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Jerusalem — general view from the Mount of Olives. Looking across the Kidron Valley you can see the walls of the Old City. The building with the golden dome is the Mosque of Omar, standing where the ancient Temple stood. In the left background is Mount Zion.

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"Congregation of Elohim", "Family of Elohim". —  
Hebrew.

The name is given 12 times in the New Testament.  
1 Cor. 1:2, also 10:32, chap. 11:16, 22, and 15:9; 2 Cor.  
1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Thes. 2:14 and 2 Thes. 2:4; also 1 Tim.  
3:5, 15, and Acts 20:28. For headquarters see Acts 15:1-3.

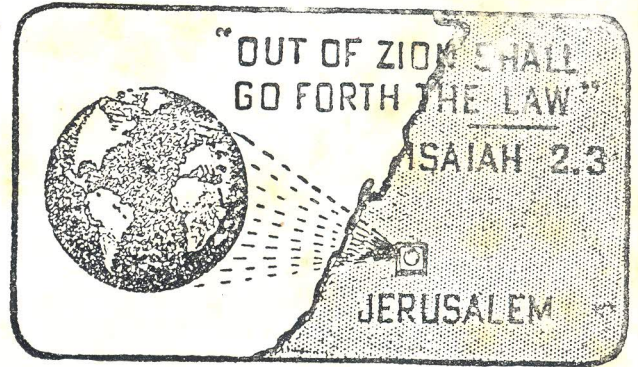
**The Head and Director: Christ (Yahshua).**

**Membership: "Lamb's Book of Life",  
in Heaven. — Revelation 20:15.**

**Our creed: Revelation 12:17.**

The name in the Old Testament: "The Daughter of  
Zion", — "Daughter of Jerusalem". — Jer. 6:2; Zeph.  
3:14; Zechariah 2:7, 10, and 9:8. The name Israel origin  
(Gen. 32:28), and mentioned over two thousand times.

Tithes and offerings are needed to send Testaments  
and Bibles to Israel, and support workers here and  
abroad.



### EXPLAINING FRONT PAGE PICTURE

In the foreground can be seen part of the slope of the Mt. of Olives, and some of the many graves which are located on this hillside. According to Jewish belief when the Messiah comes He will come to the Mount of Olives, and the dead there will be the first resurrected. They are correct that *He* will come to the Mount of Olives, but unfortunately most Jews are unaware of who their Messiah is. In the background can be seen the towers and buildings of the new city part of Jerusalem.

*(Photo taken from the Mt. of Olives)*

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## THE LAW OF GOD

By the late Ed Severson

We often hear of preachers, and also laymen, of different churches who very often say, "The law of God has been nailed to the cross, and abolished at the death of Jesus Christ," and that we are not under law but under grace. They take it for granted that to keep the Ten Commandments of God would cause a good Christian brother, or sister, to fall from grace; but that kind of teaching is not true, and will make Jesus a false teacher and lawbreaker, and mislead His people. Jesus kept the Ten Commandments, and was our example. — John 15:10. Jesus said that those who followed Him would not walk in darkness. — See John 8:12.

It has been, and is, preached, and thought, by those same persons that Jesus came to "fulfill" the law, and that means to "abolish" it. This teaching is wrong and not in harmony with the Scriptures. If Jesus abolished the law then He came to please the devil and the wicked, and God will have to blame Jesus for all the crimes and sin in the world. — Prov. 28:4.

The blessed Word of God says: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." — Gal. 6:7, 8. To sow to the flesh means to be a servant to the world, a lawbreaker, lawless, and disobedient to God. — 1 Tim. 1:9, 10.

If Jesus abolished the law of God, then he is classed with the lawless, and lawbreakers. Anyone that loves Jesus will not number him so low as to have abolished the moral rule of the eternal God, Creator of all the uni-

verse. "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Jesus said, when He pointed to His Father in heaven, "To know His (God's) Commandment is life everlasting." Jesus kept His Father's moral law faithfully unto death, and He said those who follow Him will not walk in darkness. — John 8:12. All lawbreakers, and all no-law teachers and preachers, are walking in darkness, but all those that have been washed and saved from the awful depths of sin, are commanded to remember and keep His (God's) holy covenant (Moral Law). See Luke 1:71-72.

The moral law of God is the only one called His holy covenant. No one who is a child of God will believe, teach, or preach, that Jesus came to abolish God's holiness.

It has been said by those modern teachers and preachers, that no one ever kept the law of God but Jesus. That teaching is wrong, for we may read in the blessed Word of God that Zacharias and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, kept the law of God. — Luke 1:5, 6). And again our beloved brother Paul, after he was converted and baptized into Jesus Christ, also delighted in keeping the law of God. — Rom. 7:22-25.

Jesus, when he answered the lawyer, taught that the law of God was incorporated in the love to God and the love to our neighbors. — Matt. 22:35-40. "On these two commandments hang all (not part of) the law and the prophets." Thank God, the seventh-day Sabbath hangs there, too.

