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Jerusalem — a general view from the Mount of Olives. Note the massive stone walls completely surrounding the Old City. The building with the golden dome is the Dome of the Rock (c. 691 A.D.), also called the Mosque of Omar, and it today stands on the site of the ancient Jewish Temple.

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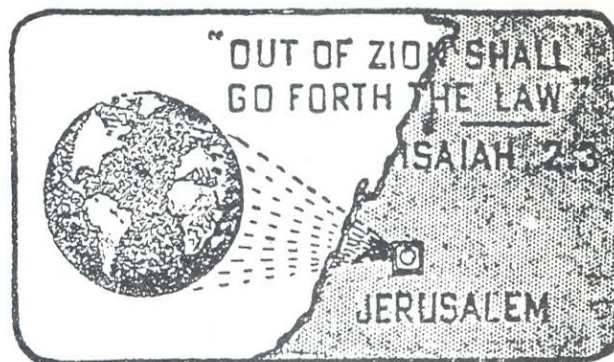
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"For the Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation" (Psalms 132:13). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem" (Isaiah 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord" (Jeremiah 3:17). "But I have 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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THE FUSE

by J. Ronald Cantrell

Deep strong roots of history lie buried in the soil of Israel. Like sports in America, archaeology is the national passion of the Israelis. Each kibbutz (farming cooperative) has its own buried history usually only partially uncovered. Archaeological sites vary greatly in importance and notoriety. Some, of course, are new finds while others have been in the eye of the public for many years. Entire ancient subterranean city systems lie virtually undisturbed in some areas of the country. Small shrub covered holes in a hill side open into long interconnecting corridors punctuated by high vaulted open rooms. Scores of small oil lamp nooks are carved in the soft cream colored walls. When equipped with their proper lights they give the hand-tooled near white walls a rich golden glow.

Of all the tourist spots in the world, none is quite so intriguing as Israel. Jerusalem is, of course, the jewel. She stands over 2,000 feet in the air and from anywhere in the country one must "come up" to Jerusalem. It seems that for the most who visit here, one trip is never enough. Subsequent visits reveal new mysteries in this land of contrasts. Light and darkness, good and evil have engaged in many encounters here and the anticipation of the next seems to be ever present in the air.

In this land the roots of history entangle rather unmercifully. Different periods lie one on top of another and present a virtual Rubick's Cube to modern archaeology. But, like the cube, there is a solution to reward the diligent and tenacious. Every year some

new find substantiates the legends of ancient Jewish life here and makes clear the deed to ownership of this coveted land. Strategically placed in this city of cities lies a special archaeological site whose entrance is by special permission only. From the public prayer area of the Western (Wailing) Wall it is possible to enter a small cavern under an ancient arch. This space has been renovated and turned into a small synagogue. Inside the cavern one can view the entire height of the Western Wall by standing at a fenced excavation pit. From this vantage point one realizes that he is, in fact, not standing at the bottom of the Wall but many feet up from the base of the Wall. From floor level of the synagogue there are thirteen large Herodian stones (each about three or four feet high and stacked one on top of another) to the original base of the Wall. Proceeding further into the synagogue one finds a small black iron door closed to the public. Inside the door lies an excavation tunnel that leads almost to the northern corner of the Temple Mount area. The importance of the tunnel might be measured by the furor that has raged against it from the Moslem factions in the Middle East. Accusations have ranged from the tunnel causing damage to foundations of buildings in the Moslem Quarter of the Old City to the tunnel being used in plots to undermine and destroy the entire Mosque of Omar which now occupies the Temple site. These accusations are, of course, untrue; anyone who visits this controversial passageway can easily see that it has been excessively reinforced



The excavation tunnel that leads almost to the northern corner of the Temple Mount area.

with concrete to prevent surface structures from undergoing damage.

The real war here is a spiritual one. The conflict is between the Satanic force behind Islam and the future plans of God for Jerusalem. A simple tourist observation of the Jewish holy sites in Israel would tell a great deal of the story. In Hebron for instance the tomb of Abraham is now a huge Moslem Mosque. Nablus, (old Shechem) the historical village to which Jacob came to worship the Lord, now lies on the controversial West Bank and is, for the most part, under dictates of local Arabic authorities. Mount Sinai, in the Sinai wilderness, was returned to Egyptian Moslem authorities in April of 1982. To crown it all, the Holy Temple area is, for prayer, completely off limits to Jews.

Almost every peace plan of the Arabic nations calls for the withdrawal of the Jews to the 1967 lines. This would put even the Western Wall back under control of Islam. When the Old City was regained in 1967, the Wall lay under mounds of garbage and actually had to be dug out and restored to a respectable condition. Old City synagogues had been used to keep sheep and goats in and were from ankle to knee deep in dung. Even in the Temple Mount area itself some pretty petty tokens of disrespect are evident. Three new prayer platforms have been built facing the Golden Gate (where Jesus will enter the city on His return). Well placed sources tell us that these, coupled with the Moslem cemetery purposely placed in front of the gate outside, are meant to halt a Jewish Messiah from entering the city. The common Middle Eastern belief is that the Messiah is from the priestly tribe and therefore according to

Jewish law could not defile himself by walking through a cemetery. Not even Christians are allowed to approach the Golden Gate now and the only book that may be read inside the Temple Mount area is the Koran. The sight of an open Bible near the Mosque of Omar will bring a guard screaming down upon you in no time. Though, when convenient for them, Moslems boast themselves of religious tolerance, it is really no more than a boast.

The Western Wall must be viewed in three sections. The length of the entire Wall is 1,924 feet. The area that was opened for prayer immediately after the 1967 war was a mere 110 feet. This area is known as the Western Wall today or the Wailing Wall. In 1968 archaeologists began excavating the southern portion of the Wall. Subsequent digging seasons uncovered the Early Arab period, the Byzantine period, the Roman period and the Herodian period. Slightly later the excavation of the tunnel began. About 1,000 feet of the tunnel have been excavated and a year and a half more is expected to reach the northern corner of the Wall. This excavation has brought the dating to the First Temple period. Amazingly enough, stones were found identical to those which had been thought to typify Herod's period. Archaeologists now speculate that these stones with beautifully hand-tooled margins (as seen in the Wailing Wall) were merely re-used or copied by Herod from the ruins of the First Temple.

The tunnel itself has suffered fresh attack recently when a cistern on the Moslem side began leaking water and threatening to flood the synagogue section on the Jewish side. Students, from a nearby yeshiva (school of

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The Biblical Zoo

by Sarah Fauth

Jerusalem, a city holy to three faiths — Christianity, Judaism, and Mohammedanism — has many famous religious, historical and Biblical sights. But one that perhaps is not so well known, yet deserves to be noted, is the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, the only zoo of its kind in the world.

The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo was founded in the 1930's by Professor Aharon Shulov with the idea of resuming a tradition that began in Israel in King Solomon's time, 3000 years ago, when he sent out his navy to bring strange animals for his royal household.

It was also begun with the aim of reintroducing to Israel the extinct (in Israel) breeds of animals which occupied the land in biblical days. In this it has been successful. Today the Biblical Zoo houses almost a complete collection of all the living creatures mentioned in the Bible, and on each cage, fence or den, is hung a sign with the reference and quotation of the Bible verse mentioning their species.

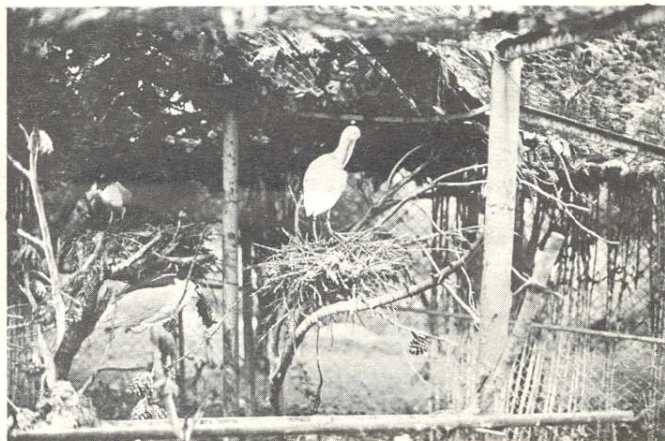
Animals, after all, play a pretty noticeable part in the context of the Bible. Right from the very beginning, from the time the serpent beguiled Eve in the Garden of Eden, animals often play an important role in biblical history. There is Noah's Ark, where God, not forgetting the animals, kept them safe from the flood he had brought upon the earth to punish mankind. Then there is the story of Jonah and the whale, and let's not forget Balaam and the talking donkey, plus an almost endless host of other stories where biblical characters co-star with biblical animals.



A sign, similar to the above, is hung on each cage, fence or den, giving the Bible reference for each animal.

The Bible names some 130 animals. Today the land of Israel contains 86 mammals, 359 birds and 76 species of reptiles, of which 37, 38, and 12, respectively, are mentioned specifically by name in the Bible. Since biblical days quite a number of wild animals have disappeared from Israel's landscape. The lion no longer stalks disobedient prophets (1 Kings 12:24), bears are no longer to be seen coming out of the woods to punish disrespectful children (2 Kings 2:23, 24); and shepherds watching over their flocks in the mountains

and valleys of Israel do not have these fierce beasts to contend with, as David did in times of old (1 Samuel 17:34, 35). Also, among others, the ostrich, hippopotamus, and cheetah have disappeared from the country's landscapes. However, you can see these animals in the Biblical Zoo, where outside their enclosures, their biblical references stand, declaring their ancestral right to reside in Israel.



"And the stork, the Heron after its kinds." Leviticus 11:19.

In addition to the animals and types of exhibits one usually finds at a zoo, at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo you may also find:

- In an enclosure among rocks: tigers and goats, wolves and lambs; dwelling together safely. Hung on their pen is a sign quoting Isaiah's vision, *"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."* Isaiah 11:6, (the leopards and wolves are young half-grown specimens which have not yet acquired the instincts of preying and slaying).

- A miniature Noah's Ark, (Genesis 6:14-16);

- Life-sized models of Adam and Eve under a tree, with several huge live serpents encased in a glass-walled structure for effect (Genesis 3:1-6);

- Jacob's tent scene (Genesis 30:29-34), complete with beduin tent and life-sized figures of Jacob, Rachel and Leah poised as if engaged in everyday living, with live spotted goats and black-and-white sheep going about in the enclosure;

- King Solomon's ship — *"For the king had at sea a navy of Tharish with the navy of Hiram; once in three years came the navy of Tharish, bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes and peacocks."* 1 Kings 10:22. The Zoo's model of this ship is approximately twenty meters long, with ten sailors poised at their tasks surrounded by monkeys and parrots.

