## Preserving American Jewish History

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Box 16, Folder 19, Evangelical extremism, 1976.

Copy to others -

Dear Jewish Friends in Jerusalem:

GOD is magnificent: HE has confirmed the "666" of Rev. 13:16-17-18 with earthquake in Guatemala. Newspaper of Feb. "6" stated with headlines, "Quake Toll Climbs to 6,000." Although this 6,000 will change, here it is a "6" and paper said this a nation of "6" million people and earthquake occurred on Feb. h which is "6" in sum. As per my January letter to you, I believe GOD is confirming the II COMING to be through "18" of April, etc. through Rev. 13:16-17-18. This tragedy is so sad but the LORD knows, as you and I, that this will seem like nothing, as well as the war that must first come to Israel, in comparison to the beautiful peace HE is about to give the universe! HE gave more proof in earthquake for it registered 7.5 on Richter Scale and number sums to "12" for GOD of Revelation 12 (and Rev. 21) and it struck shortly after 3 A.M. and "3" gives proof of the "TRIUNE" GOD (7.5 sums to "12" then "3" and "12" confirms "Dec." as birth of CHRIST and reverse as "21" confirms Easter GOD with "3" as "March" and then "March 21" as Easter Vsee dictionary). Feb. 8 paper said, "From 5 a.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Saturday the national observatory recorded 133 new tremors..." Note 5:5 for Revelation 5:5 and this a"24"hour period and remember date it occurred as Feb. 4 is #24" in numbers and this sums to #6" for ONE LIVING GOD from House of David (v6 of Matthew 1 \* Rev. 22:16 \* Rev. 21:6). Now note "133" can sum as "16" for Mt. 1:6 \* Rev. 22:16 \* Rev. 21:6. Then note it sums to "7" for 70x7 time as Judgment Day \* Mt. 18:22. Rem. v18 of Revelation 16 of the great earthquake that is yet to come (Judgment Day).

GOD has given more proof for the "17" for in the last week, I saw my Father's face in sky. This surprised me for he has been dead nearly 26 years. I got out my Bible where this is recorded and summed up his birth and death and it is "17." GOD is giving you proof JESUS CHRIST is GOD, THE FATHER, for there is only ONE GOD, as you know, and FATHER and SON are ONE with proof in John 10:30 (and numbers here give proof of "1" GOD in "3") and John 8:58 for JESUS said, "...Before Abraham was, I am." So, HE was giving proof HE was the GOD living before Abraham was born which makes HIM to be GOD, THE FATHER. Note 8:58 sums to "21" then "3" for Three Persons of GOD. Note the "I AM" gives proof HE is the ONE LIVING GOD of Ex. 3:14 which sums to "8" for Abrahamic Covenant through sum of Matthew 23:39 as "17" \* Gen. 17 \* then "8." August (note "8" confirmed here) of 1976 makes 26 years my father has been dead and "26" sums to 8 also as "17" does; so, I feel sure HE is confirming again that 1976 is the 8th day (8th year). GOD is so precious! HE gave HIMSELF for our sins! \* 1 John 3:16 (and through John 3:16): "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us..!

GOD gave a message on my Father's birthday this year as Jan. 16 to get my attention of his birth, and this through my cousin, Winnie (his niece). She mashed her finger in car door. GOD had given me a message before through Winnie in a dream; so, I was sure this was another message through her. As "door" calls for PASSOVER, but on my Father's birthday as 16th, I still wondered if HE was calling attention to Passover to be through our LORD'S birthday. As Jan. 16 was a "Friday," I decided HE meant it to link with Friday, 16 of April for it, too, a Passover day. Also, Jan. 16 was date of full moon and Friday, 16 of April is full moon also. "16" itself says "Epiphany" which means "appearance, to show" (Epiphany as Jan. 6 is "16" in numbers for Matthew 1:6 \* Rev. 22:16 \* 21:6) for EPIPHANY commemorates the manifestation of CHRIST to the Gentiles. Now CHRIST is disclosing HIMSELF to you! HE is showing HE is about to appear! Back to Winnie's mashed finger on 16th. I knew GOD was giving a message for this for our son, Doug, had hurt his finger on 16th of Dec. Had cut off tip but neither he, or Winnie, hurt bad enough to go to doctor.

GOD is confirming messages through Winnie and my father. It is "ll" years since GOD showed me on Feb. 16 of 1965 to get Rev. 21:6 to you. This "ll" calls for Is. ll \* Rev. ll for GOD gave Mrs. Nannie Jackson a vision of a "measuring stick, etc." that called for Rev. ll. Winnie was 83 in Dec. of 1975 and "83" sums to "ll" for Is. ll. So, I believe as HE has confirmed HIS birth through Christians through "Dec." as "l2" through Rev. 12, HE means it to be through EASTER\*PASSOVER now. Winnie's birth as Dec. 15, 1892 sums to "l1" and name (and numbers) give proof we "win" through Is. ll through JESUS CHRIST, etc. When GOD gave me dream of her, her address was "ll1" for Is. "l1:1" for "3" Persons of GOD. In dream,

Winnie was dead but lifted up in air in her house 'proof to use her house numbers') but her family and I and a large crowd were celebrating for we had a cup in our hands and we were happy. So, I knew HE was giving proof for celebrating the Marriage Supper of the LAMB \* Rev. 19:9 \* through the lifting up \* 1 Thess. 1:11-18. Now, GOD has linked the message through Winnie through my father through the "17" through sum of Mt. 23:39 for the ONE GOD.

GOD is great!!! \* HE loves you, and me, and the universe so much HE does not want a soul to be lost; So, HE made a plan whereby HE could save mankind; And it is through the Abrahamic Covenant! Bless you: GOD came into the world as the SON JESUS CHRIST as verse 14 of John 1. Proof with my Father's face in sky that HE is GOD, THE FATHER. My father named William Edward. "Will" (which he was called) says itself "will of GOD" but meaning of name is as "Resolute helmet, or helmet of resolution" which calls for "hell" in symbolism of "helmet" and helmet is for the "head" of the universe as THE ALMIGHTY GOD, and "Edward" means as the "Guardian of property" and that is GOD HIMSELF who is our "Guardian" for we are HIS own "property," are we not? Note my name as Edna links as "Ed" through "Edward" for Joshua 22:34 (note "ll" in sum) as "...altar Ed: for it shall be a witness between us that the LCRD is GOD." My birth as Feb. 20, 1921 sums to "17" as my Father's birth and death for: the birth and death of GOD, THE FATHER, through the SON JESUS CHRIST as sum of Matthew 23:39 as "17" then "8" for Gen. 17 through the Abrahamic C. with GOD having given a son. Our house numbers as "17" with zip code same as my birth. Rem. Ezek. 43:10. My brother, James Edward, firstborn (see Rev. 1:5-6) hanged himself on March 8, 1942. March 8 sums to "11" for Is. 11 to give you proof the ONE LIVING GOD is the ONE who "hanged HIMSELF" on the CROSS to shed HIS own cleansing blood for our sins. Ed's birth as 8/31/1904 \* 8/31 sums to "12" for Rev. 12 \* and reverse as "21" for EASTER GOD \* Rev. 21 \* "James" calls for "Jacob" and Birth/Death in sum (with year) is "17" to give you proof of Mt. 23:39 through Abrahamic C. as Gen. 17.

