatened, yet there is a peace - shalom - in Israel not found in any other nation.

Gentile Tribulation

The pendulum that swung from the Jews to the Gentiles with the Babylonian captivity about 587 B.C. is now swinging back to God's ancient people and the last shall be first. Jacob has had his trouble and now let us note in the following passages, speaking of this day, that it is the Gentile nations that are to be judged, primarily because of their mistreatment of Israel, causing Jacob's trouble. Keep in mind when reading God's judgment upon "the earth," and "the world," that Israel "shall not be reckoned among the nations." (Num. 23:9).

Continuing in Jeremiah 30:

Vs. 11; "For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee, though I make an end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not

make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure and will not leave thee altogether unpunished." God's people are not without sin, but are objects of His grace. The Almighty did not choose them because of their righteousness but that He might demonstrate His faithfulness to His covenant promises (Deut. 9:4-6).

Vs. 13, 14a; "There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. All thy lovers have forgotten thee." Time and again Israel has had to stand alone against the onslaughts of the whole world. Where were the "Christian nations" and "all her sons that she hath brought forth" (Isa. 51:18) who were presently and pleasantly enjoying all the blessing that have poured forth from Israel? (John 4:22) They were like "dumb idols" instead of speaking out in her behalf (Isa. 51:18-23). Now, a tremendous change is taking place in God's providential movements among the nations. The Almighty is taking the 'cup of trembling' that the Jews have been drinking so long and is putting it into the hands of the Gentile nations (Isa. 51:22-23). Watch divine providences in the earth as the Almighty moves against Israel's enemies and faithless friends, those that have been recipients of her blessings but now have forsaken and condemned her.

The Lord has dealt more harshly and punished Israel more severely in their scattering and wandering than any other nation on earth. Now that He is turning to them again, can it be imagined that He will leave those people and nations un-

punished who have dealt treacherously with Israel, His chosen, and who have neglected and ignored their helpless plight the past 20 centuries and do even today? "I will curse HIM that curseth thee," is a divine decree that indicates **NOT ONE ANTI-SEMITES SHALL ESCAPE** God's judgment.

Vs. 16; "Therefore, all they that devour thee shall be devoured: and all thine adversaries, everyone of them, shall go into captivity (find themselves prisoners, either physically, socially, financially or mentally) and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey" - they shall suffer as Israel has.

Vs. 17; "For I will restore health unto thee and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord: because they called thee an outcast, saying, This is Zion whom no man seeketh after."

Vs. 20; "I will punish ALL that oppress them." These may seem like empty words and idle threats to the unbeliever, but the world will ultimately witness the fulfill-

ment of that which "proceedeth out of the mouth of the Almighty."

Satanic influences would exert every way and means to make Scripture boring and ineffectual for the devil knows the power of it. So carefully consider these passages:

Isaiah

The prince of prophets, Isaiah, writes by divine inspiration in chapter 24:

Vs. 1; "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste and turneth it upside down and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof - deaths through droughts, famines, earthquakes, etc.

Vs. 4; The earth mourneth and fadeth away; the world withereth and fadeth away. The haughty people of the earth do languish." When there is a persistent resistance to the will, the Law and the Word of God, He finally withdraws His Spirit and man's very will to live.

Vs. 5; "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof (pollution of water, soil and atmosphere) because they have transgressed the

Israel's retiring president Shazar accepts the scroll to the forest planted in his name in Jerusalem from the hands of Ya'acov (Jacob) Tsur, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund. The forest lies just north of the city.

Mr. Shazar said he was deeply moved by this gift of trees which symbolized new and eternal life. He hoped the donors' children would live in Israel and sit in the shade of the trees.



laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." By and large, man has rejected God's eternal Word and irrevocable laws. And since the divine Word is unbreakable, man breaks himself over it.

Vs. 6: "Therefore has the curse (transgression) devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned (dried up) and few men left. (Dynamic spiritual life and vitality missing for lack of the water of -God's Word and Spirit)

Vs. 20: "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard (quakes) and shall be removed like a cottage (fears and uncertainty) and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall and not rise again." - with Gentile governments confused and unable to deal with their problems, Gentile political world domination passes from "the times of the Gentiles" to a theocratic government, i.e., "the fulness of Israel" (Luke 21:24; Romans 11:11-25).

Vs. 21: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones. (in high governmental offices) that are on high and the kings of the earth... upon the earth. (Not future heavenly judgment.)

Vs. 23: "... then the Lord of hosts shall reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before his ancients gloriously." (Messianic)

The promise to Abraham, (v'nevrchu v'cha kol mishp'cho haadamah) - "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Exo. 19:6 & Gen. 12:3), will begin

to come into fulfillment in absolute totality.

The princely prophet Isaiah gives us more of the same truth in chapter 60;

Vs. 1: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee (Israel).

Vs. 2: For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people (Gentiles) but the Lord shall arise upon thee and his glory shall be seen upon thee (Israel).

Vs. 3: And the Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Vs. 12: For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted."

Obadiah on Gentile Trib

Obadiah is the shortest book in the Tenach (O.T.) having but one brief chapter of 21 verses.

Chronologically Obadiah was the first writing prophet to use the expression "the day of the Lord." He thought it was necessary to use the phrase, "thus saith the Lord God," only once, which appears at the very beginning of his prophecy.

Obadiah's entire prophecy is "concerning Edom" (verse 1), a progenitor of Israel's enemies, but yet they were related brethren to Israel. The Lord pronounced judgment against Edom because:

Vs. 10: "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee...." When the Chaldeans came down from Babylon to plunder and destroy Israel, Edom - Jacob's 'brother' - not only did not help

him but they stood by and took pleasure in their destruction. They did not have the grace to do it privately, but rather the crass to rejoice openly. "Even thou wast as one of them" instead of coming to their aid and comforting them as their brethren.

Vs. 12: "...neither should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither should you have spoken proudly in the day of distress."