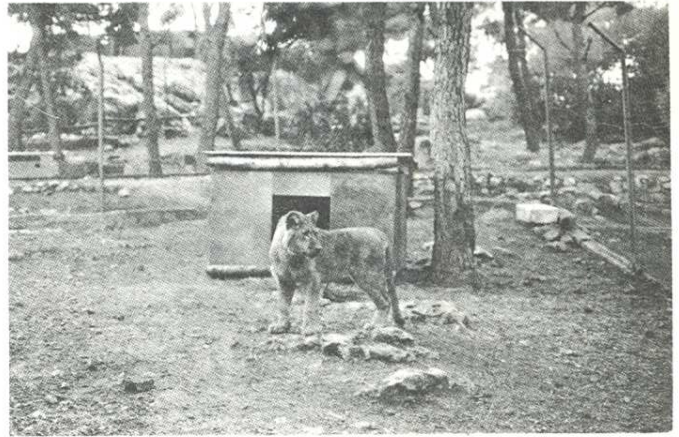
The Biblical Zoo has quite a history. It was begun by Professor Aharon Shulov, during the British mandate, in a unused maternity ward of the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus. During the early years of the zoo's institution, the Independence War broke out,

and besieging armies cut off food supplies to the entire city of Jerusalem. The human population was rationed only two slices of bread per person, per day, and, needless to say, Professor Shulov was faced with a starving zoo. Many of the animals, not dangerous to man, were freed to fend for themselves as that was their only hope. Shortly after this the Jordanian army captured Mount Scopus, where the Zoo was then housed, and Shulov, blindfolded and with military escort, was only thus allowed to feed the animals. Another hard time for the Biblical Zoo was the 1967 Six-Day-War, when Jordanian gunners evidently concluded that the Zoo was an Israeli army camp, and some 40 shells were fired into the grounds, killing about a hundred animals and destroying buildings.



Entrance to the Biblical Zoo. In this photo can be seen one of the many colorful peacocks which are allowed to roam freely on the zoo grounds. On the left can be seen a row of caged tropical birds, including a cockatoo who welcomes passersby with the traditional Hebrew greeting of Shalom.

All through these lean and dangerous years Professor Shulov managed, by one miracle or another, to sustain the zoo. And today it is referred to as a "connoisseur's



"... And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together..." Isaiah 11:6.

piece.", by distinguished British naturalist, James Fisher, in his book "Zoo's of the World".

"Our sages and prophets," says Professor Shulov, "have meditated deeply on the meaning of existence and have expressed much wisdom. But their imagery is never as colourful and impressive as when it takes the form of parables in which the widely known facts of animal behaviour reflect upon human deeds. Such parables are universally understood regardless of the diversity of peoples cultural backgrounds and their influence therefore remains the most persuasive literary form known to mankind. What could be more convincing in its sociological insight than the verse in Proverbs 28:15: *"As a roaring lion and a raging bear so is a wicked ruler over the poor people,"* or *"Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise: which having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest"*. Proverbs 6:6-8.

The Biblical Zoo brings to life the words of the Bible; the prophets and the Songs of Solomon, not only as illustrations, but as living creatures scenic against the background of Jerusalem. □

Paraphrase Of Psalm 1 For Today's World

1. Blessed is the man or woman who is not swayed by the thinking, morality and standards of this world, nor is a consumer and believer of the worldly magazines and their advertising, nor is engulfed by the TV programs that spew forth the ungodliness of this world. Neither does he or she desire to follow after the rewards and glamour of this life, or to frequent the entertainment places of this world to indulge in the pleasures for which worldly people live. Nor does he or she stand with the people that scoff at godliness and indulge in or live for the worldly ambitions and desires which they do.

2. But the delight and desire and purpose of this man or woman is in reading, believing, confessing, and acting upon the Word of God, and continually thinking about fulfilling God's work in their life, praising Him for His goodness, and meditating on His work, and His precepts, day and night.

3. Then this child of God shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of living water that brings true refreshment and regeneration to the soul, and he shall be like a tree that bears much fruit of souls won to the Lord in the time God has ordained for that fruit to ripen. And he shall bear much fruit of the Spirit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness

and temperance. The fruit shall remain and the leaf of that tree shall not wither and stop receiving God's light and producing fruit, but whatsoever that child of God shall put his hand to or attempt to accomplish in the Lord shall prosper.

4. Those not following wholeheartedly after God are not like that, but are like the chaff that gets blown away by the wind, and burnt up by the fire of trials and temptations.

5. Therefore, those walking in the ways of ungodliness will not stand in God's kingdom in the day of judgement, but will be sifted out of the fold, for sinners will not be able to endure standing alongside those who are godly and consecrated to God and walking in His light.

6. For the Lord knows the heart and intent and the ways of the righteous, those justified by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ who have made Him Lord of their life. But the way of the ungodly, the false and perverted desires and greed and thinking of those who are ungodly, who are not following after the Lord, shall perish and be destroyed forever. □

— (From a church bulletin)

The Lord's Work Around The World ...

The work of the Lord is ever progressing and we praise our Master for all the blessings He has been pouring out upon and through those who are laboring in His vineyard. Good reports continue to reach us from all parts of the world. We are sorry that we are unable to share more of them with you, but, from time to time, as space allows, a few pages of The Mount Zion Reporter will be devoted to this purpose. Let us continue to pray for God's mighty Spirit to minister through each one of us. The end is approaching fast and we've not much time left to proclaim the Gospel. Remember — "Ye are the light of the world"! (Matthew 5:14).

— Gordon Fauth



Congregation in Obite, Port Harcourt, River State, Nigeria, West Africa.

Report from Matathia, Kenya, East Africa

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the holy name of our beloved Saviour, Yahshua Messiah. May our Heavenly Father bless you all in the whole land of Israel and in Jerusalem the Holy City.

We are all fine here in Kenya under the protection of the powerful hand of our Almighty God. The work of preaching the good news is spreading far and wide, and people seem to thirst for the Word more than before.

At different places where we have preached, people have wished to have a glance at our Bibles to see if they are any different from their own. Bible prophecy comes to the listeners with great joy and a trust of the sure Word of the Bible.

Brethren I would like to assure our readers to be firm in faith coupled with fasting and prayer.

We had a nice and successful Feast of Tabernacles, with many souls baptized.

We have received always in time, Bible Lessons, Calendars and your informative letters.

May the good Lord and our Heavenly Father bless His work in Jerusalem and keep you safely in His Spirit (Zechariah 4:6). God bless you all (Ezekiel 36:24-26).

Yours in Messiah,
Peter N. Mbugua

Report from Mulimani, Kitale, Kenya, East Africa

Dear Elder Fauth and Reporter Staff,

Grace, mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you all in the name of Yahshua the Messiah, our soon coming King of Kings.

I hope this will find you all in a pleasant mood as it leaves us here at Kitale.

The leading hand of our Lord Elohim is leading us as we penetrate the darkened part of western Kenya.

During the past months we've been able to go to various parts with the gospel, by God's help, and the Lord did wonders before us. Hallelujah!

By the Lord's grace, I have succeeded to make a few trips to Matuuda Centre and held a few meetings with the people there. By God's grace they are believing and accepting Yahshua the Messiah as their Saviour. At Tongareni we have one brother who received Yahshua as his Saviour and then received baptism. Now he is a labourer there. Also, I had another trip to Mount Elgon, at Sabori Forest. In this area a few brethren were baptized.

Elder John Kaher visited the brethren at Moi's Bridge. Pastor Wanjau Itotia conducted a baptismal service there and three souls were baptized. Praise the Lord!

We have just finished the Feast of Tabernacles. At this period we received many visitors from various places and we shared the bread together with happiness. As we continued to glorify our Lord, the Lord multiplied our happiness when fourteen souls were baptized and a sick child the Lord healed completely. Oh thank you Lord!

Send all tools for the gospel message, such as Bibles, tracts and others.

Please pray for us as we do for you. May our dear Father guide the Holy Land and everyone therein.

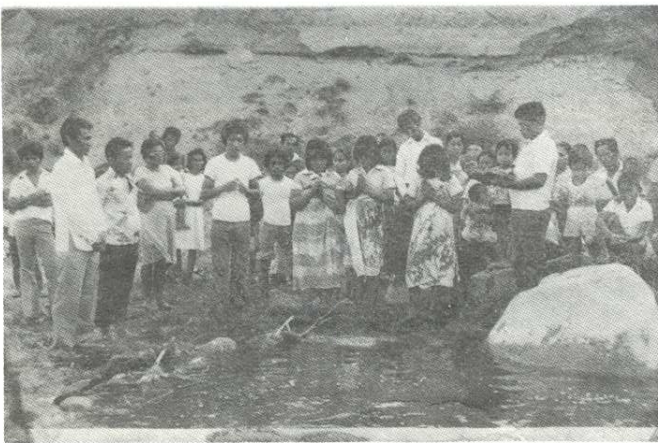
Yours in our soon coming King,
Elder F.M. Thomas



The Christian Youth Ambassador Association in Glamang, Polomolok, South Cotabato, Philippines.



The Elder A.N. Dugger Memorial Orphanage in Poduru, India. Standing are members of the congregation there. Elder Matthew (overseer) is seen with a Bible.



Baptismal service in Polomolok, South Cotabato, Philippines.

Report from Andhra Pradesh, South India

Dear Brother in Christ,

Our best Christian greetings from India. The mighty Messiah bless you all.

The gospel work in India is progressing. The orphanage in the name of Elder A.N. Dugger is being run well.

The festive 'Tabernacles' have been conducted at Poduru. People from eight villages attended the function. The meetings were a grand success. Eight were baptized. We went in procession with musical instruments in the village. Several Hindus heard us

well. The orphans sang devotional songs and the people appreciated their talents.

All the orphans convey their best gratitude to you all in Israel. We are always grateful for the benevolent aid you are giving for the spreading of the gospel truth and for the maintainance of the orphanage.

We pray for the welfare of Israel.

Yours in the service of Messiah,
Elder S. Matthew
(Overseer of India)



Congregation in Glamang, Polomolok, South Cotabato, Philippines.