GOD is precious! HE gives proof over & over. My father's birth as Jan. 16 sums to "8" day and death as 8/30 sums to "11" and 1976 is 11th year from message of Feb. 16 of 1965 GOD wanted sent to you. So, 1976 should be it! Note my father's birth as 1873 sums to "19" then "10" and year of death as 1950 sums to "6" and "10:6 here calls for Matthew 10:6 as ONE GOD (as "O" of 10:6) as "16" as Matthew 1:6 as JESUS CHRIST from House of David (and Jesse). Rem. on March 28, 1975 (date sums to "8") which was Good Friday before Easter, as I sat talking to my dear friend, Cloudy (Mrs. Mary Cloud), she saw the "octave" sign all over my face which in itself calls for "8" and is as my birth as "17" then "8" for Mt. 23:39 in sum. Rem. Psalms 139:17, etc. GOD has put my Mother's face in sky several times, and more (Lucy Narcissus). Her birth sums to "18" so should be through April 18 now (her birth was April). H E has put my brother's face (Robert, in sky and he is living. His birth as 12/11/1916 sums to "h" which could say "April" and day as "ll" calls for Is. 11 and could confirm the "llth" year. GOD gave me a dream in recent years and my Mother was alive and eating with Robert and all of us (and others) at such a long table that I felt HE meant it as the "PASSOVER" meal through JESUS CHRIST \* John 10:2 \* and "12" confirms HIS birth as "Dec." and Easter as "21." In dream, Robert got up and went and opened door. "Door" calls for "Passover" and opening it could indicate for our LORD to enter. My brother, W. E. (William Edward, Jr.) was held up by a "thief" shortly after GOD took Mother home and "thief" calls for Rev. 16:15. His wife, Etta's birth is as Oct. 5 and "15" calls for v15 of Rev. 16. W. E. S birth as Oct. 26 sums for "126" as Rev. 12:6 and 1260 days could sum as "18." I wrote already the "7-year" count-down through W. E. & Etta. Her age as 70 in Dec. of 1975 gave proof also. Also for 70x7 time. On Feb. 9 about 5 A.M., I had awakened and heard our son, Brad's voice (our firstborn/call "Mom" just inside our front door. GOD is giving proof again we are called by the SON JESUS CHRIST \* Rev. 19:9 \* note day as "9" same as v9 so time should be now! "Door" calls for "PASSOVER" \* our door sums to "17" so should be through April 17 through Mt. 23:39 and through Israel: Bless you: Brad's birth as 11/1/1944 \* "11:1" of Is. and 1944 sums to "18" as Easter\*PASSOVER as April 18. Sum of all as "21" and/or "12" \* Rev. 12 \* 21. My husband's name is Jesse/his birth in Dec/proof for JESUS CHRIST/Jess had "rose vision"/proof for Sol.2:1.

GOD had the "Angel" of Revelation 22:16 appear to our minister, Bro. Bill Corley. His birth as Oct. 6 is "16" as v16 of Rev. 22. His birth as Oct. 6, 193h sums to "6" and he as a Disciple of Christ minister (see dictionary), and "6" for ONE GOD from House of David and you have a "6"-point Star of David, do you not? GOD told Bro. Corley to leave where he was before or he would go to hell. HE wanted him here for I had to get the proof of Rev. 22:16 to you. Also, GOD had Bro. Corley use "supplanter" in sermon with "Jacob" when I needed to know it for GOD is giving all this proof for you.

Sincerely, Edna Jolly

Dear Sir:

Isn't this the <u>final</u> straw in our losses of freedom by legislation or bureaucracies -- all types of controls -- Land, Gun, Crop, and now of Religion?

There are agencies who make rules that are actually laws that you nor I nor our Representatives can ever vote for or against, such as HUD, HEW, OSHA, EPA and others.

This country was founded on religious freedom by people who wanted their own land and to worship in their own way. Isn't it time to replace these people who make these agencies?

In the name of whatever is sacred to you, your children, your home, and your religion, help stop these people by replacing them.

Sincerely,

Harold F. Steele

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## Rearing childrenv Parents or State

There is before the Congress of the United States legislation known as "The Child and Family Service Act of 1975" — House of Representatives HR 2966 — Senate S 626.

In the Congressional Record the bill is described: "If in the judgment of those who are in charge of such a program, the State by way of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, parents are not doing a good job, the advocate ta specialist, appointed by the government) would enter the home and direct the education, even within the home. Aid 🧬 if the parent would object, the authority of the home would de Facto, be transferred to those advocated."

The Charter of Children's Rights of the National Council of Civil Liberties is becoming part of the Child Development Act. Following are four of the several items proposed in

Congressional Record, Page 44138

1. "All children have the right of protection from and compensation for the consequences of any inadequacies in their homes and background"; 

2. "Children have the right to protection from any excessive claims made on them by

cessive claim"? The example was given "If the mother or father asked the child to take the garbage out and the child doesn't want to, the parents have no right to insist upon

3. "Children have the right to freedom from religious or political indoctrination."

This means parents could not insist on children attending church or Sunday School or Synagogue. It also means the parents could be reported to authorities for expressing himself in his own home before his own children regarding politics and religion if the child reported this to the authorities.

4. "Children shall have the freedom to make complaints about teachers, parents and others without fear of reprisals.

This bill passed both houses in 1971 and was vetoed by President Richard Nixon with the following remark: "This hill would weaker the American Family by committing the vast moral authority of the national government to the side of communal approach.

The Congressional Record states concerning this bill: "The intent of this bill is for the government to be responsible for the nutritional interests of your child and for all psychological interests of your child".

What is at issue is whether the parent shall continue to have the right to form the character of the children or whether the State, with all its power and magnitude, shall be given the decisive tools and technique for forming the young lives of the children of this

"As a matter of the child's right, the Government shall exert control over the family; because we have recognized that the child is not the care of the parents but the care of the State. We recognize, further, that not parental, but communal forms of up bringing have an unquestionable superiority over all other forms. Furthermore, there is serious question that maybe we can not trust the family to prepare young children in this country for this new kind of world which is emerging.".

If you should disagree with this legislation write Your Congressman and Senators

February 15, 1976



by LLOYD SHEARER

There is a law in East
Germany which holds that
"because of a serious,
culpable violation of
parental responsibility,"
the state can withdraw the
right of a parent to rear
his or her child. Another
law holds that the state
can order the adoption of
a child against the wishes
of one or both parents,
conceivably if the parents
fail to rear their children "in the Socialist
attitudes toward learning
and work...and in the
practice of Socialist
patriotism and internationalism."

Mark: This little goodie Came in today's mail. It's incredible that such incorregnized compliments of material cay be so potentially lithal. Best regards

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## Don't let anyone kid you . . . There is only one way to heaven.



### Jesus said . . .

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

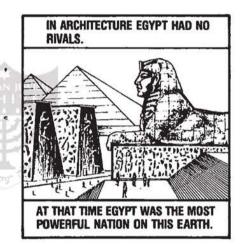
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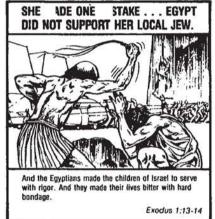
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (GOD, THE SON), that whosoever (THAT'S YOU) believeth in (TRUSTS IN OR CLINGS TO) him (JESUS) should not perish (GO INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE), but have everlasting life (IN HEAVEN). John 3:11

The Creator of the universe : His precious blood on the cross to vaway your sins.

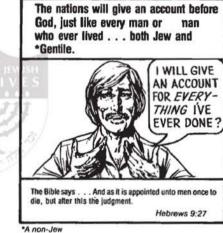
- If you are already a true believer in Christ . . . then pray for Israel and support your local Jew. God will bless you for it.
- If you're a Jew . . . your Messiah (Jesus Christ) wants to be your Lord and Savior . . . Don't die in your sins.

Please don't put it off . . . It's later than you think!



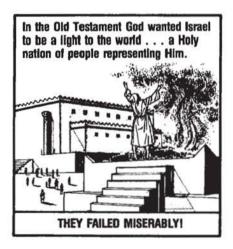








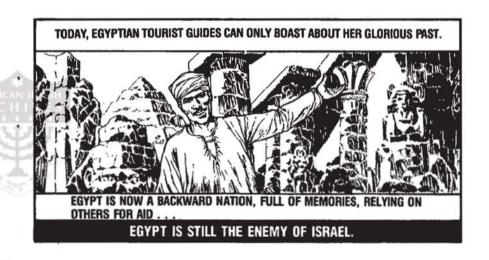
\*Exodus 12:35-36



The evil that has come upon Israel was depicted in the Old Testament . . . God warned them not to sin or they would pay the consequences.



For a frightening revelation, read Leviticus, chapter 26 . . . but before you look down your nose . . . remember, every other nation has done the same thing.







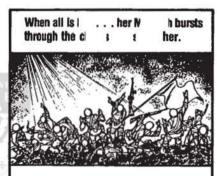
WHERE IS THE ROMAN EMPIRE TODAY?

## MANY EMPIRES CAME INTO PRC NENCE.

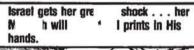
- BABYLON
- . PERSIA
- . ALEXANDER THE GREAT



THE JEWS SUFFERED UNDER EACH OF THEM . . . AND EACH EMPIRE CRUMBLED.



He destroys the invading armies. Then He takes over all the governments . . . no more : I He is the Pri : of F : .





Israel's Messiah is known in the h Testament as the Lord Jesus Christ. All this will occur at his 2nd coming.

\*Psalms 22:16-Zech. 12:10

Just back from a trip through the  $\dot{M}$  an emissary from the treasury  $\dot{b}$  at this  $\dot{l}$  . . .