When the city of Jerusalem was broken by the Chaldeans the Edomites went in with them to help Israel's enemies. They knew this was the greatest tragedy that could befall Judah, the destruction of their holy city and their temple of worship, where alone they could meet God. They knew what it was for them to have to leave their homes and possessions, their shops, work and livelihood and flee for their lives, but this brought no sympathy from Edom. Instead they entered in with the Chaldean armies, plundering and looting Judah's homes and possessions.

Vs. 13: "You should not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Yea, you should not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity."

But even this was not enough to satisfy Jacob's envious and spiteful brother, Edom, who turned to become their enemy. When Judah with their wives and children were fleeing the city of Jerusalem for their very lives, then Edom stood at all the crossroads and blocked

their escape and even took them prisoners and turned them over to the Chaldeans.

Vs. 14: "Neither should you have stood in the crossway to cut off those that did escape; neither should you have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress."

The Lord then predicts what is going to happen to these who try to destroy God's people, Judah and Israel, whom God has raised up to bless the nations even as He spoke through Zephaniah, "I will undo all that afflict thee."

Vs. 15: "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done unto thee. Thy reward shall be returned upon thine own head."

Vs. 17: "But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance and there shall be holiness. And the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions"

- all the land that God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with its full blessing.

Vs. 18: "And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau for the Lord hath spoken it."

It appears evident that in that day, Israel will finally have to possess "a cease fire line" running up to Zarephath:

Vs. 20: "...the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites even unto Zarephath...."

Vs. 21: And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the

mount of Esau and the kingdom shall be the Lord's."

Troubles in Joel

Chapter 3 of Joel deals with this same situation as it relates to other nations.

Vs. 1; "In those days and in that time when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, (the present ingathering of the exiles to the land and unification of Jerusalem)

Vs. 2; I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people (The Hebrew word is "v-nish-pa-ti" – same as in Ezk. 38: 22 – 'hold judgment with them there'.) and for my heritage Israel whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land." In fact the U.N. called this the 'Partition Plan' for Palestine.

At present the U.N. is located just above this valley on the "Mount of Evil Counsel," – which is very significant – traditionally the sight where Judah betrayed Jesus and where King Solomon housed his pagan wives.

Vs. 3; "And they (U.N. nations) have cast lots for my people" As Israel was finally being gathered to their homeland haven, after wandering among the nations for 2,000 years and having been driven from one land to another – persecuted, hounded, massacred and tortured, the Israeli leaders sat as prisoners in a stockade waiting sentence, to hear the U.N. casting lots as to whether or not the world would let them have so much as a tiny part of that land given to them by the Lord

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

Therefore, the Lord declares, "I will gather all nations . . . hold judgment against them" (as the nations did against Israel). Hence, we read:

Vs. 9; "Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong." None will be dismissed from the armies because of physical disabilities as has been the case through the years.

Vs. 11; "Assemble yourselves and come all ye nations . . ."

Vs. 12; "Let the nations be wakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the nations from every side." (Read Matt. 25:31-46 enacted here.) Christ will judge all nations on the premise, good or bad; "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (Jews), ye have done it unto me."

Vs. 16; "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."

The Scriptures are unmistakably clear that Israel's ingathering is evidence of blessing upon Israel and tribulations upon her enemies.

God singles out Egypt as the 'mother' of Israel's enemies (and a type of 'the world' at large) – incidentally, to which the other Arab nations look for direction and guidance:

Vs. 19; "Egypt shall be a desolation and Edom (intermarried Arabs from Esau, just southeast of Israel)

shall be a desolate wilderness for the violence against the children of Judah because they (Egypt-Edom) have shed innocent blood in their (Israel's) land.

Vs. 20; "But Judah shall dwell forever and Jerusalem from generation to generation." Who will dare call God a liar?

Vs. 21; "For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion." The Lord knows Israel's shortcomings and sin and needs no one to inform Him of them. Israel has some shysters just like the Gentiles, but God has chosen to show His abundant grace in His people.

It is interesting to note that the third time Joel makes reference to "the day of the Lord," he is speaking of a physical deliverance (not as most have interpreted the Apostle Peter to be speaking on eternal salvation in his day of Pentecost sermon – Acts 2:21). The Joel passage reads:

Vs. 32; "And it shall come to pass

Uzi Narkis, Director-General of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department.

Speaking of immigration today of Jews to Israel from all nations, Mr. Narkis said, "Of course; it is very like the Exodus from Egypt, Moses inducing Pharaoh to let the Jews go. But we must remember the lines we say on the Passover; every Jew must see himself as if he too were a slave in Egypt. So it is today with the Jews and the Jewish communities everywhere. Unless every one of us feels personally involved in the struggle of the Russian Jews, I do not know if they can carry on without us. It is not enough that the government and the Jewish Agency and other official bodies are involved; all Jews must be."

that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered ("escape" in Hebrew) for in Mount Zion ("mountain" – a symbol of a kingdom in prophecy) and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, and (also) among the remnant (ingathering to Israel) whom the Lord calleth."

God Speaks Through Zephaniah

The Almighty through the Prophet Zephaniah reveals this same congruous plan of judging the nations and blessing His people at this end time – in chapter 3:

Vs. 8; "Therefore, wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey! for my determination is to gather THE NATIONS, that I may assemble THE KINGDOMS, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy." (The remaining verses indicate God's great blessing on Israel – We will deal with this later.)

These passages clearly set forth



the real "great tribulation" to be upon "all the nations whither I have scattered thee" and "They that devour thee . . . all thy adversaries, everyone of them . . . they that spoil thee and prey upon thee."

Returning to Jeremiah 31:

Vs. 1; "At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of ALL THE FAMILIES OF ISRAEL, and they shall be my people. . .

Vs. 3; Yes, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."

Vs. 10; "He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him as a shepherd does his flock." We live in an area in Israel where we have ample opportunity to observe the vast difference between a true shepherd who by his voice and flute guide his sheep and the hired hireling who throws stones at them.

Biblical Examples - Babylon

The mighty and magnificent Babylonian Empire was destroyed by the Almighty because of their

savage treatment of His people, Israel. The Lord God declared, "Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it" (Isa. 13:17). The Medes could not be bribed to give up their war against Babylon as many nations had been (Biblical example: 11 Kings 12:17,18) - for the following Scripture must be fulfilled:

"And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses and the dragons in their pleasant palaces:

for her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged" (Isa. 13:19-22).

