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The Red Sea and Coral Island, in Sinai, some 10 miles south of Eilat. On Coral Island (it's Arabic name is *Jeziret Far'un* — "Isle of Pharaoh") can be seen ruins of fortifications built by the Crusaders in the 12th century. Note the coral reefs along the shoreline, visible just under the water's surface.

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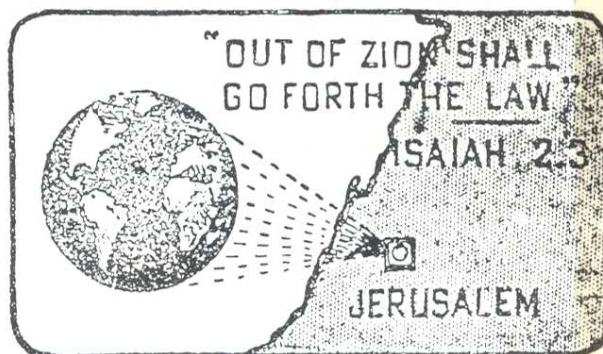
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JERUSALEM — THE HOLY CITY

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

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The Holy Spirit and the Church

by Samuel K. Kamuyu

There are a number of ways in which the Spirit has a definite relationship with the church. By church here we mean the spiritual organism of which every true believer is a member, regardless of external organizations. The word "church" in the New Testament never refers to a church building or to a denomination. It always refers to a body of Christians. The Spirit's relationship to this group is rich in meaning for us today.

The Spirit Forms The Church

The Holy Spirit, in fulfilment of Christ's promise, came at Pentecost to open a new dimension for the people of God. The church promised prophetically by Christ (Matthew 16:18), was now coming into being. The baptism of John the Baptist was with water; but the baptism of the Holy Spirit was with fire (Luke 3:16). So at Pentecost the Spirit's baptism came, as we read: *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles; whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."* 1 Corinthians 12:13. As the Holy Spirit formed Christ in the womb of Mary, so also at Pentecost He formed the new body of Christ, the church mystical (1 Corinthians 12:27).

No one can enter this new body except by way of a new birth by the Spirit. Regeneration is the requirement for membership (John 3:5-8). Only the redeemed of the Lord have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Men may have their names on some church roll and may have passed the entrance requirements, but such men can never enter the Kingdom of

God unless they have been born again. It is possible and highly probable that many people in the various churches of Christendom have never experienced this new birth. They are the tares that our Lord said would grow side by side with the wheat (Matthew 13:36).

The Holy Spirit not only formed the church at Pentecost but He also adds to it all those who are truly saved. The Spirit works in a mysterious way in giving birth to new members of this mystical body of Christ. We know not how many will be in this body. The Spirit throughout this present age is constantly adding new members to the body of Christ. When the final believer shall have been regenerated, then Christ will return. But up to the present time the invitation is still offered: *"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. . . And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."* Revelation 22:17.

The Spirit Inhabits The Church

Each individual, each regenerated member of the church, is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He becomes, at the moment of his spiritual birth, a temple of the Spirit of God, *"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"* 1 Corinthians 6:15, 19. Again we read in 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17: *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."* The church of redeemed believers will continue to be the

eternal abode of the spirit, as we read in Ephesians 2:19-22: *"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit."*

The Spirit dwelling in all believers and in the true church is one of the distinctive features of the age of grace that we are living in. Never will the Spirit leave the soul of the one who has been made a new creature by the Spirit.

The Spirit Governs The Church

The church has only one head, namely, Christ Jesus the Lord. Any mere man who puts himself at the head of the church takes a place that does not belong to him. The Spirit as the Executive of the Godhead, is the one sent forth to govern the church while on earth.

This fact is proven in the book of Acts. By way of review, and with addition of other illustrative passages, we note some of the ways this administration is carried on. In the first place, the Holy Spirit appoints the human leaders placed over the churches (Acts 20:28). These men should be "filled with the Spirit" (Acts 6:3). The Holy Spirit, in the next place, helps the church to decide important cases of doctrine and practice (Acts 15:28). Then, the Holy Spirit selects men as missionaries, sends them out, and determines the field of their service (Acts 13:2-4; 16:6-10).

Finally, when individual churches are in need of warning, rebuke, or encouragement, the spirit speaks the appropriate word. At the close of each of the letters to the seven churches of Asia (Revelation 2 and 3), we read this important statement: *"He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."* These were messages addressed to the churches that Paul and the other Apostles helped to establish. The Spirit is carrying on in these letters, His ministry of governing the churches. The notes to each church is authoritative, because it is the voice of the Spirit of God. The diagnosis of each church's condition is absolutely true. It comes from the searching eye of the Spirit who "searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10).