"'Every Arab leader I talked to says that if there is another war in the area we'll see an oil embargo that will make the 1973-74 version look like child's play."

\*U.S. News & World Report April 26, 1976 pg. 9

WILL WE DUMP ISRAEL FOR A TANK OF GAS? ... IF WE DO, GOD HELP US ... (AND YOU KNOW HE WON'T!)



ARE WE BLESSING ISRAEL WHEN WE ARM HER 3?

After World War III, Israel enters "The ti of p's trouble" . . . the rst 7 years of her existence "75 of all Jews die.

\* "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein."

Zech. 13:8



At the close of that 7 year period, the armies of the at the of Armaggedon . .

in 1933 Germany claimed to have a Jewish problem so began the 12 holocaust . . .

Horror camps like Belsen, Auschwitz and Buchenwald came into existence . . .



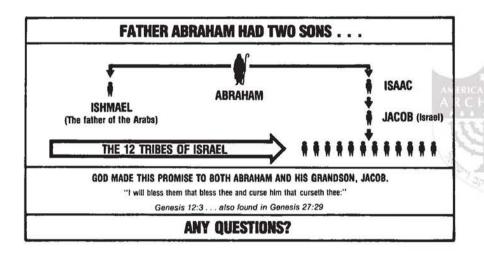
\*Holocaust pg. 97 Keter Books

JUDGMENT FELL ON GERMANY! IT IS NOW A DIVIDED NATION, EVER TO RISE AGAIN . . . ½ IS NOW UNDER COMMUNIST SLAVERY.



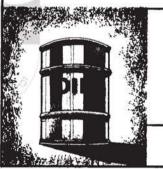
THE BIBLE MENTIONS A CURSE THAT GOD PLACED UPON ALL THOSE WHO HATE THE JEWS.

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## RUSSIA WILL ATTACK THE U.S. WHEN SHE MOVES ON ISRAEL.

HOW BADLY THE U.S. WILL BE HIT DEPENDS ON HOW LOYAL WE ARE TO ISRAEL.



## IT ALL DEPENDS ON OIL!

OUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WHO VOTED AGAINST DEVELOPING ENERGY RESOURCES HAVE PLACED US IN A PRECARIOUS SITUATION.

NOW WE ARE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON ARAB OIL.

### **RUSSIA HAS L BEEN THE ENEMY OF ISRAEL**

2 D YEARS AGO THE PROPHET EZEKIEL, PREDICTED THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION OF RUSSIA WHEN SHE MOVES AGAINST ISRAEL.

THAT ACTION SETS OFF WORLD WAR III, A ONE DAY FIRE WAR \*\* AS A RESULT 1/4 OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION DIES.

\*36th chapter of Ezekiel (Magog ancient name for Russia). \*\*Rev. 6:8.

INTEREST

NOTE: - ISRAEL SURVIVES 1

WAR



THE CURSE IS EFFECT TODAY . . .

The following African nations have TWO things in common.

- . NIGER . ETHIOPIA . UPPER VOLTA . MALI
- . KENYA . NIGERIA . DAHOMEY . SENEGAL
- · CHAD

one THEY WERE CAUGHT UP IN THE TERRIBLE FAMINE

AND DROUGHT CAUSED BY THE EXPANDING SAHARA DESERT.

THEY HAD ALL BROKEN DIPLOMATIC **RELATIONSHIP WITH** ISRAEL.

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ON MAY 14, 1948, THE U.N. VOTED FOR ISRAEL TO BECOME A NATION!



## BRITISH REACTION

- . THE BRITISH OPPOSED THE JEWISH
- THE BRITISH BACKED THE ARABS THE CRACK TRANSJORDAN ARAB LEGION WAS STAFFED WITH BRITISH OFFICERS
- . THE BRITISH DISARMED THE JEWS.

The Bible says . . . "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee:" Genesis 12:3

ENGLAND, TODAY, IS A NATION IN DEEP TROUBLE!

## THE BALFOUR DECLARATION ISSUED IN NOV. 1917 WAS BRIT! S PROMISE TO THE JEWS OF A HOMEL! ) IN PALESTINE.



PALESTINE, FORMERLY BELONGING TO TURKEY, WAS NOW PLACED UNDER BRITISH CONTROL IN 1923.

## HERE'S WHERE THE TROUBLE STARTED!

TO FAVOR THE ARABS, BRITISH POLITICIANS DIVIDED PALESTINE GIVING THE ARABS THE BEST LAND. JEWISH IMMIGRATION WAS CUT TO A TRICKLE AND EVENTUALLY STOPPED.

\* Fall & Rise of Israel by Hull - Zondervan Pub., Pg 137

## AND BECAUSE ENGLAND FORGOT ABOUT GOD'S LITTLE-KNOWN PROMISE TO ISRAEL.

"I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee."

Genesis 12:3

GOD HAS CURSED ENGLAND! SHE IS FINISHED AS A MAJOR POWER . . . BECAUSE SHE CROSSED THE JEWS.



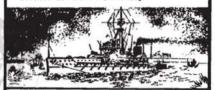




NOW HER EMPIRE IS GONE . . . LONDON GOVERNS ONLY A FEW ISOLATED ISLANDS AND SMALL COLONIES.

IAT HAPPENED?

DU 3 WORLD WAR ONE, THE BRITISH NAVAL GUNS WERE RI SHORT OF GUN POWDER.



THE SITUATION WAS DESPERATE . . . SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, CONTACTED A BRILLIANT JEWISH CHEMIST FOR HELP . . . HIS | WAS CHAIM WEIZM.

COULD HE PRODUCE 30, TI 3 OF SYNTHETIC ACETONE SO THE BRITISH COULD MANUFACTURE CORDITE GUN POWDER? . . . HE DID, AND BECAME A NATIONAL HERO.



WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WANTED FOR HIS SERVICES, HE REPLIED . . .

"There is only one thing that I want...a national home for my people."

WISH WAS GRANTED!

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14 April 1976

Dear Doctor Kelber,

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your letter to Louis Moore, of the Houston Chronicle. I attended a meeting yesterday with Phillip Libby of the Conference of Christians and Jews, Sister Colleen Hennessey of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, and Mr. Michael Rapp of the American Jewish Committee. During that meeting we discussed Mr. Moore's article and lamented the fact that it was ever published. Your letter gets right to the heart of the issue and I sincerely hope that Mr. Moore will follow it up in his religion section.

Thank you so much, again, for your interest. I hope we will have the opportunity to work together in this area in the near future.

Faithfully yours,

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Mr. Louis Moore Chronicle Religion Writer The Houston Chronicle 801 Texas Avenue Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Moore:

The purpose of this letter is to voice strong object

The purpose of this letter is to voice strong objections to your article written in the April 10 issue of the Houston Chronicle and entitled 'A Houston Lawyer Analyzes The Five Trials of Jesus.'

Ms. Bumstead, the author of the work you reviewed, relies heavily on the Talmud in her reconstruction of the legal complexities surrounding the trial of Jesus. As is well known, however, the Talmud constitutes a repository of traditions which developed over centuries. The dating of specific passages in the Talmud is notoriously difficult. For this reason alone, Talmudics is today no longer considered a useful tool in life of Jesus research.

In part Ms. Bumstead's studies resort to gospel harmonization. In view of the diverse nature of the gospels, however, harmonization has been abandoned as a legitimate method in Jesus studies.

Ms. Bumstead appears to be uninformed of the fact that the liberal Life of Christ research has ended in a failure. The gospels were never meant to be precise legal documents, and must therefore not be judged by legal standards.

Recent investigations into the Markan passion narrative have shown it to be largely a product of the 70ties. There may never have existed a developed Christian passion narrative prior to the Markan composition. The story of the sanhedrin trial, for example, is largely a Markan product and makes good sense in light of Mark's christological and eschatological concerns. It makes next to no sense as a reflection of the legal situation which obtained in the 30ties, the times of the historical Jesus.

I am fully aware of the fact that most results of gospel research have not penetrated the society at large. They probably never will. But I take the time to write this letter because the issue raised by your article goes for beyond the usual esoterics of New Testament scholarship.

Ms. Bumstead's work and your uncritical review of it serve to reinforce a popular Christian stereotype of Jews.