This passage has been in the state of fulfillment from that day (713 B.C.) to this. It has been an uninhabitable barren land, a wild zoo. Iraq has spoken of the possibility of rebuilding Babylon and it will be interesting to follow this attempt. The time period and some interesting details of the fateful night of the downfall of Babylon is recorded in Daniel 5.

Haman

A careful reading of the book of Esther is an excellent and profitable investment of precious time. It tells of some historic upheavals that took place in the kingdom of Persia about 520 to 510 B.C. and the rise and one cause of anti-Semitism, and its resultant divine judgment and miraculous deliverance of His people from sure death and national extinction. Though the name of God is not once mentioned in the book of Esther, yet in no other writing is

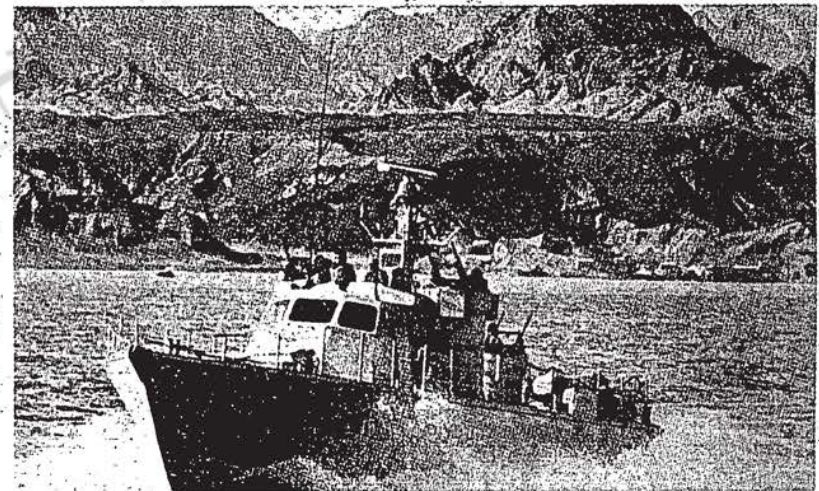
the providence of God more evident.

Prime Minister Haman, the arch-anti-Semite, engineered an attempted plot to kill all Jews, even having the king's seal on the death warrants, making the decree unchangeable and who came within hours of executing Mordecai on the gallows Haman had built. BUT GOD had a courageous woman who had "come to the kingdom for such an hour as this," at one of the most crucial periods in Jewish history. Showing magnificent personal self-sacrifice, Queen Esther was willing to lay down her life for her people, saying, "If I perish, I perish." Read the thrilling account and daring exploits of this very beautiful, yet wise and humble queen and how Haman, himself, was hanged on the gallows he made for Mordecai. The day of mourning for the Jews became a time of celebration and rejoicing. It was ordained that these two days should be kept annually each spring throughout every generation, and to be known as the days of Purim, a memorial of this victory. Purim is kept until this

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This is a scene we often witness here in Israel. We are reminded that King David was formerly a shepherd before God called him to be the shepherd of His flock Israel. May we who have been called to be undershepherds be faithful to our charge.



The Israel Navy's "Dabur" class patrol boat guards Israel's shoreline.



Japanese Christians of the Makoya sect praying for Israel at the Western Wall. This Christian group are real lovers of Israel and believing in the prophetic ingathering of Israel to bless the nations.



View of the new Ramot Eschol apartments being built for immigrants pouring into Israel. In the distance above right is the new French Hill addition, many of which have already been occupied.



Israeli youth dancing, praying and praising the Lord at the wall. This must be witnessed in order to fully appreciate the genuine spiritual fever that emanates unto the Lord.



A close up view of more apartments being built in the Ramot Eschol section. Landscaping will further beautify the area.

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day and is the happiest and noisiest of all Jewish celebrations, especially for the children.

Can anyone possibly imagine the terrible humiliating and complete raw embarrassment this chief of all anti-Semites of his day experienced? Haman's world problem was that Mordecai would not bow to him. Haman unwittingly pronounced his own judgment and had to lead Mordecai through the streets of the capital city on the king's horse, in the king's apparel and wearing the king's crown — calling to the people to "bow" to his No. 1 arch-enemy. After the parade Haman in his awful embarrassment, covered his face and head, was too sick to eat, and ran home to tell his wife of the catastrophe. She spoke the famous prophetic lines, "If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him." — Read the whole story.

Enemies Rise and Fall

King Cyrus, King of Persia, chosen of God to be a real friend of Israel, promoted the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the walls and the Temple. However, the Medo-Persian Empire finally disintegrated and turned against Israel, as indicated by "the prince of Persia" — Satan — who resisted Daniel and withstood his prayers twenty-one days. It was then ordained of God for the Prince of Greece (Alexander the Great) to overcome the Prince of Persia in judgment (Dan. 10:20).

Eventually, there came disintegration of the Grecian Empire and Antiochus Epiphanes arose as one of Israel's worst enemies and show-

ing his contempt, offered swine upon the altar of God in the Temple which ultimately led to the courageous Maccabean revolt and victory.

Rome then arose and having entrenched herself in the Holy Land at the time of Christ, showed her ruthless cruelty in killing all male Jewish children under two years in Bethlehem and environs at Christ's birth and the full weight of her iron fist in 70 A.D. in her rape of Jerusalem and the land of Israel. She also came under the hand of God's judgment and fell into ignominious decay and the dust of eternal shame and contempt.

Judgments — Blessings

At the judgment of the nations when the Redeemer shall separate the sheep (nations) from the goats, He will judge them on the premise, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Read Matt. 25:31-46.)

It is evident from this passage that at the coming of the Messiah there will be some "sheep nations" which have stood by and helped Israel in the times of her trouble, persecutions and her wandering. Surely the United States of America will be among these, if not the leader among them. We believe that the Scripture passage in Revelation 12 referring to Israel being given two wings of a great eagle as a place of refuge (Rev. 12:14) during the time of this last "tribulation" just prior to Messiah's appearance, could refer to America.