"ARISE, SHINE; FOR HIS GLORY IS UPON THEE!"

Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth

Today is beautiful and sunny. Flowers are blooming everywhere! I hope it will stay this way for a while. We have had more snow and cold weather here in Jerusalem this year than we usually do. Though it seems that, from time to time, the Lord would throw in a few nice sunny days to warm and cheer things up again.

Recently, the children took a trip down to the Dead Sea. They had an enjoyable time floating in the thick mineral water and also covering themselves with the black mud, along the sea's shore, which is suppose to be good for the skin. Because of the sea's large mineral content, it is extreemly healthy and is known to cure or, at least, help various skin ailments. People from all parts of the world come especially to Israel just to take treatments there. In Hebrew the Dead Sea is called *Yam ha-Melach* (The Salt Sea). In the Talmud it refers to the sea as the Sea of Sodom. It is believed that this was the area in which Sodom and Gomorrah were located, and that after their destruction the Dead Sea was formed. The area is a very desolate place, and it has the unique distinction of being the lowest spot on the earth.

Well, it is Purim time again and the streets are bustling with jolly little folks dressed up in their Purim costumes. Little Queen Esthers, King Ahazarius's; wicked Haman's and even some cowboys and indians and clowns. Purim is always a fun time for the children and also for us older ones. It is a time of friendship and joy, and is celebrated as a reminder of God's protection of His people. The traditional triangle shaped cookies called *Hamantashen* (Haman's ears) are exchanged between friends and neighbors; schools are busy putting on plays reacting the story of the book of Esther, and synagogues are full of those thanking the Heavenly Father for delivering His people from evil and harm.

Just recently our son Naphtali arrived from the U.S.A. He has been gone for over two years now and it is good to have him back home again. We thank the Lord for keeping His protecting hand upon him during his stay there, and for bringing him safely back to Jerusalem.

The Lord's work here is moving on by His mercy. Praise His name! There is always much to be done and we are happy and busy in His service. We are so thankful for all our dear Brothers and Sisters around the world who are working with us in this ministry. May the Heavenly Father bless you all. What a wonderful day that will be when we will meet in the New Jerusalem "bringing in our sheaves with rejoicing"!

Until then, let us remain stedfast in His work, continuing to uphold each other in love and prayer.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Your Sister,
Naomi Fauth



Purim celebrations on Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street.



HOME

*Affliction and sorrow and death shall be o'er;
The saints shall unite to be parted no more;
Their loud hallelujahs fill Heaven's high dome;
They dwell with the Saviour forever at home.*

*The days of exile are passing away;
The time is approaching when Jesus will say,
Well done faithful servant, sit down by My throne
And dwell in My presence forever at home.*

*May we then, dear brother, midst pleasure or woe,
For that Heavenly Kingdom our hearts prepare;
And very shortly we most surely shall know
And feel the joy of what it is to be there.*



AN ISRAELI BUS RIDE OR HOW TO BECOME LIKE A SARDINE AND LOVE EVERY MINUTE OF IT

One of the outstanding features of this land is the Israeli Bus System. This system is efficient and inexpensive (about 15 cents per ride). There are bus stops everywhere and usually your bus will arrive in 10-15 minutes. Our combined experiences on these buses provides us with a great deal of insight into the Israeli way of life and it gives us a few chuckles too.

First, we must take our hats off to the bus drivers, who must herd their crowded buses through equally crowded streets. Many times they miss the other buses by what seems an inch or less. It seems like the drivers must know exactly how thick the coat of paint is on each bus. All day long they must put up with the Israeli drivers who are *meshugah* (crazy) at best behind the wheel. The only rule of driving in Israel is that there is no rule.

Then there are the people — a splendid cross section of life in Israel because everyone here rides the buses. All the soldiers from General to Private can be seen on the bus. And, of course, they usually have their weapons close by. I just finished a ride on a crowded bus. It was almost impossible to move. The soldier standing next to me had his M-16 slung sloppily over his shoulder with the muzzle almost stuck in the belly of a little fat lady seated nearby. She didn't seem to mind at all. Then we turned the corner and in the shuffle the M-16 became redirected at me. I tried to move but there was no chance for that. So what — this is Israel!

You have gathered by now that we usually stand on buses. I never thought I would Praise the Lord for standing room, but I do. Sometimes there is none. Betsy and the children tell of the schoolgirl who got on the bus, but there was no room for her backpack. The door closed with the girl inside and the backpack outside and the bus went merrily on its way.



Crowded bus on Jaffa Street, downtown Jerusalem.

Sometimes the buses are so crowded that people cannot get on at the front. They enter the back door and faithfully pass their ticket or money up to the driver. They simply hand it to the person next to them and he gives it to another and another. In two or three minutes the punched ticket or receipt makes its way back by the very same route to the person who sent it. No one along the way seems to even think of dropping the ticket or money into his own pocket.

Young and old alike ride the bus. Everyday we see tiny school children in the five year old range riding by themselves. Then there are the elderly. In Israel when an elderly person gets on the bus it is customary for younger persons to give up their seats. Recently Bet gave her seat to an elder woman and she had to stand and hold all her books and other baggage from school. After the little woman was seated she turned around to Bet and without a word took all of Bet's things and placed them in her own lap. Bet tried to thank her but she waved it off with the "*besedar*" (in order).

Tim, being the gentleman that he is, almost never gets to sit on the bus. The other day he comforted his mother when she had to give up her seat by saying: "Be glad you are not me, Mom. It will be another forty years before I get to sit on the bus."

There are many other stories we could tell, like the little woman who apparently got shut up in the bus door. She scolded the driver for what seemed like a full two minutes and then walked away with satisfaction. The driver kept the bus stopped and the door open and took it all like a school boy. When she finished he closed the door and drove off. Or, there was the bus driver who stopped the crowded bus, walked to the side of the street and bought himself a bunch of grapes to munch on. No one seemed to mind. It's Israel!

It was cold and rainy the other day and I was crowded against the fogged bus window. As the packed bus turned the corner everyone jostled against me and I was pressed closer to the window. I wiped the window just on time to see the ancient walls of Mount Zion. Suddenly it was all worth it, and I was happier than if I were comfortably driving my own Cadillac in the U.S.A. □

— Jim Gerrish

The writer, his wife Betsy, their two sons: Jon and Tim, and their daughter Gay, now live in Jerusalem, since moving to Israel from Colorado, U.S.A. some ten months ago.

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THE FUSE

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Judaism), who regularly pray there, broke through the Wall to the Moslem side for repair work and were met by an angry mob of Arabs. This re-opened passageway was used in the Second Temple period by priests to enter the Holy of Holies. Fist fights broke out and for the next few days the pages of the papers in Jerusalem were alive with continuing animosity from the Arabic countries. A lull in the storm occurred and things seemed to settle back to normal only to be set off again when Jordanian television reported that an Arab had been shot in the shuffle. There were no details of his condition, simply that he had been shot. The story later proved to be false; but political temperatures were rising and falling and accusations were being hurled. Arabic honor seems often to be at stake in the Middle East and this situation had the potential of being an all out attack thereof. The Satanic principalities that control Islam tend toward serious emotional instability. The breach of the Wall became, to the Moslems, a breach in the basic rights of the Moslem people.

The tapestry of prophecy is often a difficult one to take in at a single glance. Often the single threads of prophetic prediction appear for awhile and then fade into other patterns, turn sharp corners in the scriptural

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Extracts From Readers' Letters

INDONESIA. —

Dear Sir,

I am eighty years old. My name is S.T. I am a Christian.

I want to improve my knowledge through *The Mount Zion Reporter*. How glad I would be to have some books about Israel.

Thanking you for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,
S.T.

GUYANA. —

Shalom Lecha (Peace to you) Editor,

I happened to come across a copy of one of your Bible Calendars, and was very thrilled, for I did not know that such a calendar existed.

I am interested in Bible prophecy and news from Israel. You see, I am a student of the Bible and am short of reading material to assist in studying.

I would be very grateful if you would help me and furnish me with your monthly magazine, free, as I am a thirty-three-year-old poor dirt farmer. Thank you.

May the Most High bless thee.

I am,
A.B.

NORTH DAKOTA, U.S.A. —

I would just like to say how much we enjoy *The Mount Zion Reporter*. Getting news right from Israel is wonderful.

It is such an uplifting magazine, and, I read it from cover to cover. Thank you.

In His service,
K.B.

ICELAND. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

Thank you so much for your kind letter and the sample copy of the magazine which has reached me.

It was really interesting to hear from the land of Israel.

I have read a lot of Christian books about Israel in the English language. I think that no book has been written about Israel in Icelandic (I mean an original one). But we have a good one, a translation from English, that was published several years back, and another translation on the Six Day War, an original British edition. I have also read the book "My Life" by Golda Meir. It is a most interesting story about a great person and a great people.

Here in Iceland, as every where, we are hearing constant war-news from Lebanon, and we have been praying for the people there, and Israel as well. Most of the public media here in Iceland has been rather favourable towards Israel until the last few weeks.

I have been working for many years with literature evangelism almost throughout the whole country — selling Christian books and Bibles and conducting meetings in private homes. I have also been trying to reach foreign tourists who visit Iceland during the summertime with Gospel Scripture portions in their own language.

I know some Pentecostal Christians who have visited Israel. We had one old Christian man here in our meeting last year who displayed colour slides from Israel and told of his trip to the land of Israel last year. This old brother has been working for many years among sailors, both Icelanders and other nationalities,

who dock at the Harbour of Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland. He has been doing a great work for God for many years.

Thank you again for your letter and prayers for our country. We will remember Israel in our prayers too. God bless you and the work of the Lord in Israel.

Your brother in Christ,
H.G.

NEW ZEALAND. —

Dear Gordon,

Shalom! Greetings in the lovely name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Saviour.

As you will notice by my address I am an inmate of a prison here in New Zealand. I have been a Christian now for nearly sixteen months.

Recently I had four inmates come into my cell and ask me questions about the Lord Jesus Christ and what it meant to me to be one of His children. I gave them my testimony and what this new life means to me and how I can keep right with God. When they had listened to me they got down on their knees and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to come into their lives and cleanse their bodies from all sin. I gave them some tracts and Bibles and told them to come and see me if they had problems in understanding any of the tracts.