If one reads the gospels as historical records of Jesus' life one is bound to encounter glaring inconsistencies. Misjudging the nature of the gospels to begin with, Ms. Bumstead next proceeds to account for what is out of step with Jesus' history in terms of Jewish lawlessness. The thesis of a Jewish maliciousness which deliberately violated all existing laws for the sole purpose of hastening the death of Jesus has influenced artistic portrayals of the crucifixion through the centuries. It is a thesis which Christian editors and publishers have delighted in promoting especially during Passover time. It is also a thesis which triggered pogroms in Europe.

I do not expect you to be an expert in gospel studies, nor do I for one moment impute evil intent to your publication. But I am disturbed over the manifest thoughtlessness which allows us Christians to bring into the limelight certain theses which are not only inaccurate but also dangerous.

We are grudgingly but surely raising our consciousness with regard to racism and sexism in our society. But we remain strangely insensitive and uncritical toward a deep-seated anti-Jewish bias in our tradition.

It is unfortunate that your article should ever have appeared. It is tragic that its publication was made to coincide with Holy Week and Passover time.

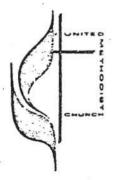
I have consistently admired the professional skill and judgment you brought to bear upon the religion section of the Houston Chronicle. I congratulate you on the awards you have received over the years. In this one case, however, I submit you have made a serious error in judgment.

Sincerely,

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Thank you so much, again, for your interest. I hope we will have the opportunity to work together in this area in the near future.

Faithfully yours,

Doctor Werner H. Kelber Department of Religious Studies Rice University Houston, Texas 77001 Samuel Rabinove

William A. Gralnick

Christian Yellow Pages

There is some thought that the Christian Yellow Pages may also be illegal (discriminatory). Please comment.

Regards.

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cc: Marc Tanenbaum Will Katz Isaiah Terman

(Signed in Bill's absence.)

N. C. Cettinger

Stuart Lewengrub

June 8, 1976

Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta and the "Christian Yollow Pages"

This follows our discussion yesterday of the Christian Council's promotion of the "Christian Yellow Pages." We are in agreement that the "Yellow Pages" constitute a call to discriminate against non-Christian businessmen, and that in promoting this project, the Christian Council is participating in a program that is clearly discriminatory and perhaps unwittingly, but by implication, anti-Jewish. Consequently, it is a serious community relations matter. I think we agree that the intent of the Christian Council's participation is not deliberately anti-Jewish. That it is more a matter of gross insensitivity than anything clse. But notwithstanding their intent, the message is still clearly "buy from Christians."

Hopefully, your call to Rev. Ed Grider and mine to Rev. John Allen will be of some benefit. However, Charles and I would like to suggest some further steps. The first of these is to call a meeting under the CRC auspices and to invite several leaders of the Christian community as well as CRC representatives (including both ADL and AJC) to participate in some frank discussions on Jewish-Christian relationships.

I am aware that CRC has done this in the past on specific issues such as key 73 and Israel, senetimes including the agencies, other times not. Obviously, the insensitivity is still there as is the need for a continuing and very candid dislogue with some of Atlanta's Christian leadership dealing with the Christian Yellow Pages as well as other concerns.

Best regards.

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## **POTPOURRI**

Over 5,000 metro area believers attended the one-night performance of the Christian Musical. If My People at Atlanta's Civic Center. Program sponsors estimated that another 2,000 persons were unable to get inside the auditorium. Pat Boone, Ed. Brown, and Jimmy and Carol Owens led the audience in a thrilling worship experience of praise, prayer, and intercession. The Christian Council was one of the sponsors of the event.

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce has announced '76 Bells, a statewide bell-ringing ceremony slated for Sunday, July 4, 1976, at high noon. Project co-ordinators hope that the bell ringing program will unify Georgians around a significant symbol of freedom and rekindle a common dedication to state and nation. Christian Council Preisdent, David B. Collins, urges your participation in this worthwhile event. For more information, contact the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, 524-8481.

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The Center for Continuing Education of Candler School of Theology is sponsoring a Study/Travel Seminar to the Holy Lands-Israel and Jordan, July 6-21. The tour will be led by Dr. J. Maxwell Miller, associate Professor of Old Testament Studies at Candler. He is author of *The Old Testament and The Historian*. Academic credit is available. Price for the base tour is \$1,098.00. For more information contact Kenneth Callahan, Director of the Center, 404-377-2411.

The National Institute of Biblical Studies in Stone Mountain is sponsoring the Southeastern Conference on Evangelism and Church Renewal September 13-17 at the Sheraton Biltmore. Speakers for the conference are D. Stuart Briscoe, pastor of the elmbrook Church of Brookfield. Wisconsin, and Leonard Ravenhill, international Bible teacher and author of six books. Frank Boggs will be the special guest soloist. Cost for the entire conference is \$38.00, or \$62.00 per couple. Lodging is additional. For more information contact the National Institute, 404-923-1500.

The Religious Consultation and Research Society in co-operation with three metro churches has established Counseling Centers at Roswell St. Baptist Church in Marietta, Chapel Woods Presbyterian Church in Decatur and North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. The centers are staffed by committed Christians having Master's degrees in counseling, psychology, and supervised by a licensed psychologist and a licensed psychiatrist, both evangelical Christians. The areas of service provided by the Centers are: (a) Counseling: individual, married couples, group; (b) workshops and seminars on a variety of topics and (c) psychological testing; intelligence, personality, and aptitude. These services are offered to the public at a modest cost. For more information contact The North Avenue Center, 876-0030. The Wesley Chapel Center, 284-4300 or the Cobb Center, 427-0098.

## Dr. Shockley to Address Forum

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University, Candler School of Theology and Emory University. He is on the Board of Trustees at ITC and Gammon Seminary.

Among his many honors and awards are, Illinois Human Relations Council Award for Distinguished service, 1961, and election to the Board of Education, Evanston, Illinois Public Elementary Schools, 1963-1966.

Dr. Shockley has had significant involvement in ecumenical affairs including the Protestant Council of the city of New York, the National Council of Churches of Christ, Consultation on Church Union, The World Council on Christian Education, the Religious Education Association, and the National Conference of Black Churchmen.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A Summary of Significant Events of Interest to the Metro Religious Community

June 9-Christian Forum, 12:00 Noon, Speaker: Dr. Grant Shockley, President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta.

June 10-12-Atlanta Regional Convention, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, Inc. Peachtree Plaza Hotel, Thursday, 7:00 P.M. - Saturday, 6:00 P.M. Banquet: Reservation Fee: \$2.00. Speakers include: Demos-Shakarian, The Hunters, Tom Asheraft, Norvel Hayes, For more information contact Lynwood Maddox, 939-9377 or 939-9424.

June 14-19-Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts, Omni, with Bill Gothard. For more information call 255-9479.

June 21-July 2-Seminar: Church Administration and Finance, Candler School of Theology, Tuition: \$220.00, Partial or full scholarships available upon application. For more information, contact The Center for Continuing Education, Candler (404) 377-2411, Ext. 7625.

July 4-7:30 P.M., DeKalb Memorial Stadium, Metro Baptist Bicentennial Celebration, Featured speaker; Dr. W.A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, All are invited. No charge.

August 1-8-International Eucharistic Congress, Philadelphia, Address all inquiries to: 41st International Eucharistic Congress, 222 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. Phone: (215) 587-3987.

September 8-Christian Forum, 12:00 Noon, Speaker; Mr. James Wall, Editor, Christian Century, Topic: "History of Church Involvement in Social Action."

September 13-17-Southeastern Conference on Evangelism and Church Renewal, Sheraton Biltmore Hotel, Featuring D. Stuart Briscoe and Leonard Ravenhill. For further information call National Institute of Biblical Studies, (404) 923-1500.

October 13-Christian Forum, 12 Noon, Speaker; Mrs. Stuart Sinclair, National President, Church Women United, "The Historical Involvement of Women in American Life,"

## CHRISTIAN YELLOW PAGES

The Christian Yellow Pages is a publication produced by an independent organization which began in Portland, Oregon in 1973. New to Atlanta. Christian Yellow Pages has come as a branch from the regional office located in Miami, Florida, under the direction of Carl and Walt Goebelt. CYP is a follow-up to the Greater Atlanta Christian Businessmen's Index which was compiled by Ray Williams.

The purpose of the organization is to provide the Christian community with an index of Christian businesses, services, and organizations. Hopefully, it will serve as an encouragement for commerce between fellow Christians during this present time of economic crisis. The index also provides the Christian family with a list of reputable services, some of which they may not already have had previous reference for.