Contrariwise, since the tribulation will be felt more among the "goat nations", the enemies of

Israel, as we have seen, so the Jewish people living in those nations will no doubt come under terrible persecution and distress — from satanic forces knowing their time is short and will vent their wrath upon "the woman who brought forth the manchild" — Christ, who is to 'shepherd' all nations with an "iron staff." (A personal warning should be sounded for such to flee unto Israel, the former wilderness known as Palestine but which is again now in a special way under the shadow of the wings of the Almighty and reflected also through the help God is giving through the American Eagle. (It is significant that Jews fleeing from the roaring Russian bear come to rest under the wings of the eagle — symbol of the Almighty's sovereign care.)

In the following passages note again how these judgments and tribulations are prophesied upon the Gentiles and the blessings upon Israel.

Isaiah 34:1; "Come near, ye nations (goyim) to hear and hearken, ye

people: let the earth hear and all that is therein: the world and all things that come forth of it.

Vs. 2; "For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations (goyim) and his fury upon all their armies....

Vs. 8; For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion." It is clear from this passage that the Lord has a score to settle with the nations. God raised up Israel to bless the nations in many various fields, not only in immense spiritual blessing — past, present and future — but now also since her ingathering, hundreds of emissaries, technicians, experts with all their know-how have gone into over 70 nations. Some are now ejecting her with the treatment of an enemy. Most of the so-called Christian nations are weak, fair-weather friends. The key phrase of the above verse is "the controversy of Zion," — God's vengeance upon them for returning curse for Israel's blessing.

The great consummation is given

Ein Gedi Water Falls.

This is a spot that King David frequently visited where he took refuge also from his enemies. It is a blessed Oasis in the midst of a very arid area. However, Israel is now building hotels near by the Dead Sea to become a winter resort.



in Zechariah 12:2,3; "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it."

Jerusalem and Israel are the U.N.'s most "burdensome stone." More sessions of the Security Council and the General Assembly were called in this regard than any other. Vs. 4b; "...and I will open mine eyes (light and blessing) upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people (Gentiles) with blindness. ... (Their forward progress beset by dark confusing problems for which they find no solutions.)"

Vs. 6; In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: (Wasn't this at least partially fulfilled in the Six Day War?) and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. (By God-given rightful guardians and administrators as the following verses reveal)

Vs. 8,9; In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble (the weakest) among them at that day shall be as David (when he slew Goliath with a small stone); and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. (God will be working His will through them.) And

it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." Let all nations be advised!

Isaiah 60:14; "The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel." This is literally being fulfilled as young German youth come to work on Israel's kibbutzim - at Nes-Ammim, in Aktion Sühnezeichen, the Haus Pax Center, in Jerusalem, etc.

Jeremiah 12:10; "And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

The Hebrew word in this passage for "look" is "nabat" which means "to have respect unto." It is not to see with the physical eyes (as the word Abram used speaking to Sarah when he said the Egyptians would see she was "a fair woman to look - morah - upon"). Therefore, Zechariah 12:10 does not have to wait for Messiah's actual physical return for fulfillment. Israel, as the anointed priest nation will 'look upon' - "have respect unto" - the glorious Messiah (Christ) and after a period of mourning, as an anointed priest will lead the world unto a knowledge of the one true Redeemer and Lord.

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The Unalterable Element in The Mid-East Conflict

Observations from Jerusalem

The following article may appear at the outset to be "out in left field," as to fulfillment in our time. However, there are indications of tremendous acceleration of prophetic events that will suddenly jet-propel Israel into her divinely appointed world role. We fear for any who set themselves against these eternal purposes of the Almighty.

Let us go from the sublime to the ridiculous to illustrate the foolishness of seeking to circumvent divine providences: The farmer seeing the bull on the railroad track with his head and horns down, heading ferociously toward the oncoming speeding locomotive, commented, "I really admire his pluck, but I don't think much of his judgment." So must even the best admirers of Israel's enemies conclude if they are knowledgeable concerning God's plan for Israel in blessing the nations.

How God Judges Nations

According to the Scriptures (Luke 21:24), the convulsions of the Six Day War technically ushered the world from "the times of the Gentiles" into the beginning of "the fullness of Israel." If we had perfect prophetic Biblical hind-and-foresight, we could interpret most contemporary world events and understand how they directly or indirectly relate to Israel and Jerusalem which is destined to become the spiritual and educational center of the world; "The law shall go forth from Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:12).

More sessions of the U.N. Security Council and General Assembly are called regarding Jerusalem and Israel than on any other matter, and this will increase more and more according to Zechariah 12:1-3, "I (the eternal) will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people (the U.N.); all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces though all the people of the earth be gathered against it."

Though a child can relate his punishment by his parents to his disobedience, yet 'Christian' nations cannot relate God's judgments to their total disregard of the Almighty's decrees, especially in this day regarding Israel, of whom He said, "In thee shall all the nations of the world be blessed" (Gen. 12:3); "Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests" (Exo. 19:6); "a light to the Gentiles" (Isa. 42:6); and again as Jesus declared "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22); and therefore to protect this instrument of world redemption, the Most High set His seal, "I will curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3).

When Great Britain was the world's greatest empire, Queen Victoria

said of the Holy Scriptures. "That Book accounts for the supremacy of England." But today England's government appears to be blind to the words and warnings in that Book and the providential chastening that comes by disregarding them.

Britian did well to write up the Balfour Declaration after World War I making Palestine available once more to the Jewish people as their national homeland — after the Jewish professor, Dr. Chaim Weizmann had saved the Allies from defeat; when they had run out of acetone, an ingredient necessary to explosives, he discovered in his laboratory he could produce it from grains. He turned down offers of great financial reward and asked that after an Allied victory of the war, Palestine be returned as Israel's national homeland.