To me it is such a wonderful privilege to witness to 285 other inmates here in Paparua Prison. When I first became a Christian the road was very hard and the ridicule was so great I cannot describe it. But as time went by this ceased and now there is so many new-born Christians here, it is so beautiful. There is a great revival here in prison for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the prophecies and I know we are in the time of Jesus Christ's return.

You are in my daily prayers and also with our study group.

I would like to receive your newsletter and 'Judah'. Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
R.F.

ENGLAND. —

Dear Brother in Christ,

Greetings in His dear name.

Thanks for the newsletter with its very interesting up to the moment news concerning God's ancient people, for whom I pray daily.

My wife and I are fairing and daily looking for our Lord's coming — as often I say — "Keep looking up, Jesus is soon coming down."

Christian love to you all,
H.A.W.

KOREA. —

Dear Sir,

I hope this letter finds you in the best happiness and health with God's blessings.

I showed your *Mount Zion Reporter* to many persons who are much interested in Israel, and all of them were pleased to read it, and they are much impressed by it. I sincerely ask you to continue to send it to me.

I look forward to hearing your good news. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
S.D.S.

SonBeams Visit Lebanon

By now you may have heard of the SonBeams' recent Gospel singing tour of South Lebanon. The Lord was with them throughout their journey and many gospel seeds were sown on fertile ground, as they ministered in song and testimony to thousands across South Lebanon, during which hundreds of Bibles and leaflets were distributed. We praise the Lord for His mighty hand of protection and for His sweet spirit of peace which guided them through this war-torn country.

The day after they returned to Israel, civilians from Israel were ambused and killed while traveling on the same roads which the SonBeams traveled. Consequently, because of the new outbreak of terrorist activities there, the border into Lebanon was, for a time, closed to civilians. We are thankful that the Lord allowed them to make their journey before the trouble started and before the borders were closed.

SonBeam's Report

Our journey began in Metulla, Israel, a small peaceful town bordering Lebanon. Before the "Peace for Galilee" operation, it was not such a peaceful place. The small population of this simple predominantly farming settlement lived under the continual threat of PLO rocket fire from Lebanon. But that is another story. Today all that remains in evidence of this 'state of war' are the shells of an occasional PLO rocket, and, obvious to the eye, the brightly colored entrances to the village bomb shelters (so colored that they will be easy for people in danger to find). We took lunch in Metulla and waited some time for our guide to complete the arrangements for the border crossing.



In Metulla we were invited into the home of a dear Jewish lady who is known throughout the town as "Aunt Esther". She served us tea and apple strudel, and we sang a few Hebrew songs with her. Aunt Esther is also known as 'The Mother of Soldiers' because her home is always open to any soldiers who happen to pass through this border town. She always has strudel in the oven for them and a tea kettle on at almost any time of the day or evening. Her living room is decorated with hundreds of medals and campaign ribbons given to her by the uniformed subjects of the carefully framed photographs also set about the room. She will tell you proudly that they are her sons. In this photograph you can see Aunt Esther standing in the doorway of her home. Directly in front of her is an exploded PLO Russian-made Katusha rocket which landed in Metulla. In the foreground is a fuel tank from a Phantom jet.

Things went well and that afternoon we arrived at Claya and Marjayoun, the first towns across the Lebanese border. Here we received our first taste of the overwhelming love and hospitality of the Southern Lebanese people. The Spirit of the Lord was felt mightily in these two townships. We went first to Marjayoun, which is the home of Major Haddad, leader of the Christian forces in South Lebanon. It was a unique experience to witness in this town, which has seen so much fighting and bloodshed. Many battles raged here during the years of fighting, and the bullet and shell-marked buildings give mute evidence of the strife which this town endured. In the village of Claya the large Maronite church was filled to overflowing, with people standing all the way up to the altar. How thrilling it was to join hands with our Lebanese brethren, and sing of our privilege to belong to the same family, the Family of God. We had a blessed time of fellowship and witness with the people of Claya.



At Marjayoun



Ministering in song at Claya.

During the past years of war, the village of Claya was one of the main centers in the Christian struggle against the PLO terrorists, and one of the hardest hit towns in Southern Lebanon. With a population of 4,000, 2,000 were injured and many killed. There are many terrible stories to tell. Still, it was wonderful to

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GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Better Living Through Better Eating by W.K. Brodie

Eating is something that we all enjoy — perhaps some more than others — but we all like to eat. Wrong habits of eating and drinking lead to errors in action. Let none who profess godliness regard with indifference the health of the body. “Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul,” is the language of the apostle Peter (1 Peter 2:11). Many regard this text as a warning against licentiousness only, but it has a broader meaning. It forbids every inprious gratification of appetite or passion.

Many groan under a burden of infirmities because of wrong habits of eating and drinking, which do violence to the laws of life and health. They are filling their degestive organs by indulging harmful appetites. The power of the human constitution to resist the abuses put upon it is wonderful, but persistent wrong habits and excessive eating and drinking will in time succeed in enfeebling every function of the body. By gratifying harmful appetites and passions even professed Christians cripple nature in her work and lessen physical, mental and moral power.

We, as knowledgable humans, understand that to run a machine correctly we must use the best of each thing required to run it. In the case of the electric motor you must have proper voltage and proper amperage or you waste the motor, causing the brushes to burn out. In the gasoline engine you must have good clean oil and a high octane gas, but, like the body, it will run on a little lesser quality product. Still, we all know that this causes damage within the machine without proper maintance, fuels and lubricants. Likewise we human beings, if we settle for the second or third best fuels and foods for our systems, we'll be much the worse for it. It should be realized that it is of grave importance what we use for the running of our mortal bodies.

Life is a gift of God. Our bodies have been given us to use in God's service, and He desires that we shall care and appreciate them. We are possessed of physical as well as mental faculties. Our impulses and passions have their seat in the body, and therefore you must do nothing that would defile this entrusted possession. Our bodies must be kept in the best possible condition physically, and under the most spiritual influences, in order that we may make the best use of our talents.

A misuse of the body shortens that period of time which God designs shall be used in His service. By allowing ourselves to form wrong habits, by keeping late hours, by gratifying appetites at the expense of health, we lay the foundation for feebleness. By neglecting to take physical exercise, by over working mind or body, we unbalance the nervous system. Those who thus shorten their lives by disregarding nature's laws are guilty of robbery toward God. We have no right to neglect or misuse the body, the mind, or the strength which should be used to offer God consecrated service.

All should have an intelligent knowledge of the human structure and activities, that they may keep

their bodies in the condition necessary to do the work of the Lord. Those who form habits that weaken the nerve power and lessen the vigor of the mind and body, make themselves inefficient for the work God has given them to do. On the other hand, a pure healthy life is most favourable for the perfection of Christian character and for the development of the powers of the mind and body.

Many have inquired of me, “What course shall I take to best preserve my health?” My answer is — Cease to transgress the laws of your being; cease to gratify a depraved appetite. Eat simple food.

In Genesis 1:11, we find God speaking to mankind saying, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be meat.” The Lord continues to say: “If thou wilt deligently hearken to His voice, and will do that which is right in His sight, and will hear His commandments, and keep all His statues, I will put none of these diseases upon you which I have brought upon Egypt (The then known world): for I am the Lord that healeth you.” The Lord can help us only if we want the help. If we ask the Lord for a new house and we don't strive either to buy or build it ourselves with the help of God, we will have nothing. What I'm saying is we all know or need to know that our body is the house of God, to do with what the Lord asks of us, through continued growth in eating and living habits. We must not expect the Lord to do His part if we cannot make an honest effort at it ourselves. The Lord says in Deuteronomy 5:27 to “hear and do,” which brings us to a learning program of all the uses of the things God has created for us, for our use.

Prickly Ash

I will present some practical uses of the herb, Prickly Ash (*Xanthoxylum Traxinanu*). However, I am not prescribing this herb to you. I am merely bringing its existence and virtues to your attention.

Prickly Ash is a native of Northern, Middle and Western America. It should not be confused with the Southern Prickly Ask called Angelic Tree (*Aralia Spisnoa*). The leaves and the capsules have an aromatic odour resembling oil of the the lemon. The bark is the official portion — boiling water and alcohol extract its medicinal virtues. Chewing the bark is said to relieve tooth aches and because of this it is often called the ‘toothache tree’. The taste is warm, aromatic and slightly bitter. Prickly Ash bark induces a good, free capillary, and arterial circulation; stimulates the stomach, the lymphatics, the serows and mucous membrane, and, when chewed, the salivary glands, inducing a free flow of saliva. It is valuable whenever a stimulant is required, as when the skin and extremities are cold, and in many chronic conditions such as rheumatism neuralgia, and paralysis.

It enjoys a considerable reputation as a remedy for
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Laodicean Counsel and Message

by F.A. Luib

Revelation 3

We are living in the last period of the church called Laodicea. "Laos" means "judgement" and "dicea" means "people". Therefore, Laodicean means "judgement of the people."

The charge against the Laodiceans is that they are lukewarm; neither hot nor cold. They lack that religious fervor and devotion which is demanded by their position in the world's closing history. They remain without zeal even though the light of prophecy beams upon their pathway. This lukewarmness is shown by a lack of good works, for it is from a knowledge of their works that the faithful and true witness brings this fearful charge against them.

"I would thou wert cold or hot" (Verse 3). Three spiritual conditions are brought to view in the 16th verse; the cold, the lukewarm, and the hot. Two of these spiritual conditions pertain to the church; the third, to the world.

"Hot" is not difficult to understand. The mind at once calls up a state of intense zeal, when all affections raised to the highest pitch are drawn out for God and His cause, and manifest themselves in corresponding works.

"Lukewarm" is to lack this zeal; to be in a state in which heart and earnestness are wanting, in which is no self-denial that costs anything. No cross-bearing that is felt, no determined witnessing for Christ, and no valiant aggression that keeps the armour bright. Worst of all, it implies entire satisfaction with that condition.

"Cold" denotes a state of corruption, wickedness, and sin. Such as characterizes the world of unbelievers.

"I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Verse 16). Here the rejection of the lukewarm is compared to the nauseating effects of tepid water. This spewing out denotes a final rejection, an utter separation from His church.

Verse 17 says that the Laodiceans, the lukewarm Christians, are: "*rich and increased with goods*," They are not hypocrites, because they "*know not that they are poor, miserable, blind and naked*."

Admonition — "*Buy of me*", says the true witness, "*gold tried in fire that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed. . . and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see*." (Verse 18).