Christian Yellow Pages seeks to work closely with the individual churches in the community, asking the congregations to distribute the booklets to each one of their Christian households, and requesting the assemblies for names of christian businessmen whom they feel might want to participate in the booklet.

Most of the firms advertised in the index are either owned or operated by Christians. In some cases where the owner or the manager of the business is not a Christian, the ads have been taken out by a Christian who is employed at the particular operation advertised. In such a case, the ad includes the name of the particular Christian worker.

The first copies of the Christian Yellow Pages for northeastern Atlanta will be out some time in June. I ater this year, books for the northeastern and southern sections of Atlanta will be compiled.

Since Christian Yellow Pages is relatively new in the Atlanta area, we welcome your support. Feel free to contact us for more information, the office phone number is 451-6071.

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## THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date

June 9, 1976

to

Marc Tanenbaum

from

Ann Wolfe

subject

Sam Rabinove sent on to me that material which you sent him about the Child and Family Service Act of 1975, together with an advertisement from a Texas newspaper. You may have by this time caught on to the fact that there is a campaign conducted by some Christian groups in which misrepresentations are included in the advertisements and the bill is not accurately quoted. We have an analysis of the bill done by Commissioner Whaley of the New York City Agency for Child Development, and I have carefully read the bill itself, and none of the charges made stand up. I haven't yet caught on to the real underlying objection to the act, which incidentally was vetoed by President Ford in one of his more generous moments.

AW: PL Encl.

### GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ISRAEL TODAY

Humanly speaking, how reasonable and justifiable is the common plea that Israel, not less than others should have a national homeland of their own, where they could in peace follow their own culture and realize the fruits of their own skill and industry. And this, the more especially, since they were originally endowed of God with a favored portion of the world by a title more distinct and absolute than that of any other peoples. With all such thoughts we are in accord, and we share responsive sympathy, not less than others who are properly well-disposed toward our Jewish people.

But we must pause and reflect; here is in question a people of exceptional character both as to their origin and as to their decreed destiny. Here is a people of such basic religious character — even from their beginning — that mere human reasoning in their behalf is altogether inadequate, even as also their own natural claims are secondary to Divine claims upon them. They have been more highly favored of God than any other peoples, and therefore are more indebted and accountable to Him. "To the Jew first" has a tremendous bearing here, for it is God's honor that is in question for making them "first", rather than their own esteemed honor. Evidently, this makes so much the less excusable the lack of faith on their part. Favored man only makes the greater show of his unbelief.

The Jewish people are an isolated human family; but in another sense, only a representative segment of the human race taken aside by God and cultivated for Himself, as also to bring out, to all intelligences, what humanity is, and what God is, both in His governmental ways, and in the finality of His love and grace. Thus the Jews, while highly honored, in that they were made the elect channel of God's unfolding plans in the world, as to all peoples and unto all generations; even as to the human instrument of bringing into the world a human-divine Messiah for their nation; also they were tested of God in every possible way, and alas, failed in all! The people who had the Law, fell under the curse of the Law. And their own Brother-Messiah, they would not own, even as a Saviour, dying in grace for them.

Is there, then, no consequence attaching to such a position of honor, and to such a record in its discharge? Let our dear Jewish people who, in some sense, do highly enough esteem their singular position and endowed heritage, consider whether, in the true, responsible sense, they have attained to the greatness of their favored position. Such are the considerations due for the resumption of their long broken-off relationship with their God. Was it not when stark famine raged in the land of Israel that refuge could alone be found for Israel's starving children in their exalted brother Joseph's wealth — even in their own younger brother, and their father's most beloved, who in tender years they had envied, then hated, then put in a pit for death, and finally sold

for twenty pieces of silver? Yet was there forgiveness for all this by Joseph in his exalted position, and a joyful reunion with himself for their contrite hearts, when their long-forgotten — but now recognized in grief-stricken memory — brother Joseph reveals himself, and receives them, from impending disaster, to his affectionate and life-sustaining embrace. (Gen. 37 and 45). Their own brother in the flesh, and their father's son in ineffable love, is their saviour and lord! How clearly here, for Israel's coming day of sorrow and famine, their glorious Deliverer breaks through the veil of figure! "David's son" in the flesh, is "David's Lord" in transcendent Deity. Such, alone, is Israel's link with her long-lost land and heritage.



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The present enterprise of Israel in the holy land is entirely out of season, and will fail of its purpose. God's forbearance with it is not His approval of it, nor will His forbearance with it fail in the end to accomplish purposes far otherwise than Israel intends or envisions. Their further conquest of the land will not be owned of God, as was the case in Joshua's day under Divine command and supporting power. Israel's modern "invincibility" will grievously fail them to their hurt, even before the "great" 'time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7, if they persevere in their course of grasping more and more territory. The 1967 model of victory will not stand as a pattern, and excited Gentile admirers (even Christians) who laud this expression of Israel's military ability, even citing it as their capability to cope with even the combined powers of "Gog and Magog" (Ezek. 39 & 39), are entirely wrong, and out of line with the prophetic end-time situation when these powers come into action to meet their prophetic doom.

Even at best, Israel's dangerous position is eventually going to throw them into the maw of a Gentile combination of power that will make them realize that "the times of the Gentiles" are indeed not over — nor ever will be over for them, until their Divine Messiah intervenes for their rescue and deliverance! Furthermore, "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" in this economy of the Holy Spirit, have nothing to do with national ambitions and re-gatherings to the land of their dispersion, their nation having forfeited all right to the land, and to the kingdom promises, until the Jewish clock starts again where it stopped, at the cutting off of "Messiah the Prince." Penitent Israel will then be ready in brokenness of heart to say "Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord." (Dan. 9:25, 26; Amos 9:9-12; Acts 15:14-16; Matt. 23:39).

By reason of the momentum of the movement, and the contagious blindness driving it forward, the mass of the Jews now flocking back to Palestine, will likely continue with it to the bitter end. Yet in the midst of their predicament of ever-increasing trouble (and especially their future greater trouble) divine grace will effectually operate in convicting and converting power, saving the souls of many, if not their bodies. But certainly the recent aggressive tempo of the movement as to gaining more and more territory will have to be curbed, for the land can never be possessed again by Israel until it is divinely given them by a power far greater than their own. It shall not be by power of arms, nor even by power of a Sovereign State to allot land to its subjects; but Israel shall re-possess the land by each tribe and family possessing their divinely-appointed portion, even as they formerly had it. For it is the "Jubile" return of their land, when every man's inheritance reverts to its owner, under the hand of its Divine Proprietor. For they are to have tenure of the land in dependence upon their glorious Jehovah, and not in their own independent right. (See Lev. 25). "The land shall not be sold for ever, for the land is mine, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me." vs. 23. With Messiah in banishment from "Emmanuel's land," of what profit is it today to be "of the house of Israel," if "lost sheep"? Only "the God of Israel," in the Person of His "sent" One, can find and rescue them in the "cloudy and dark day." (Ezek. 34; Lu. 15; John 10). May they believe Him, and thus be safe for evermore! Believe Him! not only as the Messiah of Israel, but as the "Son of God" from everlasting; the "Word made flesh"; the glorified "Son of Man" in heaven; "the Saviour of the world"; the "One Mediator between God and man"; "the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." "On His Head were Many Crowns."

## GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ISRAEL TODAY

To believe in the prophetic Messiah of Israel, who was born into the world as "King of the Jews," does not, of itself, assure our acceptation with Him, because the "covenant" relationship was forthwith changed by reason of His rejection. Thus, present acceptance of the Jewish Messiah does not necessarily give the needy soul a Saviour from sin and condemnation. It might be a great satisfaction, and even a joy, to have resolved the enigma of the relationship of the meek and lowly Jesus of Nazareth, of the New Testament, with the great Messiah, Shepherd, and King of Israel, as in the Old Testament. But this satisfaction does not necessarily touch the question of spiritual "new birth," "regeneration," or being "quickened" as "dead in trespasses and sins."

(The distinction here is doctrinal, and important, but it raises no question as to the spiritual genuineness of those who have truly accepted the Lord Jesus, even though it be chiefly in the character of Messiah, which indeed He was. The natural disposition of Jewish converts is indeed to be guarded, because there is an opening here for the enemy to substitute a "Jewish Messiah" for the Christians' Saviour).

