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Arabs harvesting grain in "Shepherd's Field" — near the town of Bethlehem, which can be seen in the background. Bethlehem, the "City of David" and birthplace of Jesus, is located around five miles from Jerusalem. It is still quite a small town, with a mixed Christian and Moslem population.

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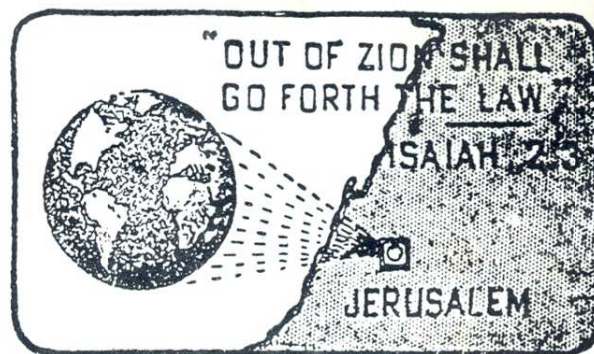
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Jerusalem — The Chosen City of God (יהודה)

"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" (Isaiah 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord" (Jeremiah 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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As Prevailing Princes We Have Power With God

by W.C. Moore

Persistence and determination in prayer, in the power of the Holy Spirit, are omnipotent.

Prevailing prayer must be persevering prayer. There must be in our prayers an unyielding perseverance — as we set our faces day and night to seek the Lord for His swift and direct interposition in the tide and affairs of men and nations, and in our own lives.

Perseverance is the grandest quality possible for a created being to have — as it corresponds with the attribute of divine immutability in God.

Jacob said: "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." — Gen. 32:26. The most important and mightiest act man can do on earth is to prevail with God in prayer.

In Christ's parable of the widow and the unjust judge He asks: "And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him?" — Luke 18:7. The Lord teaches in this parable that we are to besiege the Throne of Grace day and night until we receive an answer.

In the wrestlings of Jacob and Elijah, the pleadings of Abraham and Moses, the confessions

and supplications of Samuel and David, and in the parables of Christ, there is rich and sacred instruction as to the importance of importunate, intercessory prayer. "Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him? . . . I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." — Luke 18:7-8.

Men and women who have mightily prevailed with God in prayer, have done so, often, simply because of their indomitable perseverance. Their unswerving, unyielding pleading has carried with it their faith to Pisgah — heights of blessed victory.

"If I perish, I Perish!" — Esther 4:16

If our resolution to pray through for the interposition of God in national and world events does not commit us to complete victory at all costs, we cannot fully prevail. There must be in the heart a complete commitment. Such a commitment in fasting and prayer for divine intervention and for a revival of civic righteousness must be made in such whole-souled reliance on the Spirit's help, as will shut us up, if necessary, in day and night persistence for the answer.

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How Much Does It Cost?

How much does it cost? That question is asked thousands of times each day. And usually it refers to money. But cost may be in labor or pain or anxiety, or in anything of physical, mental, spiritual, or even of imaginary value. "What does it cost?" really means, What must I surrender in order to possess this item or do this deed?

Whenever that which is surrendered is capable of serving a larger purpose than that which is received in return, the cost is said to be too great. Whenever that which is received serves a better end than that which is given in exchange, the cost is said to be small.

What Will It Cost To Become a Christian?

But we are thinking now of what it costs to be a Christian. It may at first sound like casting things of value into the discard for us to say it really does not cost anything to be a Christian; but if one will stop to consider that everything he has to give up to become a Christian is in the nature of a liability anyway, he will see that the cost is seeming rather than real. For instance, one must give up envy, malice and hate in order to become a Christian. But these evil emotions poison the blood, sour the temper and make one unhappy anyhow. To get rid of them is a boon, not a sacrifice.

What Will It Cost *Not* to Be a Christian?

No man is rich enough to afford the luxury of sin, even in the matter of evil disposition. And then the practices which must be abandoned — what are they? Not neighborliness, not honesty of dealing, not veracity of speaking, not purity of thought and deed. Name them yourself — the things you have to give up to become a Christian. Can the abandonment of these be properly said to be a sacrifice?

Nothing Good Is Given Up

Whatever one has that is really good he will still have after he becomes a Christian. For the love of Christ will sanctify all other righteous loves, and the Christian home will be finer and better than the worldly home ever was. The Christian life will be a larger, fuller life than ever the life in the world could be.

The call to become a Christian is an invitation to exchange chaff for wheat, dross for gold, poverty for riches, guilt for pardon, and death for life. It is getting rid of the things you do not need anyway, and in their stead getting that which will guarantee your well-being in this world and in the one to come! □

Israel's Elections

Was There a Winner?

by Gordon Fauth Jr.

The foreign observer often finds Israel's political scene bewildering. Well, if you place yourself in that category, don't feel bad — most Israelis also find their politics a bit confusing; and the just-ended election must surely rank as one of the most confusing ever.

As can be seen from the inset chart, the right-wing Likud party won 40 seats in the 120-seat Knesset, compared with the Labour party's 39. Neither of the two big parties did much celebrating, though; they left that to the four small religious parties, which in some ways were the real winners. These religious parties — Shas, Agudat Yisrael, National Religious Party (NRP) and Degel Ha'Torah — together won 18 seats. The Shas party, with 6 seats, is now Israel's third largest party. The strong showing of the religious bloc leaves it in a position of unprecedented power; its rabbis are now viewed as holding the political future of Israel in their hands.

Relishing their "victory," these ultra-Orthodox parties are already pressing for numerous concessions, including sweeping changes in the Law of Return — changes which would deny legitimacy to their Reform and Conservative rivals abroad, and almost certainly alienate large segments of world Jewry. Even though this might well be disastrous for the nation, there is reason to fear that these demands will be met by whichever of the two main parties forms the new government. Since the support of the religious bloc is crucial to the formation of either a Likud or Labour government, just about the only alternative would be for these two parties to form another 'national unity' coalition — something neither is overeager to do.

To understand why the relatively small religious parties wield such disproportionate power, it is necessary to take a brief look at the Israeli electoral/political system.

Israel has a parliament, called the Knesset, with 120 seats; it incorporates within itself both the legislative and executive branches of government. The government consists of a cabinet of ministers, and is headed by the prime minister. In a general election, the voter casts his ballot, not for a person, but for the party of his choice; afterwards, the Knesset seats are awarded to the parties in proportion to the votes they received, subject only to the requirement that a one per cent 'threshold' of the popular vote must be exceeded by a party before it is awarded any seats. The new government is formed by the party that can muster a majority — 61 — of the 120 seats. If no party can do this, a new election is held.

It sounds simple enough, but in practice there are a few problems.

Israel is not divided into constituencies: the voting is national, with votes being collected from all parts of the country. This means that it is quite easy for a small party

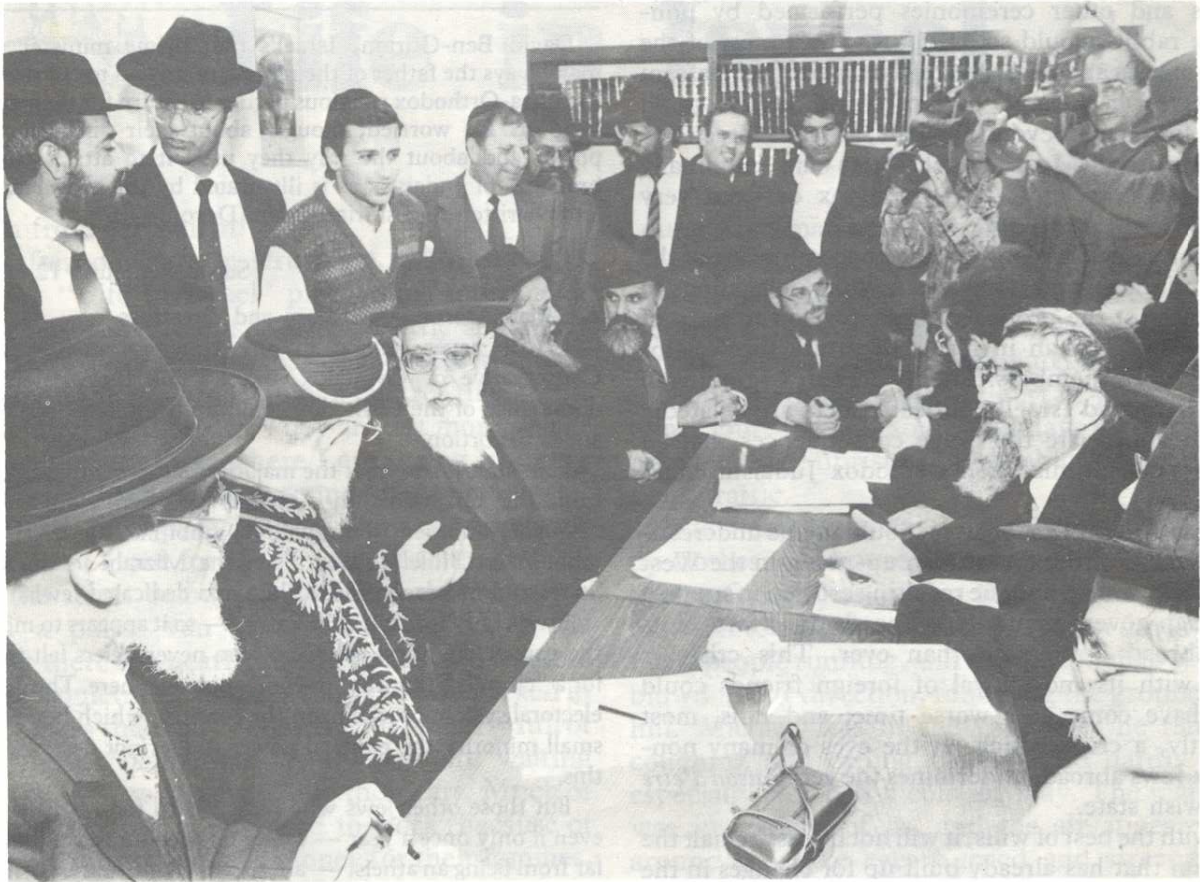
— one which could never win a local election in any district or locality in the country — to garner enough votes, receiving one here and there throughout Israel, to make it into the Knesset, where it promptly becomes a power to be reckoned with. It also means a fragmentation which has ensured that, in all of Israel's fifty years, no single party has ever been able to win a majority of the Knesset seats and form a government on its own: all of Israel's past governments have been coalition governments, formed by parties that pooled their seats to attain the needed majority.