The instruction is: "buy of Me" (get the riches from above).

Gold, White Raiment; Eyesalve

"Gold tried in the fire" denotes that which constitutes spiritual riches: Grace and faith, to go all the way, to become heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him (James 2:5). "*Faith is a substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*." Hebrews 11:1. To be rich toward God, rich in a spiritual sense, is to have a clear title to the promise.

"White raiment" — All our righteousness are as

filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). We are counseled to buy of God His Heavenly raiment, complete and spotless (Zechariah 3:3, 4). "*Fine linen is the righteousness of the saints*." (Revelation 19:7, 8).

"The eyesalve" — Only if our spiritual discernment is quickened with the Holy Spirit can we see. (John 16:12, 13).

God does not want a people engulfed in worldly pleasure. "Look to things above! Look not to your physical condition but to your spiritual condition!" This is God's message to the Laodicean.

Of all the lessons to be learned from our Saviour's first great temptation, none is more important than that of learning control over the physical appetites and passions, which do war with the spiritual (Ephesians 6:12). In all ages, temptations appealing to the physical nature have been most effectual in corrupting and degrading mankind. Through intemperance Satan works to destroy the mental and moral powers that God gave to man as a priceless endowment. Thus it becomes impossible for men to appreciate things of eternal worth. Through sensual indulgence, Satan seeks to blot from the soul every trace of likeness to God.

The uncontrolled indulgence and consequent disease and degradation that existed at Christ's first advent will again exist with intensity before His second coming. Christ declares that the conditions of the world will be as in the days before the flood, and as in Sodom and Gomorrah. Every imagination of the thoughts of the hearts will be evil continually. We are now living upon the very verge of that fearful time, and to us comes home the lesson of the Saviour's fast (Matthew 4:2). Only by the inexpressible anguish which Christ endured can we estimate the evil of unrestrained indulgence. His example declares the only hope of eternal life, through bringing the appetite and passions into subjection to the will of God.

Oh Laodicean

Don't be fooled into thinking that this message is not for you. There's some Laodicean in each one of us. But this is no cause for despair. The Almighty has given us weapons with which to wage this warfare against the carnal man: "*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked*."

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Love ~ What is It?

by Priscilla Fauth



Love — what is it? Just a feeling, an emotion? This is a question that is being asked the world over. Some may say: "Love is a lot of things: Love is sharing. Love is being nice, considerate and polite. Love is a feeling of deep affection." Although all these things may be nice and certainly are produced by love, are they love in itself? Is this all there is to love? People are seeking to find the true meaning of this little word — love.

Love? Yes, it may be a small word, but, its meaning is far bigger and broader than a human mind can comprehend. It's the most beautiful word ever to be uttered, and certainly is more than just an emotion. Yet, love is a word which has become much over-used and misused. It's very saddening to see this beautiful word so often made to look ugly and cheap by our own ignorance and self-desires. This is done by mistaking "love" for "lust". In reality there are no two words more different than these two. "Love" is good. "Lust" (fleshly — 1 John 2:16) is evil! Still, sadly, it seems many do not know how to distinguish between these two words. To many they are one and the same. This drastic misinterpretation is the cause of so many today becoming discouraged with life; for they try so-called love, and it does not satisfy.

Although some may give up completely and cease to try to find the real meaning of love, most people are continually searching for this vital part of life.

Yes, everyone needs to experience love. It is a proven fact that when a babe is born, regardless of how well it has been fed, clothed, etc., if it is not shown love and affection, it will slowly but surely die; sometimes just mentally (leaving it retarded and disturbed) but often it dies completely. It has no will to live without love.

We were created in a way where in order for us to be more than just existing, we must have love continually flowing through us. Our appetite for love is so strong that no matter how much love we are given, we crave and desire more. Love is, so to speak, the oil that keeps our lamp alight!

I don't know if there is one person who does not believe in love. Love is unexplainable, yet we know it exists. If you doubt this, consider a breeze, watch it invisibly caressing a tree, causing its branches to sway. So it is with love — it can be felt and the results of it can be seen; however, it is invisible to the eye. In love dwells everything. By love all was created. What is love? "Love" is God! And, through Him only can one truly possess a love (life) that is everlasting and a peace that passeth all understanding! (Philippians 4:7).

Do you believe in God? God is love! (1 John 4:16). □



LAODICEAN COUNSEL AND MESSAGE

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And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. . . For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." (Ephesians 6:11-18; Romans 8:37-39; 2 Corinthians 10:4).

Now, equipped with these and strengthened by our comforter, the Holy Spirit, we have no excuse to remain lukewarm! □

THE FUSE

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design and disappear under the fabric altogether. One thing is certain in this weavers masterpiece and that is that before the end, the Temple must be *restored. At times prophetic speculation is surprised by a turn of events that brings into reality long debated possibilities. Often they are quite different than the original speculations. More than occasionally they make us catch our breath and wonder why we hadn't seen that before. There has been debate for years as to exactly where the ancient Temple lay and what must happen for the Temple to be built again. Some of the ideas are a little bit far left field due to 'band wagoning' by Christians impatient for things to get under way. Another certainty is that this tunnel is as near the 'hot spot' as one could want to get. We have not heard the last of the tunnel story. Soon paper headlines will carry the story of the 1,000 foot long fuse that could ignite a major Middle East war. □

* Editor's note: Whether literally or spiritually.

SONBEAMS VISIT LEBANON

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see the steadfast faith of a people who even hope seemed to have forgotten for so many terrible years. Their faith is what has brought many in South Lebanon through these years of war. *"They can destroy our homes and property. They can destroy our country. They can destroy our bodies. But they can never destroy our faith,"* said one believer from Claya. Others told how starved they were for contact with other Christians and how isolated and lonely they have felt.



Francis Rizk interpreting for Brother Livingston at Claya. Grant Livingston was the arranger and guide of our journey into South Lebanon. He and his wife Barbara live in Metulla and have a ministry with the Lebanese people. They were excited about the SonBeams coming because, beforehand the doors were closed in many of the places where the group ministered. Brother Livingston said he had been trying for years to get into these places and this was the first time the way was opened. Praise the Lord!

Beaufort Castle, situated on a towering hill overlooking the village of Claya, is where the PLO had their station of bombardment. Israel took this strategic point the first day of their move into Lebanon, thus finally freeing the people of the towns below from this terrible threat.

Our guide and interpreter on our first day in Lebanon, Francis Rizk, from the village of Claya, told us how shells from Beaufort Castle had fallen right next to his house, and of the constant fear they lived in. After the Israelis captured the Castle, Brother Rizk went to see the former PLO bombardment point, and when looking across at his village, he could do nothing but weep. He found himself looking right onto his own home, which was located directly below the Castle, and could only thank God that they were still alive and

that a terrorist rocket had not found so obvious a target. Brother Rizk is a former spokesman for Major Haddad, and is one of the leading Christians in South Lebanon. He is a wonderful Christian, filled with the Spirit of the Lord. It was he who — in 1976, before the borders between Israel and Lebanon were open — brought his dying cousin, whose leg had been shot off, to the Israeli border, asking for help. The Israelis rushed Brother Rizk's cousin to a hospital in Israel and his life was saved. From that day on the border remained open and Israel began its policy of helping the beleaguered Christians in South Lebanon. The gate to which Brother Rizk brought his dying cousin is now known as the Good Fence. Since that time over 170,000 Lebanese, wounded by the PLO and Syria, have been transported through the Good Fence for treatment in Israel. Also many Lebanese come through the Good Fence every day to visit and work in Israel.



At the Good Fence, the border crossing into Lebanon. From left to right: Sammy Babisha, Rifca Fauth, Debrah Dugger, Priscilla Fauth, Mary Whitner, Sarah Fauth, Ezra Fauth.



Brother Rizk introducing the SonBeams at Marjayoun.

We left the towns of Claya and Marjayoun with it deeply impressed on our minds to always remember in prayer all the dear brothers and sisters we met there and whom we shall never forget, and all who were witnessed to and who were eager to hear the Good Will message.

We resumed our journey across the border the following morning. That day's journey took us through many towns and villages, both Christian and Moslem. Again the Spirit of the Lord guided the way; tracts and

Bibles were distributed among the people, who were eager to receive and were extremely receptive. Passing by on the roads we were always greeted by farmers tilling their fields, villagers, and fellow travelers, with waves, smiles and an occasional "Shalom" (Hebrew greeting of peace). We stopped often to witness and to pass out a leaflet or Bible to those interested.



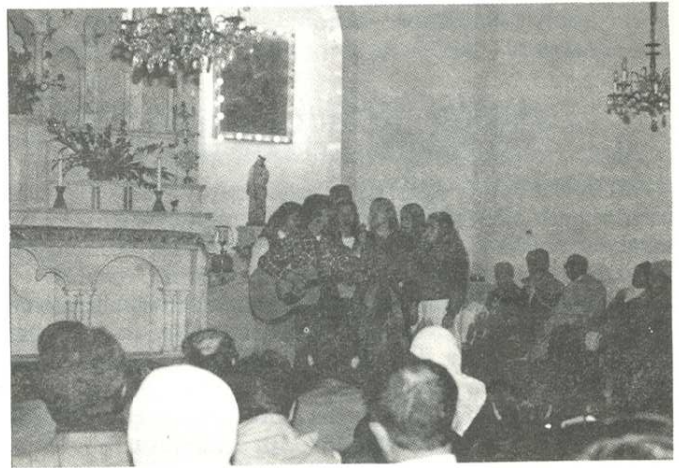
Distributing Bibles and gospel literature in a Moslem village.



As we were travelling, we stopped along the road in South Lebanon to take this photo of a farmer plowing his field with two oxen. Much of Lebanon is quite modern, but there are still many scenes like this one.

The last stop of the day was the town of Ramesh. We arrived in the evening and were scheduled to put on a two-hour concert. The large church began to fill. Soon it was so full that there was not even any more standing room and people were crowded outside in the village square. Speakers outside were broadcasting the "Good News" throughout the village. We had a wonderful time of witness in song and testimony. After our time was over a police officer, seated at the front, came onto the platform and in tears thanked us and thanked the Lord for allowing us to come there to minister to them. We spent the night with the priest and his family and were once again overwhelmed with wonderful Lebanese hospitality. In the morning, after a breakfast of goat's milk, cheese and homemade bread, we resumed our journey further south which finally ended in the village of El-Chaab not too far from the coast. Again the Lord's blessings were with us and those we ministered to. We spent part of the day getting to know the people of El-Chaab. Many friend-

ships were made that shall not be forgotten. From here we began the route homewards.