No doubt the vested glories of the Messiah of Israel are soultransporting to contemplate, as so richly sung by prophet and king of old; but these glories failed of their crowning fulfillment on their presentation to Israel when He was present among them — they saw "no beauty in Him that they should desire Him" — and so the dispensation was changed, leaving Israel and the world no subsisting connection with God, in that order of things. All will be renewed when He comes again (and on a grander scale than ever before was possible, because of redemption from sin intervening) and Israel will then enjoy all those glorious promises fulfilled literally in the kingdom. Then — The Work of Righteousness Shall be Peace; and the Effect of Righteousness Shall be Quietness And Assurance For Ever. And My People Shall Dwell in a Peaceable Habitation, And In Sure Dwellings, And in Quiet Resting Places." Isaiah 32:17, 18.

But what is there, then, for Israel or for any of us in the mean-while, seeing our blessing is not to be found in either of these eras — past or future? What are all those glories to us, if we are not in the sphere of their application and have no part in them? Broken off in their former offer to Israel, and to be renewed only on certain conditions nationally in the future, where is there valid and comforting application for any at this present time? Therefore, unless we know the Messiah in a character other than as "Messiah of Israel" only, are we not yet in our sins, and needing a Saviour?

Let us not deceive ourselves. To be <u>convinced</u>, only, even from Scripture, that Jesus was Israel's true Messiah, does not constitute salvation. Let us not vainly think to thus bypass the Son of God and only Saviour of sinners; attaching our hopes and affections to a Messiah of either the past or the future (with which connection we have nothing to do), as if this were more acceptable to God and profitable for us than being "Accepted in the Beloved" and thus made the favored recipients of that "fulness" of the grace and the glory of "The Only Begotten Son, which is in the Bosom of the Father." Should

not the Lord, rather than man, decide the terms of relationship with Himself? But where, today, is the voice of St. John or the Apostle Paul, as to these things? In John's Gospel, the new position and Christian relationship is thus announced by the risen Saviour, as He was about to depart to the Father and to His own eternal home: "Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." And then, in Paul's Epistles, we are seen as "raised up together, and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." This is more than Messiah's Kingdom in Israel — the earthly realm of His Universal Dominion at His Coming Again.



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The only question for the Jew, as well as for the Gentile, is this: What am I going to do about my sins? What am I going to answer when I stand before God in judgment? For the Jew to merely accept the fact that Jesus was the promised Messiah, does not settle the sin question. Failing to recognize Him when first presented, and refusing to own Him when the proof of who He was became overwhelming and irrefutable, the door, thereupon, was not left open to go back and rectify this by a belated acceptance of Messiah. He cannot thus be accepted any more than could Adam, when cast out of Paradise for his sin, get back into Paradise by an acknowledgement of his mistake. God's terms for man's recovery and acceptance in peace with Himself, are far otherwise than man's trying to make amends for his mistakes, and thereby return to the point of departure. The sin question becomes paramount, for "it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul", "and without shedding of blood there is no remission".

No more, then, can the Jews accept their Messiah where they left off with Him, than could Adam get back into Paradise through the closed gate with its "flaming sword". Not only are the terms of access to God entirely changed by rejection of His Son, but remedial responsibility in man is closed with this last test of the presentation of God's Messiah-Son. Moreover, "The sure mercies of David" are only in resurrection, after the death of Messiah. (Acts 13:34; Isa. 55:3). Only His redemptive death and resurrection could make the covenant "mercies of David" everlasting and inviolable. And He who was thus lifted up on the cross would draw all, not only the Jews.

It must therefore be seen by Israel that the irremediable rejection of their Jewish Messiah, was thereby the rejection of the Father's well-beloved Son also, even when manifested in all grace and healing mercy; so that the final account stands thus: "But now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father". No room longer to talk of turning back to the Messiah in terms of His original presentation. It is now a solitary question of individual escape from the wrath of God; not only for the sin of contemptuously rejecting the long-promised and hoped-for Messiah, but for the more aggravated sin of ignominiously rejecting God Himself, Incarnate in lowly Manhood to serve man's every need and sorrow and woe, in perfect love and sin-forgiving grace.

Will man then, yet presume to approach God as though nothing (more than his original ignorance of God) had happened? Will he yet pretend to know God and be in Messiah's favor, even on terms of relationship long since abolished? and, without conscience of guilt or any feeling for God's dishonor, venture into His holy presence, without (Abel-like) a bloody sacrifice in his hand to interpose between his guilty soul and a sin-hating God! If even "righteous" Abel could only thus approach God acceptably, having no such enormity of sin to his charge as man now lies under, what then of audacious man who spurns the solemn advantage of Abel's example?

It is not, then, our "finding" or "acceptance" of the Jewish Messiah, as such, but fleeing for refuge under the sheltering blood of the Lamb of God! — the alone escape from the impending judgment of God — judgment not less certain, and hastening upon every unsheltered soul, as was the death angel's sword upon every house in Egypt not blood-sprinkled as its only trust for safety.

The glorious Messiah and King of Israel is now the smitten "Shepherd of Israel", turning His nail-pierced hand to tending the scattered flock of His "little ones" and "the flock of slaughter", in the which character He had preceded them in the way, as "a lamb led to the slaughter", (Zech. 11:4, 7; 13:7; Isa. 53:7) instead of reigning in Messianic splendor and Davidic royalty over the assembled children of Israel in the land of promise. Unless Israel will own a Messiah that saves only by the blood of His own sacrificial death, they have a false Messiah. Only as "brought again from the dead" "through the blood of the everlasting covenant", can Christ be Israel's Messiah. "The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David", to be efficaciously such in redemptive power, must first be the "Lamb as it had been slain". (Heb. 13:20; Rev. 5:5, 6). The "sin question" has been settled to the glorification of God - the only basis for the reception of sinners, and therefore Israel's only foundation and hope. Much is made of "Messiah-Jesus", while thoughts are full of Moses and the Jewish Passover, forgetting that the believer's only life lies in Christ's death - the true Passover "crucified for us" - through the faith that feeds on that death.

Failing in this apprehension of their position, the Jews today have two frightening counts against them which effectually bar their way to God, and make us cry out to Him in their behalf. (1) Their unwillingness to turn from their "illustrious" (but now apostate and defunct) Judaism, which lies prostrate under the blight of casting out "the Messenger of the Covenant", thus closing all covenant connections; and (2), their disdainfulness of God's turning, then, to the "Gentiles" to take out of them a people for His Name", which, enhanced by Jewish dread of approximation to Gentiles, (and thus especially to Gentile Christianity) leaves them, in fact, without Biblical Christianity. Then, too, the debauchment the Gentile Church system has made of God's Christianity, compounds the awful dilemma; confirms the Jews in their untoward attitude, and provokes their determination to turn back to Judaism, willing, at the utmost, to remodel it somewhat to a Christianized form with a Jewish Messiah; but still, essentially, only traditional Judaism. Perfect workmanship of the seducing Enemy of men's souls! What soul of man can break this barrier? No one, unaided by the Holy Spirit! May God help us - even us "saved" "dogs" of the Gentiles - to help them in their plight.

To blank-out Christianity is Satan's whole design, even though it be with a substitute thoroughly of God in its own season. This neo-Christian-Judaism is his masterpiece for Israel, beguiling unsuspecting souls into the profession of a Messiah that suits the flesh and ministers to Jewish pride, leaving them yet in their sins, far from the delivering Saviour of Christianity that Paul preached. Behold the master-strategy of a "Scripturally-proved-Jesus-as-Messiah" who is yet not the "Lord from heaven", the "Quickening Spirit" of dead souls, and the Saviour only of confessedly "lost sinners", needing, not merely to know that Jesus is the Messiah, but that Messiah is the "Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come". 1 Thess. 1:10; Rom. 2:9; 5:9; 1 Cor. 1:28.

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In Hosea 3, under the figure of a woman beloved, yet an adulteress, Jehovah sets forth the relationship of guilty Israel to Himself. No longer is she viewed as idolatrous, yet not properly a wife. "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without an ephod, and without teraphim", ("image", Heb. "statue" or "pillar", signifying idolatry). "Afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days." Hosea 3:4,5.

Here is announced a condition of Israel altogether unique; a religious state neither divine nor idolatrous, but a wretched negation, while yet pretending to God's special favor. It is precisely what we are seeing today; without sacrifice Godward — the indispensable basis of all relationship with Him — and without "statue" or makeshift "teraphim" for idolatrous purposes. (See Judges 17:5). Thus it is with those who labor under Jewish prejudices, and are unwilling to admit of aught superior to that which Daniel, David, Moses, or Abraham enjoyed — a vain position for this advanced dispensation, which none would have reproved more sternly than these very saints of God. Did not these same prophets (and all were prophets) search diligently their own inspired writings to find what was contained therein beyond their ken, or their then-present position to know? Theirs was a day of promise; ours a day of accomplishment; and the desire to know more of the tremendous blessing of its heavenly light, that now transcends the erstwhile "lamp of prophecy", is what should characterize the children of God in our blessed Christian day.