The Spirit Equips The Church

The Church in this present age must function through human instrumentalities. The Spirit uses those who are called into this new body. In fact, He is the One who gives spiritual gifts to the church for the various ministries committed to it. We shall note here some of the ways in which the Spirit equips the church.

The Word Of God: In the sixth chapter of Ephesians Paul compares the Christian to a soldier. He lists a number of implements of warfare. All of these are essential in the Christian's battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. All of the implements mentioned are for defense, except one. That one is the most important of all, because it is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:2).

The church has been instructed with the Word of God during this present age. From the word the church

has drawn its instruction, its creed, its interpretation, its practices — in fact, everything that the church needs. The Spirit has providentially guided the church in the understanding and application of the truths of the Bible. The progress of doctrine in the history of Christianity has been in line with the unfolding of the great truths that the church has needed in successive periods in her spiritual pilgrimage and spiritual warfare.

The Diversities Of Gifts: In studying the Old Testament doctrine of the Spirit we see how the Spirit came upon men at special times for different functions. On some He came for governing abilities, on others He came for artistic and scientific wisdom, on others he came for superhuman strength and courage. In the New Testament period we find that the Spirit likewise equips believers with supernatural power for the different jobs He would have them do.

In Paul's epistle to the Ephesians we are told that the risen Lord gave gifts unto men. The passage that concerns us here reads as follows: *"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."* Ephesians 4:8, 11-16.

The above passage shows that the exalted Lord gave gifts unto the church. These gifts are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The church is in need of all these gifts. This passage also shows why these gifts were given; for the building of the church and the purifying of the church. The church must be edified in love. The church also must be kept pure in doctrine and Christians must be established in the truth. The Lord has given to His church men equipped for this purpose also. In this passage the church is called the body of which Christ is the head. The head supplies the gifts to the body for the completion and perfecting of the church.

There is also another side of this subject which shows the Spirit's ministry in connection with these spiritual gifts. The Spirit is here on earth, helping to bring about the completion of Christ's mystical body. In 1 Corinthians chapter 12 we read that, *"There are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit."* 1 Corinthians 12:4. We read further: *"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles;*

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Jerusalem

by Sarah Fauth

Let's begin with the name 'Jerusalem'. The original name of the city was 'Irusalem', meaning "to found". It was also called 'Salem' (Peace) in ancient times, (Genesis 14:18. Psalms 76:1, 2). The version of the name which we have today — Jerusalem — means "foundation of peace".

Jerusalem is rich in history. It is nearly forty centuries old. The first Biblical prophecies concerning Jerusalem are found in Deuteronomy chapter 12. Six prophetic verses throughout this chapter define Jerusalem as: the place God chose for His habitation, the only city on earth where God would place His name, the place from which He would speak to His people and where they would offer sacrifices to Him in worship.

Jerusalem was the beloved home of the Psalmist, King David, and is often referred to as 'David's City'. Although Jesus, the "Son of David", was born in Bethlehem (six miles from Jerusalem) and raised in Egypt and Nazareth, it was at Jerusalem where he was to fulfill the great mission for which He came down to earth. It was in Jerusalem where He offered Himself as the all-embracing sacrifice for the atonement of mankind, as prophesied in Isaiah 53:5: *"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities."*

By the sacrificing of God's own son, Heaven won its greatest victory over Satan over hell, banishing the power of death forever. The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem — the tomb from which Jesus was resurrected — can still be seen, as a witness of that great victory. Still, the most glorious event ever to occur at Jerusalem is yet to come. For as Jesus ascended to Heaven from the Mount of Olives, He will in likemanner return — to redeem the children of the Kingdom and set up the New Jerusalem from which He will rule the world. *"The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light. And the stars of the heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory."* Mark 13:24-26.

Yes, Jerusalem has had a marvelous past and even more marvelous things are yet in store for her, according to Bible prophecy. As we go on, I will relate certain facts about the structure of the city today, how it ties in with the ashes of historical events which took place on her soil, and testifies of the glory with which she will be crowned in the soon coming Kingdom of Christ.

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King." Psalms 48:1, 2. Jerusalem, situated on the peak of the rolling hills of Judea, possesses an extraordinary blend of the new and the old. The aged churches and towers of the walled east side of the city stand proudly alongside the sparkling highrise buildings of the New City (outside the walls) on the west side. The structures of the Old City, though not competing in size with the tall modern buildings of downtown New Jerusalem, outrank them by far in strength and character.

The present walls of the Old City were built in 1537-1540 by the Ottoman ruler, Sultan Suleiman. At this time the old walls around the city, some of which dated back to the 2nd Temple period, were in almost complete ruin, following a period of repeated devastation of the city, beginning with its destruction by Rome in 70 A.D. (as prophesied by Christ in Luke 19:44), and ending with the systematic destruction of the city by the Moslems in the early 1200's.