Election Results for the Twenty-seven Parties

PARTY	SEATS	VOTES	PER CENT
Likud	40	709,305	31.1
Labour	39	685,363	30.0
Shas	6	107,709	4.7
Agudat Yisrael	5	102,714	4.5
Citizens Rights (CRM)	5	97,513	4.3
NRP	5	89,720	3.9
DFPE	4	84,032	3.7
Tehiya	3	70,730	3.1
Mapam	3	56,345	2.5
Tsomet	2	45,489	2.0
Moledet	2	44,174	1.9
Shinui	2	39,538	1.7
Degel Ha'Torah	2	34,279	1.5
Progressive Peace	1	33,695	1.5
Arab Democratic	1	27,012	1.2
Pensioners	0	16,674	0.7
Meimad	0	15,783	0.7
Derech Eretz	0	4,253	0.2
La'or	0	4,182	0.2
Just Society	0	3,222	0.1
Yishai	0	2,947	0.1
Ma'as	0	2,838	0.1
Tarshish	0	1,654	0.1
Quiet Force	0	1,579	0.1
Veterans	0	1,018	0.0
Yemenites	0	,909	0.0
Ahdut	0	,446	0.0

In short, the system not only encourages the proliferation of small parties — a total of 27 parties ran in this last election — but means that they, as *kingmakers*, generally enjoy power and influence out of all proportion to their sizes. Both the Likud and Labour have a few allies among the small parties that will support them for ideological reasons; but, after any election, they must 'bid' vigorously against each other for the independent parties' support, and are often forced to compromise their own principles in order to 'buy' enough Knesset seats to achieve power.

This situation has usually worked to the decided advantage of the small religious parties, and has often



Ultra-Orthodox "Shas" party leaders, after the election

allowed them, as a bloc, to hold the balance of power. By shrewdly using their clout, they and their institutions have become the virtual arbiters of right and wrong in Israel, in areas as diverse as marriage and divorce, Sabbath observance, food and health ordinances, public entertainment and school funding; their influence is all-purvasive in anything having to do, even remotely, with religion or morals. They believe, of course, that they have the common good at heart and are acting according to the dictates of conscience; but this state of affairs enrages many of Israel's secular citizens.

Although there are presumably certain limits beyond which the two major parties will not go in bribing their small colleagues, these limits seem to get stretched further after each successive election, often giving new meaning to the old adage that "politics makes for strange bedfellows." As an example of the ironies that occur, the nationalist, and very much Zionist, Likud party has, in the past, formed governments in concert with anti-Zionist religious parties which openly deny that the nation of Israel should exist (believing the Messiah should come first). The Labour party has done the same.

There are recurring calls in Israel for electoral reform — for a constituency-based system, a raising of the one per cent threshold, or for similar schemes that would produce a winner in an election — but thus far these calls have come to naught. David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, recognized, just a few years after independence was declared, the need for such reforms, but was himself unable to sway the vested interests that were — and still are — involved.

The Arab uprising, or *intifada*, was, until just lately, the principal bone of contention between Israel's two main political camps. The Labour and its moderate-to-left-wing allies declared that negotiations were vital,

even within an international framework, while the Likud and its right-wing cohorts maintained that only a show of unrelenting force would put down the insurrection. Now, though, even with the serious erosion in internal security caused by the year-long *intifada* — not to mention the new complications caused by the recent Palestine National Council's declaration of a Palestinian state — the main issue has suddenly become the 'Who is a Jew?' issue — and this, in some ways, is fraught with more dangers than would be a dozen *intifadas*.

In May of 1948, Israel was proclaimed a nation, and a homeland for *all* Jews, wherever they might be. Israel's status as a Jewish State was firmly inshrined in its code of law, particularly in the Law of Return, which gave Jews of all nationalities the right to become citizens of Israel. Jews around the world were called upon to rally to the aid of "their country" and, by and large, did exactly that. Over the years, Jewish organizations throughout the world have raised huge sums for Israel, have lobbied their governments to support Israel, and have generally done everything they could to safeguard the country's interests.

Now this relationship is threatened. The proposed changes would amend the Law of Return to state that only those converts converted according to *Halacha* would be considered Jews. Since *Halacha* is Orthodox rabbinical law, this would effectively delegitimize Reform and Conservative rabbis, stripping them of the power to perform conversions. This would threaten the "Jewishness" of many thousands of Jews abroad, especially as it would affect not only converts, but their descendants as well; meaning that a Jew whose grandmother had converted a generation ago would no longer be considered Jewish. It is also believed that this would be just the first step; that measures to invalidate

marriages and other ceremonies performed by non-Orthodox rabbis would soon follow. Since most of the Jews in America and other western countries are Reform or Conservative, a large part of world Jewry would suddenly find itself beyond the pale, as far as Israeli law was concerned. (Most Israeli Jews are nominally Orthodox, but are not ultra-Orthodox or even very religious.)

Jewish organizations abroad have become aware of the danger, and, deeply alarmed, are sending delegations to Israel to protest the proposed measures and to warn of what they could mean in terms of future support for Israel from their members. Their voices are beginning to be heard here, and Israeli political leaders are belatedly coming to appreciate the grave consequences that an attempt to delegitimize non-Orthodox Judaism could bring.

The seriousness of the matter should not be underestimated. Because of the Palestinian up-rising in the West Bank and Gaza strip and the resulting erosion in support from foreign governments, Israel needs the efforts of its friends abroad now more than ever. This crisis in relations with its most loyal of foreign friends could scarcely have come at a worse time; and it is, most importantly, a crisis which, in the eyes of many non-Orthodox Jews abroad, undermines the very *raison d'être* of the Jewish state.

Even with the best of wills, it will not be easy to halt the momentum that has already built up for changes in the Law of Return. If the religious parties remain adamant in pressing for these changes as a price for their support, the logical alternative is for the Likud and Labour to form another 'national unity' government — a coalition with each other. Shimon Peres, head of the Labour party, and Yitzhak Shamir, his Likud counterpart, may not find this solution to their taste — it would mean sharing power, and there is also a deep gulf separating their parties on some important issues — but it could well become the only thinkable choice.

The next few months are likely to be stormy, as far as Israel's political scene is concerned. We had some indication of this yesterday, when the first session of the Twelfth Knesset convened. It has been called "the most acrimonious and undignified Knesset opening ever," and from the beginning — when ultra-Orthodox MKs refused to join in singing the anthem (one or two hid their faces as well!) — to the end, it was unusually rowdy. Of course, Israel's Knesset often does have quite lively

David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister and in many ways the father of the nation, often had to cut deals with the ultra-Orthodox religious parties in return for their political support. He worried, though, about their disproportionate power and about the way they used it to attack the other branches of Judaism, as is illustrated by this translation of a letter written to historian Adam Doron.

Sde Boker, June 12, 1968

To Adam Doron — Shalom and Greetings,

I will never belong to any congregation — Reform, Conservative or Orthodox. But I think the existence and dominance of the Orthodox community in Israel is a disaster and a distortion.

I am almost sure that the majority in this country is very far from the Orthodox. In America, no man would dare to disqualify another, to disqualify a rabbi like the late [Reform rabbi Abba Hillel] Silver. Even the Mizrahi in the United States and in Israel regarded him as a dedicated Jewish leader.

It was only for lack of initiative — so it appears to me — on the part of the non-Orthodox, who nevertheless felt the need for a "church," that the "devout" took over here. The defective electoral system prevailing in the country, which bestows on a small minority the political power it does not deserve, helped this.

But those other Jews who have a need for a synagogue — even if only once a year — I have no need for this, though I am far from being an atheist — are also to blame that no synagogue exists where men and women can worship together, and not necessarily in the accepted liturgy which includes many things which modern taste cannot stomach — such as the [Temple] sacrifices, etc.

Is a change possible in this matter?

Respectfully,
D. Ben-Gurion

sessions — and usually manages to function surprisingly well in spite of it.

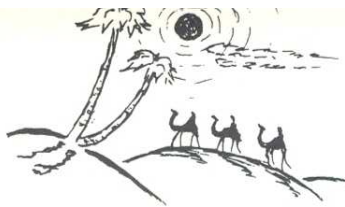
While the dust will not settle for at least a few weeks yet, it is evident that whoever does head Israel's next government — whether it be Mr. Shamir or Mr. Peres — he will need the wisdom of Solomon, and perhaps a little divine help as well, in order to defuse the 'Who is a Jew?' crisis and deal with the other serious problems that Israel faces. □

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We welcome good and timely articles for publication in "The Mount Zion Reporter". We urge those of our Readers who have been blessed with a talent for writing to put their talent to use in this way for the glory of God. Manuscripts submitted can be either typewritten or in hand-writing, although we prefer them typed. We are unable to publish every piece submitted, but we do promise to consider each one.



Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth



Shalom from Jerusalem!

It is afternoon now in Jerusalem, as I sit down to write my "Life in Israel" piece. This morning it rained, but now there is at times a little sunshine.

Birds are busy singing just outside the window. They are in the top branches of a tall tree that grows in the churchyard below. They are not more than 2 to 3 meters away from where I am sitting. Judging from the unusually loud sound of their song, I would say that perhaps they are praising and thanking the Lord for the much needed rain.

On the street below our building, there is often parked a police van or army truck. Since the uprising there are nearly always police and soldiers close by; sometimes all night long they are parked in the lot across the road. Today the lot is nearly full of tourist buses. Sometimes Arab taxis are waiting there, the drivers resting inside their cars. Much of the time, they are not allowed to work (because of the strikes), but they need money for their families, so they work anyway. At certain times they stay here at night where it is safer, rather than going home to the Arab side and risk getting their cars burned by the leaders of the 'Intifada'.

There is the sound of a horse galloping by. It is a familiar sound. Its rider is a young Arab man. We don't know him except to greet him. Just this week, he and his horse had stopped at the corner of the Hebron Road and Ein Rogel Street, where city workers were digging a deep pit beneath the sidewalk. I was coming back from the store, and stopped for a moment to pet the horse. It always seems so gentle and friendly. There are not many horses that frequent Ein Rogel Street.