Hence, the present "Zionism" of man's skillful devising bears no resemblance to God's Zionsim of the Holy Scriptures; and the effort to apply these glowing Scriptures to what man by self-will is now doing, is a very great and costly mistake. Attempting to appropriate kingdom powers and blessings which are out of season and do not apply, in direct contradiction to, and the displacement of, the Church-blessings which do apply, will only result, through the deceits of Satan, in producing nothing! Boast as some will, Israel's "glorious beauty" is now "a fading flower" and ever will continue to be until Messiah takes in hand to deliver from external enemies, and their inward, even more ruinous, self-trust.

The continual defense and laudation of a purely humanistic and political Zionsim (in lieu of God's Zionism), and by practically all Jewry (including its evangelism), is inevitably going to spur-on, and justify, a further grasping of territory to accommodate the continual influx of Jewish emigrants, which will precipitate the end-time "trouble". Let them not deceive themselves by taking refuge under the plea of "anti-Semitism" and "anti-Zionism", for which it is claimed, God will unfailingly avenge them; whereas in truth, it is with God and first-causes they have to reckon in this culminating question of His age-long controversy with them. When Israel has a good case with her Jehovah, she is then invincible; but otherwise she is not; and it is folly for her to count on it, notwithstanding her pleading of Genesis 12:3. Deuteronomy 30th Chapter is conclusive as to this, and likewise shows that only their God and Divine Messiah can and will gather them to their restored land and benign heritage. Joel 3rd

Chapter gives His gathering-together, at the same time, of "all nations" for their final disposition, also.

A definite effort, then, should be made to get Jewish evangelism off this Judaistic-Zionistic dead-center; for by it the subtility of the wily enemy is today turning even sincere Jewish evangelism into a false Gospel approach to this momentous question, and thus to the incalculable hurt of these dear beleaguered people. Serious and reflective souls must be helped to get their eyes off this flourishing, but fallacious, Zionism, in order to know what is the will of God; for its obtrusion is utterly ruinous to the Gospel concept.

To reject the New Testament Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of mankind, in deference to the Messianic hope of Judaism, is bad enough; still we know where we are, in such arbitrary preference; but to glorify Judaism by an emasculated Christianity — borrowing Christian forms and sentiments without its grace and living power — is unfathonable confusion to the soul of man —a veritable decoy into he knows not where. The soul that begins with Christ, must end with Christ, and not be side-tracked by an exciting and groundless Zionism, to His dishonor, and virtual denial, by a kingdom professedly that of Messiah while He is still in rejection there. O that their evangelical Directors and theological guides, professing guidance under the banner of Christ, would honestly challenge their souls to see what is going on in much of the present evangelization of the Jews, and then charge themselves to see to it that their ministry be pure and sound —as well as gracious — in their accommodation to Jewish predilections.

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To be acceptable and "successful", they would say only "smooth things", and to win by the wooing kindness and love of the Gospel only. Very well; but then let them proceed as with "lost" and hopeless "sinners", that need to be "found" and born again, and not as "God's chosen people" who need only intellectual correction as to Jesus' identification with Messiah, they being already virtually His people. So thought the good, upright Nicodemus of John 3, who would learn something more from the "teacher come from God", yet must even hear the Lord's solemn word — "ye must be born again" — "that which is born of flesh", is only "flesh", whether Jew or Gentile. The deceits of Satan are so evidently at work here in this "unoffending" — "peace, peace" — approach, that it is to be feared many souls are being snared by it to their everlasting ruin. It is not the Gospel of Pentecost, by the preaching of Peter, nor the proclamation of the Son of God and only Saviour from sins and idols, and Deliverer "from the wrath to come", as preached by John and Paul and the others.

With all the blessed light and truth of the Gospel, as well as the soul-enfranchising power of the Holy Spirit vouchsafed us by God through Christ's boundless love and infinite sufferings, why is it that man's obdurate and proud heart will never face-up to the record as it really stands, and as it inevitably, one day, will face us?

### GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ISRAEL TODAY

Because Christ, on His presentation to Israel, did not immediately set up His kingdom, exalt the Jews, and destroy the Romans, Israel, through incredible unbelief, and in the face of all conclusive proof to the contrary, rejected her Messiah and forthwith entered upon the course of her judicial blindness, and her now-ripening dilemma. Accordingly, she could have little sympathy with the then-emerging economy of grace and heavenly Christianity (the kingdom's present "mystery" form, Matt. 13) which the Lord proceeded to unveil, and this character of unbelief is basically their spiritually self-defeating characteristic to this day. And this unhappy tendency is augmented by the Gentile Church's abuse of Israel's Old Testament kingdom-prophecies and blessing-promises, spiritualizing them and claiming their fulfillment in the Church, thus robbing Israel of her heritage by denying the literal, earthly fulfillment of these promises; thereby provoking Israel to even more tenaciously crying-up Jewish things in prejudiced aversion to God's one and only "heavenly calling" in the Church of His Son.

Not only has such fallacious spiritualizing of the prophecies destroyed their true force, but the Church's aping of Israel's sacerdotal and ritualistic system has provoked Israel's distrust of anything desirable in Christianity, beyond that which they already possess in Judaism. How, indeed, could it be otherwise than just like the devil to thus use one apostate system to plunge another apostate system headlong into deeper apostasy? And that is seen today in both Christendom and Judaism. If we mistake not, the signs are abundant, that God is about to recall His Holy Spirit, terminate His longsuffering patience, and put an end to the debasement of His heavenly grace and truth by both of these earth-bound religious systems!

To return: The orthodox Jew rightly makes much of the Old Testament prophets, but they are all pervaded with the spirit of "good things to come" which have their center in Him, whom Israel in ignorance rejected. Consequently, the kingdom pledges assume a character of "mystery" which cannot be understood if Christ is not seen as indeed the Center, and the one who thus leads to higher conceptions. The apostle Paul found the "new order" of the hitherto heavenly "secret" of the Church, even in "the Scriptures of the prophets". (Rom. 16:26). This "mystery of the Church" (Eph. 3:5-9) had been a "mystery hid in God" in all former ages, "But now, says the apostle, "is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for obedience of faith.

Is it then any wonder that the Jews do not rightly understand their own prophets, and therefore cannot well-advance into New Testament doctrine; because they also will countenance no other aspect of the Lord Jesus Christ than as the Jewish Messiah and King of Israel? (See John 5:39; Lu. 24:25-27). The Church is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone". Yet, not to speak of this higher glory of Christ in His Church, even His earthly kingdom-glory is as much beyond David's kingdom-glory as were Christ's sufferings beyond his; both of which David affectingly speaks, for himself, and of Christ, prophetically.

## Text No. 12B (continued)

Thus it was that when, in fulfillment of prophecy, Christ came among them, even according to the time, place and manner, "they saw no beauty in Him" and even abhorred Him, chiefly because He did not take the earthly side of the kingdom, overthrow the Roman yoke, and exalt the Jewish people, as a nation, above all nations. Unlike their much-venerated father Abraham, they saw nothing of the "city" He looked for, "which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God". They would rather see Christ on David's throne on earth, than on the Father's throne in heaven, "Crowned with glory and honour", having tasted death for every man.

Now the instruments of this special teaching were, as we know, the New Testament apostles and prophets, the Old Testament prophets often understanding not, even their own writings. But this, the Jews will not have and so shut out God's "good things" for themselves. What Old Testament prophecies can compare with Matthew 24 and 25, with Luke 21, with 2 Thess. 2, with the profoundest of all prophesies — "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"? But, wonderful to say, God's loving entreaty and moral appeal, both to Israel and to Gentiles, is never wanting in all prophecies, even of judgment, whether in the Old Testament or in the New. Yet alas, does He have to complain that He stretched out His hand in vain to a wicked and gainsaying people.