Dear reader, don't be deceived, for God is not  
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# The Nation of Israel

The nation of Israel is definitely the greatest miracle of our age. One hundred years ago the world was unaware of this moving of the spirit in the hearts of His people. There was no outward evidence of the great exodus and miracle about to be transacted. At that time it was considered preposterous, even by most Christians, that there would ever be again the ancient nation of Israel, and the return of the Jews to their homeland.

However, Church of God ministers taught and preached all over the world the literal fulfillment of the many prophecies concerning the restoration and blessing again of Israel. Now, one hundred years later, this has become fact. After a lapse of almost 2,000 years, the nation of Israel is again a reality. We have passed many more milestones foretold in the Written Word. We are drawing nearer than ever to the final end of Gentile times and the return of our Messiah. We long yet to see God's purpose and Kingdom completely accomplished. Let it be as we pray in the Lord's prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The following article was published by Elder A. F. Dugger in about 1877, and is still in the scrapbook of his son, Elder Alex Dugger.

As you know, Elder A.F. Dugger was the father of Elder A.N. Dugger, the Founder of the Mt. Zion Reporter and the leader of the "Jerusalem Work" until he was taken from us only a little over a year ago. His brother, Elder Alex Dugger, lives in Colo., U.S.A., and in spite of his years is active in the ministry.

The photograph is of Elder A.F. Dugger, when he was a young man.

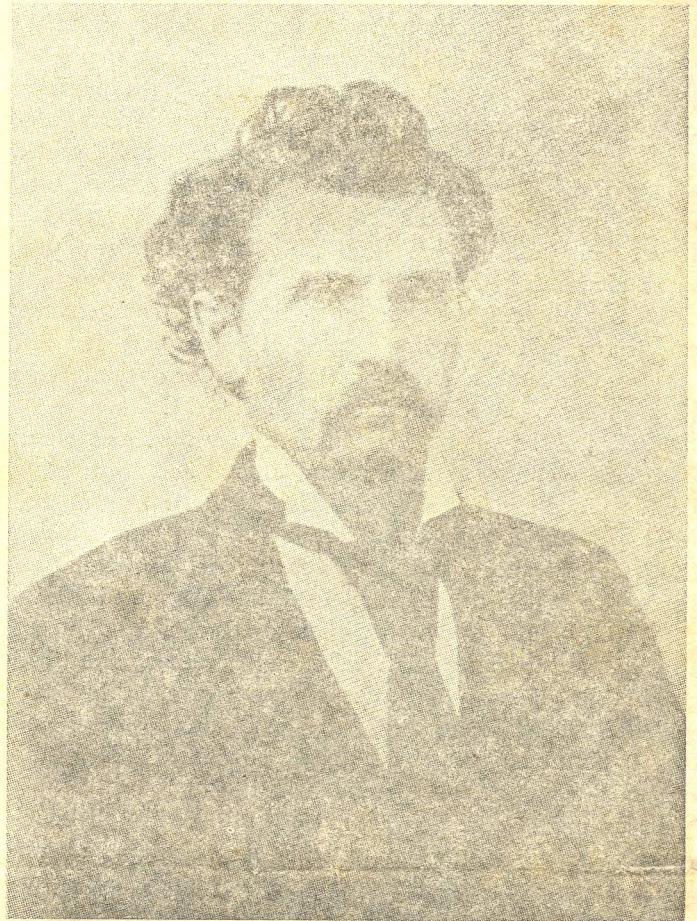
(written about 100 years ago)

## The Restoration of Israel, a Bible Doctrine

*"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and will have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be zealous for my holy Name. Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them, for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel." — Ezekiel 39:25, 28, 29.*

Some to escape the truth of Israel's restoration, claim that the terms "Jew," "Israel," and "Israelite," are used in a spiritual sense to represent those who are the children of God by faith in Christ, without regard to national distinction. For argument sake this may be granted. Does it better the case? We think not. Here we have Jacob and the whole house of Israel mentioned, and the certainty that they have been let into captivity is the very argument used by the Prophet to prove their restoration.

Furthermore God declares this restoration shall be permanent; that He will hide his face from them no more. The very God who led them into captivity is to bring them out and when they are brought out, they are to know that He is the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity.



— photo of A. F. Dugger Sr. (1844 - 1910)

Anyone can see at a glance that Israel, used in this connection, means nothing more nor less than the literal seed of Abraham. Just as certain as God scattered or caused literal Israel to be led into captivity, just as certain will He bring literal Israel out of captivity, and therefore accomplish their promised restoration.

"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 places of the country." — Ezekiel 34:11-13.

According to this prophecy, Israel is to be restored, after the cloudy and dark day, which day still continue, and will until Gentile times expire (Luke 21:25); hence *the restoration here spoken of is yet future.*

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said. The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into the land that I have unto their fathers." — Jeremiah 16:14, 15.