There are a few mounted policemen that you sometimes see riding around the Old City walls and on Mt. Zion. You also see donkeys quite often around the Old City and along the streets leading there. In the fifties, in the downtown area of Jerusalem, any direction you looked, you would usually see two or three mounted policemen in the streets. But then there was not the heavy motor traffic as now. At that time, donkey and horse carts were also part of the scenery in Jerusalem, even in the busiest downtown areas.

We have a friend — a young Arab man who lives in Beit Jalla, a sister city to Bethlehem. We have known him for quite a few years. On the night after the Sabbath, many people walk the streets of the new city, on the Jewish side of Jerusalem. The other night, my husband and some of the children and I walked into the city. After a while, by chance we met Gabi. He said he had felt he would meet us there. I thought as we walked that he could be the only

young Arab man in all the crowds on the streets that evening, and that how unusual it was, especially when considering the trouble and added tension. As we walked along together, he was greeted a few times by Jewish friends happy to see him. He is the exception. He loves to take part in Jewish celebrations, but missed some holidays this past year because of the uprising and the blocking off of West Bank traffic.

A few days ago, when I was on the roof hanging up clothes (our house, like most of those here, has a flat roof), soldiers in Ein Rogel Street, just below me, shot tear gas canisters at a target down the hill. I saw people running, and then the foglike cloud was blown in our direction, following the ground up the hill. Michael was in the yard, and he ran inside coughing and calling me. I could hardly breathe, especially as I had a cold anyway. The main cloud was just south of us, and the air appeared clear around me. My eyes burned and streamed with tears, but my breathing was getting better, so I waited it out a few minutes until I felt a little better and was able to finish hanging up clothes. Living in Jerusalem is never dull, and I think you somehow become immune to much of the harder things. There has been quite a lot of trouble around us, but not usually on our street. From the roof top, you have almost a "bird's eye view" of the disturbances which sometimes break out nearby, just down the hill a little.

The uprising continues. The Arab shopkeepers are hard up financially and are tired of striking, but they are afraid to disobey strike calls, because the leaders of the uprising burn out shops and even sometimes kill people that cooperate with Israel. A well-dressed Arab man, wearing both a suit and kefiya, was telling us how Israeli soldiers broke the locks of shops in Hebron, and tried to force their owners to keep them open. When the strike leaders came along, the shopkeepers told them that the locksmith was a long time coming. The man was laughing as he told us about it. He knew they were purposely delaying and keeping their shops open just as long as possible.

Tomorrow will mark the day the 'Intifada' began, one year ago. Israel expects much disorder and rioting on this day, and during the days that follow. It is wearing everyone down. A young Israeli army officer stationed by the church here told my husband how very tired he is of it all. It seems like such an unsolvable problem, but this condition, we know, can't go on forever.

I think sometimes of the American Indians. We lived for years on the Yakima Indian Reservation in

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Good Health Department

We continue to receive feedback from our article on the dangers of mercury in dental fillings and the article on the prevalence of *candida* yeast infestations. It appears that the reports we received were right: many people do suffer unknowingly from symptoms caused by these conditions.

More information about dental fillings (both about the possibility of reactions to the traditional "silver" fillings, and about the availability of safe alternatives) can be obtained from the address on the next page. The Toxic Element Research Foundation has useful information available on this subject.

We would like to stress, though, that most people evidently never experience any adverse reactions to silver amalgam fillings. This is important to emphasize in view of the fact that most of us have these fillings. However, for the minority that does experience a reaction to the small amount of poisonous mercury released by these fillings, it is very important to know the cause. And, we can all be forewarned concerning the future.

Many of our readers seem to have experienced problems related to *Candida Albicans* yeast. One person writes: "I can't thank you enough for your article on *Candida Albicans* in the 'Good Health Department' in the May '87 issue. I was diagnosed as having MS (multiple sclerosis) in 11-85, and since being treated for *Candida* overgrowth am feeling 95 per cent better!"

As we mentioned, if you suspect a *Candida* problem, you should contact a doctor who knows something about this and who can administer the proper tests. Doctors and clinics that specialize in allergies are good places to inquire.

We will be glad to send copies of either of these two articles to anyone who requests them.

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Modern Medicine 1970

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*Modern Medicine
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"Among obstetric-related historical factors, a significant association was found between previous stillbirths and mercury levels in both maternal and cord blood."

*American Journal of Obstetrics
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"It (mercury) swiftly passes the placental barrier and accumulates in the fetal (baby's) brain and blood, building up to 30% higher red blood cell levels than in the mother."

Modern Medicine 1970

"The mildest cases (of mercury exposure) had mainly unspecific symptoms such as fatigue, impairment of memory, slight mental disorders, headaches, slow movements and numbness, and tremor of the lips and fingers."

Journal of Applied Toxicology 1985

"Slow retrograde seepage of mercury from root canal or Class V amalgam fillings... may lead to multiple sclerosis in middle age."

Journal of Forensic Medicine & Pathology 1983

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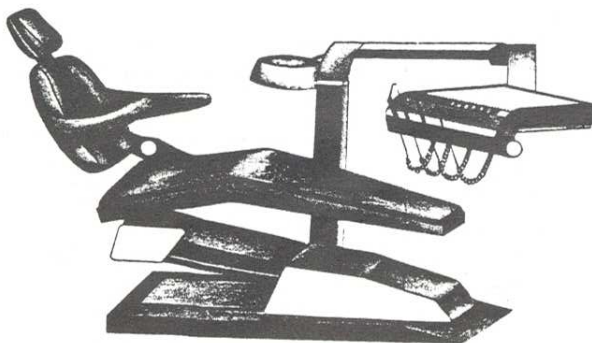
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I pray God will bless your work there and keep you safe in this time of trouble. I have always wished I could go there, but I am almost 92 years old and I guess it is not to be.

God bless and keep your family and work.

D.G.

TANZANIA.—

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Thank you very much for your communication with me.

When our Lord comes to judge and rule, the capital city will be Jerusalem. We are eagerly awaiting Him.

We usually write many letters asking if you can come. Please make a big program of prayer for this. We also need permission to translate various things into Swahili.

Our hope and cry is to bring you here. We are tired of serving heathen religions and we are seeking truth.

P.N. and M.P.

PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A.—

Dear Friends,

Please renew my subscription to the *Mt. Zion Reporter*. I quite often give talks on Israel, and I use the Reporter as a resource.

My husband and I have visited Israel twice. Prior to our visits I was not interested in the Jews, but since then God has put a love in my heart for His people.

Sincerely,
R.R.

BOMET.—

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank you for feeding me always with your magazine, *The Mt. Zion Reporter*. Please kindly send me one cassette of SonBeam songs from Jerusalem.

The Gospel message is going on here in a good way.

Your brother in His Service,
D.C.

ST. JOHNS, ANTIGUA, WEST INDIES.—

Dear Elder Fauth,

Holy greetings in Jesus' most precious name. It gives me great joy to send you these few lines. From reading the *Judah* I can see God is still blessing you all. Praise the Lord. We here in Antigua are still on fire for the Lord, only we have no Elder for years now. No one seems to care for the work and there are so many people that would like to come in.

God bless you all,
Sister J.M.

Note — Please pray with us that the Lord will meet the need of these brethren for a pastor.

LONDON, ENGLAND.—

Dear Brother Gordon,

I arrived safely home in London. I have come home peacefully and am in excellent health now.

Kindly give my thanks to your wife and family. Only God can repay you.

I learned a great deal from your Bible group discussions and hope to be back again in Israel soon to continue in the Bible studies.

I love Israel and especially Jerusalem.

Accept my sincere greetings and best regards,
S.T.

JAMAICA, WEST INDIES.—

My Dear Brethren:

God's richest blessings be upon you and all the brethren who are working so hard to give us the truth. Praise Him.

Thanks for your letter received. It brings joy to our hearts and tears as we read it. The news may not be always happy news, but then we all know that prophecies must be fulfilled.

God bless you and protect you from all the evil and dangers.

Your sister in Christ,
M.M.

INDIA.—

Dear Elder Fauth,

We are very much inquisitive to keep abreast of the news and views from Jerusalem.

Sorting out old issues of *The Mt. Zion Reporter* is too nostalgic. I have transcribed the lyrics of the sweet ode of Mrs. Effie Dugger's "Jerusalem." Do the SonBeams sing this tune? Our singing group is also doing hymns of our own compositions.

Hosanna, our bi-monthly magazine, welcomes for publication any activities of the little church in Jerusalem. Items from Jerusalem are a very special attraction here and strengthen faith in Jesus' second coming.

We pray for you and for the expansion of the Gospel.
I.H.

GHANA, AFRICA.—

Dear Ones in the Lord,

Having read your magazine *The Mt. Zion Reporter* I would be pleased if you could send me one for my personal use. I have found it to be useful and would like one for daily use. It has taught me many truths and gives me answers to questions asked by others.

One thing that confuses me is the teaching of feet-washing. Jesus did it with His disciples. The early Christians practiced it. I would be grateful to you if you could give me Bible verses on the above subject.

May God lead you in His work and keep you faithful until the Lord returns for His own.

Yours in His service,
R.B.

Questions and Answers

QUESTION. —

Some teach that there is to be a secret catching away of the righteous people before the wicked are destroyed. Is this true?

ANSWER. —

The following Scripture contradicts such an erroneous teaching: "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." 1 Thes. 4:16-17. Next, notice Rev. 1:7 — "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him."

QUESTION. —

How can we identify the Remnant Church from all of those claiming the standard set forth in Rev. 12:17?

ANSWER. —

It is true that there are many churches claiming to be the "one true church" and many teachers teaching conflicting versions of "the truth." The promise to the elect is that "They will not be deceived," and that "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Study the Word with prayer, rely on the leading of the Holy Spirit, and all will be well.

As for knowing which group is the right one, we are told that "by their fruits ye shall know them." If a group follows the word of God and teaches His commandments and His love, then it must be part of the Remnant Church; but the group that you find teaching doctrines of man, or trying to cast down some of the others to build itself up, you may be sure is not the right one. You had best withdraw yourself from and remain aloof from any such. The Saviour forbids condemning and judging one another in this way. Luke 6:37.

QUESTION. —

We Jews are looking for the Messiah to come. I understand you teach that if the Messiah is yet to come, then Jerusalem is to be destroyed again. Why do you teach such a thing as this, and where do you get it?

ANSWER. —

All of the Jews who are waiting for the Messiah to come believe the Holy Scriptures or they would not be looking for the Messiah's appearance. These same scriptures plainly tell us that after the Messiah comes Jerusalem will be destroyed.

