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Mount Calvary – Golgotha, “Place of a Skull”. Outside the Old City walls, near Jerusalem’s Damascus Gate, the hill pictured here is believed by many Christians to be the actual place of Christ’s crucifixion. The hill resembles a skull (Matt. 27:33) and is certainly in the approximate location.

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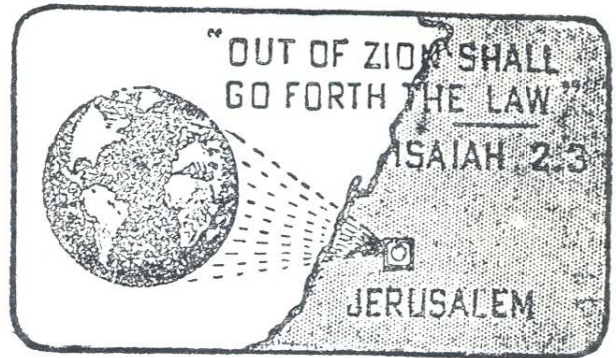
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JERUSALEM — THE HOLY CITY

Jerusalem — not Rome, Mecca, or any other city — is the Holy City of the Almighty. "For the Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation." (Psalms 132:13). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem." (Isa. 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord." (Jer. 3:17). "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name might be there." (2 Chron. 6:6). "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem." — Joel 3:16.

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In the Aftermath of Israel's Elections

Israel's general elections are now behind us, and once again — for the second time in the nation's history — the Likud party has emerged as the victor.

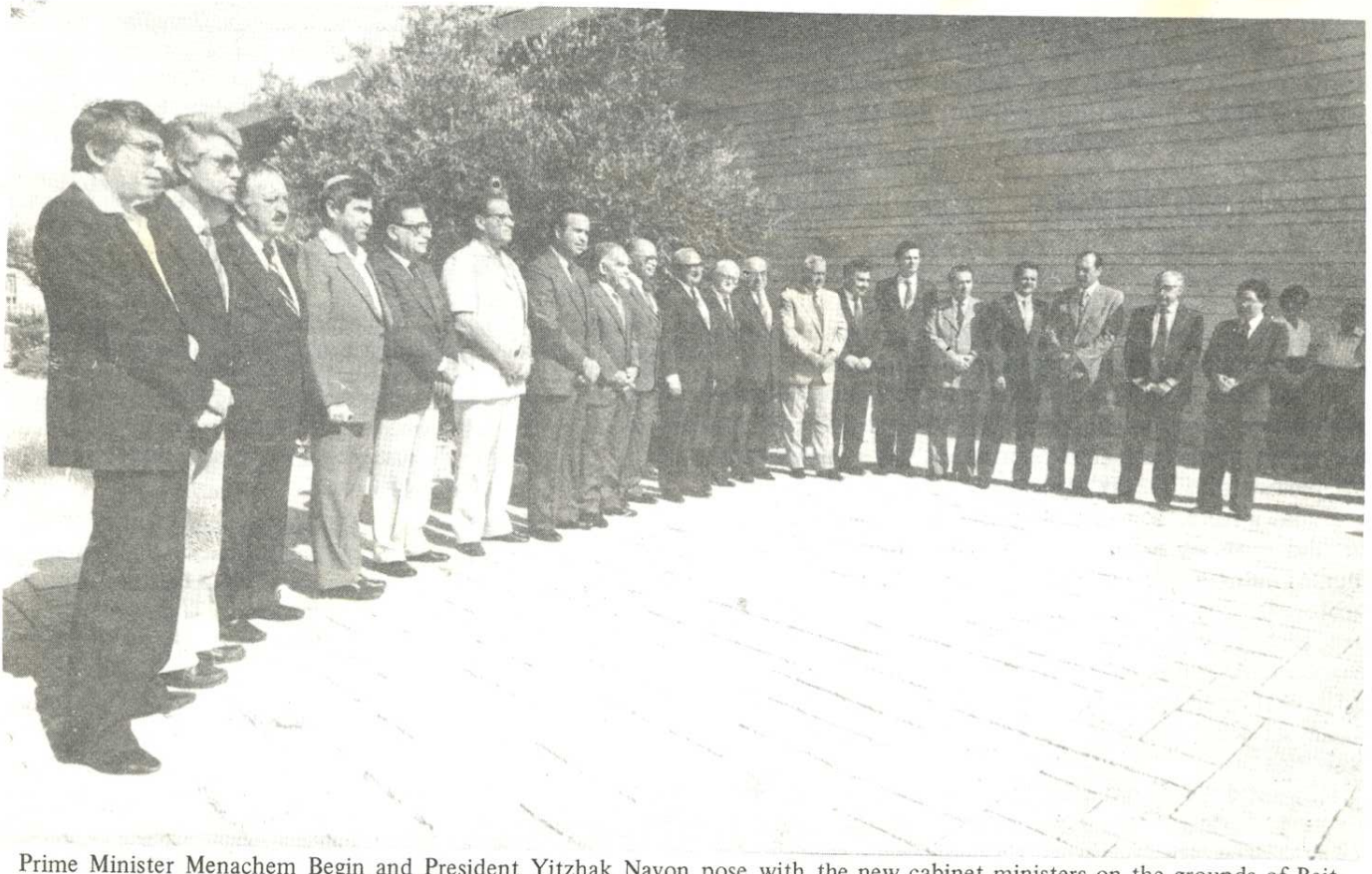
A list of the Knesset (Parliament) seats won by the different political parties follows:

PARTY	VOTES	PER CENT	SEATS
Likud	718,941 . .	37.11%	48
Labour (Alignment)	708,536 . .	36.57%	47
National Religious Party	95,232 . . .	4.92%	6
Agudat Yisrael	72,312 . . .	3.73%	4
DFPE	64,918 . . .	3.35%	4
Tehiya	44,700 . . .	2.31%	3
Tami	44,466 . . .	2.30%	3
Telem	30,600 . . .	1.58%	2
Shinui	29,837 . . .	1.54%	2
CRM	27,921 . . .	1.44%	1
Poalei Aguda	17,090 . . .	0.88%	0
I.L.P.	11,764 . . .	0.61%	0
United Arab List	11,590 . . .	0.60%	0
Flatto Sharon	10,823 . . .	0.56%	0
Sheli	8,691 . . .	0.45%	0
Arab Brotherhood	8,304 . . .	0.43%	0
Aliya (NES)	6,992 . . .	0.36%	0
Kach	5,128 . . .	0.26%	0
Atzmaut	4,710 . . .	0.24%	0
One Israel	3,726 . . .	0.19%	0
Arab Citizens	2,596 . . .	0.13%	0
Pensioners (Retired)	2,404 . . .	0.13%	0
Ihud	1,293 . . .	0.07%	0
Ya'ad	1,228 . . .	0.06%	0
Otzma	839 . . .	0.04%	0

Ohalim	545 . . .	0.03%	0
Income Tax Repeal	503 . . .	0.03%	0
Amcha	460 . . .	0.02%	0
Youth	412 . . .	0.02%	0
Council for a Changing Society	405 . . .	0.02%	0
Yozma	400 . . .	0.02%	0

As this table shows, Israel has many, many political parties — over two dozen of them! Most of these parties are very small, and don't capture much of the vote, typically only enough to win them a Knesset seat or two. This time the smaller parties got even fewer votes than usual, with the result that not very many of them even made it into the Knesset. The reason for this was that many Israelis viewed this election as a particularly crucial one — almost a conflict between two ideologies — with the Likud and the Labour parties representing the two conflicting viewpoints. Many of the people who usually voted for a small party therefore decided they had to vote for one of the major parties this time.

Even so, the Likud's victory was far from conclusive. Within the framework of Israel's parliamentary system of government, the political parties are awarded Knesset seats in proportion to the votes they get. There are a total of 120 Knesset seats, and the party that controls a majority (61 or more) forms the government. However, even though the Likud party did win 48 seats as opposed to the Labour party's 47, it still was far away from the 61 seats needed to form the next government. In cases like this — and it happens often with the parliamentary system



Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Yitzhak Navon pose with the new cabinet ministers on the grounds of Beit Hanassi. From left to right: Aharon Abuhatzzeira, labor and social welfare and absorption; David Levy, housing and construction and deputy prime minister; Ya'acov Meridor, chief economic coordinator; Zevulun Hammer, education and culture; Haim Corfu, transport; Mordechai Zipori, communications; Gideon Patt, industry and trade; Yitzhak Shamir, foreign affairs; Prime Minister Menachem Begin; President Yitzhak Navon; Simha Ehrlich, agriculture and deputy prime minister; Yosef Burg, interior, police and religious affairs; Ariel Sharon, defence; Moshe Nissim, justice; Yoram Aridor, finance; Eliezer Shostak, health; Avraham Sharir, tourism; Yitzhak Moda'i, without portfolio; Yitzhak Berman, energy; Aryeh Naor, cabinet secretary.

— a government can still be formed, if the party is able to convince some of the other parties to join with it in forming a coalition government — one that would control the needed majority of seats. These other parties then would also be members of the government, and, in the course of the negotiations, are also usually able to secure cabinet positions for their leaders and concessions regarding the new government's policies. It's a complicated business.

In this situation, it's not at all necessary that the party that eventually succeeds in forming the government be the one that won the most seats — the runner-up could quite easily be the one that manages to make enough deals with the smaller parties to give it the needed majority.

If none of the parties are able to put together a government within a certain period of time, then new elections must be held.

In any case, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, leader of the Likud, wasted no time in beginning negotiations to put together a coalition government. In intense negotiations over the next several weeks, Mr. Begin succeeded in his objective, and on August 5, 1981, the new government was presented to the Knesset. As things worked out, the Likud was able to form a coalition partnership with the National Religious Party, the Agudat Yisrael, and the Tami party. Together, their Knesset seats total 61, which gives the new government a bare majority.

This will be the second Likud government in a

row, and also the second in Israel's history. Whatever else it may mean, it would seem to indicate that the Labour party's dominance of Israel's political scene is at an end. Even though the Labour party did show impressive gains in this election, the Likud has proven that the election results four years ago were not just a fluke, but an indication that, after thirty years in the back seat, it has finally drawn even with the Labour party, and at present a little ahead, in terms of popularity.