The Golden Gate, through which Christ passed on His last journey into Jerusalem. (Matthew 21:4-9).

Suleiman ordered the walls rebuilt to protect the inhabitants of the city against Bedouin bandits. He commanded his engineers to rebuild the walls on the original foundations. However, after this monumental task was completed, it was discovered that a mistake in the plans had resulted in part of Mount Zion being left outside of the walls. The architect in charge is said to have been executed for this blunder. Except for this deviation, these walls, which survive to the present, follow the same course as those of the 2nd Temple period, even in places using the ancient foundations and stones of the original.

There were eleven gates into the city altogether, but four of these have since been sealed, leaving only seven open gates today. It may or may not be significant, but the number seven (the Sabbatical number) is favoured in the Bible. Another interesting point concerning numbers, is that the inside of the Golden Gate (Matthew 21:4-9) is, in fact, divided into two gates: one called the Repentance Gate, the other the Mercy Gate.

Looking at it this way, the city actually has twelve gates, which is also the number of gates that the New Jerusalem will have in God's Heavenly Kingdom (Revelation 21:12).



Zion Gate in the south wall on Mount Zion, with bullet and shell holes dug deeply into almost every brick of its structure.

The two largest and busiest gates into Jerusalem are Jaffa Gate and Damascus Gate. The other gates in current use are: Lion's Gate or Saint Steven's Gate, in the east wall; Herod's Gate, in the north wall; New Gate, in the north-western corner of the wall; Dung Gate, in the south wall, which is the closest gate to the Temple Mount; and Zion Gate, in the south wall on Mount Zion, also called in Hebrew "The Gate of the Prophet David", as it is near his tomb. The Zion Gate bares heavy signs of past wars; bullet and shell holes are dug into almost every brick of its structure.

The gates which have been closed are: the Triple Gate; the Double Gate; the Single Gate, which leads into King Solomon's underground stables; and the Golden Gate, facing Mount Olives.

It is not hard to see why there are so many songs about the Golden Gate, or Eastern Gate, as it is also called, through which Christ passed on his last journey into Jerusalem (prophesied in Zechariah 9:9; fulfilled in Matthew 21:4-9). Ezekiel 44:1-3 says that after the Messiah passes through the gate, it would be sealed. This prophecy has also been fulfilled, and as one gazes

at these magnificent sealed archways, one feels the impact of a great surge of poetic-like immobility. It is as if all time stands still, as if time has been unmovable since Christ passed through, and as if the air is still vibrantly echoing with hosannas.

There is a centuries old Moslem cemetery on the steep hillside directly outside the sealed gate. The Moslems located it there because, according to Jewish law, a Jew of the priesthood is not allowed to pass through a cemetery; and they, therefore, thought that this would hinder the Jewish Messiah from coming.

On the Mount of Olives, across the valley, there is an extensive Jewish cemetery, covering an almost entire side of the mountain. Many Jews believe that those buried on the Mount of Olives will be the first to be resurrected.

From the Mount of Olives, one can see the entire city of Jerusalem spread out below. It is an awesome sight to behold. One wonders if it is a much different sight from that which Jesus beheld as He stood on this holy mountain and wept over the city: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!" How heavy the Saviours heart was then, knowing the destruction that would soon befall His beloved city! But even as Christ knew that the children of Jerusalem would be punished for their wickedness, and that the land would be desolate (Matthew 23:37, 38), He also knew that someday another age would be ushered in, the age spoken of by the prophets of old — *"Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. . . And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."* Isaiah 61:2-4.



Jerusalem, as seen from Mount Olives, an unique blend of the new and the old.

Jerusalem is populated by layer upon layer of ancient civilizations. Today excavations of the city's walls, can be viewed, one built upon another, extending downward farther than the eye can follow. This is surely the "waste cities" and the "desolation of many generations" spoken of by Isaiah, the prophet. Now is the time when God is giving unto Zion "beauty for ashes".

"The Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the Holy Land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent all flesh, before the Lord. For he is raised up out of his Holy habitation." Zechariah 2:12, 13. *"When the Lord shall build up Zion, he will appear in his glory."* Psalms 102:16.

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The Lord's Work Around The World ...

Praise the Lord! His love continues to shine forth from lives consecrated to Him. We daily receive wonderful uplifting testimonies and reports from fellow labourers in all parts of the world who are working vigorously in His vineyard reaping much fruit for the Kingdom. Hallelujah! In this wicked world in which we live, the harvest is truly great and the labourers few. As the world continues to darken, may we all shine forth as a candle that's lit, guiding many onto the path of righteousness.

Gordon Fauth



Congregation in Tulwetab Mosonik, Bomet, Kenya, East Africa.