This truth is from the angel Gabriel. Please read Daniel 9:24 to 27. This was Gabriel speaking to the prophet Daniel, informing him that Jerusalem was to be built again. This was following the destruction of the city by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. He told Daniel that from the time the commandment went forth to build, it would be 70 weeks until the time when atonement would be made for sin, through the coming of the Messiah, the Prince. Also, that the Messiah would be cut off and then the city Jerusalem would be destroyed.

The great mistake the Jews are making is in looking for His first appearance, and not knowing this prophecy, they are in the dark about His first coming; but Gabriel told the truth, and the Messiah came at the very time the angel announced.

According to Ezekiel 4:5, 6, these prophecies are calculated "each day for a year." Consequently, the time between the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem and the "cutting off" of the Messiah represents a 490-year period. Seventy weeks of 7 days to the week equals 490 "days" or years. This commandment went forth in 457 B.C. The copy of the decree to build Jerusalem is found in Ezra the 7th chapter, and the date given at the top of the page in my Bible, where dates are given, is 457 B.C. The Messiah was "cut off," or crucified, in 33 A.D. The span of years from 457 B.C. to 33 A.D. is exactly 490 years. Shortly after the crucifixion of the Messiah, the Roman armies came and destroyed Jerusalem (70 A.D.) and the land became desolate.

This is all in the past. If, today, we believed that the Messiah had yet to come *for the first time*, then, since we believe the Scriptures, we would have to believe that Jerusalem was yet to be destroyed and made desolate. But, thankfully, it is all in the past; and now we look forward to a fulfillment of the prophecies which foretell His second coming, which will usher in the Kingdom era and a new age for man.

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continued to live unmolested in his home, with his wife and children.

(The above incident was personally witnessed by Pastor Leslie Millen, a CIM missionary in China, during his own imprisonment by the Communists. Also by more than fifty fellow prisoners. It took place before the present thaw in China's relations with the West; but even today China is far from free.)

You too, reader, may one day be required to stand before Communists or other godless men to confess your faith in Christ — at the threat of your life. You may lose your life for your stand, as have thousands of other heroic Christians.

But be sure of this: God has not been taken by surprise. Eternal happiness, in the presence of the Saviour, awaits each believer, no matter what earthly life holds in store for him. Today may seem to belong to the powers of darkness, but tomorrow always belongs to the Almighty!

"But when they shall lead you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what you shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost." — Mark 13:11.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death." — Rev. 12:11.

Remarks. — Bro. Ken Anderson, the author of this, is a reader of "The Reporter." He wrote that he personally knew the missionary witnessing this miracle, who reported it to him.

The Shofar

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by Jean Dill and Julia Rawson



The Shofar is one of the earliest musical instruments known to man. It is the only Temple instrument still being used in the synagogue; and the blowing of this horn is often used to usher in important occasions in the Israel of today.

The word *Shofar* denotes 'Ram' or 'Ram's Horn', or a wild goat's horn. There are other species of animals with horns, such as the domestic sheep, wild antelope and gazelle, but their horns cannot be used. And the horn of the cow is unacceptable because it recalls Israel's greatest sin: that while Moses was on the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments from God, the Children of Israel were creating another God — a golden calf. (Ex. 32:19-21).

The 'Ram's Horn' is used to fulfill the ritual commandment concerning the sounding of the Shofar. The commandment declares that the Shofar should be of a ram or wild goat because their horns are curved. This is to symbolize the way that man must bend his will before God. Traditionally, a ram's horn is used also as a reminder of the ram which Abraham sacrificed in place of Isaac, when he 'bent' his will before God. We have this account in the 22nd chapter of Genesis:

The Lord spoke unto Abraham, *"Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest . . . and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."* When Abraham, obeying God, *"took a knife to slay his son . . . the angel of the Lord called unto him out of Heaven . . . for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me."* The Lord caused *"a ram to be caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."*

In Genesis 22:8, Abraham said unto his son Isaac, *"God will provide Himself a lamb . . ."* A 'ram' was provided for Isaac; however, God did provide a 'lamb' also — His Son, Jesus. If this 'lamb' had not been willing to bend *His Will*, the world would be without that "permanent" sacrifice that provides salvation unto all generations.

We can find numerous accounts in the Bible of the importance of the shofar in ancient Israel.

In the 6th chapter of Joshua, the Lord gave Jericho into the hand of the Israelites; however, instructions were given unto Joshua to compass the city *"and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days."* (verse 3). *"And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets."* These instructions were given to Joshua by the Lord because the city of Jericho was *"straitly shut up because of the Children of Israel: none went out, and none came in."*

On the seventh day, *"the priests blew the rams' horns and the people shouted with a great shout, that*

the wall fell down flat." The city was burnt with fire and Joshua cursed the city, saying, *"Cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho . . ."* Because of that curse, the "ancient Jericho" still lies in ruins, and many tourists visit the site. The ancient city is said to be the oldest and lowest city in the world. Carbon 14 tests date Jericho's beginning back as far as 6,000 B.C. — but there is some debate over this figure. The ancient walled city was destroyed, rebuilt and destroyed numerous times down through the centuries to the time of Joshua. The modern city lies to the southeast, and was established in its present location by the Byzantines.

During the time of Gideon, Israel had relapsed into evil ways and brought itself under the oppression of the Amalekites and the 'people of the east'. In Judges 7:12, the Midianites and the Amalekites, who were *"all the children of the east, lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude: and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude."* Nevertheless, the Lord spoke unto Gideon, instructing him that *"lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, mine own hand hath saved me,"* (Judges 7:2) only three hundred men were to be chosen to deliver Israel out of the hands of this vast multitude.

Gideon *"divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet (in Hebrew, 'trumpet' is 'shofar') in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers."* When *"the three hundred blew the trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow."* (verse 22).

The sound of the shofar is understood as calling forth God's mercy on His creatures who stand before Him in prayer. This being a "High Calling" unto God, in order to avoid confusion as to which sound to blow, the *Ba'al Teki'ah*, who is the sounder of the horn, is accompanied by the *Makri* — the 'Caller' — who is usually a rabbi of the community, who will quietly call out the note to be sounded. There are complicated rules of the notes, concerning the length and types of sound, as well as the ways they must be blown.

The *Ram's Horn* is blown more and more in modern Israel, observing solemn occasions and holy days. It is used during the inauguration of a new president of Israel. During the Six-Day-War in June 1967, the Chief Rabbi of the Israeli army blew it at the Western Wall, to herald its liberation by the Israel Defense Forces; he used the same shofar which he had sounded on Mt. Sinai in 1956.

Each week, at the beginning of *Shabbat*, or Sabbath, which begins on Friday evening, a ram's horn is heard from the Western Wall — *Ha'Kotel*; it is sounded again on Saturday night, declaring that the Sabbath has ended, at which time all transportation begins and things return to normal.

The ten reasons for sounding the shofar are:

- (1) To proclaim the sovereignty of God.

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WHAT IS SELF?

by M. Baxter

It is the principle which governs us in our natural life, and which takes in our being the place God claims is His. It is self in man which feels hurt and wounded when he does not get the credit he desires for that which he does. Christ in us gives all the credit to God. It is self in us which retaliates when we are unjustly treated. Christ in us, when He is reviled, reviles not again.

It is the carnal mind, which "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7), which Jesus calls on us to deny. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself" — Matthew 16:24. Self, like King Saul, is always head and shoulders taller than anybody else.

Self in us pities itself, and thinks it has a right to be noticed and sympathized with, when in physical suffering. When it cannot get room on the bus, when the driver won't stop, when someone opens a window and makes a draft or shuts a window and it can't breathe, self thinks it is to be pitied. Self loves to relate all these circumstances in order to excite and receive the compassion it craves. Christ in us sees the hand of God in all these things, believes they are all working together for our good, and praises God for a little test of faith or patience.

Self in us feels hurt if other people are being praised, their work for God related, and their zeal and love admired. Self thinks it loses too much ground, and seeks to turn the conversation to its own zeal and devotion or that of its parents, brother, uncle, aunt, or twentieth cousin; so that the party spoken to shall feel that self has as much to boast of as anybody has. Christ in us is pained when everything is said about ourselves or our work, knowing that the Lord Himself does it all; but rejoices to hear others spoken of, and is glad of the grace of God in them.

Self is conscious of the impression it makes upon people in entering a room. Christ in us makes us unconscious of our selves.

Self is always ready to exact its rights as regards honor, comfort, convenience, property, etc.; and self has generally a somewhat magnified view of what its rights are. Christ in us has no rights but the will of God and can, therefore, always and under all circumstances praise Him.

Saul is an apt type of this rival of God in our hearts and lives. Self may be changed as Saul was, may have "another heart," and be "turned into another man." But self is still self and not Christ. Self may be changed from sinful and worldly self to converted self; but the same self-seeking, self-esteem, self-pity, self-justification is there, only on another ground. Self may become pious, and the passion of life may be holiness. Self may be the essence of consistency, and yet be self still and not Christ. There may be the greatest devotion, the greatest self-sacrifice. But it may be for the object of obtaining holiness in ourselves, for the satisfaction of being known as holy people; but this is self still. Christ seeks not His own glory, nor His own will, nor His own ideal, and speaks not His own words. Many earnest Christians do not discern how much of

self there is in their spirit, in their work, nor in their aspiration after and in their experience of holiness.

As Saul was rejected, so is self. God cannot mix with self, and so self must die; but die by its own hand it cannot. If attempt to mortify self, the very attempt strengthens it; it is only as self is handed over to God and ignored, that its death comes about. Self although condemned, may linger on — constantly manifesting itself in one form or other where it is least suspected.

But how am I to get rid of self? Hand it over to Jesus. He tells us to deny ourselves; but it is in favor of another Self, even Jesus. He is our new, our everlasting life, our eternal Self. Instead of me — Jesus. "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." It is not I that pray, but the holy Ghost prays in me. It is not I that conquer sin, but Christ in me does it all. □

— "Grace and Glory"



A CHRISTIAN???