Policy Reversal

However, prior to World War II, England drew up the White Paper which practically cut off and made illegal Jewish immigration into Palestine. While Jews were being tortured, gassed, slaughtered and cremated in Hitler's death camps, Jewish organizations were trying to purchase old disgarded ships, having to use many that were unseaworthy in order to rescue as many of God's people as possible from the jaws of 'wild beasts' (as wicked nations are called in the Scriptures) and bring them to the land of Israel. But the British navy constantly guarded the shoreline of God's Land against immigration of God's people, not allowing them to enter their national homeland. If they leaped into the water to make an attempt to reach their desired haven, they were machinegunned to death, the vessels were turned back to Germany and the weary-sick wanderers were again put into concentration camps. Other vessels sank and hundreds left to drown without mercy. Still others were taken to Cyprus and put into concentration camps there, etc. One can mark the beginning of the disintegration of the mighty (and formerly 'justly proud') British Empire from that time. Does England relate this downfall to this awful doublecross of Christ's brethren?

When God's Axe Falls

It was in 1947 that things really came to a head in England; there came the shortage of manpower, the pressure on inadequate supplies of raw materials, especially coal and wheat, receiving less than half of her wheat requirements. Factories closed for lack of fuel and unemployment rose drastically.

Then the elements struck their body blow at Britian's reeling economy. On February 2nd, the sun was seen over the British Isles for the last time for four weeks. February 3rd the Austin Motor Works and many others closed down; unemployment continued to increase; potatoes disappeared from the shops. February 4th, the Cadbury Chocolate Works stopped work because of the lack of fuel. On February 6th, a blinding blizzard of snow isolated parts of northern England from the rest of the

country. It was announced that food and milk supplies were in danger, and by the 7th coal stocks were declared to be "critically short." Severe cuts in the supply of electricity were imposed over the whole of southern England.

Three days later both Jews and Arabs informed the British Foreign Secretary that his "final" proposals were unacceptable to them. It was the end of negotiations with England. But against the background of the howling tempest that seemed to force the country almost to its knees, the implications of this rejection were not immediately apparent. There was no electricity in Britian that day, except for emergency use. Heat and light were cut to zero; electric trains were running skeleton services; low food supplies were jeopardised; industry was practically at a standstill. London worked by candlelight as the Cabinet met to face the imperial consequences of its domestic breakdown. Even without the immediate catastrophe of the weather, the crisis was both vast and grave. Similar problems continue to dog England's heels (as they do even today with her present attitude to Israel who gave her the Book responsible for her former greatness). It was at that time that the final breaking up of the British Empire came, and also — not by happenstance — the rebirth of the nation and State of Israel.

The state church of England appears to honor Christ and "rejoice in His salvation," but we wonder how acceptable their worship is to God and if their prayers are answered, when Christ Himself said He would judge the nations on the premise, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). At this writing England again has cast her vote against Israel in the United Nations and appears to be lining up with Israel's enemies. Still in her spiritual blindness she does not relate all her internal troubles to her obstinance against Israel.

"Somebody Do Something"

When terrorists made a sneak attack, like rats coming out of their holes at night, and in cold blood machinegunned down innocent men, women and children at Israel's Lod Airport, the world threw up its arms in horror and said, "Something should be done to stop such horrible massacres."

At Munich when Israel's top outstanding young sportsmen and athletes, bound hand and foot and blindfolded, were murdered mercilessly by terrorists, again the world stood aghast, completely stupified by this horrible and loathsome crime and cried, "Why isn't something done to stop these killers?"

The terrorists struck again, invading a happy party gathering at Khartoum, Sudan — this time murdering clean-cut, upstanding, honorable diplomats, after "generously" giving them thirty minutes to write notes to their loved ones. The victims were our own U.S. Ambassador and his

deputy and a diplomat from Belgium? The terrorists, believing the latter to be a Jew, heartlessly kicked him and tortured him unmercifully all the more, completely ignorant of the fact that he was a fellow-Arab from Egypt where his body was taken and buried. Again, the world rose up in righteous indignation and disgust and cried, "Why can't something be done about these murderers?"

Roaring Out of Zion!

Israel had warned the terrorists again and again that they would track them down and find them wherever they were. However, when Israel made the historic, daring surprise, storybook-like raid into Lebanon to execute judgment for the terrorists' crimes, the world then in general lifted its voice against Israel and virtually declared she had no right to defend herself against these who had vowed to destroy her.

And England, still having not learned her lesson, also voted to condemn Israel for this raid. And France voiced the strongest protest, using a trick word indicating Israel's protective raids were more to be condemned than the terrorists' killings because they were "official," saying in essence "killing in cold blood is more acceptable if it is not 'official'." The French Government and other such cohort nations condemn Israel for 'officially' executing criminals while condoning the criminals and thereby their murderous deeds. How twisted rulers' minds become when they consult their prejudices instead of the righteous law and Word of God. But the nations will find that none of these protests will deter Israel from guarding her 2,000 year wander-weary people. "The Lord will (continue to) **roar out of Zion**" against would-be destroyers.

Cod's Long Arm

Was it only a happenstance that after West Germany allegedly by a foregone plan and without a moment's hesitation, freed the remaining terrorists who had admittedly slaughtered Israel's sportsmen at Munich, that only in a matter of days a plane carrying over 150 Germans from Munich crashed and all perished? Some may say, "But they were all innocent people." And so were those at Lod Airport, at Munich and at Khartoum. But was this planeload innocent? Had any of them really raised a voice against those who sought to destroy God's people? Is the Church innocent today who sits back and makes no protest to Israel's enemies who vow to destroy her?

The downing of the Libyan airliner must also be taken in the light of God's sovereignty. Libya is the chief financier, doling out millions of dollars to the terrorists. It was Libya that gave a heroes' welcome to the Munich killers so gladly released by West Germany.

The recovering Libyan co-pilot, released recently from the hospital here in Israel, had this to say: "It was a terrible mistake that caused the tragedy — the mistake of our captain, the man responsible for the aircraft. I know the Israeli pilots (who downed the Libyan plane) were correct and

Yunis el-Mehdi, injured Libyan co-pilot of the airliner shot down by Israeli Phantoms over Sinai. He is speaking to newsmen in Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem just before leaving Israel. He said, "One thing sure — I'm never flying over Egypt again. I just don't trust their air traffic control. They're unreliable." He said, in fact, he didn't think he would fly any more. "I want to open a little store or something."