Report from West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, South India

Dear Brother,

We convey our best greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We submit the following report: We conducted a Gospel campaign. There was some hindrance owing to rains. We conducted the campaign among the hill-tribes. They live in mountainous places. They do not know anything about Jesus Christ. They adore other gods. We told them about the Lord and asked them to give up idol worship. Nearly 50 people heard us with apt attention. 10 people showed much interest. The total people who came to the meetings were nearly 200. Before the meetings we went around the villages in procession with musical instruments singing devotional songs. We all returned home after the successful campaign without any ill-health. Much work is to be done in these places.

The Orphanage is being run well. My daughter Grace is looking after it. All the children send their best Christian greetings to you all.

May the Father of Heaven bless you.

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

Report from Kanyakumari, South India

Elder Gordon Fauth,

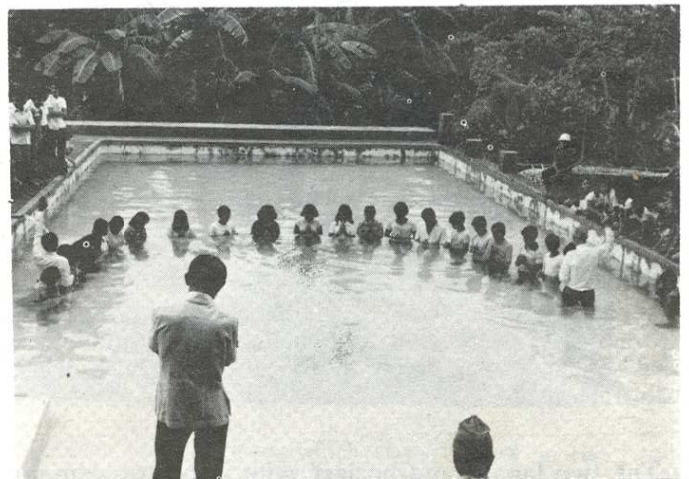
My most beloved brother in Christ. Greetings in Jesus precious Name. Peace and grace be unto you through our Lord Christ Jesus.

By His infinite grace we are all well and happy in Him. Thank you for your kind letter which you sent me. I was late in replying because I was very busy in the ministry of our Lord.

We now have 370 churches in South India. No time to rest. Day and night we are working in His ministry. Our faith ministry is growing by His grace. You know, India is not a Christian country but the Lord is always keeping us and providing everything.

I am expecting your prayers every day and all of your possible help for this great ministry. Thank you. God bless you.

I am yours in Him,
Pastor A.G. Philip



Baptismal service in Pagadian City, Philippines.



Church under construction in Palamoc, Philippines. Elder Ralph Perry reports that 25 precious souls were baptized here.

Report from Port Harcourt, Cross River State,
Nigeria, West Africa

Dear Elder Fauth,

Greetings in Jesus' saving Name.

How are you Elder Gordon Fauth and the members of the Mount Zion Reporter? I am thankful to God for His providence in retaining you there in Jerusalem at this perilous time. Your efforts are greatly felt and witnessed throughout the whole world. And I pray that your efforts will be enhanced and blessed as long as you continue in His goodness. Praise Him!

The Almighty God is constantly adding into this Church. The secret behind the flowing in of new members is beyond our understanding. The promise of Jesus in John 6:37, 44, 65 that: "No man can come unto me except the Father draws him" is accurately being fulfilled, and we pray that our good God should continue the more.

There was a baptismal ceremony. The names of those baptised are: Brother America Emmanuel, Sister Blessing D. Frank, Sister Nma Umah and Brother Saturday O. Ukadike. The brethren jointly accompanied them to Idu-Water Side with joyful and melodious choruses. There they were baptised. Thus they were received into the family of God.

You should not fail to pray for the progress of this Church. Love and best wishes to you.

Yours in that blessed hope,
E. O. Ukadike



Saints of God in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh, South India.



Baptismal service in Ogba, Port Harcourt, Cross River State, Nigeria, West Africa.

Report from Ikot Inyang, Cross River State,
Nigeria, West Africa

Dear Elder Fauth,

Greetings to you in the name of our beloved Saviour Yashua!

Thank you for the packet of tracts sent to me. The demand for tracts, in the spreading of the message, is really great on this side of the world. It is the Mount Zion Reporter plus our local efforts which contribute a lot to this need. I have to request that you kindly send more for distribution.

The little flock here at Ikot Inyang is still growing in the Lord. We believe that the Lord will see us through all our problems.

Greetings to your family and the Reporter Staff.

Peace be with you,

John D. Ekah

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION... THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. THEREFORE, BESEECH THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST. . . WE MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM WHO SENT ME, AS LONG AS IT IS DAY; NIGHT IS COMING, WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK. . . HE WHO IS WISE WINS SOULS."