*Professing to be a Christian,
Yet just living for yourself.
Claiming to help the needy,
Yet more concerned about your wealth.*

*Priding yourself in going to church
And singing loud songs of praise.
Saying you love your brother,
Yet behind him you spit in his face.*

*Looking so very righteous,
Yet so much guilt, misery, within.
Claiming your washed in the blood,
Yet keep hanging on to sin.*

*Continually putting others down,
Who somehow put you to shame.
Carefully exclaiming to Christians
How much you love Christ,
Yet to the world, you know not even His name.*

*Wake up! Wake up! ye professing Christians,
No more time to waste.
God needs real true Christians,
To proclaim His wondrous grace.*

*Time's short, Time's short, ye sleeping Christians,
Stop fooling around with the Lord.
He longs, He begs, for His true people,
To be in one accord.*

*Labour hard, Labour hard, ye lazy Christians,
The harvest is truly great.
Get on the whole armour of God,
Before ye wind up in fate.*

*Work fast! Work fast! all God's children,
No more time to wait.
There's a dying world which needs redemption.
Take off self, and put on Christ, before it's too late.*

— by Priscilla Fauth



Living the Resurrection Life

by Albert Babisha

For four thousand years before the death of Christ no one had appeared who was able to shatter the dominion of sin and death over mankind. Except for men of faith, the human race lived as slaves in the midst of a creation that likewise groaned in bondage. This reign of sin and death actually involved the rule of Satan, for his power imparted to sin its strength and to death its relentless authority over every one born into the world.

Christ died to redeem a race that God the Father had once created in His own image but whom the reign of sin had transformed into the image of their father the devil. Christ died to break the dominion of sin and death, so to bring many sons into glory.

It therefore was said of Him: "Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14).

At awful cost Christ broke the reign of sin and death. His resurrection attested this. Now the mighty declaration could be written: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 5:20,21).

Eternal life is a priceless treasure. Having obtained it, many Christians feel that they have received all that the Lord has for them in salvation. But He died and rose again to free His people from the reign of sin. So decisively has He dealt with sin, so sure is the victory over sin which He has won for them, that He never again will have to go to the cross. He wants every one of His people to be a demonstration of His triumph over sin.

Because we are joined to a risen Lord who has vanquished forever the power of sin, we are to enjoy His triumph in our daily walk. We are called to be living testimonies to the stupendous truth that Jesus Christ can so liberate a man from the power of sin that daily he is seen to be an honour to the Saviour.

Upon the cross Christ bore not only our sins but also our sinful nature. If He had not taken upon Himself our sinful nature, we would still be in bondage to sin. But thank God, we who have accepted Christ as our personal Saviour were baptized into His death, our old man was crucified with Him. "We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death: that like was Christ raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we might also walk in newness of life. . . Knowing this that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away, that we should no longer be in bondage to sin" (Romans 6:4,6).

This newness of life, this new life, is nothing else but the life of Christ. We are called to manifest not only Christ's victory over sin but also His resurrected life. Our responsibility as Christians is to exhibit faithfully and stedfastly His character.

Just here is the place where sin and defeat creep into the experience of many a child of God. Sin, many

Christians suppose, is something very worldly or grossly immoral. They fail to recognize in their lives much that is outside the will of God. Yet just as an unconverted person spends his life under the reign of sin although he may never commit gross sin, so the child of God walking according to his old nature, is a grief and a disgrace to His Saviour.



LOVE – SERVE – TELL

*Three people met to do God's will,
They sought to do it well.
They planned that each should do one thing –
One, love; one, serve; one, tell.*

*They all went forth and with great zeal
One loved, one served, one told.
They met again to check results,
And see God's plan unfold.*

*The one who loved, reported first,
And found with great dismay:
"I could not love until I served,
God has no other way."*

*The one who served, then bared his heart –
"I must confess 'tis true.
I could not serve until I loved,
So I did both things too."*

*The one whose aim was to proclaim,
With wisdom did agree –
"You cannot separate each one,
For God combines all three."*

*"I tried to tell, but no one heard
Until God's love shown through.
And both of you proclaim with deeds –
All three we each must do."*



How many Christians understand that God cannot be pleased with an unChristlike manner of life? Christ humbled Himself, but they cling to self-complacency. Christ is gentle, but they are impatient and harsh. His heart is love; but they cherish in their hearts bitterness, jealousy and hatred. He is filled with compassion for the lost and for the weak, stumbling believer. But their hearts are stony, censorious, self-righteous. Often He sought His Father's presence in prayer, at times with strong crying and tears; but by their perfunctory prayers they disgrace themselves and their heavenly

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Why is the Jew Indestructible?

Because the LORD said: "And I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: AND I WILL BLESS THEM THAT BLESS THEE, AND CURSE HIM THAT CURSETH THEE: AND IN THEE SHALL ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED." — Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18; Galatians 5:8, 16.



"For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure . . . Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinance of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; the Lord of Hosts is His Name. If these ordinances depart from before Me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; if heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel . . . If ye can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there shall not be day and night, in their season; then may also My covenant be broken with David My servant, THAT HE SHOULD NOT HAVE A SON TO REIGN UPON HIS THRONE . . ." — Jer. 30:11; 31:35-37; 33:20-26.

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE JEW

The King of Egypt could not diminish Him. — Exodus 1:9-12.

The waters of the Red Sea could not drown Him. — Exodus 14:13-31.

The gallows of Haman could not hang Him. — Esther 5:14; 7:7-17.

The great fish could not digest Him. — Jonah 1:17, 2:10.

The lions of Babylon could not devour Him. — Daniel 6:3-28.

Balaam could not curse Him. — Numbers 23:7, 8.

The nations of the world could not assimilate Him. — Esther 3:8; Numbers 23:9; Deut. 33:27-29; Exodus 33:12-16.

Brain Washing by Communists

It had been going on for weeks, up to 14 hours a day — 48 hours straight on one occasion.

The place: a Communist prison camp in China. And the man: a radiant Chinese Christian.

Finally, after repeated grilling, mocking and torture, the Christian told his oppressors: "You are wasting your time, sirs, my faith is rooted deeper than any torture you might inflict. It is rooted eternally in God's Son Jesus (Yahshua).



Furious, the Communist indoctrinator slapped him across the face and screamed: "Drop to your knees! Drop to your knees and pray! Because in three minutes we're going to put a bullet through your head!"

While the indoctrinator, an armed guard and 50 fellow prisoners looked on, he did as he was told.

"Lord," the man began to pray, "I think Thee for the peace that is within my heart. I thank Thee for the faith which makes it possible for me to believe that, in spite of my oppressors, my Heavenly Father sits upon His throne, able at any moment to silence forever the lips of these who blaspheme His Name. Lord, at this moment, Thou art able to prove Thy power to these two men. Thou art able to show Thyself to be God. In a moment, Thy power could strike these men dead and . . ."

But he didn't get to finish his prayer; for, gasping with pain, the two Communists — indoctrinator and guard — fell simultaneously to the floor. In a few hours, both of them were dead.

The Christian was set free and, at last report,

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NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

Plight of Syrian Jews Worries Human Rightists

PARIS — The International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) voiced its concern here yesterday over the situation of Syrian Jewry.

Recalling its past actions in favour of the Kurds, the Bahais and other minorities in the Moslem states, the FIDH quoted the testimony of three Jews, who managed to escape from Syria and appear in Paris during a closed meeting of the International Committee for the Freedom of Syrian Jews.

"Their evidence is overwhelming," said the FIDH. "They ask that pressure be exerted on the Syrian government so that the Jews who wish to leave the country can do so."

The FIDH also quoted the evidence brought to the same meeting by Dr. Elie Hallak's widow and her son. Hallak, a Jew of Syrian origin, had been kidnapped in Beirut in 1985 and assassinated the following year. During his detention, Hallak had treated one of the French hostages, Michel Seurat, who was sick and who later died without receiving proper medical attention.

A terrorist organization, the "Oppressed of the Earth," later announced in Beirut that 10 Jewish hostages had been "executed," including Dr. Hallak.

Dying Wish is Fulfilled as Princess Alice is Reinterred

Princess Alice of Greece, the mother of Britain's Prince Philip, was probably the first member of the British royal family to have a pall-bearer who wore a kipa, but as someone who reportedly saved Jews during the German occupation, it was perhaps appropriate.

The reinterment took place yesterday at the church of the White Russian convent of St. Mary Magdalene in Gethsemane, on the slope of the Mt. of Olives. The service was attended by the prince's elder sister, Princess Sophie of Hanover, who arrived yesterday for the occasion.

Princess Sophie, 73, was accompanied from London by the dean of Windsor, the Rt. Rev. Michael Mann, chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, and his wife, as well as Christopher Kenyon, director of the London funeral firm used by the British royal family.

According to a letter to the *Post* following last year's first report of the expected reinterment, Princess Alice had protected two Jewish women during the German occupation by keeping them in her palace in Athens.

The reinterment represented the culmination of a 19-year effort to fulfil the wishes of Princess Alice, who ended her life as a Greek Orthodox nun, and who asked to be buried near her cousin, the Russian Grand Duchess Elizabeth, sister of the Czarine Alexandra. The body of Elizabeth, who was killed by the Bolsheviks, was found by White Russian troops in a salt mine in Siberia and brought to

Jerusalem, where she was made a saint in the White Russian Church.

However, it was difficult to carry out the request in the aftermath of the Six Day War. The matter was further complicated by the fact that Princess Alice had been Greek Orthodox and the church, Russian Orthodox.

In an evident compromise between the two churches, Princess Sophie first attended a Greek Orthodox memorial service at Viri Galilei, the residence of Greek Patriarch Diodoros I. The service was sung by Bishop Timothy and presided over by the patriarch.

Following the service, the party, which included British consul-general Ivan Kallan and his wife, proceeded to the onion-domed church in Gethsemane where the oak coffin, covered with the private standard of Princess Alice, incorporating both British and Greek elements, was waiting.

In a Russian Orthodox ceremony, led by Archimandrite Alexis, with a choir of nuns singing in Russian, the coffin was installed on a marble platform in a special vault underneath the church. The party then visited the church above, resting place of the Grand Duchess Elizabeth.

IDF Has New Drugs to Protect Against Chemical Weapons

The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) has begun production of a locally developed syringe for soldiers to inject themselves in the event of chemical attack, and has distributed new tablets designed to boost soldiers' immunity to chemical agents, IDF Chief Medical Officer Tat Aluf Yehuda Danon said yesterday.

The syringe, which he said would be distributed to all troops in the field, will replace those in use in the IDF for several years. It contains an original solution that can be stored for a much longer period without refrigeration.