Ministering in song to the people of Ramesh. Although this photo doesn't show much of it, this was the largest group we witnessed to in Lebanon. The church, which is itself quite large, was filled to overflowing, with all the benches full and every inch of standing space filled, and even many more people crowded outside the church doors. Ramesh is not such a big town, but it seemed as if almost the entire population was here that night. It was a unique experience.



Brother Livingston preaching the Word at El Chaab, as Sammy Babisha interprets.



On the road in Lebanon.

The last place we visited in Lebanon was the town of Ein Eble. Here the group was interviewed by a local newspaper. The reporter was especially interested in the message which we were expounding through different songs. He said he would write about this

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NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

ISRAELI ALARM SYSTEM PROTECTS ELIZABETH

LONDON. — Queen Elizabeth is now protected at Buckingham Palace by a security system bought from Israel, according to a report in the mass-circulation daily, *The Sun*.

The system, which costs 375,000 pound sterling was made by Mgal, a subsidiary of the Israel Aircraft Industry, the paper said. It was originally developed in the early 1970s to detect infiltration.

An intruder, Michael Fagan, broke into the palace and entered the Queen's bedroom last July, but this was before the Israeli system was fully installed.

According to *The Sun*, the system has been tested by security services throughout the world and has earned Israel millions of pounds in export orders. But its installation in Buckingham Palace was not announced, the report adds, "because Britain was afraid of the reaction of the Arab states."

WEST BANK JEWISH POPULATION TO DOUBLE IN NEXT 3 MONTHS

The Jewish population in the West Bank is expected to double and reach nearly 50,000 in the next three months according to estimates of settlement officials.

According to these estimates over 6,000 housing units will be completed during this period, somewhat ahead of schedule. All of these apartments mostly in the urban "dormitory" settlements around Jerusalem and east of Tel Aviv where settlers commute to work in the cities, have been sold and occupancy will be immediate.

Given an average family size of four persons, 24,000 people will move from Israeli proper over the green line to the West Bank, effectively doubling the current population there.

63,099 FROM AREAS NOW WORK IN ISRAEL

Last month the number of Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza who work in Israel reached a record high of 63,099 as compared to 59,851 in December, 1982 and 51,685 in January, 1982.

Of these, 20,807 worked in the building industry, 23,381 in factories, 12,622 in services and 6,289 in agriculture.

WEST BANKERS TO CONSIDER 'PEACE COVENANT'

Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza Strip will be asked to approve a 39-point Palestinian National Peace Covenant at a founding convention in Hebron this month of a new political party, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

The chairman of the Hebron area village leagues, Mohammed Nasser, told *The Post* on Monday that the covenant will be presented to delegates and others who attend the meeting of the Palestinian Democratic Peace Movement on February 12, three days before the PLO's Palestinian National Congress in Algiers.

The covenant includes the following points:

- A rejection of the 1974 Rabat resolution, whereby the Arab states named the PLO the only representative of the Palestinians. The "peace covenant" asserts that the Rabat resolution is "null and void," since the PLO

is "run by various Arab regimes" and has brought only "disaster" on the Palestinians.

- A call to the Palestinians to "hold onto their soil and national unity," and to the world to recognize their "right to a homeland in the West Bank and Gaza."

- A call for "direct negotiations" between the Palestinians and Israel, leading to a peace treaty. The basis of these negotiations is to be UN Security Council resolutions and the Camp David framework.

- A call for "internationally supervised elections" in the West Bank and Gaza to determine the "true leaders" of the Palestinians.

Nasser, an electrical engineer, said that 60 delegates — 20 from the Gaza Strip and 40 from the West Bank — will take part in the Hebron meeting as founders of the first legal political party in the areas since the Six Day War. He said the military government is aware of these plans and has not objected to the formation of the National Peace Movement.

The party, Nasser said, will in effect be an expanded version of the village leagues.

He added that he expects "many thousands" of residents of the West Bank and Gaza to be on hand. They will also be presented with the covenant, and Nasser said that he thought they would accept it by acclamation.

THREE FRIENDS MEET AGAIN AT KIRYAT SHMONA

KIRYAT SHMONA. — An emotional reunion took place here yesterday between two Lebanese policemen who used to serve at the Rosh Hanikra border crossing point, and an Israeli policeman who still serves there.

When the current Lebanese-Israeli talks began, the two Lebanese, members of that country's delegation, revealed that they had served as policemen at Rosh Hanikra from 1954 to 1968.

They said they were friends of Alex Binyamin, an Israeli counterpart. They asked foreign ministry officials to find him and arrange a meeting. Binyamin was found easily enough at the Rosh Hanikra crossing, where he is now head of the police detachment.

"We waited many years for the opening of the gates, and we're happy that this has happened. I invite you to Beirut," Idnan Bishara, one of the Lebanese, said to Binyamin.

Binyamin in turn invited them to Rosh Hanikra.

MORE GOLAN DRUSE SEEK CITIZENSHIP

NAZARETH. — The number of Golan Druse applying for Israeli citizenship has increased recently, according to Interior Ministry sources.

The sources said yesterday that hundreds of Golan Druse had already accepted Israeli citizenship, including notables who maintain close ties with the authorities, clerks and teachers. The ministry said these people sought citizenship because of the benefits they would derive, but the sources could not explain why more workers and farmers were also applying for citizenship.

The sources reported that it is now very rare to encounter a Golan Druse who does not have an identity card or who had not applied for one.

U.S. CHRISTIANS SLAM ANTI-ISRAEL PRESS

NEW YORK. — Christian leaders from around the U.S. yesterday expressed their disgust over "distortions" in the American news media coverage of the Peace for Galilee operation and its aftermath, during a meeting with President Yitzhak Navon.

Dr. David Lewis, head of Christians United for Israel, a Missouri-based organization, told Navon that he and his religious colleagues were shocked by media distortions here that blamed Israel for destruction and slaughter committed by the PLO years ago.

Lewis urged that Israel establish a "propaganda ministry — in the good sense of the word," to disseminate the truth about Middle East events.

INCREASE IN LEBANESE VISITORS TO ISRAEL

NAZARETH. — The number of Lebanese citizens visiting Israel increased by some 20 per cent in December compared to the previous month.

Sources at the Interior Ministry said yesterday that in December 6,500 Lebanese entered Israel, 5,000 of them through the Rosh Hanikra checkpoint.

Many of the Lebanese tourists are Maronite and Shi'ite, with few Sunni Moslems expressing interest in visiting the country. Although some Lebanese have exploited their visit to do business in the country, the majority have come to sightsee and to visit the holy places.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry has stopped issuing permits to Israelis to visit Lebanon. The ministry will reconsider issuing permits next month if the security situation in Lebanon improves.

EC URGES MOSCOW TO LET JEWS EMIGRATE

STRASBOURG. — The European Parliament on Thursday called on the new Soviet leadership to allow more Jews to leave the Soviet Union.

The legislature of the European Community unanimously adopted a resolution which said that freedom to emigrate is a fundamental right to which every individual is entitled.

Although several hundred thousand Soviet-Jewish nationals wish to emigrate, the number granted exit visas fell considerably to about 2,700 last year, it said.

JAGLOM TO CONTINUE FIGHT FOR RELEASE OF IDA NUDEL

TEL AVIV. — World WIZO President Raya Jaglom has announced that she will focus attention on the plight of Prisoner of Zion Ida Nugel at two conferences to be held next month.

The first will be a meeting of the board of governors of the World Jewish Congress in Washington on February 1, and the second, three weeks later, the European Women's Conference for Soviet Jewry in Geneva.

Mrs. Jaglom was recently re-elected president of Israeli Women for Ida Nudel (IWIN).

10 GROUPS FORMED FOR ARAB-JEWISH TIES

NAZARETH. — Ten new societies for fostering relations between Jews and Arabs were set up in 1982, according to a source in the office of the prime minister's advisor on Arab affairs.

The source said yesterday there are now 25 societies which have several thousand members, including clergymen, chairmen of Arab local councils, teachers and worker representatives.

SMALL BOMB EXPLODES NEAR OLD CITY WALL

A small bomb exploded yesterday noon near Zedekiah's Cave ("Solomon's Quarries") in Jerusalem's Old City.

Hassan al-Jawi, 65, a municipal maintenance worker, lost one of the fingers of his right hand when he touched off the bomb, which was in a trash container near the cave's entrance. A passer-by immediately took him to the Hospice Government Hospital in the Old City, where he was later reported in fair condition.

"Hassan picked a pastry bag out of the trash container. It exploded as he walked down the stairs, about five metres away," said Mussa Khaled, the injured man's co-worker.

"I asked him to clear the trash container several times daily for security reasons," said Shlomo Ilani, al-Jawi's supervisor, "and that's what he did."

The stairs leading down to the cave were spattered with blood, and al-Jawi's watch, with its glass smashed. The bomb was probably a large detonator, which had been hidden inside a half-eaten doughnut, unofficial police reports said.

'ISRAEL WORLD'S 7th EXPORTER OF ARMS'

WASHINGTON. — The Christian Science Monitor newspaper in a lengthy article yesterday on the Israeli arms industry, said Israel ranks seventh in the world in arms exports.

"There are times when Israel's role as pariah selling to pariahs can work in the interests of Washington," it said. "U.S. military sales to Taiwan, for instance, increasingly are being complicated by mainland China's displeasure. Because Washington thinks in global terms, this obstacle is formidable. Israel does not have such restraints. Its foreign policy normally is geared to regional, not global, interests. It can sell to Taiwan without upsetting the superpower balance (and has sold millions of dollars worth of Gabriel missiles and light weapons there.)"

The newspaper said Israel last year earned \$1 billion in arms exports.

MAN WHO HID HIS QUARANTINED DOG IS FREED ON BAIL

When Edmond Cohen's pet dog bit someone in Jerusalem last month, he was ordered to place it in the city's quarantine centre at Shuafat for 10 days.

But Cohen missed the animal so much that two days before it was due to be released he went to the centre, took it away and hid it.

When police arrested Cohen, he refused to say where the animal was. And yesterday in the Jerusalem Magistrates Court, he was released on bail of IS20,000 after Judge Zvi Cohen rejected a police application to remand him into custody. Custody, said the judge, was not intended to make suspects talk. And the dog? Still in hiding.