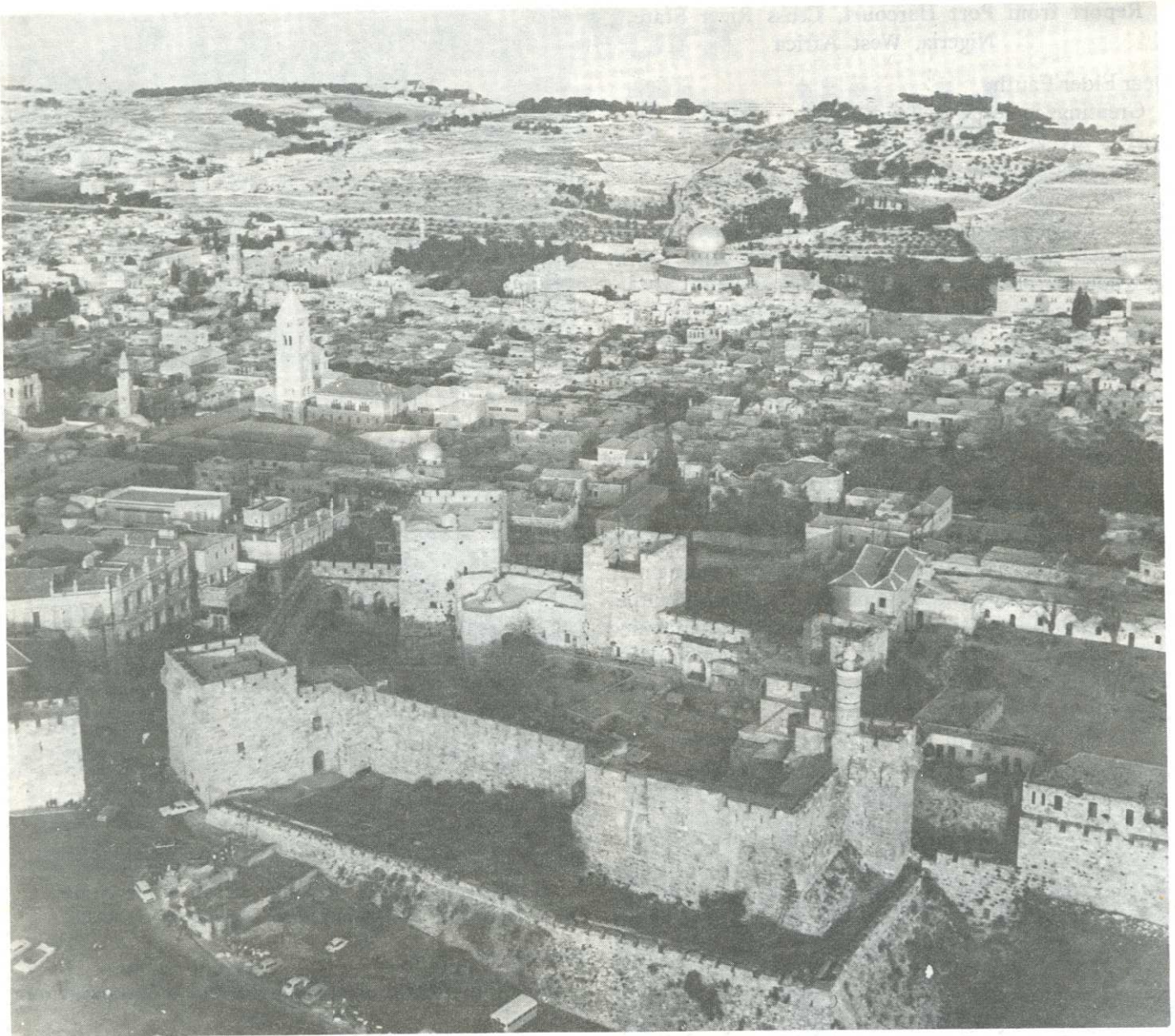
(Mark 16:15; Matt. 9:37-38; John 9:4; Prov. 11:30)



Congregation in Molo. Kenya, East Africa.



Congregation in Ogba, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, West Africa.



Aerial view of the Old City of Jerusalem facing Mount Olives, with Jaffa Gate in the foreground. The large dome shaped building directly beneath Mount Olives marks the spot where the Second Temple once stood.

JERUSALEM

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"And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great city, the holy city Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto Jasper stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the twelve gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel."
Revelation 21: 10-12. □

CHRIST'S WORDS ON ONE OF JERUSALEM'S OLDEST LANDMARKS

"Talitha Kumi" (in Aramaic, Damsel Arise) were the words Jesus spoke when He brought the maiden to life, as recorded in Mark 5:41.

Today these words stand in big, gold, bold letters, underneath a giant clock on the monument of an old building in the center of Jerusalem.