Danon said the world's non-reaction to the use of chemical weapons in the Iraq-Iran war had spurred the IDF to seriously examine its readiness to deal with a chemical attack. The IDF intends to provide the same physical and pharmacological defences to forces in the rear as it does those at the front.

IDF soldiers have long been supplied with a variety of means to protect themselves from chemical weapons, including gas masks, syringes, tablets, throw-away plastic sheets and gloves, special caps for water bottles that allow them to drink while wearing masks, and recently, full-body suits.

When the warning of an imminent gas attack is given, soldiers begin taking the tablets periodically to boost their bodies' own defences.

Kach Man Convicted of Arson, Vandalism

Kach activist Noam Federman was convicted yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court of

setting fire to an Anglican church, vandalizing the cars of Jerusalem Arabs and a Peace Now activist, and spray-painting graffiti on Mayor Teddy Kollek's house.

The conviction followed a plea bargain between Federman's lawyer and the state attorney.

Under the agreement, two charges were dropped, and Federman confessed that he committed eight other crimes between November 1987 and March 1988.

Federman, 19, set fire to St. Paul's Church on Rehov Hanevi'im. He confessed that he had slashed the tyres and shattered the windows of cars in Jerusalem's Arab villages.

He also admitted that he had vandalized the car of Peace Now activist Amiram Goldblum, and spray-painted the walls of Teddy Kollek's house and of the Israel Television building.

Federman will be sentenced in September.

(Note — Kach is an ultra-rightwing religious party headed by MK Rabbi Meir Kahana, former head of the Jewish Defense League.)

Nazi-Hunter Friedman Visits Austria, Defends Waldheim

VIENNA — The visit here of Israeli Nazi-hunter Tuvia Friedman, at the invitation of beleaguered President Kurt Waldheim, has aroused deep anger in the local Jewish community.

Friedman appeared on Austrian TV and sharply criticized the World Jewish Congress and its president, Edgar Bronfman, for falsely accusing Waldheim of having committed war crimes during World War II. Foreign Minister Alois Mock praised Friedman for having the "courage" to speak out, but the Jewish community, which has suffered from increasing incidents of anti-Semitism, unanimously condemned him.

"I do not understand the reaction of the Jewish community to my activities," Friedman said. "Unlike the WJC, I really checked all material about Dr. Kurt Waldheim, and there is no guilt on his shoulders. Not only should the World Jewish Congress apologize in front of him, I can only advise the Jewish community in Austria to rally behind president Waldheim and accept him fully as its president. He was neither a war criminal, nor a Nazi, not even an anti-Semite."

Friedman's visit is receiving wide-spread coverage in the media and he is being portrayed as a "different Jewish voice." He met with Waldheim, whom he described as "very depressed nowadays," and with Chancellor Franz Vranitzky.

Friedman insisted that he was not being used by the Austrians to help improve Waldheim's image, and that his attempts to raise Austrian money to build an old-age home in Haifa did not make his support of Waldheim suspect.

Ben-Gurion Wanted to Send Troops to Korea in 1950

Former prime minister David Ben-Gurion was eager to send Israeli troops to assist the U.S. forces in Korea in 1950, but was persuaded not to do so by his cabinet colleagues led by then-foreign minister Moshe Sharett. This prompted Ben-Gurion to remark that the majority sometimes made a mistake.

This emerges from Volume 5 of *Documents on*

the Foreign Policy of Israel, published yesterday by the State Archives.

Nineteen-fifty was the year in which Israel began to abandon its neutrality and adopt a pro-western stance, with Israel supporting an anti-North Korean UN Security Council resolution in July.

It was the need for American aid which finally turned the tide against Sharett's policy of non-identification, although Israel did not go so far as to heed the UN secretary-general's call for troops.

The papers also reveal details behind the resignation that same year of the entire staff at Israel's Embassy in Warsaw — a unique step in Israel's diplomatic history. The staff, all Mapam sympathizers, said that the pro-western attitude of the Foreign Ministry was making it impossible for them to carry out their duties in the Eastern bloc.

At the same time (1950), Jerusalem rejected feelers from Peking for the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Moscow Denies Visas to Israeli Scientists

Glasnost notwithstanding, a chemist at the Israeli Health Ministry and a former immigrant from the Georgian Republic have been refused Soviet tourist visas to attend the International Conference on Solvent Extraction in Moscow next week, it has been learned.

A protest is being filed by Prof. Dan Meyerstein, chairman of the Israel Chemical Society and a professor at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, who hopes the Soviet decision will be changed in time.

Road Accident Sparks Riot

A road accident near the Mount of Olives tomb of a Jewish *tzadik* known for his humility caused a riot among his followers and a major traffic jam in Jerusalem last night.

Each year on the anniversary of his death, thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews come to pray at the tomb of Rabbi Hayyim Ben Moses Attar (1696-1743), who is known as *Or Hahayyim Hakadosh*. His tomb is not far from the Garden of Gethsemane in the Kidron Valley.

At about 7 p.m. an Arab taxi driver passing through the area hit an ultra-Orthodox pedestrian. A crowd quickly formed, and some of the people began throwing stones at the driver.

A policeman at the scene helped the driver to escape the angry crowd. Both the policeman and the cab driver were slightly injured by the stones.

The accident and ensuing riot caused a severe traffic jam in the area.

Bishop Wants to Allow Polygamy

An African bishop has told Anglican leaders that Christians should be allowed to have more than one wife and urged the church to baptise polygamists.

The bishop of Mt. Kenya East, David Gitari, told the Lambeth Conference that there was nothing in the New Testament to prevent a man having several wives. He said St. Paul's instruction merely was that bishops and deacons should have only one.

Squabble Over Goat Led to Four-Day Artillery Battle

A Lebanese village dispute over a straying goat flared into a four-day artillery battle which claimed twelve lives, underscoring the tensions as this war-torn country prepares to elect a new president.

The trouble started when a goat owned by the Shi'ite Moslem Ja'afar clan wandered into a just-seeded field of Qubayat, a Christian village 150 km. northeast of Beirut. The argument with the clan members, who live on nearby hills, escalated into a battle which saw the use of mortars, rockets and heavy machine-guns. In the clashes, twelve people died and thirty were wounded.

The fighting ended with a Syrian-mediated truce on Friday.

Boy Recovers Completely After Arrow Pierces Brain

An arrow pierced the skull of a 14-year-old boy, entered his brain, and came out the other side without causing serious damage. Doctors in Jerusalem who pulled the arrow out of his head said he needed no further treatment.

The boy, Tsabiah Am'ad, of Kafr el-Hadr village near Bethlehem, fell two weeks ago from a tree onto a 30-centimetre-long arrow stuck in the ground. The sharp end penetrated the right side of his head, and that is the way he was found by his family under the tree in his backyard. He was rushed fully conscious to Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem where doctors from the neurosurgery and maxillofacial surgery departments treated him. Under a general anesthetic, the boy was placed in the CAT scanner and the doctors pulled out the arrow slowly and carefully, while watching its movement back through the brain on the computer screen.

Dr. Motti Sela, head of the maxillofacial surgery department, said that the boy suffered no irreversible brain damage and that nothing more needs to be done.

Peres: Arafat Does Not Control Palestinians

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that "maybe PLO chairman Yasser Arafat speaks as the representative of the Palestinians, but his problem is that he does not control them."

The foreign minister told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that Nayef Hawatmeh, George Habash and other figures having their own supporters in the territories make it impossible for binding decisions to be taken in the PLO.

He added that while on the face of it events in the territories have provided the PLO with an opportunity to get its act together, in fact the PLO's problems are not with Israel, but with its own supporters.

The PLO chairman finds it difficult to create a consensus in favour of partitioning Eretz Yisrael, Peres said, as long as some Palestinian groups warn him: "Only over your dead body."

Soviet Nyet on Direct Flights

The Soviet Union and the Netherlands have apparently signalled their rejection of Israel's plan to fly Soviet Jews to Tel Aviv on direct flights through Bucharest, informed sources in Jerusalem said last night.

Soviet officials recently told the Dutch ambassador in Moscow, who represents Israeli interests there, that Moscow's impending liberalization of emigration procedures rendered direct flights impossible, for both moral and practical reasons.

At the same time, Dutch Foreign Ministry officials informed the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general, Yeshayahu Anug, that the Netherlands could not comply with Israel's request to issue visas to Soviet Jews which would obligate them to fly through Bucharest.

Colombia to Sign \$200m Deal for 13 Kfirs

Colombia's Defence Minister, General Rafael Samudio Molina, will sign a \$200 million contract today, finalizing the purchase of 13 Kfir planes from Israel Aircraft Industries.

The contract, which has been under negotiation for several years, has been viewed as critical to IAI's recovery following the cancellation of the Lavi project. Under its terms, IAI will provide the Colombian air force with refurbished Kfir fighter planes, upgraded with new electronic systems. Several of the Kfirs will be used as refuelling planes for the French Mirage aircraft, which currently serve as the backbone of the Colombian airforce.

Colombia purchased 18 Mirage planes from France at the end of the 1960's and in the early 1970s, which have since undergone upgrading work at IAI.

The decision to purchase the Israeli-made Kfirs received the approval of the Colombian government last April, during a visit by Energy Minister Moshe Shahal to the Latin American country. Shahal said the decision was linked to his signing a contract to purchase two million tons of coal from Colombia over the next four years.

Another \$200 million contract IAI had been pinning its hopes on for some time, however, seems less likely to materialize. This contract, to upgrade the Spanish air force's 50 Mirage planes, has become a source of political controversy in that country, with the French exerting pressure on Spain not to award it to Israel.

2,500 Jews a Month Asking to Leave USSR

About 2,500 Jews a month are applying to leave the Soviet Union, a very large increase over last year, according to Ted Mann, a former chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Mann disclosed yesterday that the larger numbers of Jews applying for exit permits were encouraged to do so by the increase in the number allowed to leave, which he said was now about 1,500 a month.

Mother and Three Children Killed in Bus Firebombing

An Israeli mother and her three small children were burnt to death and eight persons were wounded, one seriously, when an Eggen bus was attacked with five petrol bombs in Jericho and exploded in flames.

The bus, travelling from Tiberias to Jerusalem, was completely gutted.

Security sources said the bus, which was half full, was the last on route 961 from Tiberias to Jerusalem. It was hit by five petrol bombs at 7:45 p.m. on the northern outskirts of Jericho, near the turnoff to Hisham's Palace, and burst into flames. The driver opened the doors and passengers stampeded for exits.