The new government will face many problems in the period ahead. Its slim 61-seat majority means that the defection of even a member or two would be disastrous, so any internal arguments — and these usually happen — will be the more serious. It will also have to make somber decisions regarding external matters such as the autonomy negotiations with Egypt, the impending pull-back from the remainder of Sinai, and the troubles in South Lebanon.

The government's most serious problems in the immediate future will probably be domestic ones. Israel has a staggering rate of inflation — well over the one-hundred per cent mark — and while its economy copes with this remarkably well, and on the whole is quite strong, it does cause problems which usually get blamed on the government, in spite of the fact that the high inflation is caused mainly by Israel's huge defense burden.

Serious problems may also face the government as a result of the concessions in policy which the Likud

had to grant its coalition partners to gain their support. All three of its partners — the National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael, and Tami — represent ultra-religious blocs of the population. This was well shown by the fact that of 83 clauses in the coalition agreement, fifty of them deal with religious matters, and were apparently included by demand of the religious parties.

Among these clauses are ones which commit the government to increasing its financial support of religious schools and yeshivot (Jewish religious seminaries) and various other Jewish religious institutions.

It has also committed itself to working for a stricter observance of the Sabbath, in the sectors of the economy over which the government has some control. In particular, it has promised that El Al, Israel's national airline, will stop flights on the Sabbath, both to and from Israel and around the world. (Both the management and workers of El Al have strongly protested this move, saying it would cause a \$50m. loss each year and make necessary the firing of many workers. At present, El Al does suspend most of its activities in Israel during the Sabbath, but continues some services which it regards as essential, as well as activities outside the country.)

It should be noted that Israel already is a Sabbath-keeping nation. The seventh day of the week has always been the national day of rest, with almost all businesses, shops, and public transport, etc., being closed down on this day.

Most of Israel's Jewish population — in fact, about nine out of ten — is not very religious, and there is considerable resentment over what many feel were unfair concessions to the ultra-religious minority, resulting from the Likud's urgent need to obtain the support of the religious parties. This almost promises that the political scene in Israel will remain turbulent for some time to come.

One good purpose Israel's domestic trauma and confusion come election time does serve is to illustrate that Israel is indeed a free democracy — the only one in the Middle East. This is a fact that should not be forgotten. Israel's government may not be perfect, but then it never was, and, indeed, no earthly government ever will be. All the same, Israel has done remarkably well during its thirty years of existence. It has fought numerous wars for its survival, won against all the odds, and at the same time has remained a free nation giving refuge, hope and prosperity to its people. Of course, we know that God has had a hand in things, and in the years ahead this will become even more evident to the world.

We should all pray for Prime Minister Begin and for his government and for the nation of Israel. At a time when the Communist and Arab world is arming as never before, we should, more than ever, "pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

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THE COALITION AGREEMENT

Following are some of the clauses in the coalition agreement, which will serve as a guideline for government policy on the matters mentioned:

2. The government will ensure that various sectors of the

population, especially the ultra-Orthodox (*haredim*), will not be discriminated against in the allocation of government, municipal or Jewish Agency funds for education and social affairs, and will have a part in the disposition of these funds (as much as this rest within the power of the government).

3. The government will strictly enforce the laws applying to religious matters, especially municipal by-laws, through means available to the state. It will work towards full enforcement of the laws applying to Sabbath observance, *kashrut* and the sale of pork.

5. The government will move to minimize work on Sabbath. This goal will be achieved through the following means:

6. There shall be no discrimination in hiring, promoting or retaining an employee who does not wish to work on Sabbath. If the existing laws do not adequately ensure these rights, the laws shall be amended accordingly.

7. Public transportation shall cease operating before the start of Sabbath and Jewish holidays, and shall not resume operating until Sabbath or the holiday has ended, in accordance with the status quo on this matter. The Ministry of Transportation and other bodies invested with legal authority will insure the full implementation of this clause.

8. New plants, or existing plants which expand, will receive aid and assistance to plan for the elimination of work on Sabbath. This applies especially to new factories. The government will encourage the cessation or reduction of work on Sabbath with loans or grants.

9. All work permits granted for work on Sabbath, especially one-time permits, will be reported within a month of their issuance to an advisory board working with a ministerial committee on work permits. The report will include the reasons for granting the work permit. Every member of the advisory board, which will include a representative of the Institute for Science and Halacha, or Tzomet, is entitled to appeal the granting of the permit or its conditions. The appeal will be debated and decided upon within two weeks by the ministerial committee.

10. The Minister of Labour will sign Sabbath work permits after the advisory board has considered the case and given an opinion. A minority of the advisory board has the right of appeal before the ministerial committee.

11. A representative of the Institute for Science and Halacha, or Tzomet, plus an additional representative approved by Agudat Yisrael, will be permanent members of the ministerial committee on Sabbath work permits.

13. The fine for breaking the Work and Rest Hours Law will be increased significantly.

14. A deputy to the chief labour inspector will be appointed, for the purpose of supervising the implementation of the Work and Rest Hours Law as it applies to Sabbath and Jewish holidays.

15. Sabbath observance will be taken into account in the building of every new factory, and particularly in national projects, both while they are being built and after they go into operation. For this purpose, a representative of the Institute for Science and Halacha will participate in the planning process in a framework compatible with this goal.

16. Efforts will continue to reduce or eliminate work on Sabbath in the Electric Corporation. In new power plants, automated equipment will be installed wherever possible so that electricity can be generated without desecrating the Sabbath. To implement this clause, a committee will be set up comprising representatives of the prime minister, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Energy Ministry, which will present its recommendations within six months.

17. Sabbath observance will be enforced in theory and in practice at the ports of Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat. The minister of transportation will ensure the implementation of this clause. Efforts will be made to achieve complete Sabbath observance at Ben-Gurion Airport.

18. It will be insured in theory and in practice that El Al will not operate on Sabbath and Jewish holidays, either in Israel or abroad. El Al planes will not take off, fly or land on Sabbath or Jewish holidays. El Al Airlines must arrange its flight schedules in accordance with this rule. Sabbath observance must be enforced in theory and in practice in all government companies, on Israel Railways, in oil explorations and in any special events they organize both in Israel and abroad.

19. Representatives of the state on official business both in Israel and abroad will strictly observe Sabbath in theory and in practice while carrying out their duties. Official visits will be arranged in a fashion so as not to desecrate the Sabbath or Jewish holidays. Observance of Sabbath, Jewish holidays and *kashrut* (kosher rules) will continue to be enforced in all state institutions in Israel and abroad, and in all institutions which receive funds or support from the state, as is the custom.

20. The government will budget funds to finance research on ways to minimize or eliminate working on Sabbath.

21. The ministerial committee on Sabbath work permits or its representatives, will check, within a year, all Sabbath work permits issued to this date, including collective permits.

22. All government medical facilities, or medical facilities which receive government aid, will function according to halachic law regarding *kashrut*, observance of Sabbath and Jewish holidays, and of the laws concerning *cohanim* so that all sectors of the population can benefit from their services. To achieve this goal, the Ministry of Health will continue with its program of bringing existing institutions up to these standards.

27. The government will establish a planning and budget committee for yeshivot and institutes for advanced Tora studies to centralize the dispensing of government aid to yeshivot hesder, to yeshivot for advanced studies and to other institutions which are willing to accept the committee's financial and organizational supervision, as well as that of the State Comptroller. This will facilitate more efficient planning and budgeting of the construction and development of institutes of Tora studies, while safeguarding their freedom and spiritual level.

29. Housing will be built for young couples who are students at yeshivot hesder. This housing will be part of an institute's campus, just as dormitories are part of a university campus.

31. An athlete who observes Sabbath will be eligible to join an official athletic delegation and will be exempted from participation in competitions held on Sabbath. Efforts will be made to facilitate the participation of religiously observant athletes in competitions in Israel and abroad which are not held on Sabbath or a Jewish holiday.

Sport facilities in state religious schools will be equal to those in other schools.

34. Free secondary school education will continue.

36. Ways will be investigated to establish the "Institute for the Study of Agriculture according to the Tora" and the "Center for Observant Agriculturalists" as bodies operating under government auspices for advice, guidance, research, development and implementation of the principles of modern agriculture according to Halacha, for the purpose of supplying kosher agricultural products. The government will budget sufficient funds for a research and development program for agricultural methods based on observance of Halacha to ensure the supply of kosher agricultural products.

37. Observance of *kashrut* in government institutions in Israel and abroad will be guaranteed in theory and in practice.

38. The government will budget a suitable amount for the development of yeshivot. The budget for yeshiva students will increase as costs rise. Priority for Tora institutes in development towns will remain at the existing level and will apply to institutes in Judea, Samaria, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip as well. The budget for the program for aiding students in boarding schools will be brought in line with the allowances given to a child who receives welfare aid or is helped by Youth Aliya. The program will include all children in Israel who study in a boarding school, on condition that their families are willing to undergo an examination of their sources of income. The program will also apply to "external boarding

schools" which have no dormitory facilities, under criteria set by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Free secondary school education will also include small yeshivot. The accepted curricula at these yeshivot will be recognized, according to standards set by the director-general of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

41. Since the schools run by missionary institutions are not recognized for purposes of the requirements of the Compulsory Education Law, and the parents of students in those schools are not fulfilling their obligations under that law, the enforcement of that law will be carried out in theory and in practice.

42. The existing status quo on religious subjects will be preserved in legislation, in administrative practices and in regulations.

43. The status of a yeshiva student will be considered equal to that of a student at any other institution of higher learning in cases concerning widow's/widower's benefits and compensation for work-related accidents.

45. The law forbidding excavations at gravesites will be strictly enforced in theory and in practice. Any and all human bones or human remains which have been extracted or will be extracted from any grave from any period will be immediately buried according to law. On all permits for excavations issued by any authorized body, it will be specified that if graves are found in the excavation area, all digging must be stopped and the grave and its contents must be left untouched. The Chief Rabbinate must be notified in writing of the graves and it will rule on how to proceed.