The words and the wall on which they are plaqued, were taken from the former "Talitha Kumi Christian Orphanage for Girls".

The Talitha Kumi building was one of the first constructions outside the gates of the Old City, but, as time passed, West Jerusalem grew and the orphanage aged, was put out of use, and became hidden behind some of the many towering buildings of the downtown area.

Eventually, a plan was proposed to clear it away and put another construction in its place. However, officials in the City favored preserving the ancient landmark and decided to move a small part of the building into the neighboring Hamashbir square.

Therefore, the words of Jesus are now in plain view and boldly tower over Jerusalem. As one observes the phenomenon of such in this non-Christian state, and reads the giant clock installed above Christ's words, the Spirit's interpretation seems to be — the time has come for this damsel (this city) to arise.

"And he took the damsel by the hand, and saith unto her, Talitha Cumi." □

Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth

Shalom!

Once again it is time to greet you all in the name of our blessed Messiah and Saviour. I trust you are well and enjoying Heaven's blessings.

We are all well here and the work of the Lord is progressing in a good way.

How thrilling it is to be living in these end times, when all prophesied events are coming into fulfillment, each passing day bringing the Messiah's return closer. There is a Hebrew expression which I love so much. It is *Ha Meshiach Ya-Vo* (The Messiah is coming)! The Jewish people say it to one another when inflation takes a turn for the worse, when the country is threatened with war, or when some other unbearable circumstance comes their way. It is an expression of comfort and hope. As if to say — "The Messiah will come and change all this." *Ha Meshiach Ya-Vo!* Hallelujah!

It is winter here now, but today there is not a cloud in the sky and the sun is shining nicely. Just recently we had rainy weather for about a week, so this is a pleasant change.

I wanted to make it to the market today, but it got rather late, so I decided to write my piece for the Reporter instead. The open-air market downtown, off Jaffa street, is where I like to do my shopping. Besides selling fruits, vegetables and fresh fish and bread, the *Machanayehuda* — as it is called in Hebrew — has about everything else one could think of. There are stalls of assorted trinkets, small booths selling threads and zippers, special shops with sheets and blankets for sale, and there are the sweets and cookie stores with dozens of different kinds of products which they keep in bins and dish out by the kilo, and the nut and noodle shops with varieties of nuts and noodles in huge sacks. There are even shops which sell only many different kinds of olives. Then, of course, there are the merchants who stand and peddle any number of items from tennis shoes to slices of fresh coconut and bouquets of flowers. When shopping at the market, you must learn the art — much practised here — of bargaining with the merchants to get the price down. At the market in the Old City, and other shopping places there, bargaining is even more necessary. It is accepted that the initial price of an item be twice the amount that it should be, and if you don't bargain to bring it down they will think you are rich and overcharge you. The most common method of bargaining is simply to walk off if the price is too high; then most likely they will call you back with a lower price. This can go on for some time before the price is right.

Already people here are preparing for the Jewish holiday of Hanukka; everywhere the shops are selling *sougvaniot*, a special doughnut with strawberry jam that is eaten only during Hanukka season, and everyone is buying up a good stock of Hanukka candles which are an important part of the holiday.

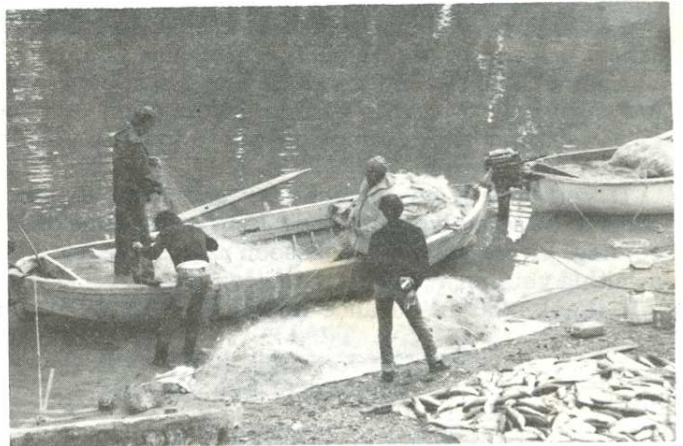
You may have heard the news that Aliza Begin, wife of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, has passed away. The Israeli Prime Minister will need much prayer at

this time of sorrow, while he shoulders, in addition, responsibility for the governing of Israel.

Israel seems to be, more often than not, in stormy waters and facing much adversity. And if there is anything the people of Israel need in this age when so many seek their destruction, it is friends, or comforters, as it says in Isaiah 40: "*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.*" The Jewish people are beginning to see that their closest and truest friends are Bible-believing Christians. Recently after one of our neighbors asked and was told what we believed about Israel and the Bible, she said, "Oh, then you're Jews already!" The Hebrew people are feeling more and more one with true Christians, who share their love and knowledge of the ancient scriptures. I myself am always moved when I hear Rabbis preaching the same prophecies, about Russia coming down and the different things, which my father preached all his life.