The co-pilot's Grecian wife flew to Israel from Libya immediately on learning of the air crash. The couple is now in Greece for a year of convalescence.

(See previous page and below for more of the co-pilot's words.)



(Rahamim Yisraeli)

did not start shooting until after they had warned us. I also know that, if a strange aircraft penetrated the airspace of my country, it would also be shot down."

"I will say nothing against my benefactors in Israel. It is because of them that I am alive today. When I return to Libya — but it won't be for at least a year — I will tell the truth as I have told it here. I hope they won't force me to tell lies."

(The Jerusalem Post)

God's Promise to Ishmael

As we have noted in previous articles in the BLI magazine, God has made and kept fully certain promises to Abraham concerning his son, Ishmael and his descendants.

However, the sad enigma is that Israel's half-brother, the Arabs, as in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24), instead of rejoicing at their half-brother's home-coming, the elder son who has been blessed of God with so much land area and made wealthy with an abundance of oil (producing 80% of all Europe's energy fuel) calls for the death of his brother. A time Magazine article stated that "Arabs are gaining world financial power," yet they are envious of the little plot of ground given their half brother by the Almighty.

The story will end in a blessed reunion of the half brothers, Ishmael and Isaac, — Arabs and Jews. Arabs will then understand that Israel was their best friend and benefactor all the while:

"In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and

the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians:

In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:

Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance" (Isaiah 19:23-25).

Light Vs. Darkness

But this is not a mere battle between Jews and Arabs. There are some Arabs who know and stand for the truth with Israel and there are a few Jews who have turned against Israel and stand with her enemies. But this warfare is not merely one between nations, but "the sons of light against the sons of darkness," as the modern Jerusalem prophet, Haim Shvili, has declared. It is not mere happenstance that it is the anti-God, anti-Christ nations that are the bitterest enemies of Israel. Our righteous indignation and anger should not be directed against nations as people or individuals, but rather the evil Satanic systems that have blinded men to truth and righteousness and have taken control of some governments.

Anyone who really knows the Jewish people, knows that by and large they are honorable and peace-loving and seek to be a blessing in the world, knowing this was the Almighty's commission to them.

Star of Hope

It can really be said of the world that "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint from the soul of the feet even unto the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores." The one genuine bright ray of hope is the ingathering of the tribes of



One of Israel's first buses and its armored descendant of 1948.

Israel to the homeland in preparing for the coming of Messiah and the Messianic Age.

At Messiah's coming when Christ shall reveal Himself to His brethren (who are not to be "reckoned among the nations - Num. 23:9) He will judge the nations from the premise of their treatment of His brethren. (Read Matt. 25:31-46). It shall be revealed that this true Christ of God (not the Christ twisted into a weapon by Israel's enemies) is the revelation of the Lord God Himself when He shall "go forth and fight against those nations (Israel's enemies) 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...and the Lord shall be king over all the earth and in that day there shall be one Lord and his name one."

A Closing Word

It is awesome to contemplate the responsibility that lies upon us if we know these truths but do not act upon them. When God gives light from His Word, He attaches a corresponding responsibility to walk in that light. Many times God puts us to the test to see if we will fear Him above any friend or foe - and Satan does use clever means to turn us away from absolute obedience to our Lord.

After the Almighty gave the Law on Mt. Sinai, the people trembled and quaked with fear. Moses said, "Fear not, for God is come to prove you and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not" (Exo. 28:20). The Book of Hebrews records, "And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake... See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much



The Dan Bus Company's trial articulated bus. The bus is made up of two parts, Hans Johansson, the field service engineer of Volvo, said the first part of the articulated bus has a shorter wheelbase than standard Israeli buses, enabling it to take corners more easily. It's turbo-charged diesel engine emits very little exhaust. The engine is also much quieter and longer-wearing.

more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven

The Lord also tests our metal in various ways as to our obedience to His Word. Many times we are called upon to make decisions: will we yield to the lion's roar of the enemy, or the still small voice of His Spirit and Word? Sometimes the Lord allows us to be brought into situations in which He proves our sincerity as to whether our own physical comfort and securing ourselves financially comes before simply trusting the Lord for our physical needs, according to such promises as, "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Prov. 3:9,10). "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

Men measure temporal success by what they save. God measures eternal success by what we give. It's not always how the race is going now that counts but who wins the grand prize. It's not always how the battle is going at the present, but who wins the conflict. We are always assured of victory when we are obedient to the Captain of our salvation.

In the following most serious of all conflicts that we reverently call, "The Game of Life":

Ancient Egypt	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Amalekites	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Haman	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Assyria	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Babylon	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Medo Persia	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Grecian Empire	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Roman Empire	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Eight Crusades	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Spanish		
Inquistors	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)

World War I:		
Germany	Versus	Allies
(con)		(pro)
(lost)		(won)
World War II;		
Nazis	Versus	W. Allies
		(pro)
(lost)		(won)
Battle of Indep.		
Arabs	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Battle of Sinai:		
Egypt	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
Six Day War:		
Arabs	Versus	Israel
(lost)		(won)
World War III:		
Russia	Versus	Israel
(?)		(?)

The captain of the team has a lot to do with the game's outcome. Joshua met the Highest Captain when he first entered Canaan, who answered his query as to his identity: "I am captain of the hosts of the Lord. Loose the shoes from thy feet — the place where you stand is holy" (Josh. 5:13-15). This was God manifest, who declared to Israel as nation blessers, "I am for you" (Ezk. 36:9), and to her enemies, "I am against you" (Ezk. 38:3). This determines the outcome.

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It is this anointing of the Spirit of God which has given every true Christian to see, not the mere man, Jesus the Carpenter, but "God in Christ (the world's sacrifice) reconciling the world unto himself" which will cause the nation of Israel (not individual Jews converting to our Christian denominationalism) to rise to their original calling as "a kingdom of priests" to the nations. This Spirit's anointing will fulfill Ezekiel's prophesy, making them an exceeding great spiritual army bring-

ing overwhelming moral and spiritual victory over the evil and down-dragging satanic anti-God forces in the world, dispelling the present darkness by the knowledge of the light of God and His Word. This will usher in the Messianic Age, an unprecedented period of peace, prosperity and joy such as the world has never known, under the reign of the glorious Messiah and sin-atonement Redeemer. Amen.