A private members' bill concerning ancient graves will be presented to the coalition leadership, similar to the private members' bill submitted to the previous coalition leadership.

46. Foreign students in yeshivot will receive support equal to that of students at universities.

48. A special annual budget of IS700m. (about \$60 million) will be provided for various kinds of yeshivot (general, secondary, hesder, vocational, academies for girls), and Tora educational projects. All allocations will appear in the state budget, will be channelled through the relevant ministries, and will be subject to examination by the state comptroller.

57. The Aguda (Agudat Yisrael) school network at all levels will receive a share of the development budget equal to its weight in the entire school system. In addition, a coalition committee will examine the lag in construction for Aguda schools and will propose ways to close the gap by bringing them up to the standards of the state school system.

59. In every neighbourhood where there are religious residents, Aguda-affiliated schools and kindergartens will be established on the basis of need. Aguda schools will be included in the plans of new neighborhoods for the ultra-orthodox. The government will ensure that local authorities provide the necessary services for the Aguda educational system at all levels, in accordance with the local standards.

61. The government will take steps to introduce a five-day work week throughout the economy. Realization of this aim will be gradual and measures will be adopted to maintain labour productivity.

62. A state pension law will be passed, ensuring all citizens of a decent standard of living in old age, while preserving workers' existing rights.

69. The government will encourage development areas by giving them preference in the provision of public services and in locating new industry, and by providing tax reductions and housing to encourage people to move there.

70. In the framework of the Housing Ministry's building for young couples, special housing projects for religious young couples will be built each year. The government will ensure that in each new settlement or neighbourhood, religious institutions such as synagogues, *mikvaot*, kindergartens and schools will be included as an integral part...

71. The Ministry of Housing will make possible the estab-
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The Lord's Work Around The World ...

REPORT OF THE GOSPEL CRUSADE IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Recently Brother Ralph Perry and Brother Alan Grant of the Church of God in New Zealand, journeyed to the Philippine Islands on a Gospel Crusade.

These brethren along with some of the brothers and sisters there, travelled to many different parts of the Philippines witnessing for our Lord. The Lord worked through them mightily and many souls were lead to their Redeemer. Hallelujah!

We greatly appreciate these Brethren for their most fruitful efforts in forwarding the Gospel of Christ.

We thank the Lord for all His faithful workers who are labouring harder than ever to spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world. We praise Him for the many souls that are being reached through these precious servants of God.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matt. 9:38.



Congregation of The Church of God in Ipil, Zambozur, Philippines, standing in front of their newly finished chapel.



Baptismal service in Naval, Leyte, Philippines.

The following Reports are from Brother Ralph Perry and Brother Alan Grant

February 12, 1981

Dear Brother Gordon and the Assembly of Jerusalem,

We left Mangere International Airport at 9:45 a.m., arriving at Sidney 11:50 local time. Our Philippine flight was delayed and we did not leave till 4:10 p.m. Our flight time was 7 hours, arriving there about 8:10 local time. Customs formalities were almost non-existent and we were taken to Silahis Hotel which was air-conditioned and comfortable. We were on the sixth floor near the waterfront and had a good view over Manila Bay.

On Friday morning we went to the markets with Elder Cabardo, where you can buy almost anything, but, especially fish, meat, fruits and vegetables. On Sabbath there was a morning meeting from 9:00 to 12:00. I was asked to preach over a local radio station for the Church of God of Jerusalem's regular programme, at 12:30, which I was pleased to do. There is also an afternoon Sabbath meeting. Alan Grant and I prayed for about 12 sick people. We have met most of the brethren here at Pagadian.

The Philipino people are very friendly people. Next Friday we are going to Mate and then to Bayog where Pastors, Serapio Valdez, Elimer Medina and Alfredo Clemente are ministering, Elder Cabardo will take us. After that, we will go to Agusan, where Pastor Hesael Postrero is ministering. We are also going to Cebu, Leyte, General Santos City, Cotabato City, Bohol, and also Tagbilaran City.

We hope to send another news letter further on in our ministry journey.

Greetings of love and kind regards from Brother Alan Grant and Ralph Perry.

February 23, 1981

Greetings in His Name once again from the sunny Philippines.

Continuing from our previous letter, we visited Mate Church on Sabbath 14th, where a small congregation of about 20 adults, including visitors, assembled on the property of Brother Julito Maghilom, where they have built a small church building, and had a morning service and lunched at the Elder's house and then an afternoon service before returning to Pagadian City.

Alan and I prayed for about 10 people and Yahshua (Jesus) was faithful to His words and two people got their eye sight lit up and two peoples hearing was very much improved.

The Next day we visited one of the Elder's home's and prayed for one of their Catholic neighbors two children. The parents reported immediate improvement and we were back for Bible study and fellowship. Praise God!

We have been assisting the ministry here by holding evening Bible studies, especially about the Gospel and divine healing thru the name of Yahshua (Jesus).

We prayed for a young man about 21, he had kidney trouble and stomach ulcers. The hospital discharged him being unable to help him any further, but he was still in pain and trouble. When we prayed he felt warm and broke out into a sweat and the harm and trouble left.

I was having a shoe-shine last week by two very keen young lads, and a young man stopped me, asking where I was from and what I was doing, so I told him. He was a believer in Christ, he said. He was a Catholic, and suffered with a sore back. He asked prayer for his back, and after prayer I told him to go for a walk and really test and try his back out, which he did. He came back and reported there was no more trouble, and wanted to know where our church is.

An elderly cousin of Elder Cabardo's had her eye sight lit up when we prayed for her.

Last Friday we left for Boyog, via Buug. We arrived about 3:30, and shortly after was heavy showers of rain, the first real rain I have seen here. There was an evening meeting and we prayed successfully for about five sick folk.

In Bayog, they have built their own church building, it is very nice. It is built on the property donated by Pastor Valdez, one of our ministers there. I found he is very keen about the healing ministry, we instructed ministers how according to the Bible to pray for the sick. We prayed altogether for about 25. Pastor Valdez has turned over his property to his five sons and daughters now, and expects to have a full time ministry soon, travelling wherever he is sent to here (Philippines).

The Philippines country-side here is hilly and steepish with coconuts, bananas, papayas, rubber, corn and rice plantations taking much of the land near the roads. There are some good roads, concrete and tar seal streets, of course the real country roads are very rough. One bridge had collapsed and several others were being rebuilt, so we had to ford several streams in our bus and jeepney.

Your Brothers in Faith,
Ralph and Alan

Dear Brother Gordon Fauth and all at headquarters,

Last Friday we left Pagadian City for Tinan and Kabasalan. The Tinan people live in a small community on a large vegetable farm, which grows corn and egg fruit. They gave us a tremendous welcome and made us feel very much at home. They have just finished building a small church in the village, and on Sabbath morning and afternoon, about 30 adults (including visitors) assembled, and we prayed for about 12 sick people. After, we left to visit and stay with brethren, the Cruz family, near Kabasalan, whose 6-year-old daughter, Jocelyn, desired prayer. I could not help but marvel at the faith in Yahshua (Jesus) of that little girl.

The brethren here are so friendly and hospitable and so eager to help and hear of our other ministries around the world.

We have much travelling to do yet before returning, and hope to visit most of the main assemblies in these Islands.

Your Brothers in Jesus' dear name,
Ralph and Alan

Report from The Philippine Islands

Praise the Lord Almighty for giving us all blessings.

The brethren and I felt very happy in celebrating the Passover. It was held in Pagadian City. There were 234 active members who participated. The celebration was patterned from the Bible Calendar.

Again we are very happy and thankful that Pastor Ralph Perry and Evangelist Alan Grant arrived from New Zealand to Pagadian City last February, 1981, and helped in the ministerial work in the Philippines with great interest. As a good result of their labour, Pastor Ralph Perry was able to baptize 44 precious

souls. Besides this, Pastor Perry with Brother Grant were able to help heal many sick people by prayer.

With the wonderful blessing of God, we are glad to greet you all in the said office of the Church of God Jerusalem, Israel, and especially you, Elder Fauth.

We are praying that you will send us Calendars and Mount Zion Reporters and other magazines. Many are interested to read fresh news from Jerusalem.

Lastly, I hope and pray that you are all in good faith and condition in the work of God.

Here I enclose the pictures that were taken during the baptisms by Pastor Ralph Perry.

Your Fellow Worker,
Elder L.G. Cabardo
(Overseer of the Philippines)

Baptismal Service in Abuyog by pastor
Ralph Perry



Baptismal service in Abuyog, Leyte, Philippines.



Baptismal service in Abuyog, Agusan, Philippines.



Baptismal service in Carmen, Bohol, Philippines.

GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ABOUT SPROUTS

Sprouting has been around a long time. In 2939 B.C. the Emperor of China, in his book about plants, referred to sprouts as "healthful giving". Today he has been proved right by countless doctors and scientists.

It has been proven on the many different seeds that have been researched, that their particular vitamin contents increase after sprouting. In some cases certain vitamins are increased 600 percent. Sprouting also greatly magnifies other healthful ingredients of the seed.

Most nutritionists agree that foods with a high water content are easier on the digestive system, in the breaking down and assimilation process. Many seeds, before sprouting, are only 12 percent water; when sprouted this percentage can be doubled more than eight times over.

In addition to the many healthful purposes of sprouts, they are also practical and economical. Seeds can be kept for almost unlimited amounts of time (if stored right), and then easily sprouted in two to six days and changed into nutritious tasty vegetables. Just one half a pound of Alfalfa seed sprouts will fill a 5 gallon container.

Sprouts can substitute a regular vegetable supply, and in many cases be more healthful. The high protein sprouts provide just as much nourishment as meat. One advantage regarding sprouts instead of meat, is that seeds for sprouting are often more affordable than meat.

Some Advice On Sprouting

The best place to buy seeds for sprouting is at the health-food store. It is not advisable to buy them elsewhere, unless very careful, as some seed sold for agricultural use is treated with chemicals which can be harmful if consumed.

Most health-food stores carry large varieties of good seeds for sprouting.