AUSTRIA WORKING ON EXCHANGE OF POW's

VIENNA. — Austria authorities are taking steps to assist in the exchange of PLO captives and Israeli prisoners of war, according to a report in yesterday's issue of the mass-circulation daily *Kurier*. The exchange could take place as early as this month, the paper reports.

Under the plan, details of which remain a closely guarded secret, some 6,000 Palestinian terrorists held by Israel would be exchanged for the eight Israeli soldiers being held by the PLO.

FLAGS, FLOWERS, CHILDREN WELCOME THE LEBANESE

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The Israel, Lebanese and U.S. delegations drove from the Zafon Hotel to the Beir Edelstein community centre yesterday morning through lines of local school children waving Israeli flags and Lebanese flags.

The children bore placards reading: "Enough war," "Enough destruction," and "Give peace a chance," in Hebrew and Arabic. One child carried a huge placard in Arabic, reading: "From the children of Kiryat Shmona to the children of Lebanon, with love." The child was clearly disappointed there were no children in the Lebanese delegation.

The delegation heads were welcomed to Beit Edelstein with an enormous loaf of *halla* (sweet bread) and salt by the town's Sephardi chief rabbi, Yehiel Buhbut. His Ashkenazi colleague, Zefania Brori, did not participate although he was present. He told *The Jerusalem Post* that bread and salt ceremonies should be restricted to kings and presidents.

Lebanese delegation head Antoine Fattal was visibly moved by the welcome and clearly surprised. Speaking in French he said emotionally: "I leave our political differences for the conference table. Here I wish to declare that the Jews and the Moslems are children of the same God."

All three delegation heads were presented with bouquets of flowers and picture albums by local children.

SOUTH LEBANON LEADERS ASK PEACE TREATY

METULLA. — Several dozen village and municipal leaders from South Lebanon yesterday gathered in the village of Kleyla and demanded that the Lebanese government sign a peace treaty with Israel. The leaders, including Moslem and Christians, also asked their central government for suitable security arrangements in the south.

Francis Rizk, a leader of South Lebanese Christians, believed he and others present yesterday will soon meet government officials in Beirut.

LEBANESE PALESTINIANS ASK TO STAY IN ISRAEL

NAZARETH. — Dozens of Palestinian families from South Lebanon have asked Israel to grant them asylum because they fear harassment by the Phalangists.

Some Palestinians have already crossed the border at Rosh Hanikra to visit their relatives in Arab villages. Officials said it is possible that they do not intend returning to the refugee camps in South Lebanon. Others have sent letters to the authorities, through their relatives, asking to be permitted to stay in Israel.

Hussein Assadi, the secretary of the Labour Party in Western Galilee, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that some of those who crossed the border are his relatives.

STOLEN KISS COSTS MAN IS3,000 IN JERUSALEM

A 29-year-old man from the village of Beit Immar near Hebron was fined IS3,000 in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday and given a four-month suspended jail sentence for kissing a woman in the street here.

Musa Shakiki was found to have accosted the 22-year-old woman and kissed her on the cheek as she was walking on Rehov Hanevi'im.

DIRECT COST OF WAR TOTAL IS38.2b.

The direct cost of the war in Lebanon and its aftermath totals IS38.2 billion, IDF and Defence Ministry representatives told the State Control Committee yesterday. The figure includes the estimated cost of IDF deployment in Lebanon until March 1983.

The IS38.2b. figure includes restocking of stores, engine utilization time, and sums needed to acquire new equipment to replace that lost during the war. It does not include the indirect cost of the war on the economy as a whole.

PUBLIC SPLITS ON EARLY ELECTION, BUT FAVOURS QUITTING LEBANON

TEL AVIV. — The country is divided almost down the middle on the issue of replacing the government during the 10th Knesset, and the same applies to the proposal to call early elections.

The political division is clearcut — with the pro-Likud camp overwhelmingly against new elections and Labour supporters holding the contrary position. A quarter of the public, and of Likud voters, supports a national unity coalition.

The above emerged from *The Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by Modi'in Ezrahi Research Institute.

The poll also indicated a marked shift in readiness to disengage from Lebanon, with a sharp increase in the number of those amenable either to an unconditional pull-out or withdrawal on minimum terms.

Question: "In view of what you know today are you for or against withdrawing IDF forces from Lebanon?"

	Jan. '83	Oct. '82	Sept. '82
For: unconditionally	21.5	13.0	17.7
For: on condition of suitable security agreements	37.0	34.9	29.2
For: on above condition plus Syria withdrawal	32.4	44.7	42.5
Against	5.0	3.5	4.7

Institute director Dr. Sara Shemer noted the steep drop since January among that segment of the public favouring the maximum conditions for an Israeli pull-out. She also noted the increase in the number of those ready for an unconditional pull-out as well as for easier terms.

HYDROPONIC PLANTS FOR EXPORT GROWN WITH HELP OF COMPUTER

TEL AVIV. — A new way of producing house plants using a microcomputer, has been developed by the Nofar nursery company, which specializes in growing plants by the hydroponic system.

The nursery at Ganei Shomron, near Hadera, has become fully computerized and was thus able to lower its production costs. It is now able to sell plants grown by conventional methods.

Hydroponics is the science of growing plants without soil. Instead of receiving nourishment from the soil, plants are grown in pots or tanks filled with coarse sand, gravel or water, to which nutrients are added. Nofar uses instead of gravel coarse volcanic pebbles called Tuf, which come from the Golan Heights.

ZOO

The Jerusalem Biblical Zoo has announced the arrival of a pair of rare black leopards (panthers). The leopards were a gift from a Copenhagen Zoo to the people of Jerusalem.

EUROPEANS SUPPORT PALESTINIAN STATE

STRASBOURG. — The European Parliament yesterday voted 135 to 25 with 32 abstentions supporting a report on the Middle East conflict calling for the eventual creation of a "Palestinian state."

The resolution also called for an immediate halt to the establishment of Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

It was the first time that the Parliament, an elected, mainly advisory body from the 10 Common Market nations, had used the term "state."

WORLD CAMPAIGN STARTS FOR DAILY BIBLE READING

The World Jewish Bible Society has asked Israel Radio and various public institutions to adopt and to publicize its triennial calendar of daily Bible readings.

In an attempt to revive a worldwide Bible reading campaign begun some 50 years ago by the late Dr. Yehuda Even-Shmuel, the society has published a calendar listing the daily weekday readings of a chapter from the Prophets or the Hagiographa. The calendar may be obtained free from the society at POB 7024, Jerusalem.

CHRISTIANS URGED TO HELP KEEP JUDEA, SAMARIA

Christian evangelicals abroad are being called upon to take a more active role in fighting any plan that would require Israel to surrender Judea and Samaria to either the Palestinians or Jordan, an official of the International Christian Embassy told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Jan Willen van der Hoven, who this week returned from a lecture tour to the U.S. and Europe, said that he told church audiences that it is not enough for them to believe that Israel is the culmination of prophecy. They must also fight what he sees as the U.S. government's attempts to undermine the Jewish state.

Linking the return of these areas to the recent outbreak of anti-Semitism in the world, he said that these lands must be kept in readiness for the millions of Jews who will be forced to come to Israel.

A NEWSPAPER THAT 'MEETS THE CHALLENGE'

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, Norwegian Ambassador Knut Aars and Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij were among those who sent messages of congratulations to *The Jerusalem Post* on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

"The *Post* played a major role in the difficult and dramatic birth of a nation," Lewis said. "Since then, it has weathered the storms of war, deprivation, and political change, always meeting the arduous challenge of providing accurate on-the-spot reporting as well as thoughtful commentary."

"Israel is a nation which is so often the centre of world attention, and yet is so often little understood by its international audience. For this audience the *Post* is a major disseminator of news and thought, and in this role the *Post* acts as a major educator and shaper of opinions."

"Every newspaper has its unique editorial policies and opinions, but this fact of journalistic life has never impinged on *The Jerusalem Post's* devotion to the highest standards of journalistic ethics and professionalism. The *Post* has earned the well-deserved respect of journalists, politicians, and academics for its timely news and provocative analysis."

And Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij sent a message saying the *Post's* "objective reporting and editing is an outstanding mark of which you can be proud."

John Koehler of the Associated Press telexed the following message from New York: "I and my colleagues at the AP send to you and your colleagues warmest congratulations and look forward to many years of continued cooperation and good relations between *The Jerusalem Post* and the Associated Press."

PLASTIC INSULATED BEEHIVE BY ROTOPLAS

TEL AVIV. — The busy bee will in future not have to waste so much of its energy thanks to a new local development, a plastic insulated beehive.

Because the beehive is insulated the bees need less energy to maintain a proper temperature inside it. Because they expend less energy, they will eat less honey in the winter and consume less water in the summer. The hive will also enable the queen to lay eggs all winter, even in areas where it is very cold.

The new hive is called *Dvoranit*. Since it is made of plastic it is not breakable and can withstand extreme weather conditions. It will not rot, crumble or split like hives made of wood.

Rotoplas has sent several hives for testing in Europe. It also expects to find a good market for its product in African countries, where wooden hives are often destroyed by termites.

POLL: MORE ISRAELIS READY TO EXCHANGE LAND FOR PEACE

TEL AVIV. — There is a shift to the more moderate position among Israelis on territorial compromise over Judea and Samaria to achieve peace with Jordan.

This is one of the findings of a *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Modi' in Ezrachi research institute among a representative sample of 1,929 adults in the last week of December and the first part of January.

Question: "Are you for or against a peace agreement with Jordan involving an Israeli commitment to leave territories in Judea and Samaria?"

	Jan. '83	Sept. '82	Aug. '82
Against — not an inch	42.4	52.0	46.8
For: parts of Judea and Samaria	39.8	34.2	40.4
For: all of Judea and Samaria excluding East Jerusalem	11.8	8.5	9.0
For: all of Judea and Samaria including East Jerusalem	1.8	2.7	2.0
Undecided	4.2	2.6	1.9

DEVICE EASES COMMUNICATION WITH DEAF-BLIND

RAMAT GAN. — A machine that makes it possible to communicate with the deaf-blind without knowing Braille was demonstrated here for the first time yesterday. It was invented by a *hesder yeshiva* student David Abrahamoff.