E.A.J.

Destiny

By Ione Woolpert Lyall

The sun sank low in the cloudbank
At the western rim of the sea.
I left your shores, O Israel,
With a pain in the heart of me;
Pain for your brave ones of every age,
Mothers whose sons went forth
To one battlefield or another, —
East, west, south or north;
Fronts of danger by day or night
Where spewed the bullets of hate, —
Tanks, guns, and always men
Hiding in hills, lying in wait
For death. — To give or receive — —
According to their destiny,
Fathers gave of their life blood
Which coursed thru the veins of their sons;
Children scarce born; and the small ones
Playing at war with toy guns;
Wives, struggling with misgiving,
Sent full sacrifice of the living,
Yet, with what pride in the giving!
Youth, — — teeming with youth — —
The boys and the girls of yesterday — —
Today grown into uniform, saying,
"Even for such a time as this was I born!"

From the land that night came your songs.
I left your shores in the sunset glow, —
Haifa with lights on the mountain slopes
And I said, thru my pain, — "Tho' I go,
Surely here a part of my heart belongs!"

God of Ages, born and unborn,
God of the covenants with
Your chosen ones,
For their sake — —
Remember Israel, we pray
And bring them into the Bright New Day!

(Ed. — This poem by our treasured friend expresses some of our thoughts and emotions as we leave Israel for a period of ministering in the States.)



Mrs. Ione Lyall

MESSIAH

By S. Y. Agnon

If you want to know the penalty for talking during the synagogue service, listen to what happened in our town.

Once, a Brit Mila (circumcision ceremony) came up in our town. And it was still the practice to circumcise in the synagogue. Old Prophet Elijah, whom the Blessed Holy One had told: "By your life, the Jews aren't making any circumcisions unless you're there to see it with your own eyes," hurried to show up.

It so happened that they were late in bringing the baby. In order that the people shouldn't fall to talking in the synagogue, they recited the "Thirteen I Believes" before the "Alenu," unlike ordinary days, when they say the "I Believes" after "Alenu."

Just as Elijah was entering the synagogue, they were up to "I believe in the coming of the Messiah." In a pitch of exaltation the entire congregation said as one man "and even if he tarru I will await his coming every day."

Old Prophet Elijah saw this and said, "I will go and tell our True Messiah."

After the circumcision Elijah took four swoops and was with our True Messiah at the gates of Rome, where he sits fettered in iron chains bandaging and unbandaging his sores.

Elijah said to Messiah, "Our True Messiah, if you could only see how the community of Buczacz is waiting for you and looking forward to you, you would throw off those chains and hurry to redeem them." The Messiah heard this and said, "I will go and see for myself." He covered his sores with his chains and covered his chains with his tatters and set out for our town.

On the way, he happened into a certain place when it was time for the Minha Afternoon Service. He went into one of the synagogues to pray.

He found the cantor repeating the service aloud. Our True Messiah wanted to hear where the cantor was, but he was unable to hear because of the people who talk at prayer. Our True Messiah rattled his chains in anguish. But the sound of the chains could not be heard because of the conversation of those who talk during services.

Our True Messiah turned his face from them and from that synagogue and from that town and returned to the gates of Rome.

And he is still sitting fettered in iron chains bandaging and unbandaging his sores. And we sit with our sores waiting for him to come.

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S.Y. Agnon, beloved Jerusalem author and winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, died February 17, 1970.

JESUS' RELATIVES IN JERUSALEM

A couple from Jerusalem were travelling in Austria and at one point took a room in a village. The landlady was much impressed when she heard they came from Jerusalem. She hung around for a bit and then asked shyly whether there was still any part of the family of Jesus living there, or any relatives. The husband said, "Well, we, for instance." The old lady looked rather shocked and argued, "But aren't you Jews?" -- "Yes, and so was Jesus."

When she brought their breakfast the next day the landlady said, "It's true about Jesus. He was really a Jew. I asked my priest. I would never have believed such a thing if he hadn't told me." (...when the Church takes precedence over Scriptures - Ed.)

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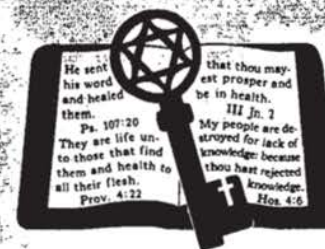
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RABBINATE WOULD BAR JEWISH CHILDREN
FROM BAPTIST-MAINTAINED CAMPS

By Religious News Service (6-5-72)

JERUSALEM (RNS) -- The Chief Rabbinate of Israel has urged the Ministry of Education and Culture to bar Jewish children from Summer camps maintained by the Baptist Village in the Plain of Sharon.

The camps have been decried by Orthodox Jewish circles as "missionary" units and a threat to the Jewish faith.

It is unlikely that the ministry will intervene in the matter, however, because the children who attend the camps do so, not as students of Jewish schools, but on the personal responsibility of individual parents.

Baptist Village, an agricultural and vocational school, is a project of the Baptist Convention of Israel, which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in the U.S.

Because of a growing decline in its student enrollment -- mainly Arab Muslims from surrounding villages -- the school plans to close down at the end of the current academic year. The Village will then serve principally as a center of retreat and recreation for local Baptists and tourists from abroad.

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LWF AGENCY AIDING
BURUNDI REFUGEES

By Religious News Service (6-5-72)

GENEVA (RNS) -- Refugees from Burundi who have fled to neighboring Tanzania are being supplied with food, clothing, and shelter by the Lutheran World Federation's Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service.

According to a report from Brian Helder, the service's director in Dar-es-Salaam, some 11,000 refugees, as of May 10, had fled into Tanzania after an abortive coup d'etat in late April that caused large-scale violence in Burundi. Since then, he said, the influx has eased.