Stored seeds for sprouting must be kept dry in sealed containers. If they are stored in a cool, dry, dark place, they should keep and remain in good condition for three or four months: If refrigerated, however, they will keep for considerably longer periods and still be good for sprouting: It is especially important that they are sealed from moisture when stored this way.

In selecting seeds for sprouting, be sure they are whole undamaged ones. If they are broken or damaged they may not sprout, and the broken ones, as they tend to ferment, may spoil the others. It is always good to look the seeds over before sprouting them, to make sure they are all of the right quality.

The Actual Sprouting

There are many different methods used in sprouting. The jar method may be the most common. This method requires pre-soaking; then the seeds are drained and placed in a jar, and the jar covered with a piece of transparent cloth (cheese cloth or such like) held in place by a rubber-band or string. The seeds are rinsed and drained two to four times a day. This depends on

the type of seed and the dryness of the weather, as in hot dry weather, the moisture evaporates quickly, and the seed requires a rinsing more frequently.

The jar can be left out in the open light if covered by a paper bag. It is advisable, however, that the jar be kept in a cupboard, for darkness and for a more even temperature, (for circulation the cupboard may be left open). It should remain there until the sprouts are the desired length. Then the jar may be moved into the light (with the paper bag removed) and left there for a small amount of time to 'green'. This 'greening' process just takes a few hours, if the sprouts are placed in indirect sunlight or in artificial light. The 'greening' process is beneficial to the sprout, in that it increases the chlorophyll content in the leaves. Minerals in sprouts can also be increased, by adding two teaspoons of dry Kelp to each quart of water, when soaking.

Virtues Of Different Sprouts

Alfalfa: Alfalfa sprouts have a high content of minerals. They help the healing process, due to their especially high chlorophyll content. Alfalfa seeds are about 35 percent protein. They are tasty as well. Alfalfa has been termed the "King of Sprouts". Its sprouts are commonly used in sandwiches, salads, soups, and many other interesting and tasty dishes.

Almonds: Almonds are about 18 percent protein. It is said they have been used to increase the milk supply of nursing mothers, and to help relieve headaches. It is common knowledge that almonds are good for the eyes, and recommended for those with weak eyesight. The sprouted almond is crunchy and crisp, and altogether a magnified version of the old almond wonder.

Barley: In ancient Greece, training athletes fed on a sort of barley mush. Barley dates back to the early days of the world, and although it is not as high in protein as wheat, it is an excellent foodstuff and delicious in soups, salads, etc.

Beans: The protein content in different types of beans range from 20 to 25 percent. Soybeans, however, are around 40 percent. Beans are high in Iron and other vital minerals, and also contain vitamin B1 and B2, and a good amount of calcium. They sprout easy, and different kinds of bean sprouts vary in flavor.

Flax Seeds: The seeds contain 23 percent protein, and good amounts of niacin, calcium, and iron. Oil from flax seeds is said to be good for coughs, asthma, and pleurisy. Flax seed sprouts can be substituted for lettuce. They are especially good in salads.

Lentils: Lentils are 25 percent protein, and contain healthy amounts of vitamin B, iron, and phosphorus. They also contain small amounts of vitamin C and E, of which increase when the lentil is sprouted. □

"And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev. 22:17.

Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth

Shalom!

Greetings to all the children of Abraham (Gal. 3:9) in the name of our Savior and Redeemer "Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David." (Romans 1:3). We trust you are all prospering in spirit and health.

Here in Jerusalem we are all well. Life in Israel goes on peacefully, and we thank the Heavenly Father who watches over this land for His abundant mercies.

Recently, Israel marked the memorial of the destruction of the Temple. This day of commemoration falls on Ab 9 of the Hebrew calendar, which this year corresponded with August 9. The Western Wall, only surviving part of the Temple Mount, is always crowded at this time, with people who will pray, fast and mourn, remembering God's great tabernacle. It is a holy reverence and one to be admired. Even today, two millennium after it was destroyed, the Temple still has a very special place in the heart of the Jew.

We have also just passed the Moslem holiday of Ramadan, which lasts for the entire ninth month of the Moslem calendar. During the daylight hours of this holiday, they observe a strict fast — but as darkness comes, a cannon is fired to signal the beginning of the period in which they can eat. Ramadan is a month of fasting and feasting. It is an important Moslem holiday, and during this time the Old City walls of Jerusalem are lit with many brightly colored lights, much like Christmas lights. Moslem children also receive gifts during this season.

We thank the Lord for the safe homecoming of our son Ezra, who was in the United States during the past year, where he ministered with the Zion SonBeams. It's good to have him back. Arriving with him were a friend, Randy Blackbird, and our niece, Thelesa Youngs, whom we have not seen in many years.

We were also happy to receive two visitors from South Africa — a dear sister in the Lord, Mavis Wilsenach, and her young son, Martin. Sister Wilsenach visited us for the first time some six years ago, at the time when my father (A.N. Dugger) passed away, and she touched and honored us with the beautiful song she sang at my father's funeral.

The publishing work is going forward in a good way. We are thankful for the opportunities the Lord allows to spread the gospel message yet further, and for His saving grace that changes lives and makes all things new. Surely there is no endeavor more meaningful than to spread the Gospel of Salvation. May God help us all in this, and may we be ready and willing at all times and in all situations.

The 'Son Beams' in Jerusalem recently went to Jericho, where they gave a concert. It was a blessed evening of praise and witnessing. We welcome your prayers as this singing group continues to witness in song throughout Israel.

People are generally more open to the message in song than any other kind of witnessing. Even here

in Israel, a non-Christian state, Christian songs are often broadcast on the popular radio channels, and are accepted by most of the public.

When we lived in Israel during the 1950's, shortly after this nation became a state; we were shunned by many of our Jewish neighbors, for simply being Christians. Today, the atmosphere has changed drastically and this is no longer true. It brings to mind some verses of prophecy in Ezekiel 11:17-19, speaking of the Jews of this time. *"Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh."*

Jerusalem's annual "Arts and Crafts" fair is going on now, down in the valley just below David's Citadel and the Old City walls. Artists and craftsmen from all over Israel set up stalls and display their wares. It is amazing what new and interesting things you find from one year to another.

One stand in particular, which features interesting items for children, is ran by an organization of elderly craftsmen called "The Life Line." Our little ones always insist on going there first, where you can buy curious items such as an Elephant Mirror or a stuffed 'Humpty Dumpty'. "The Life Line" is a good organization for promoting friendship between the old and the young. You may find their shops selling hand-crafted items in various places throughout Israel.

There are also many, many other fascinating exhibits, such as the one where you can buy spinning wheels, hand-operated looms, and everything needed to make your own clothes out of wool! They always have several people there demonstrating how to do this, too, and it's interesting to watch them. Then there's the glass-blowing exhibits, where you can watch a man heating glass until it glows and then blowing it into beautiful swans and other animal shapes.

The fair lasts for a week, and each year it seems to attract larger crowds than the year before.

Please don't forget to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the Lord's work here and God's workers throughout the world. We greatly appreciate all the dear brothers and sisters in the Lord who take time to send us messages of love and encouragement, and want to thank you all.

Shalom!

Naomi Fauth

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."
John 14:15.

Extracts From Readers' Letters

CAYENNE, FRENCH GUYANE. —

Dear Elder Fauth,

Greetings in Jesus' most precious name.

Once again I am writing to you, hoping this letter will reach you safely. I am very happy to be sending my portion for the Lord's work in Jerusalem.

I appreciate you, your family, and the work you are doing there. By them we can keep in touch with what is happening in Israel, corresponding with the Bible.

Thank the Heavenly Father for such good help. I send regards to everyone.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,
O.P.

JAMAICA, WEST INDIES. —

Dear Mt. Zion Staff,

Thank God my life has been spared to write another letter. The Lord has been keeping me so good and I am so thankful.

I pray for the Jerusalem work and hope for its continuance. May God bless you all real good.

Your magazines have been real inspiring, also your yearly Calendar. Please continue to send me these. I also share them with other friends. Thank you.

God will take care of you. Philippians 4:19.

In Christ,
I.W.

ENGLAND. —

Dear Brother Fauth and all the Reporter Staff,

Greetings! Just a few lines to tell you thanks for the constant mailing of my monthly magazine. I thank you very much, they are very encouraging to me.

May the God of Heaven continue to bless His great work. May you all abide continually in the work of the Lord.

Please keep praying for me, I am doing the same for you.

Your Sister in the Lord,
M.H.

AUSTRALIA. —

Dear Friends,

Greetings in His great love.

Thank you for your loving letters and magazines. I do very much appreciate them and so do others who I give them to.

So much is happening so quickly now. One can see His Word opening up before our eyes, in daily events. One wonders how much longer one will have freedom to do things we now can do, reading the Word openly. "The night cometh when no man can work." We are to work while it is yet day.

Enclosed is my tithe, it may be used for any need you have.

In His great love and mercy,
T.M.

NAZARETH, ISRAEL. —

Dear Sir/Madam,

Last week I read my friend's magazine "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" which I enjoyed reading very much!

Would you please put my name on your mailing list? Would it be possible to send me also the issues of this year (January-June 81) and some tracts? Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
M.B.

ETHIOPIA. —

Dear Brother Fauth and Reporter Fellowship,

Praise be to the Almighty for this wonderful opportunity to write you after some prolonged silence. I had intended to write to you earlier, but circumstances here have undered me.

How are you and how is the congregation of the Almighty, in that wonderful capital of His kingdom? Praises be to His Holy Name.

Thank you for the books, Reporters, Calendars, and Bible lessons which you have sent me. I am very grateful.

May the Almighty keep you in His peace.

Your brother in Messiah,
D.M.K.

GRENADA. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

May grace, peace and mercy from our Heavenly Father and from our Messiah be with you and all the Reporter staff.

I am a Sister from Grenada, and you all have been such a blessing to me. Therefore I must indeed say a special thank you.

May the Almighty bless you richly.

Your Sister in Christ,
J.B.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA. —

Dear Editor,

My gratitude cannot be over emphasized on how you've been feeding me with the words of God through your magazine. This has enabled me not to forget the source of my christian growth. May he who rewards with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus, reward you.