Those who died were school-teacher Rachel Weiss and her three children — Netanel Yom Tov, 3, Rafael, 2, and Efraim Yaacov, 9 months. The children's father, Eliezer, was reportedly pulled from the burning bus, but his wife refused to leave without all their children. The family was travelling from Tiberias to Jerusalem to attend the Bar Mitzva of one of Rachel's nephews.

IDF troops clamped a curfew on Jericho and began intensive house-to-house searches. Dozens of persons were rounded up for questioning, and three suspects were apprehended. Two of the suspects in Sunday's attack were reported to have confessed and implicated a third, who was later arrested. The first suspect was apprehended at his home after trackers followed footprints leading from the scene, military sources said.

Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron and O/C Central Command Amram Mitzna said the three suspects were not linked to any organization, and had decided to carry out the attack while playing cards Sunday evening.

"There was no planning, and no guidance from outside," Shomron said, denying initial reports that the attack was a planned ambush in which the bus was forced to slow down at a stone roadblock.

Shomron said the assailants were "simple, if not primitive people, motivated by a desire to attack, who went out to throw petrol bombs."

Army sappers blew up two homes and bulldozed a third belonging to families of the three Palestinians.

PLO Accepts 242 — Linked to 'Rights'

The Palestine National Council has endorsed Security Council Resolution 242, but linked it to the "national rights" of the Palestinian people and to other UN resolutions.

PNC sources said the new "political declaration," approved by a large majority of the Council, accepted Resolutions 242 and 338 as the bases for an international peace conference on the Middle East — along with "UN resolutions that guarantee Palestinian national and political rights, especially the right to self-determination."

Observers maintained that the declaration implicitly recognized Israel.

The PNC's acceptance of resolutions 242 and 338 was conditional and did not amount to recognition of Israel, the PLO's number two man said yesterday.

In an interview with the daily *el-Qabas*, Salah Khalaf, known as Abu Iyad, said that the objective

of the PNC's declaration was "to be able to work with the countries of the world in a practical way that would advance the struggle of our Palestinian people."

PLO Trying to Fool World, Says Israeli Cabinet

The cabinet yesterday accused the PLO of "pulling the wool over the eyes of the world."

After hearing reports on the decisions of the Palestine National Council in Algiers, the cabinet issued an official statement labelling them as "one more disinformation operation designed to delude and deceive world opinion."

The statement charged that the PLO had not amended the Palestine Covenant, changed its policy and its nature, or abandoned the path of terror.



Palestinian youths demonstrate, waving Palestinian flag

Israel Acts to Limit Damage of PNC's Declaration of an 'Independent Palestinian State'

More than 50 countries are expected to give some form of official recognition to the newly declared independent Palestinian state, but Jerusalem estimates that yesterday's PNC resolutions are not moderate enough to warrant any change in the policies of the U.S. or West European countries.

Israel reacted with a unified show of disdain for the PNC resolutions, with Foreign Ministry officials launching a wide-ranging information campaign to control the expected damage to diplomatic and public relations abroad.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said there was "nothing new or surprising" in the PNC decisions, which he considers just "another step in the terrorist organizations' war against Israel's independence and existence."

In a statement coordinated with the Prime Minister's Office, Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel said that in the PNC's statement "ambiguity and double talk are again employed to obfuscate its advocacy of violence, its predisposition to terrorism, and adherence to extreme positions."

"No gimmick can mask the tragedy repeatedly inflicted upon the Palestinian people by the absence of a reasonable, realistic and peace-seeking leadership," Liel said.

UNRWA Figures Show Record Month-Long Casualty Toll in Gaza

Figures obtained yesterday from UNRWA show that a record number of Palestinian casualties have been reported in the Gaza Strip so far this month — the highest toll in a single month since the start of the uprising.

According to UNRWA, 250 Palestinians were shot in the Gaza strip during the first three weeks of November, including four who were killed. During the past two weeks, 114 people were shot, 304 required treatment for beatings, 48 were treated for rubber-bullet wounds and 31 for tear-gas injuries.

UNRWA figures show a total of 309 Palestinians killed since the start of the uprising: 270 by army gunfire, 15 by Israeli civilians, 12 by beatings and 12 by tear-gas, most of them babies.

Official IDF statistics list 230 Palestinians killed by the security forces from December 9, 1987 to November 22, 1988. Eight Israelis, including two soldiers, have been killed during the period.

Work on Old City Tunnel Starts Next Month

About 1,000 tons of fill remain to be removed from the tunnel that the Religious Affairs Ministry has been clearing along the length of the Western Wall and a Hasmonean water conduit.

This emerged yesterday from a meeting between Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. The meeting follows riots by Moslems two weeks ago, after the ministry attempted to dig an exit from the tunnel near the Via Dolorosa in the Old City's Moslem Quarter. The municipality criticised the ministry on the timing of the work and for not informing the Moslem authorities beforehand.

Auschwitz Survivor's Book to Appear in Arabic

An Arabic edition of the latest book by the Auschwitz survivor who writes under the pen name K. Zetnik is to go on sale this week.

The title, *Shivitty*, was taken from Psalms 16, "I have set the Lord always before me." The book is the author's sixth, and the first he has published under his own name, Yehiel Dinur.

It was translated by Dr. Mahmoud Abassi, who is publishing it through his family press in Shfaram. In order to attract a wide readership, it will retail for only NIS 10. The original Hebrew book is being sold for NIS 16.

Abassi lectured at Haifa University on Arabic literature and is himself a writer. He told *The Jerusalem Post* he was so moved by the book that he translated it in six days. The English translation by Dinur's wife, Eliya, and Canadian writer Lisa Kentner, took four months.

Eliya Dinur said the new book describes the treatment K. Zetnik underwent for his inability to speak about fearful experiences. His therapist was Jan Bastiaans, a professor of psychiatry at Leyden University. As a member of the Dutch underground during the war, he was imprisoned by the Germans and witnessed the terrible sufferings of Jewish prisoners.

"For 30 years nightmares disturbed K. Zetnik's sleep. Now he has them during the day, fearing that man might unleash a universal holocaust with nuclear weapons," Eliya Dinur said.

In one chapter of the book K. Zetnik describes a hallucination he experienced during treatment. He saw the infamous *Arbeit Macht Frei* inscription on the gates of Auschwitz turn into *Shivitty*, as he was being driven to the crematorium in a truck packed with skeletal Jewish inmates. He then saw an SS guard huddled in his leather greatcoat against the freezing dawn, yawning sleepily. This made him wonder whether the guard could hate him, the Jew he did not even know, and whether he could hate the anonymous SS man. Worse, he suddenly feared that fate might have reversed their roles.

In a rare interview, Dinur told *The Jerusalem Post* that the message of his new book was that Auschwitz was created neither by God nor by Satan, but by man. In the same way it is man, not God or Satan, who may unleash the nuclear weapons and make an Auschwitz of the whole world. He fears that man is capable of doing it.

"I say that I, K. Zetnik, can be a German. Every man is capable of being one."

Dinur's previous books were translated into 38 languages, and *Shivitty* is the fourth to be translated into Arabic in Israel, Abassi said. He added a message of his own to the book, calling on Jews and Arabs, "both sons of Abraham" whose peace of mind has also been so terribly disturbed by the conflict, "to give each other a hand and together make our way out of the tragedy of the conflict into a better common future."

Demjanjuk Appeal Cites 'Media Lynch'

Defence attorneys Yoram Sheftel and Paul Chumak yesterday appealed to the High Court of Justice against both the verdict and the sentence in the case against Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk. The appeal, filed on the last permitted day, is to be heard by a five-justice panel in December.

Demjanjuk was sentenced to death by the Jerusalem District Court in April after being found guilty of war crimes and of crimes against the Jewish people and humanity.

In the appeal, which runs to over 100 pages, Sheftel lashed out against "press incitement amounting to the creation of a lynch atmosphere" against his client. This, the appeal stated, was compounded by the hostile utterances of several Members of Knesset (Parliament) and ministers, mainly Justice Minister Sharir.

Sharir, the appeal noted, said on the day the trial opened: "Today we start the trial of Nazi war-criminal Demjanjuk." Sharir had also expressed the hope that the death sentence would be passed.

Demjanjuk's attorneys argued that the entire trial was improperly conducted because the judges subscribed to a press-clipping service and read the clippings every day before the start of the trial. That influenced their conduct, the appeal claimed.

The bench's failure to discipline the media made it impossible to assure Demjanjuk a fair hearing, it was claimed.

The bench also went astray, the appeal said, in interfering in the cross-questioning of witnesses. The judges had a hostile attitude to the defence

team and took severe and unusual sanctions against it, the appeal claimed.

The bench, it is claimed, should have halted the trial when it became obvious that Polish and U.S. authorities were refusing to supply the defence with essential documents. That was a denial of their client's basic right to present all the evidence that might refute the charges.

Demjanjuk, it was argued, was extradited from the U.S. to Israel to face charges of murder, but he had been put on trial for far graver offences.

The court had based its finding that Demjanjuk was indeed "Ivan the Terrible," the gas-chamber operator at Treblinka, on an "identity parade" in which survivors had been asked to identify him from a series of pictures. But many had failed to do so, and the court had not given sufficient weight to that fact, the appeal said.

The court had also totally negated the searching and serious examination of the Supreme Polish Committee for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes, which, the appeal said, found that the appellation "Ivan the Terrible" had been applied to a man called Alfred Bielitz.

The Trawniki document, on which much of the evidence identifying Demjanjuk depends, is a forgery, the appeal insisted.

Demjanjuk must be given the benefit of the more than reasonable doubt that exists, the appeal said. Carrying out the death sentence, it added, would take the life of an innocent man.

'Having Chemical Warheads Doesn't Mean Using Them'

The claim by an American senator that the Syrians have fitted their Soviet-made Scud-B surface-to-surface missiles with chemical warheads is "certainly likely" to be true, but it is not clear whether the Syrians will use them, an expert on the strategic balance in the Middle East said yesterday.

Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana, a member of the Senate's Armed Forces Committee and the Senate's "expert" on surface-to-surface missiles, sent a letter to other senators last month claiming the Syrians had fitted the Scuds with warheads they developed themselves.

The report said until now experts had thought the Syrian chemical warhead to be still in development.