All proofs were there, and most vocal of who, in lowly grace, He was, not less than if on David's throne. And when the dread scene of the cross drew near, was the prophetic Word silent? even as to such details as the piercing of His hands and His feet; His garments parted among themselves, and for His vesture the lot cast; a bone of Him not broken, while the legs of the others were; and His grave made "with the rich" while naturally appointed "to be with the wicked". Did this burden of the prophets avail anything with Jewish leaders on that dread day when even heaven veiled its face in horror and "His grief out-gloomed the night"? but whose efficacious death so completely destroyed the power of death that the rock-bound tombs were broken open and sleeping saints came forth to life and "went into the holy city" -now for the first time called that! But was the stony heart of Israel even touched? No room for boasting of any man, surely, if even the greatest and most favored of people that ever lived on the earth can feel no repentance at such a sight of woe, even when the gentle sufferer was their own flesh-and-blood Brother! Was there among them even one confessor of Jesus as Christ and Lord on that shameful yet wonderful day, save only the dying thief beside Him on the cross, and the Gentile Centurion who, awe-struck and overwhelmed, cried out, "Truly this was the Son of God".

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FROM:

DR. HARMON D. MOORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please find enclosed the Christian Council's September issue of "Together" with an article expressing our regrets for the misunderstanding created by the announcement concerning the Yellow Pages. The article is marked and I do hope that it is adequate for the purpose written.

To: Harold Applebaum: From: Bill Gralnick

Re: Christian Yellow Pages

This will chose out this matter for the moment. I am pleased with their response both privately and pubicly.

Please share this with Marc T. and J. Rudin. Thanks.

c/c: Sam Rabinov

## THE ONLY WAY—UNITED AND TOGETHER

For some time church and state leaders have asked: "how can we meet the emergency needs of persons—leaving no one out—and insuring that flagrant misuse be minimized?"

The Christian Council and United Way have come up with an answer: Use the Coordinating Bureau of the Council, paid for with funds gathered in the United Way Campaign.

The Council's Emergency Help Center not only provides assistance to individuals; it is manned to help church and agencies prevent service duplication and gaps.

In the seven Metropolitan Atlanta counties there are approximately 1200 churches; 200 of these are known to have an integral ministry in emergency assistance. The other 1000 undoubtedly "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc." but it is not known how systematically and how integrated their attempts are.

THE ONLY WAY seems to be THE UNITED WAY. Using the Coordinating Bureau, all of us—together—will keep down duplication and increase our usefulness.

A reciprical process begins: UNITED WAY seeks contributions and pledges annually from all seven county residents. Their campaign is underway now.

Of particular interest to TOGETHER readers, is that during September church staffs will be asked to give. Only \$10,993 is asked of the 1200 church staffs, a drop in the bucket of total monies raised.

In 1975 UNITED WAY helped 700,000 persons: 19,922 in Clayton County, 155,260 in Cobb, 96,528 in DeKalb, 3,320 in Douglas, 14,884 in Gwinnett, 2,902 in Rockdale and the rest in Fulton. It did so through 45 separate agencies. It cared for the blind, children, youth, sick, families, handicapped, elderly, those in emotional or legal trouble and others.

## HOME BUYERS PROGRAM PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES

The Homebuyers Program is a HUD funded program of the Atlanta Housing Authority which provides low-income families the opportunity to lease a home with option to purchase.

To be eligible, a family must:

1. have continuing source of earned income;

not already own property;
 must be a family unit.

No family is charged more than 25% of adjusted gross income. Families that enter the program agree to perform the maintenance on their home; the Housing Authority gives them credit towards the purchase of the home.

The Atlanta Housing Authority has both townhouses and single family units.

For further information call 892-8190 or go by 684 W. Peachtree Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:30 p.m.

World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3, 1976 will be observed by the Atlanta Interim Eucharistic Fellowship with a meeting at Peachtree Christian Church, 1580 Peachtree St., NW, Atlanta at 7:30 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN YELLOW PAGES

In our newsletter dated June; "1976, we announced a "Christian Yellow Pages" publication, listing various churches, affiliated groups and services.

A subsequent review of the publication itself has concerned our good friends in the Jewish community, as possible discrimination against Jewish merchants. It is the feeling that the booklet encourages dealing only with Christian merchants; some have been left feeling that such merchants are the only ones who deal fairly.

The Council has no intention of advocating anything or anyone who discriminates against any individual or group who do not profess the Christian faith.

Our relationship with the Jewish community has always been of the best quality and we aim to keep it so.

This comment is printed here to reassure all of our members and readers of this continued purpose and intent.

## GIFTS HONOR MEMORY OF WALTER ENGLAND

Mr. & Mrs. J. Earl Carson, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Donald D. Williamson Mr. & Mrs. Dale C. Bowbray

## BUREAU OF POLICE SERVICES INVITES CLERGY TO TOUR THE CITY

Department of Public Safety Commissioner A. Reginald Eaves, in a letter sent in June, invited clergy to attend a weekend Ministerial tour of precinct Stations, Homicide-Sex Crimes and Vice Squads, Communications Center, THOR headquarters, Grady Detention, City Hall and Municipal Courts.

As of August 13 only 35 of the approximate 600 clergy had accepted the invitation.

Clergymen should understand the role of the police officer and help Atlanta churches to help prevent and curb crime.

If interested, call Officer Lee or Mr. Richard Mosley at 658-6700 and let them know what Friday night (between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.) in September you would like to tour.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ADOPTS HISTORIC STATEMENT CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMÍTISM

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE WELCOMES RESOLUTION AS MAJOR ADVANCE

In response to the adoption by the Southern Baptist Convention of the resolution condemning anti-Semitism today (June 7) in Philadelphia, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee issued the following statement:

"The American Jewish Committee welcomes as an historic act of friendship and fraternal solidarity the unanimous adoption by the Southern Baptist Convention of a forthright resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism. The pledge to combat all anti-Semitic bias by the eleven million member Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, is an unprecedented development in Southern Baptist history and is one of the impressive fruits of the Southern Baptist-Jewish dialogue in which the American Jewish Committee has been privileged to engage since its inception. We are especially grateful for the leadership role of Dr. Elmo Scoggin of Raleigh, North Carolina, whose inspired advocacy of this action has contributed to this major advance in Baptist-Jewish relationships. This resolution provides a new foundation for the overcoming of hostility and misunderstanding and for

building a human community based on mutual understanding, reciprocal trust, and respect for essential differences."



## THE EVANGELICAL RENAISSANCE

"A reshuffling of power is taking place in America today that has nothing at all to do with political parties or elections," Governor Reuben Askew of Florida has said. "The wheel of power in this nation is turning, unmistakably and undeniably from the North to the South."

Making the necessary allowances for boosterism or for the revival of sectional egotism, it is evident from and the information about economic, demographic, and political trends in the South that there is a realistic basis for that growing sslf-confidence in the ascendancy of the South in the affairs of the nation that is expressed in Governor Askew's comments. But Governor Askew is not only an important Southern politicain. He is also, like Gov. Carter a "born again" evangelical Christian, and that buoyant observation he offered about \*\*Extrement\*\* the future of Southern power he could apply with equal cerititude to the ascendancy of Southern religion.

And there is much statistical data and other kinds of data to support such optimistic claims. Thus, the National Council of Churches, in May 1976, reported that 132,287450 persons are members of religious groups - a gain of 1,042,311 (.8) percent over the previous year. The percentage of the U. S. population holding formal membership in churches (62.3%) also increased slightly over the 61.9% membership a year ago. While

"those popinjays, those tradespeople of the North".

At the same time, Mortherners felt themsleves at a disadvantage and inferior because the original political "establaishment" was Southern - the Virginia dynasty. The United States and the coast were made by Southerners. Four of the first five presidents were Virginians. The idea seemed to develop that somehow or other the government was run by Southerners. The South which had been the dominant force in American political life before the Civil War was now subordinate to the North, with the emergence of of the Republican party as the national party.

Through much of American history, our parties have been sectional in nature. As Samuel Lubell states in his "The Future of American Politics," after the Civil War each party dominated a different part of the country, the Democrats in the South, and the Republicans over most of the North. (The Frankdlin D. Rossevelt revolution upset this balance of separat geographical dominances and touched off a race to nationalize the basis of support for both parties. By transforming the Democratic following in from a largely Catholic party to mone whose main appeal was the North economic, FDR began the process of undermining Republican voting strength. The key to that erosion was a new tendency to vote on the basis of income alsoxtoxhavexbeenxetrengthenedxdaringxNohn\_F...Kennedxtxxxadministrationx The Eisenhower victoreis extended this line of economic voting into the South, where it survived even Johnson's 1964 landslide. Our ability to vote more sharply in economic terms appears also to have been strengthened by the ebbing of anti-Catholic feeling during JFK's administration and by the slow weakening of anti-Negro prejudice in the South.)