I am a regular reader and I thank you for making me one of them. As a student you know I have nothing to give or donate, but I always go on my knees, praying for the continuation of the paper, and strength for the publishers and the anointed editor.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
S.O.A.

PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A. —

Dear Precious ones in Christ,

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33.

I quote this passage of scripture to partly illustrate an incident of God's own working in my life.

Not long ago my church issued an appeal for more money, and I sent them \$10.00, and I gave \$10.00 to a publishing company that sends me a beautiful religious magazine free every month, (they have been doing this for years). I stipulated in my letter that they use this \$10.00 to buy Bibles for the poor and needy, and give free to all that ask for a Bible. But to my complete surprise they sent me the Bibles, so I took this as an ultimatum from the Lord that He wanted me to carry on this additional ministry. I have given all of them away except one. The Lord showed me quickly the thousands here and surrounding areas who would gladly receive a free Bible.

I thank you and your entire staff for past cooperation. May the good Lord bless each and every one as you work in the Lord's work.

H.W.H.

The Way Back to Eden

by Ralph A. Georgel



Romans 5:12, *"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* Verse 9, *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."*

The Bible contains many examples of disobedience, along with the awful consequences of treating lightly the warnings, admonitions, instructions in righteousness, the wonderful grace of God, His patience, love and great forbearance. Likewise it has many examples of those who are obedient, and the eternal rewards, awaiting them.

Today we find ourselves living in a sinful and corrupt world, full of affliction and misery, such as described in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection (infatuation), trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away."* It has been that way since man fell into sin. This condition has existed ever since the first great act of disobedience opened the flood gates of sin, woe, suffering oppression upon the whole earth. We must however recognize the fact that sin intensifies its progress in the last days, as Paul states. In order to survive these perils of the last days we must have a firm grip on the hand of Christ.

In the beginning God created a beautiful world. It was not necessary that our first parents sin. Adam sinned in spite of the fact that he possessed great power to resist temptation. He was created in the image of God and after His likeness. God saw that everything He had made was good, and He even made Adam a king; he was to exercise dominion over all God's created works.

Genesis 1:26, *"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."*

But through one great act of disobedience, Adam forfeited all the glory of Eden, now to make a living by the sweat of his brow. Thereafter, that was to be his lot and the portion of all the following generations.

Genesis 3:17-19, *"And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."*

As man fell, here was Satan's opportunity to exercise control over the earth. He had caused man to fall, and laid claim upon them as his lawful captives. He contended that the human family were now his subjects, of a kingdom he was about to set up in opposition to the

kingdom of heaven. It was Satan's purpose to hold the human family in subjection forever. The world was in a dilemma. As one man's sin caused all this to befall the human family, so one man's going through this world without sin, could redeem it out of Satan's grasp. No one but Christ would be able to accomplish our redemption, and upon His shoulders lay the fate of all mankind. Christ's taking on human nature 4000 years later than Adam, placed Christ at a great disadvantage over His opponent, the devil. Jesus suffered under the temptation of Satan, yet He sinned not.

Hebrews 2:16,18, *"For verily He took not upon Him the nature of angels, but He took on Him the seed of Abraham."* *"For in that He himself hath suffered, being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted."*, yet without sin, said Paul in Hebrews 4. In order to restore life to a world doomed to die, the Son of God was compelled to resist every temptation common to man. Grace was then poured upon the earth as free as the air we breathe. Christ went all the way in order to bring justification to those who by faith accept the great sacrifice.

Romans 5:9, *"Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."*

Let us consider Adam, the one who yielded to sin. First, God made him in His own image — *"after Our likeness"*. Not alone physically, strength, sensitivity, and mentality. God created our first parents with virtues of character, love and benevolence. Their will was in perfect accord with the will of their creator. God gave them authority over all the animal creation, to love and train them for useful service, for their delight and happiness. In turn, the animal creation would give Adam and Eve their full hearts affection. There existed a powerful bond between Adam and the creatures under his dominion. There was nothing lacking in Eden in order to make man perfectly happy. This all came to naught through one man's disobedience.

The whole world felt the impact of this great act of disobedience that opened the flood-gates of woe, suffering, desolation and misery. The animal creation, once loving and obedient, now rebelled against the authority of Adam, and were not only hostile to man, but were at enmity with one another. Likewise after the fall, mankind instead of cooperating one with another for their own survival and their restoration to God's favor, were antagonistic toward each other. There was no peace in the world. Those fortunate enough to accumulate possessions in the world, found their treasures taken away, themselves enslaved by those stronger than they, and were subjected to forced labor to help build up the despotic power of their conquerors. This all came through Adam's disobedience. *"So by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous."* Through Adam's sin the hope of the world had perished, so through Christ, this hope was again made alive.

Through the obedience of One, all creation is to be subject to the control of the sinless One. Revelation 11:15. The animal creation is destined again to be under man's loving authority. There will be perfect peace in God's Kingdom. Man, again will be able to live

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Things to Think About

by Priscilla Fauth

Now, more than ever, we as brothers and sisters in the Lord need to be drawn closer together as the body of Christ.

Satan is on the war path, seeking whom he may devour. He is working (fighting) harder than ever, and in many different ways, to destroy, discourage and cause discord among the children of God. He knows he hasn't much time left.

Let's be fully aware of the attacks that Satan so slyly brings upon us, the little disagreements (or even big ones) that seem to bring on a spirit of human judgement, a spirit of condemnation and a desire to find out everybody else's wrongs, but ignoring our own.

If we can't get along with each other here on earth, so then, how can we get along in the Heavenly Kingdom? We can't! Think about that!

There's a song that a famous person in the eyes of the world wrote. Some of its lyrics go like this: "Let me be a little meeker with a brother that is weaker, think a little more of others and a little less of me." We should not just be "a little meeker with a brother that is weaker", but we should be a lot meeker with everyone, weaker or stronger, it matters not! Let us think much more of others and a lot less of me!

Pride, what does it mean? *"*Unduly high opinion of one's own qualities, merits, etc.*" Are you proud? I think everyone is to a certain degree, but this does not make pride right! What does the Bible have to say about pride? In Proverbs 29:23, it says: "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit." Also read Proverbs 16:18. There are many more scriptures warning us against being proud (having pride control us).

Yes, it is high time for the people of God to get rid of all unrighteous pride, selfishness and self-righteousness. We are here to uphold, uplift, comfort, encourage, enlighten, to help one another, not to stomp each other in the ground, while trying to ignore the wrong that needs changing in our own lives, thinking it makes us

more 'holy' than they, or at least making us feel better about ourselves.

Oh yes, on the surface of our heart we might feel a little comforted about ourselves (after putting another down), but that feeling won't stay there for long, soon it will slowly seek to the bottom of our heart causing us to feel a gnawing guilt, which always tends to make one feel miserable, which usually leads to putting another person (brother) down in a effort to cover the guilt and misery and to surface the lying feeling of "I'm better than you are". God help us to overcome all these vices!

What is "Gossip"? *"*Idle talk, groundless rumours, tittle tattle.*" In Matthew 12:36, it says: "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement."

James 3:8 says that the tongue is an unruly evil full of deadly poison. Also read James chapters 3 and 4.

"Gossip" truly is a terrible and very harmful sin. It seems, though, that many don't consider it such, but the Bible says otherwise; in fact, we are going to give account for every juicy piece of gossip we've had part in, on that great day of judgement. (What excuse will we give? Is there any?)

How many times have we said something that caused discord among the brethren? How many times have our words caused someone to stumble and fall? "Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." Luke 17:1,2.

Let us get rid of all pride, selfishness, unrighteousness. Let's prepare ourselves as a bride, without spot nor wrinkle, that our bridegroom will receive us as his own. Time is running out!

Let us love one another as He has loved us. □

* Quote from 'The Oxford Illustrated Dictionary'.



The Way Back to Eden

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with man in close association. The animals will no longer fear man, but will contribute their hearts affection to man even as it was before man fell into sin.

Through Christ Eden is again to be restored. Hosea 2:18, "And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them lie down safely." No longer will the lion, tiger, or the wolf be vicious toward man or other creatures. The Kingdom, Eden restored, will offer perfect security under the mild reign of the sinless One. □

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"Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." — Matthew 7:14.

Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

I gather there are several names pertaining to different parts of the Jewish Bible (the Old Testament). I would like an explanation of these names; Torah, Tanakh, and Talmud; and to what they apply.

ANSWER. —

The Torah is the first five books of the Old Testament; the books of Moses containing the oral law. The translation of the word "Torah" is "to teach", in other words meaning, "instruction" or "doctrine".

'Tanakh' is the Hebrew name for the complete Old Testament, (The Jewish Bible).

The Talmud, on the other hand, is not part of the Bible, but a collection of traditional Rabbinic studies and teachings. It is used as a helpful Bible study guide, explaining in detail many customs, laws, and morals of the Bible and Jewish tradition.

QUESTION. —

Could you please give me some information about Jesus' family (brothers, sisters, etc.); And did His family accept Him as the Messiah?

ANSWER. —

The Bible does not say too much concerning the Saviour's earthly family.

Early Church history proves that He did have a number of brothers and sisters, which did believe in Him as the Messiah. His brother James was very active in the early Church work, and many other of Christ's relatives were zealous workers for the Heavenly Kingdom, and expounded the Gospel of Christ along with the other believers in Israel.

QUESTION. —

I have heard from different sources that the Holy Temple is now being rebuilt there in Jerusalem. Would you please confirm these reports, or, if it is otherwise, let me know: As you are there in Jerusalem you must know the situation.

ANSWER. —

We have heard many such reports of the Holy Temple again being constructed here in Jerusalem. But, I am afraid that these reports are somewhat exaggerated. There is a large Jewish Synagogue (Temple), which was just recently built here. Perhaps it is this great building which is being referred to as the "Holy Temple". However, this construction is not in any way tied to the Holy Biblical Temple. It is located some miles away from the old Temple site, and is simply a large place of meeting for Sabbath services and daily worship. It is named "The Great Jerusalem Synagogue".