We are happy to have two visitors with us at present. Brother Matthew of Nigeria and Brother Elias Perales of California, U.S.A. Brother Perales toured Mexico with The Zion Son Beams and brought with him to Jerusalem a lovely plaque to be presented to the Son Beams from the brethren in Mexico.

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Fishermen fixing their nets at the Sea of Galilee. Galilee is still the source of livelihood for many fishermen today as it was in Peter's time. The scenes along its shores, which have probably not changed much since then, bring vividly to life that familiar biblical passage of scripture in Mark 1:14-20 where Christ calls the group of fishermen on Galilee's shores: "Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Now as he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him."

Extracts From Readers' Letters

JAPAN. —

Dear Sirs,

Please receive my subscription fee for "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" for two years.

Thank you,

T.N.

CAYENNE, FRENCH GUYANE. —

Dear Elder Fauth,

Shalom! Holy greetings to you and family from the saints in Cayenne.

Hoping these lines meet you and your family enjoying the best of health in Jesus' merciful name. Hallelujah!

We are all thankful to know of the progress of the work of the Lord in the Holy Land.

I can shout and sing unto God for the strength and courage He has given me. Although I am 82 years old, I am doing my best to carry the gospel message to others. Praise God for the breath of life.

I do enjoy reading "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" with testimonies and news from Israel. I do believe God's hand is keeping the ministry with an abundant blessing.

We are hearing about Israel and her enemies' surroundings. The Prince of Peace will make her a burdensome stone for her enemies. The time is short now, this message of the Gospel is very urgent.

Please pray for us in Cayenne, whilst we are doing the same for you.

May Heavenly blessings be forever with you and the staff.

Your Sister in the faith,
G.P.

GUADELOUPE. —

Dear Sir,

I greet you in the name of Jesus the Saviour. For His sake, I beg you to excuse me for disturbing you.

I am a Bible student and have met a gentleman who has surprised me with certain information. He has given me your address and told me to write to you for further information.

If you have a few pamphlets, send them to me. I want to be saved with the Lord Jesus at the time of His coming. Please answer me as soon as possible, for I am awaiting your answer with patience.

I thank you in advance hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours very truly,
R.D.

MARYLAND, U.S.A. —

Dear Gordon Fauth,

I appreciate your letter so much.

I have been a long time friend of Israel. I have watched Israel rise to power and take her place in a cruel world.

I've written Prime Minister Menachem Begin and told him that God has called him to lead his nation. And, all the strength of the armies of the earth cannot eject Israel into the Mediterranean Sea. "Take courage, do not give away any territory to appease a few. God has given you all the land. What God gives is good."

Mr. Begin wrote me a very heart-warming letter and said he would continue to do all he could to keep Israel strong.

I pray daily for Prime Minister Begin, the peace of Jerusalem (Psalms 122:6), and the salvation of Israel.

My wife and I have been to Israel twice. We hope to visit again soon.

After Israel invaded Lebanon, I began to search the Scriptures and was amazed that two verses leaped from the pages, Isaiah 35:2; 60:13. Israel shall be given Lebanon! Lebanon now has freedom for the first time in 7 years. This was a direct answer of the prayers of many Lebanese Christians. Lebanon was a beautiful country when I was there. I pray that they will retain their freedom.

We here in America get a biased news report from a liberal press. I have to depend on other sources for the truth.

May God richly bless you as you labor for Him.

Yours in His service,
C.M.M.

MEXICO. —

Dear Sir,

I greet you most respectfully and at the same time wish to inform you of the following: My name is C.A.G., I am Salvadoran. At the present moment I am a minister of the Church of the Universal God of Israel, and we have about ten congregations in El Salvador, Central America.

The reason for my writing to you is that I had the opportunity to read the paper of which you are editor. At present I am mainly interested in getting to know more profoundly your organization.

May God bless you.

Very truly yours,
C.A.G.

NEW ZEALAND. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

On behalf of the Elders, Sisters and Brothers from our little group in Ofara, I would like to extend to you all our sincere greetings of love through the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is a pleasure and joy to receive your letter and to learn about God's work over there. Praise God for what He has enabled His workers to do in His fields.

We will continue praying for you all and for the peace of Jerusalem. We thank God for all your prayers for us.

May the love and grace of God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ be with us all.

Your Sister in Christ,
L.J.

INDIA. —

Dear brother in Christ,

Greetings to you in the sweet-smelling name of the Rose of Sharon.

We consider it a privilege to correspond with you. We would like to introduce ourselves: We are a group of Muslim converts. We especially work among Muslims, with the vision to bring them into the salvation of Christ and change them to 'firing witnesses' for the mighty Saviour.