But according to Tat Aluf (res.) Aharon Levran, of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University and author of a paper on surface-to-surface missiles which is to be published soon, it was "nonsense" to suggest that the defence establishment had been surprised by the development.

"The Syrians have been working on this project for years," he said.

According to Levran, however, it is not at all clear that the Syrians intend to use the chemical warhead-Scud combination.

"The Syrians have been developing this weapon for two primary reasons," he said, "as part of their attempt to achieve strategic parity with Israel, and to deter Israel from escalating a future war and inflicting heavy blows to Syrian strategic targets."

"In the Arab view the concept of strategic parity relates to both conventional and non-conventional weapons," he continued. "They believe that Israel

has an advantage in the realm of nuclear potential, and suspect that Israel has nuclear weapons. They must have a counter-balance to this unconventional threat. Chemical weapons are the poor man's nuclear bomb."

'Last Temptation' Banned in Israel

The Interior Ministry's film and theatre censorship board voted yesterday to ban the screening here of Martin Scorsese's controversial movie, *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

There has been a campaign by local Christian leaders and fundamentalist Christian supporters of Israel abroad to prevent the film from being shown in the Holy Land.

However, Yehoshua Justman, chairman of the censorship board, denied that the decision was due to political pressure.

"The debate was solely between members of the board. The film touches on the very tenets of the Christian faith, violates censorship regulations and Article 149 of the criminal code, which forbids offending religious beliefs. The board voted by an overwhelming 16 to 3 to ban the film," he said.

"The decision is absurd," countered Taly Carmel of Pirsum Ratz, the film's publicity agents. "In all the Christian countries, including Italy, they've allowed the film to be shown. But here they ban it."

Justman cited precedents for the board's decision, such as the banning several years ago of the film *The Passover Plot*, which alleged that the resurrection of Jesus had been faked. He added that there was no comparison between *The Last Temptation* and a film such as *The Life of Brian*, a New Testament parody which was allowed to be screened.

The Life of Brian was just a comedy, but this movie is a serious film which is a direct distortion of the New Testament," he said.

The Last Temptation has already been screened in the U.S. and Europe.

Note — It is ironic that Israel, a non-Christian country, has banned this blasphemous film, while most Christian countries are allowing it to be shown. It should also be mentioned that this film will almost certainly be banned in strict Moslem countries, since Islam reveres Jesus as a prophet and the 'Word' of God. It does not speak very well for Christian nations when even the so-called heathen show more respect for the basic tenets of the Christian faith.



BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

Let us not forget that our troubles have a purpose. They are the fruitful seeds of future glories for the Christian. They are blessings in disguise. They are like the early processes of the garden, when the soil is broken up and weeded in order that the fair flowers may at length adorn it. They are the medicine of our convalescence, the drudgery of our education, without which we can never be really healthy or happy, fit for heaven or qualified to bring forth fruit that will glorify our Lord.

**As Prevailing Princes, We Have
Power With God**
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Such a commitment implies a vigorous, venturing faith. It also implies a complete submission to all the will of God.

Again and again in the Scripture we read how unswerving perseverance became a humble and holy violence. Fervency alone may last but an hour. There must be in our prayers an unyielding perseverance as we set our faces day and night to plead for divine intervention in the affairs of men and nations.

Behold Jacob's perseverance. After the angel of the Lord had touched his thigh and put it out of joint, utterly depriving him of all power to wrestle, Jacob still cried: "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me!" — Gen. 32:26. A fully surrendered soul refuses to give up as he rises in holy violence, exclaiming: "Thou almighty friend and lover, except Thou bless me and yield to my request, I will not let Thee go!"

**Unyielding Perseverance Implies
Strong Faith**

Such a commitment implies a vigorous, venturing faith, that will allow us to claim humbly, but unyieldingly, our full rights in Christ, His dearly beloved Son and our Saviour. Thus Jacob did violence to the covenant angel and hung on with omnipotence! Hallelujah!

"Let me go, for the day breaketh." — Gen. 32:26. So God says to every persevering, wrestling soul. Jacob perceived in the request that the angel of the Lord might not go without his (Jacob's) consent. "O, loving, willing captive too, for I will not let Thee go except . . ."

Conquering prayer depends on how much will power we put into our effort. God has made many things in the execution of His will depend on the will of man. When God reveals in His Word and His promise His willingness to help and bless us, the responsibility for the execution of that will rests with us. Will power in prayer is one of the most important conditions of prevailing prayer. All spiritual giants have had great will power.

They became spiritual giants because they willed to conquer, then conquered through Christ — conquered the world, self, and Satan. The mightiest conquerors who have won the greatest spiritual victories have conquered on their knees because they willed that they would fully surrender and did it, and because they willed that God, in fulfillment of His promise, should surrender to them and He did it.

This is not irreverence, but a Biblical statement of a roving Father's pleasure and plan. — Jer. 29:11-13; 33:3; Eph. 3:20.

To make us resolute as Jacob, bold as Moses,

persistently humble as the Syrophenician woman, and incorrigibly persistent as one who has a just judge to worry down, God permits wrestling in prayer to develop in us force — will power! In this way our Lord seeks to beget in us the utmost power implied in desperation and consistent with reverence. — Mat. 15:21-28.

He would gird us up in our righteous personality to the highest point possible, and then having set up, energized and developed our infirm personality to royalty, He declares that He will enthrone us in the ages to come, to reign with Him! — because as prevailing princes, we have power with God and have prevailed. — Rev. 3:21, 22.

Thus in this fateful, dreadful hour, wrestling day and night in fasting-prayer to prevail with the High and Lofty One Who inhabits Eternity, for divine and direct intervention in world affairs, furnishes in us that discipline and hardness the soul needs to transform it into the likeness of Christ; for did not He, in the violence of His effort, sweat great drops of blood while He prayed and prevailed? — Isa. 57:10; Luke 22:39-46. □

Living the Resurrection Life
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Father. Our Lord delighted to exalt the law of God, but they have no appetite to feed upon the Word of God.

Many Christians truly exhibit their Lord's victory over the dominion of sin in man. Why are these different from others? Simply because they have heeded His direction which points the way of escape from the power of sin: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace." (Romans 6:12-14).

The Lord Jesus Christ triumphs over sin alway. As we present our members, ourselves, completely to God, He takes charge and by His power makes them instruments of righteousness. The secret of a life filled with His resurrection power is the trustful surrender of ourselves to Him in everything, in the confidence that He never can fail to deliver us.

Some Christians have their own idea about right and wrong, being ignorant for the most part of what God says in His Word. These Christians need not only to yield their members to the Lord; they need to build up their spiritual lives. An undernourished athlete may start to run a race, but he will not go far. To impart basic strength to the spiritual life, a child of God absolutely must take time for daily Bible study and prayer. By continuing steadfastly in this essential he will find strength to yield to his Lord and maintain his hold by grace and much prayer.

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of
my mouth, if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."
Psalms 137:5, 6.

The Shofar (cont. from page 13)

(2) To herald the beginning of the penitential season (from *Rosh Ha'Shanah* to the Day of Atonement).

(3) As a reminder to be faithful to the teachings of the Torah.

(4) As a reminder of the prophets, the teachers of righteousness, who raised their voices, like the shofar, to touch the conscience.

(5) Because to the sound of trumpets the Temple fell, and to the sound of trumpets it will be restored.

(6) Because it is symbolic of the ram Abraham sacrificed instead of Isaac.

(7) To arouse fear and/or to inspire the soul.

(8) Because the shofar evokes the ultimate day of judgement: "*The Great Day of the Lord is near and hasteneth greatly . . . a day of the horn and alarm . . .*"

(9) As a reminder that the shofar will call together Israel's scattered remnants to return to the Holy Land.

(10) As a reminder of the Day of Resurrection.

There must be no impairment in the sound that the shofar produces. A split or a hole in the shofar will render it unfit. Therefore, 'bending our will' also requires "*not having spot, or wrinkle . . . holy and without blemish.*" (Eph. 5:27). From the beginning of time, voices have been heard also as 'trumpets'. The apostle Paul told how "*the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with THE TRUMP of God . . .*" (1 Thess. 4:16).

The apostle Paul also wrote unto the Corinthians (1 Cor. 14:8), that some had become as trumpets that "*give an uncertain sound.*" We must keep our "trumpets" clean and unblemished, for otherwise "*who shall prepare himself to the battle?*" Luke, the Apostle, warned us: "*Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not.*" (Luke 12:40). John the Revelator warned us: "*Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even, so, come, Lord Jesus.*" (Rev. 22:20).

Be ready!

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Sha'alu Shalom Yerushalayim! (Pray for the peace of Jerusalem).

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BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My Holy Mountain. Let all the inhabitants tremble for the day of the Lord cometh, it is nigh at hand."
— Joel 2:1.

Life in Israel (cont. from page 7)

Washington. They have their own 'nation within a nation' and, in many ways, govern themselves. They are called the 'Yakima Indian Nation' and even have special privileges that the white man does not. They can hunt anytime, any season, and have special fishing rights. While many things are, of course, very different, the Indian situation does remind one a little of the limited autonomy which many Israeli politicians have advocated for the Palestinian Arabs, and which Israel and Egypt agreed to in the Camp David accords.

We are planning to have thanksgiving dinner in the Baka place this year. The people here feel it an honor to join in the thanksgiving feast, but we will try to keep it a small gathering with family and a few close friends. Thanksgiving is always good and all of us have much to be thankful for. As we near this occasion, my thoughts again go back to America's beginnings and to the many struggles she had and the wonderful intervening hand that always brought her through.

I think, too, of the similarities between the beginnings of Israel and America — how they both were founded by people needing rest from persecution, and of how they should always be a place of refuge for the oppressed. This is God's plan for Israel. Through all her struggles, light will win victorious, and darkness and all uncleanness will be expelled. This is the Good News. The greatest miracle of all for Israel is just ahead. It is the greatest miracle that anyone could ever receive. And she will receive it, for He said she would, and good things are created by His Word even as in the beginning. His love and mercy will not fail us.

The sun is low in the West and the day has nearly passed. I must see about supper now, and do a few other things before it is dark outside.

Best wishes to you from all of us here. We value your letters and prayers, and pray the Lord will watch over you all.

Your sister,
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"Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."
Isaiah 52:7-10.

"PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: THEY SHALL PROSPER THAT LOVE THEE."
PSALMS 122:6.