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lishment of religious neighbourhoods, within the framework of new quarters in Jerusalem and other parts of the country...

72. The government will work for the establishment of a free education system from the age of three years. The development will take place gradually, with preference being given, respectively, to distressed neighborhoods, development towns, immigrant towns and large families. Preference will be given to places where new construction is not necessary. The government will take annual steps to carry out this program within the next four years, and will make every effort to realize it during the term of the Tenth Knesset...

73. The government will continue proceedings leading to the passage of a national health bill...

83. The prime minister believes that since the notion of conversion (to Judaism) is in essence halachic, there is a need to amend the Law of Return and to include in it the words "conversion according to Halacha" (*giur k'halacha*). In order to do this, the prime minister will make every possible effort to assemble a Knesset majority for the aforementioned amendment.

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SHARE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS IN ISRAEL

We are sending a steady flow of Bibles, Testaments, gospel tracts and literature of all kinds to almost every part of the world. This ministry is important for these last days we are living in, and it is bearing good fruit for the Lord. Many precious people are being shown the way to salvation and life eternal. "And this gospel of this kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." — Matt. 24:14.

You can and should have a part in the ministry of The Mount Zion Reporter. Our expenses are high and rising all the time, and your financial support is needed and would be most welcome. Not everyone can go to the far corners of the world as a missionary for Christ, but everyone can have a part in this same work by supporting with their prayers, tithes and offerings the ministry being carried on from Jerusalem. Your help is needed, and whether your donations are large or small they will be gratefully received and will be put to good use in the work of the Heavenly Father, here in your place. Please pray about it. You can help us save souls! Take this opportunity to share in His work; the Lord will bless you for it!

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

GLIDER TERRORISTS ORDERED DETAINED

ACRE. — The two terrorists who tried to infiltrate into Israel by hang-gliders two months ago were ordered detained for 15 days by the Acre Magistrates Court on Friday. The pair have been under administrative detention until now.

The police representative told the court that they belonged to an enemy organization and had attempted armed infiltration into Israel.

The older of the two terrorists, Juma'a Khalaf al-Youssef, 34, was captured near Afek, and the other, Abdel-Halim Mohammed Hafez, 18, in South Lebanon.

When asked by the court whether they had anything to say before the magistrate gave his decision, they said they belonged to the Palestine Liberation Front and had intended attacking civilians.

TERRORISTS CAUGHT BY ALERT SOLDIERS

GAZA. — Thanks to the alertness of a group of soldiers on duty at a road-block in the Gaza Strip, a planned terrorist attack was last week averted.

The driver of a car, heading for Israel from the direction of Egypt, aroused the suspicion of the soldiers during a regular road-block check. A thorough investigation revealed three hand-grenades hidden inside the vehicle.

The driver later admitted to security forces that he had been instructed to toss the grenades into crowded areas in Tel Aviv.

IRAN'S IRAQI POWs TO FIGHT

NICOSIA. — Iran will send volunteer forces from among Iraqi prisoners of war as well as Iranian fighters to Lebanon to fight against Israel, the official Iranian news agency, Pars, reported on Friday.

Pars said the decision was taken by the Iranian Supreme Defence Council. It said the measure was taken "in the light of necessity to support the Palestine revolution and to convey aid to our brothers fighting on the fronts."

U.S. ARMING IRAQ, PARIS WEEKLY CLAIMS

PARIS. — The U.S. has secretly supplied the Iraqi army with military material over the last two months, according to diplomatic sources quoted by the French weekly *L'Express*.

The Americans have arranged to supply the Iraqis through the covert cooperation of Turkish authorities, who forwarded the equipment to Iraq, the report said. Turkey has officially taken a neutral stand in the Iran-Iraq conflict, but the Turks apparently were ready to help Washington to help Baghdad, in the context of a combined modest effort by NATO to replace used military materials of the Iraqi army. The sources mentioned supplies of ammunition, trucks and other logistic materials.

BALTIC JEWS TO MEET

TEL AVIV. — A call to the Soviet Union to let its Jews emigrate and to let those who wish to stay lead full Jewish lives, will be an important part of the world convention of Jews from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to be held here next week.

Jews from the Baltic countries — now scattered over

four continents — will get together at the three-day meeting.

The conferees will discuss the social and material integration of Holocaust survivors and of younger Jews who leave the USSR for Israel or the West.

SHARON: EGYPT MIGHT LET SETTLERS STAY

Ariel Sharon yesterday broached the possibility that Egypt might accede to an Israeli initiative to allow the Sinai settlements to stay on after next year's final withdrawal from Sinai.

Sharon is expected to be defence minister, and thus responsible for the actual evacuation of the Sinai settlers, some of whom have warned they would refuse to budge. He suggested a renewed approach to Cairo over evacuation of the settlements during coalition talks between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the National Religious Party.

He said he had discerned a new spirit among Egyptians at the recent Ophira summit between Begin and President Anwar Sadat.

He said this after the NRP's Rabbi Haim Druckman suggested a renewed approach to the Egyptians over the issue.

Begin said it would mean humiliation for Israel, as it would merely invite rejection.

But Sharon felt that such a move should be made.

PLO REPORTEDLY ON WARPATH WITH INDIANS

NEW YORK. — The Palestine Liberation Organization, aided by American Indians, has established three major underground cells in the U.S. and is aiming at sabotaging power installations there, according to terrorism expert Robert Moss.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Moss said that "large groups" of American Indians have been trained at PLO camps in Lebanon and that most of the PLO underground activity — as opposed to its information and political offices in the U.S. — is concentrated in Southern California.

The author of the best-selling book *The Spike* told the audience that the PLO is planning to sabotage nuclear and oil facilities in the U.S. in the coming year. This, he said, will coincide with terrorist activity in the Persian Gulf aimed at sabotaging the oil supply from that area to the U.S.

"The PLO, with the aid of other terrorist organizations, will attempt to strangle the West by destroying its power installations," he said. He added that he expects an increase in political terrorism in the U.S.

In 1979, Moss said, the West German authorities, with the help of Israel, uncovered a PLO cell which planned to sabotage oil installations in West Germany.

Another PLO target in the U.S., he said, will be the Olympic Games in Los Angeles planned for 1984. He warned Jewish groups in the area to take proper security measures.

Moss stressed that the Soviet Union is behind many of the PLO activities around the world and blames the Western secret services, including the CIA, for not conducting an efficient campaign against the Palestinian terrorists for fear of antagonizing the Arab oil-producing countries.

BLAST KILLS MILITARY GOVERNOR OF RAFIAH

Security forces in the Gaza Strip last night launched a large-scale operation in the vicinity of Rafiah following the killing of the area's military governor yesterday afternoon.

The governor, Sgan Aluf Eli Shahak (Machnik), 32, was killed by an explosive device north of the Rafiah junction. Two soldiers and three civilian policemen were wounded in the blast, the army spokesman said.

The governor and his security aides were said to have been hit while attempting to uncover a cache of explosives. Shahak was killed instantly after pulling a rope which was evidently linked to an explosive charge.

Security officials last night viewed the incident with gravity, but they declined to confirm that it signalled a revival of the kind of terrorist action the region witnessed in the early 1970s. Nevertheless, yesterday's incident was the third within less than four weeks.

A hand grenade was hurled this month at an army jeep at the Avshalom crossroads south of the Gaza Strip, but there were no injuries or damage.

Also, a four-member terrorist gang was arrested in possession of several hundred hand grenades. The gang belonged to the Fatah, the terrorist group headed by the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

Security forces have been conducting an extensive investigation to trace the sources of sabotage equipment smuggled into the Rafiah region in large quantities.

According to one theory, some of the weapons were brought in by Lebanese boats sailing between Lebanon and Egypt.

But, according to another theory, weapons were smuggled in by Beduin marauders working for Fatah.

SUEZ ROUTE TO MECCA?

NAZARETH. — Moslem clergymen will ask the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv to permit Israeli Moslems to make the pilgrimage to Mecca via the Suez Canal.

It is learned that if the Egyptians agree, this will save the pilgrims 30 per cent of the travel costs. They must now make the trip via Jordan.

HEROD BUILT FIRST MODERN HARBOUR IN HISTORY

Although the Jews have virtually no naval past, it was Herod, king of Judea, who built "the first modern harbour in history," according to archeologist Avner Raban of the University of Haifa.

Addressing an archeological conference in Jerusalem last week, Raban said the harbour was the first to employ free-standing breakwaters. The builders of the harbour at Caesarea which was dedicated in 13 BCE, employed for the first time artificial, moulded conglomerate poured into wooden frames, as well as immense blocks of stone, said Raban. These were lowered into the sea from barges in an interlocking pattern.

The breakwaters proved far more durable said Raban, than the modern breakwaters at Ashdod port which collapsed some 15 years after their construction and had to be rebuilt.

So sophisticated were the builders of the port, said Raban, that they employed special construction methods to avoid silting and to keep the splash of winter storms away from quays so that loading of ships could proceed even in winter.

CITY OF DAVID DIGGERS PROBE PYRAMID PUZZLE

A monumental pyramid-like structure apparently dating from King Solomon's time will be the centre of interest when the City of David excavations resume next Monday in Jerusalem.

The structure, of which 16 metres has been exposed so far, was uncovered at the end of last season's dig and aroused widespread speculation. Archeologists have suggested that it may be connected with the citadel of the ancient city, but journalistic speculation has raised the notion of the royal tombs of the house of David.

In any case, the very existence of a substantial structure from the period of David and Solomon 3,000 years ago is considered spectacular.

Dr. Yigal Shiloh, the director of the excavation, said yesterday that electronic devices will be used to probe the structure for hollow places. The archeologists will also clear away the earth still covering the lower part of the structure to reveal it to its full height.

Digs will be made at three other sites in the City of David, including one holding remains of the Canaanite city of Jebus which David conquered.

This will be the fourth of five scheduled seasons of excavations in the City of David. It will last eight weeks. Some 400 volunteers from Israel and abroad will participate for various periods.