The computerized machine consists of a lightweight miniature typewriter keyboard and a box on which the deaf-blind user places one finger. The person who wants to communicate with him presses one of the typewriter keys, which causes pins that form the corresponding Braille letter, to rise under the deaf-blind person's finger. This one letter at a time system is very slow, but is a great improvement over complete inability to communicate, Abrahamoff said.

LOD GROCER FINED FOR PRICE-GOUGING

A Lod grocer was fined IS5,000 recently by the Ramle Magistrates Court for overcharging a customer by 45 agorot for two chocolate bars, IS1 for a package of noodles and nine agorot for a kilogram of salt, the Industry and Trade Ministry announced yesterday.

CAPITOL PROMISED MORE TULIPS FROM AMSTERDAM

Jerusalem, which was compensated by Dutch citizens with 100,000 tulip bulbs for losing the Dutch Embassy to Tel Aviv two years ago, will continue to be furnished with tulips until the embassy is returned to Jerusalem, a Dutch delegation told Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday.

Kollek told the visitors that the gift of tulips was among the best things to happen to Jerusalem in recent years.

Beyond their beauty, he said, the flowers performed an educational service in encouraging residents to take pride in their city. "Not a single flower has been picked," he said.

The leader of the Dutch group, said that a second shipment of 25,000 bulbs had been sent last fall to replace those that had died. Such gifts will be repeated annually, he said, financial circumstances permitting.

The Dutch embassy moved to Tel Aviv along with all other foreign embassies then located in the capital as a response to a UN resolution on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

PURIM BEGINS TOMORROW NIGHT

Shops throughout the country have been doing a brisk trade in masks, costumes and noisemakers for the Purim holiday, which begins tomorrow night.

The holiday, which celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of the ancient Persian empire from the wicked Haman through Queen Esther's intercession with King Ahasuerus, is traditionally observed by reading the Book of Esther in the synagogue, sending gifts of food (*mishloah manot*) to friends and giving gifts to poor people.

To mark the fact that the deliverance of the Jews of Shushan, the capital, took place a day later, those towns that were walled in the time of Joshua (such as Jerusalem) celebrate the holiday a day later, beginning Sunday night. In localities about which there is doubt as to when they became walled, Purim is celebrated on both days.

Schools will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

The central festivities in Jerusalem will take place on Monday at the Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with a central entertainment stand, dance groups and giant puppets.

Elsewhere in the city, there will be numerous celebrations at community centres, youth clubs and homes for the aged.

Israel Television will broadcast the reading of the Book of Esther direct from the Aliya youth village near Pitah Tikva, tomorrow at 8 p.m.

GOING BANANAS

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Israel has been exporting 200 tons of bananas a week to Lebanon — a total of 2,000 tons since Israeli exports to its northern neighbour began.

Lebanese merchants recently expressed interest in importing Israeli avocados. The merchants have also asked the Israeli Agriculture Ministry to lift the ban on exporting olive oil to Lebanon.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM ON THE JOB

TEL AVIV. — When Warren Graham, a Protestant pastor in Jerusalem, heard that ambulance drivers were needed in the north, he picked up his sleeping bag and went to the Magen David Adom station in Shlomi, a few kilometres from the Lebanese border.

He is one of the dozens of trained MDA volunteers now staffing the MDA's northern stations to drive ambulances, give first aid and provide whatever help the soldiers or civilians require.

High-school age MDA volunteers in Nahariya are helping the post office distribute postcards from soldiers throughout the city. In Safad and Tiberias, volunteers help care for soldiers who are about to be flown to hospitals in the centre of the country. Other volunteers meet the planes when they land at Jerusalem or Lod to transport them to the hospital.

NEWSPAPER PLANNED FOR RETARDED PEOPLE

HERZLIYA. — A newspaper for retarded persons is to be published by a local institution for retarded children here.

The head of the institute, Motti Arbel, said the newspaper will be suitable for retarded persons from ages 10 to 60 who know how to read but cannot understand a normal newspaper.

COLLECTION

Clothing and blankets worth millions of shekels have been collected throughout the country by Arab members of the Israel Scouts Movement for distribution to refugees in Tyre and Sidon.

SOLDIER KILLED AS BUS HIT IN LEBANON

Small arms fire killed an Israeli soldier and wounded two others yesterday afternoon when a bus carrying soldiers was attacked south of Rashidiya, 20 km. north of the Lebanon border, the IDF spokesman said last night.

The command said troops returned the fire, and a search was underway for the attackers.

Troops were also attacked by small arms fire near Galerie Semaine in Beirut, but there were no injuries in this incident, the spokesman said.

A total of three soldiers have been killed and six wounded in attacks on Israel troops in Lebanon this week.

BIBLICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA PRESENTED TO NAVON

The eight volumes of the Biblical Encyclopedia were presented to President Navon at a ceremony to mark the completion of the work.

Navon told the representatives of the work's publisher, Mossad Bialik, that the work ought to be translated into English.

IRRIGATION WATER LIGHTS UP A KIBBUTZ

HAGOSHRIM. — A hydroelectric installation that is planned to provide two-thirds of the power needs of this kibbutz was inaugurated here yesterday.

The installation uses water flowing through an irrigation pipe from Nahal Dan and has a capacity of 200 kilowatts. It operates in conjunction with Electric Company installations.

Sources at the Energy Ministry disclosed that they plan to harness the flow of irrigation water for power in five other places in the North.

SONBEAMS VISIT LEBANON

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in his article. We praise the Lord for this fine opportunity to spread his message further. In Ein Eble we ministered in a large hall packed with hundreds of enthusiastic young people. When we told them that there were thousands of Christians all over the world who were praying for them, the audience from this town immediately shook the building with applause.



At Ein Eble. The man passing through to the left is the reporter who interviewed the group while we were there.



Part of the crowd leaving the building after the concert in Ein Eble.

There is no way we can express to you what a moving experience our short trip to South Lebanon was. We have always felt a love and burden for the Lebanese people, but since going there and becoming acquainted with them, our love and burden has become so much more real. What sufferings these people have endured! Since 1967 their beautiful country has been made into one vast battlefield. There is hardly a family that has not lost loved ones. The people of the South are a seemingly gentle people, very

warm and hospitable; they do not appear to be violent or hateful in the least. Yet the south of Lebanon has known the worst fighting in the past decade of war and bloodshed in Lebanon. These people have been caught in a situation which they could neither escape nor control. Please continue to pray for them. Everywhere we went we assured and reassured the people that there are thousands of Christians all around the world who do care for them and who are praying for them. Please do not let a day pass without mentioning these dear people in prayer. They need all the comfort, strength and encouragement they can get, and each one of us can have a part in giving this to them.



The Church at Marjayoun



At the priest's house in Ramesh.

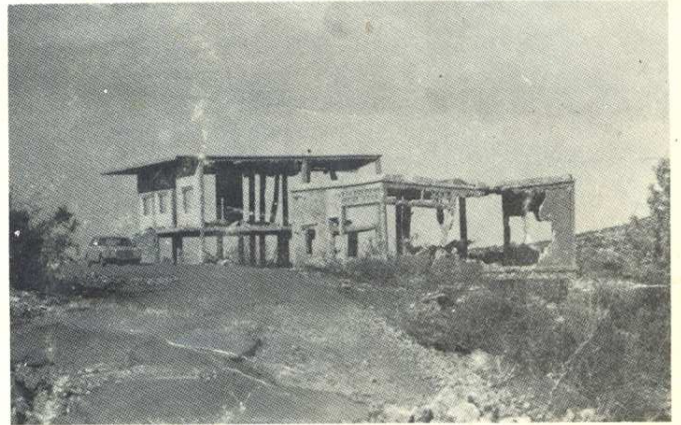


At the priest's house in Ein Eble. Everywhere we went we were greeted with wonderful Lebanese hospitality.

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"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.

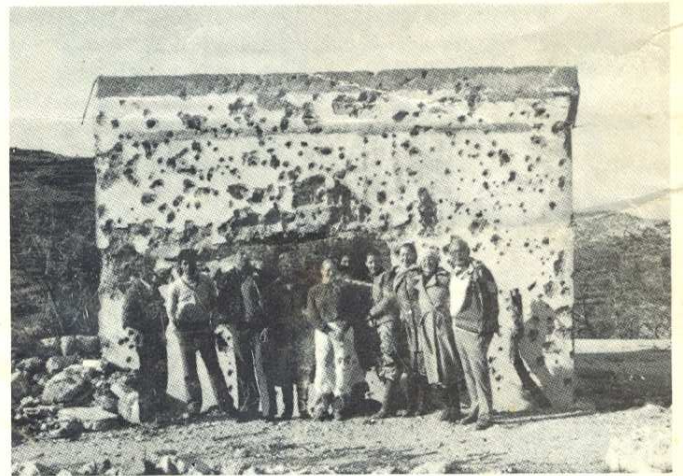
All in all, things went very well during our visit to Lebanon, much better than we had expected. The only problem we experienced was with the local electricity. We had been informed that the voltage in Lebanon was 220v, the same as Israel, and indeed it is in most of Lebanon; but at Marjayoun we found that they have their own local 110v system, so none of our sound equipment would work there. But we were able to use the church's PA system. Then, at Claya, our next stop, we were unable to get our main mixer/amplifier set-up to work properly because of line-voltage flutuations, and again had to use the church's system and one of our amplifiers that did work all right. Because of this, we decided to send most of the equipment back to Jerusalem, and the rest of our tour relied on one of our amplifiers and whatever local PA system was available, which was sometimes minimal. But things went very well anyway, and next time we will know to take along voltage stabilizing transformers, which, we are told, will cure the problem.



Bombed out buildings by the roadside. One can travel for miles and see nothing but such buildings. Note: the road in this photograph is typical of those in South Lebanon.



Part of the congregation of Claya.



Kilometer after kilometer, on one stretch of road in Lebanon, we passed nothing but gutted out abandoned houses like the one in this photo. We were told by our Lebanese driver, however, that this was not done during the "Peace for Galilee" operation, but had happened in the fighting years earlier.

Every place we left practically begged us to return and minister to them again. As one dear Brother said, *"We need you kind of people."* They also always requested that we stay longer the next time we come. Maybe one day, if God wills, we will be privileged to return to Lebanon again, with the encouraging message of love, mercy and peace which can only come through the Prince of Peace, our Messiah, Jesus Christ. □