Dr. Bruno Muetzelfeldt, director of the LWF Department of World Service, praised the Tanzanian government for "its generous policy of asylum" and for "effectively dealing with registration and vaccination procedures and immediate assistance to the refugees."

Thousands of refugees have been given blankets, milk powder, children's clothing, and tents. In addition, funds have been supplied for the purchase of such items as salt, soap and supplementary foods.

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Their talents: 'Something must have happened in America's ghettos to spring new gifts . . .'

BY GAY PAULEY

Part 3

THE UNITED STATES was involved in World War I and immigrants and sons of immigrants, including 250,000 Jews, won more than 1,000 awards for a gallantry and valor, including a Medal of Honor to Sgt. William Sawleson, killed when he went to the rescue of a wounded comrade.

After the war came America's Great Depression and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the patrician gentile from Hyde Park, N.Y., called many Jews into his administration in the recovery years prior to World War II.

Henry Morgenthau was his Secretary of the Treasury; David Lilienthal, head of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Helping to safeguard liberty and the law: Justices Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter, Louis Brandeis, and, later, Arthur Goldberg.

The depression and World War II gave the nation the need for laughter; many Jews gave them the material. New York's lower East Side ghettos provided the fountainhead for comics, singers, dancers — Al Jolson, George Jessel, Eddie Cantor, Sophie Tucker, Fanny Brice, Ben Blue, George Burns, George Sidney, Milton Berle, Ted Lewis, the Marx Brothers and Benny Field. And then there was Jack Benny, from Waukegan, Ill.

Irving Howe, trying to analyze this explosion of popular talent among the immigrant Jews in his powerful book, "World of Our Fathers" (Harcourt Brace and Jovanovich), observed that "the immediate Yiddish past offered some models — the jester, the fiddler — but while providing sources of material these figures were not nearly so consequential in Old Country Jewish life as the entertainers were to become in America.

"Something must have happened in the American ghettos to spring new gifts or release old ones," he writes.

Howe cites many instances of humor built on the Jewish motif, but another routine — done by Smith and Dale — built more on Jewish inflection than Yiddish accent.

One sample:

Smith: "I would like to read you the Cash of the Light Brigade."

Dale: "Charge, charge!"

Smith: "Okay, I'll give you credit."

The Jews produced uncounted novelists and poets, giving new meaning to the age-old description that they were scholars — "people of the book."

Writing for the theater and film were Moss Hart, Edna Ferber, George S. Kaufman, Clifford Odets, Lillian Hellman and Arthur Miller.

Filling America's songbook were the likes of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Paul Simon, Bob Dylan. Thrilling concertgoers: Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein composing and conducting; Jascha Heifetz, Isaac Stern, Jan Peerce, Beverly Sills, Vladimir Horowitz and Artur Schnabel, among these performing.

The Jews made their names for leadership and creativity in so many areas that to list some names and not list others is hardly fair.

But to mention many we must include some in publishing — Adolph Ochs, the New York Times; Eugene Meyer, the Washington Post; S. I. Newhouse, founder of a communications chain; Joseph Pulitzer, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, setting standards for excellence in journalism.

Albert Michelson, head of the physics department of the University of Chicago, conducted experiments with light to win him America's first Nobel Prize in science. Ultimately, there were more than 30 Nobel winners pioneering in science and medicine including Isador Rabi, who helped to harness the power of the atom, and Selman Waksman, for his work in antibiotics.

Joseph Goldberger was credited with discovery of the cause of pellagra and Jonas Salk led the experiments on the vaccine that would whip polio.

Adding their muscle to American sports were Hank Greenberg, in baseball's Hall of Fame, Benny Friedman in football's Hall of Fame, basketball's Nat Holman and Red Auerbach, and Olympic champions Herb Jaffee and Mark Spitz.

Their past is luminous in contributions to America and the world. What of the future? Will there once and for all be an end to prejudice? Will the Jews be able to maintain their religious identity? What of the future of "Jewishness"?

The factors worry the Jewish community and the answers may never be complete. But listen to what some of its leaders say of the future.

"The Jews are an endangered species," said historian Hertzberg. "Numerically we're barely repopulating. We're part of the American urban pattern — more education, fewer children, liberation and women who don't want to spend time at home.

"After 20 centuries, we know our money can be taken, but our training cannot be. In the first 500 years of America, the Jews were helping to create a climate of freedom. In the next 100 years we will have to find how to live in an open society and still be ourselves — Jewish. I'm not worried about our culture (living on). We're all over the place.

"Jews of this century will never forget that just being born a Jew in Europe was a capital crime. I maintain that the United States has the freest society in the

world, the only one where a minority can live at its freest."

Of prejudice, Benjamin R. Epstein, national director, the Antidefamation League of B'nai B'rith, says that "our goal is to put ourselves out of business. But I don't see it now. New problems arise every day, although our credo is, 'prejudice is the child of ignorance.' One of the worst things you can say to a Jew is, 'Some of my best friends are Jews.'

"Epstein is coauthor with Arnold Forster, attorney, of several books on antisemitism including "Some of My Best Friends."

Epstein doubted that new generations would be absorbed into a WASPish society — "The thing that has made us unique is the kind of stubbornness about religion and our convictions."

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, thought the future of America — and of all regions — lay in the ecumenical movement.

"Never before has there been such a network, a national switchboard for issues and common problems," he said. "It is the first time when religious differences have not been settled by warfare. The ecumenical, he said, is "one of the girders on which national unity has been built. We've learned to look on differences, not as a threat, but as a source of enrichment."

It's amazing how religion is used as a club (in other parts of the world)," said Tannenbaum. "It is unique in the world today what America has to offer. We cannot afford hatred on the part of any religious group. Jews and Christians believe in the sanctity of the human life. We need to get it all together before things run away from us. We need dialogue to overcome the false stereotypes with which we've looked at each other. A lot of hatred has been taught in the past."

The Antidefamation League summed up the history of Jews in America this way:

"Three hundred years is only a week-end in the life of a river, less than a wink of the eye to a star. But for the 6.5 million Jews in America, it was time enough to engrave their signature on a nation."

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