EXCAVATIONS AT CITY OF DAVID DISRUPTED

Excavations at the City of David were cut short yesterday, the second day of this season's dig, when the archeological site was overrun by *haredim* (ultra-Orthodox extremists) objecting to what they claimed was desecration of graves.

Police were summoned by Dr. Yigael Shiloh, director of the dig, but no arrests were made.

Shiloh noted that the excavations were being conducted at the Israelite level of some 3,000 years ago and that there could be no graves because the Israelites did not bury within the city. Graves from later periods on the site have already been excavated by British archeologists during the Mandatory period, Shiloh said.

The opponents to the project had first appeared on the site last Friday.

FATAH CELL BROKEN

Security forces recently arrested a Fatah terrorist cell in the Rafa area, the IDF spokesman announced.

The terrorists were arrested before they managed to carry out any sabotage operation. Over 100 hand grenades smuggled recently into the Gaza Strip were confiscated.

No further details were released.

WOMAN HURT BY MINE LAID IN 1948 WAR

A Bethlehem woman was critically injured when she stepped on an old land-mine near Kibbutz Ramat Rahel in southern Jerusalem.

The accident occurred while the woman was walking with her 12-year-old son towards Jerusalem. Suddenly the boy broke into a sprint and ran off the path they had been following.

Taking off after him, the woman entered a field which had been mined during the War of Independence and set off a mine. She was taken to the hospital in Bethlehem where doctors amputated part of her leg.

Security forces are checking the area for further left-over mines.

KATYUSHAS RAKE KIRYAT SHMONA

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Several hours after Israeli Air Force planes struck terrorist targets in South Lebanon on Friday, a barrage of more than a dozen Katyusha rockets from the area rained down on this development town, destroying a synagogue and other buildings and wounding 14 residents.

The army spokesman said that the Israeli aircraft bombed terrorist Katyusha launchers around noon south of the Zaharani River, some eight kilometres south of Sidon, and terrorist cannon five km, north of Nabatiyeh. All the aircraft, he said, returned safely to base.

The army spokesman's announcement said that the aircraft went in after terrorist launchers and cannon were discerned. This is a departure from previous practice when strikes were emphatically described as preemptive, and part of Israel's continuing anti-terrorist policy.

The missile launchers hit were the recently supplied BM-21 type manufactured in the Soviet Union and placed atop Ural-375 trucks. Each truck has forty 12-mm. rocket launchers with the range of about 20 kilometres.

The rockets struck Kiryat Shmona at about 9 p.m. and reportedly came from the Ramat Arnoun region in South Lebanon.

Residents took cover in bomb shelters on Friday night but cinemas, clubs and restaurants last night were open for business as usual.

Efforts were being made to repair phone, water and electrical installations wrecked by the rocket barrage.

The UNIFIL spokesman said that artillery duels between the terrorists and Major Sa'ad Haddad's Christian forces in South Lebanon also took place Friday. Israeli and Christian forces returned fire into the Ramat Arnoun area yesterday following the attack on Kiryat Shmona and, the spokesman said, some of the terrorists' missiles landed in UNIFIL territory in south-eastern Lebanon.

At least three people were killed and 15 were wounded when the Israeli aircraft attacked the terrorist stronghold of Nabatiyeh and nearby areas, hospital sources reported.

Lebanese reporter Edmond Chedid, who toured the targets hit by Israeli jets, said a Katyusha rocket launcher and large quantities of ammunition were destroyed in four bombing runs on a terrorist base in Habboush, 18 kilometres north of Israel, shortly before mid-day.

The base in Habboush belongs to the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the most pro-Moscow faction among the eight major groups that make up the Palestine Liberation Organization.

An ammunition dump in the village of Aqtanit belonging to Yasser Arafat's main terror organization al-Fatah caught fire in another Israeli raid, forcing local terrorists to call fire engines from Sidon to put out the blaze, Chedid reported.

BICYCLISTS GET OWN LANE IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem's first designated bicycle lane will be inaugurated next Monday. Parelleling Rehov (Street) Herzog from the Valley of the Cross to Katamonim, the lane makes use of existing pedestrian walkways. Municipal officials expect it to be used by youth movement members in the area as well as by adults pedalling to the Kirya and the Hebrew University campus at Givat Ram.

Long-range plans call for a citywide network of bicycle lanes.

NAZI CRIMINALS 'LIVE IN FEAR' IN U.S.

Scores of Nazi war criminals who settled in the U.S. after World War II under false pretences are "living in fear" of being deported, according to Efraim Zuroff, Israeli representative of the Office of Special Investigations in the U.S. Justice Department.

With interest in the Holocaust revived because of the American television film a few years ago, and with pressure for deportation of Nazi war criminals led by former New York congresswoman Elizabeth Holzmman, the U.S. government is taking the task seriously, says Zuroff. The office has a staff of 50 lawyers and investigators and an annual budget of \$2.6m.

Zuroff is collecting data relating to 30 Nazi war criminals hiding out in America.

There are hundreds — perhaps thousands — of people in the U.S. who were, ironically, aided in settling in America after the Holocaust by legislation aimed at resettling Jewish survivors. Since most Nazi collaborators were unknown and undocumented, they found it easy to lie to the immigration authorities. According to U.S. law, persons who committed war crimes outside the U.S. cannot be prosecuted for them; all that can be done is to deport them after denaturalizing them.

Zuroff gives credit to the U.S. for investing so much effort and money into the search, since "Canada and Australia have hundreds or thousands of Nazi collaborators and war criminals, but they have never done anything to find and deport them."

HUNDREDS OFFER AID TO CHILDREN OF NORTH

"Let us know immediately what we can do to help," was the gist of hundreds of cables and telephone calls from individuals and organizations to the municipalities of Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya as northern Galilee continued to come under heavy shelling this week-end.

A special centre has been set up in Tel Aviv, by the local labour council, to handle the hundreds of offers from civilians who wish to have children from the north staying with them during the school vacation.

At the same time, the Nahariya municipality last night called on the public not to initiate any welfare projects for the town's citizens, saying that all their basic requirements had been taken care of. The municipality said that the offers were, nevertheless, greatly appreciated.

From Tiberias and Upper Nazareth in the north, to Herzliya, Rishon Lezion, Netanya and Kfar Sava in the centre of the country, plans are already underway to accommodate hundreds of children from the front-line towns and settlements in private homes and summer camps.

The kibbutz movements have all agreed to open their summer camps in the centre of the country to Kiryat Shmona's children.

WIZO has increased the number of personnel in its day-care centres in the north to accommodate any child who needs care. The organization has sent toys, games and candy to be distributed in the shelters.

The Histadrut announced last night that all Na'amat day care centres and Histadrut educational facilities have been alerted to the possibility of absorbing children, youth and elderly people. Employees of Solel Boneh and Kupat Holim have also been put on an emergency schedule to provide assistance if necessary.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said last night on Israel Radio that no effort should be spared to help the children in the north overcome their fears and

relax during the summer vacation. He praised the many offers of help that had already been made and called for additional invitations of hospitality for the children.

Meanwhile, a group of 300 children from South Lebanon have returned to their homes after spending vacations at 13 Galilee kibbutzim. They were invited to Israel to rest from the tension of the war in their area.

GRENADE HURLED AT ISRAELI BUS IN NABLUS

A hand-grenade was thrown at a bus carrying Israelis on a Likud-sponsored tour of the West Bank in the centre of Nablus yesterday. But the grenade failed to explode.

The attack occurred near the local military government on the main north-south road through Nablus as the bus was travelling from Kedumim to Eilon Moreh.

The bus tours are part of the "We are on the Map" programme organized by the Likud to show Israelis its settlement achievements in the area.

The military government yesterday closed two girls schools in the Jelazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah after several days of disturbances in the area. Other minor disturbances were reported in Ramallah and in Bir Zeit.

ANTI-SEMITIC TRACTS MAILED TO TOP UK FIGURES

LONDON. — Prominent British figures are being flooded with packages of anti-Semitic literature mailed from Pakistan but believed to be from Arab sources. The number of packages may run into the hundreds.

Members of Parliament, trade unionists, industrialists and media figures have been receiving the material consisting of three books, all of which contain some positive reference to the Saudi Arabian king.

The packages "provide the first real evidence that there is a direct link between neo-Nazi groups and Saudi Arabia," according to Dr. Jacob Gewirtz, who heads the defence department of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

One of the books — *The Six Million Reconsidered*, subtitled "Is the Nazi 'Holocaust Story' a Zionist Propaganda Plot?" — is published by the Historical Review Press, which also published *Did Six Million Really Die?* That book claimed the Holocaust was a figment of the Jewish imagination. The press has been linked with the National Front, the British fascist party.

The second book included in the package is *Antizion*, subtitled "A Survey of Commentary on Organized Jewry by Leading Personalities Throughout the Ages." It is dedicated to the memory of King Faisal, "a distinguished statesman and humanitarian who in this new dark age never lost insight into the hidden causes of world upheaval."

The author is William Grimstad, an American, who received \$20,000 from the Saudi Embassy in Washington "in appreciation" for his book, according to the U.S. Anti-Defamation League. Grimstad was former managing editor of the U.S. Nazi movement's official organ, *White Power*.

The third book being sent to British opinion-makers is *The Bible, the Koran and Science*, which aims at showing Islam as superior to Christianity and Judaism.

Dr. Gewirtz said it has been assumed for several years now that the neo-Nazi campaign to dismiss the Holocaust as a fiction was being financed by Arabs who believed the main reason for support of Israel is because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews.

The National Front has been courting the Arabs, and especially the Saudis, for years, Gewirtz said. He believes the large-scale mailing of hate literature is the opening of a new campaign, and he warned that "the links between Arab groups and neo-Nazis present a very real threat to the Jewish community. What happened in Bologna (fascists bombed the railway station, killing over 80 persons) and the Rue Copernic in Paris (fatal blast in front of a synagogue) could happen here."

INT'L PANEL TO FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON. — Increasing manifestations of anti-Semitism throughout the world have led to the establishment of an international commission under the aegis of the World Jewish Congress. This was announced on Wednesday by Edgar J. Bronfman, president of the congress, after a two-day meeting here of its World Executive.

The commission will direct the fight against anti-Semitism and will cooperate closely with the Jewish communities in various countries. It will be assisted by the monitoring and research activities on anti-Semitic phenomena to be conducted by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, the research wing of the WJC.

BIRTHS IN ISRAEL — MOST OFTEN ON SUNDAY

TEL AVIV. — Israeli babies have a better chance to be born on Yom Kippur than on Independence Day and are more likely to come into the world on a weekday than on Saturday. These facts emerged from a presentation by Dr. Ayala Cohen of the Technion at a statisticians conference at Tel Aviv University on Friday.

Cohen became interested in the subject after she read articles about lower birth rates on Sundays and holidays in the U.S., Britain and other countries.

"Apparently, natural childbirth isn't quite as natural as we think," she said. "Gynecologists can intervene and the mother, too, may decide (for example) to wait until after Shabbat (Sabbath) to give birth."

Sunday birth rates in Israel are 5 per cent higher than for other weekdays. The rate drops 10 per cent on Saturdays.

"As a statistician, I only describe the facts, not explain them," she said. "I don't know why there are more births on Yom Kippur. A religious colleague told me being born on Yom Kippur is a special honour — something to do with the Messiah."

NO JERUSALEM MEET FOR MOONIES

A convention of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, which had been scheduled to take place in Israel next month, has been cancelled due to pressure from Jewish organizations abroad.

Moon, whose writings have been called "anti-Semitic" by the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress, had planned to bring several dozen church activists to Israel. The gathering was to be titled "Issues for American survival: an Academic convocation."

The Unification Church is viewed as a cult by the American Jewish community. About one-fifth to one-quarter of the estimated 10-20,000 "Moonies" in the U.S. are Jewish, according to Rabbi Rubin Dobin, who is the president of Concerned Citizens Against Cults in New York.

Dobin, who is also consultant to the organization, Concerned Parents of Cult Children, lobbied with American Jewish Organizations and Israeli institutes to oppose the convention. He also convinced over a dozen top Israeli professors and other experts not to address the convention, to which they had been invited to speak for pay.

According to Dobin, the new president of the church, a Jew named Moshe Durst, wanted to hold the gathering in Jerusalem to accord the Moonies "respectability."

"We won this time," says the rabbi, "but we must remain vigilant against the cults."

OFFICIAL PANEL RECOMMENDS NUCLEAR POWER FOR ISRAEL

HAIFA. — An interim report on nuclear development for Israel reportedly argues strongly for immediate steps to take Israel into the nuclear power age. This would be accomplished by building Canadian-type CANDU reactors, which use heavy water and unenriched uranium.

The Horev Committee on Nuclear Energy for Israel, appointed by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i last October, presented the minister with its interim findings recently. These reportedly include project guidelines for the immediate construction of a nuclear power plant, so as not to waste any time until the final report is presented next April.

The 12-man committee, chaired by Technion president Amos Horev, made on-site inspections of various types of nuclear plants abroad, before apparently deciding on the CANDU reactor. Unlike the American system, which uses ordinary water and enriched uranium, the heavy water-unenriched uranium of the CANDU system is more practicable for Israel. Some of the unenriched uranium could even be manufactured locally as a by-product of Negev phosphate production.

It was learned that the committee recommends manufacturing the maximum amount of reactor components in Israel, despite its findings that no particular difficulties exist for purchasing reactors abroad. They point out that Israel could expect easy credit terms from western manufacturers, which have excess production capacity at present.

Israel is a new and potentially expanding market in the nuclear energy field, the committee points out. It is not known, however, to what extent the committee examined the political aspects involved in Israel acquiring reactors.

MEDICAL TEAMS MAN BRIDGES TO PREVENT SPREAD OF CHOLERA

Health teams have been posted at the Jordan River bridges to prevent the spread of cholera from Jordan.

Thousands of Arabs crossing daily into the West Bank are being questioned and given superficial examinations for signs of the disease. If suspicions are aroused that they might be ill, the Arabs are sent to a hospital in Jericho for further examination.

Meanwhile, there was no change yesterday in the condition of the 70-year-old man hospitalized in Ramallah with cholera. Ahmed Salim Kutari, a resident of the refugee camp at Kalandia, recently returned from a month's visit in Jordan and is listed in critical condition.

In Jordan, a state of emergency has been declared in the wake of 294 reported cases of cholera. Four of the victims have died.

Health Ministry officials have urged the public to carefully wash all fruit and vegetables.

JORDANIANS KIDNAPPED, KILLED BY SYRIAN AGENTS IN BEIRUT

Syrian agents have kidnapped 10 Jordanians who arrived at Beirut's international airport last week on a flight from Amman and reportedly murdered several members of the group.

According to reports yesterday from Beirut, the Syrians, who effectively control the airport, kidnapped the 10 because they suspected that they were members of the Moslem Brotherhood bound for Syria through Lebanon.

Alleged Jordanian support for the Moslem Brotherhood in Syria, where the terrorist underground movement poses a serious threat to the regime of President Hafez Assad, has caused a deterioration in relations between the two countries over the past year.

Jordan has not yet publicly responded to the latest Syrian action, apparently in a deliberate effort to play down its differences with Damascus in the interests of Arab unity following Israel's attack on Iraq's nuclear plant.

Meanwhile, the offices of the Iraqi trade centre and Iraqi Airlines in Beirut came under rocket fire over the weekend. According to reports from Beirut, Syrian agents were also behind these attacks.

TRADE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT MOVES UNOBTRUSIVELY

TEL AVIV. — Away from the limelight, almost in a stealthy manner, commercial relations and the exchange of scientific knowhow continue to be carried out between Israel and Egypt.

Yesterday, for instance, 500 tons of Anna apples were shipped to Egypt. These tasty apples, of which there is a surplus here, follow the consignments of bananas that were sent last winter.

The knowhow exchange is a two-way street. The Egyptians are planning to help Israeli farmers grow some new crops. There are mainly crops of medicinal herbs and spices. The exchange here will reach its peak this winter with meetings in Egypt by scientists and farmers from the two countries.

Israeli scientists will leave this week for Egypt to discuss the use of an Israeli system to disinfect soils with the aid of solar energy rather than chemicals. This system, developed by scientists of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture under Prof. Ya'acov Katan, was first demonstrated to the Egyptians during the visit here of Egyptian Minister of Agriculture Mahmoud Doaud.

Another project entails setting up a training and experimental farm in the Nile Delta which will show local farmers new methods in agriculture.

SAMARITANS FIND TARBOOSHES IN EGYPT

NABLUS. — Peace with Egypt has brought immediate benefit to the Samaritan communities of Holon and Nablus, by relieving the tarboosh shortage in these communities.

The tarboosh — a fez-like head-covering worn by Samaritan males during worship and on the Sabbath and holidays — became scarce in recent years, because the tarboosh makers of East Jerusalem gradually died off without passing on their craft. For a time, the shortage was relieved by sending emissaries to Amman; but there the craft died out, too.

Normalization with Egypt brought an end to the shortage, and a group of four Samaritans returned from Cairo last week with dozens of tarbooshes of superior quality.

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*He That dwelleth in the secret place of
the Most High shall abide under the
shadow of the Almighty.*

*I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge
and my fortress: my God; in Him will I
trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from
the snare of the fowler, and from the
noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee
with His feathers, and under His wings
shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy
shield and buckler.*

*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror
by night; nor for the arrow that flieth
by day; nor for the pestilence that
walketh in darkness; nor for the destruc-
tion that wasteth at noonday.*

*A thousand shall fall at thy side, and
ten thousand at thy right hand; but it
shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine
eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward
of the wicked.*

*Because thou hast made the Lord,
which is my refuge, even the Most High,
thy habitation; there shall no evil befall
thee, neither shall any plague come nigh
thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels
charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy
ways. They shall bear thee up in their
hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a
stone.*

*Thou shalt tread upon the lion and
adder: the young lion and the dragon
shalt thou trample under feet.*

** Because he hath set his love upon Me,
therefore will I deliver him: I will set
him on high, because he hath known
My Name. He shall call upon Me, and I
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The 'Ninety-first Psalm' is a wonderful promise of the deliverance and help the Heavenly Father is ready to give his people in time of need. His blessings are great and manifold, His promises are sure. Only in Him can we trust.

The Lord DOES care what happens to His people! He has promised great rewards to those who love Him. The greatest of these is eternal life in the glorious kingdom to come, but it would be a mistake to think that only then will we enjoy the blessings He has promised. Even in this world, He looks after His own.



This photograph shows the mountain range above the Dead Sea, in the desolate Judean wilderness, at Qumran. In the white cliff-face in the center of the photo can be seen the openings of caves in which some of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found — the most ancient Biblical manuscripts ever discovered. The first seven of the scrolls, including the one of Isaiah, were found by an Arab shepherd in 1947. Since then, many more have been discovered, totalling more than 900 pieces of scrolls in more than 30 caves. The writers of the Dead Sea scrolls have been identified as the Essenes, a strict Jewish sect whose members, wishing to separate themselves from the world, left Jerusalem and founded a community here in the hot desert, where they lived a simple life of prayer, study and meditation. That was 2,000 years ago. The Essenes were all massacred by Titus' soldiers who stopped here on their way to crush the Jewish revolt in Jerusalem. But, knowing the Roman legions were coming, the Essenes hurriedly hid their most valuable possessions — their Scriptures — in caves around their settlement and in caves high up the side of the nearby cliffs, thereby leaving a valuable legacy for Israel of two thousand years later. The scrolls can today be seen at the Shrine of the Book museum, in Jerusalem.

Like King David, we may sometimes look around and think that it is only the wicked who prosper in this life, but if we would take a closer look we, too, would see that this isn't true. God does take care of those who trust in Him, and if we look we will find this promise repeated throughout the Bible. Perhaps the greatest of the many blessings given to the righteous is the "peace that passeth understanding" — but there are others too. Read your Bible and see. I think you will agree that even in your own life there are many examples of the working power of the Lord. Like the old song goes, "*count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*" □