Our loving God has given us an opportunity to read your magazine "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" and we found that it is extremely good and helpful. May we request you to send us your magazine regularly. Thanks.

May I request the readers of your magazine to pray for us.

Yours in His Garden,
T.M.

LIFE IN ISRAEL (continued from page 9)

Another visitor has just arrived — Brother Dickens from Nigeria, who has been serving for the past six months with a UNIFIL force in Lebanon. He is on a short leave and will have to go back in the morning. He said it is very cold in Lebanon now. Lebanon is farther north than Israel and has a lot of mountainous areas. Brother Dickens said there is much fighting going on between the different groups there, and it is the job of his unit to try to keep the peace. Stationed just down the road from them, he said, is an Israeli unit who are there for the same purpose. Brother Dickens will certainly have our prayers when he returns to Lebanon tomorrow.

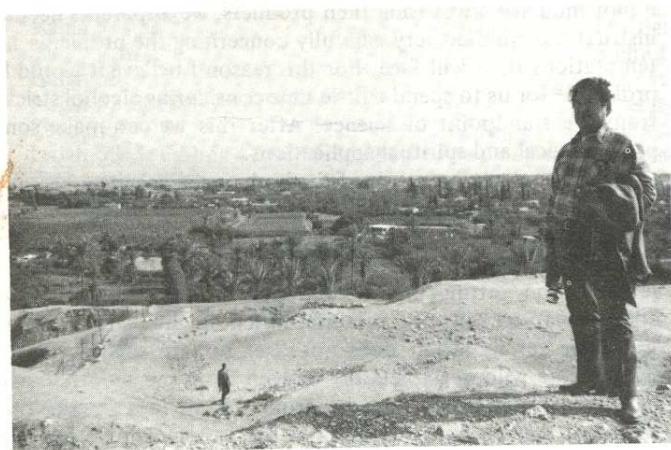
Please continue to remember the situation in Lebanon in your prayers. Also never cease to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalms 122:6).

May Heaven's wonderful peace dwell ever in your hearts and be manifested through you.

Shalom — until next month,
Naomi Fauth



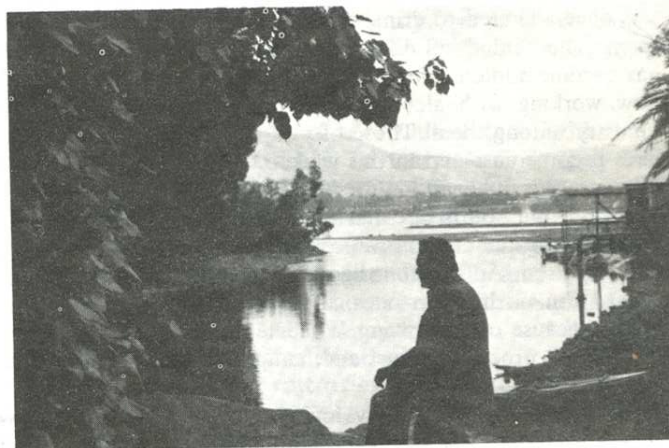
Brother Perales presents the SonBeams with a plaque from the brethren of Guadalajara, Mexico in honor of the group's visit there. From left to right are: Debra Dugger, Priscilla Fauth, Jonathan Fauth, Sarah Fauth, Mary Whitner, Elias Perales, Leora Dugger and Ezra Fauth.



View of Jericho, the oldest city in the world. The bare tel on which Brother Perales stands marks the spot where ancient Jericho once stood, the city around which Joshua and the children of Israel led their march of conquest, when God caused the city's mighty walls to fall. (Joshua 6).



On the hills, in the background of this photo, can be seen a new fast growing southern suburb of Jerusalem called Gilo. In the foreground are two of our recent visitors, Elder Elias Perales of Los Angeles, California and Elder C. A. Matthew of Cross River State, Nigeria. On the right is Elder Albert Babisha. The photo was taken near his home in Beit Jala, a small village close to Bethlehem.



The Sea of Galilee where it meets the Jordan River.



STEP BY STEP

He does not lead me year by year,
Or even day by day:
But step by step my paths unfold:
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know --
I only know this minute:
But He will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so --
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry, then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand,
And gives them one by one.

— Barbara C. Ryberg

GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ALCOHOLISM

by Dr. W. Robert Smith

Without question, one of the greatest problems which plagues not only the American home but also our entire nation is alcoholism. By conservative estimate there are some five million alcoholics in our nation (America). Some compute the figures as high as eight million. This is not something about which only Christians are concerned. The secular world is very aware of the insidious creeping disease which is spreading rapidly.

We should understand that a person so addicted has become a slave to alcohol. To be sure the situation calls for love and patience on our part. In addition to seeking to understand we must also, by the grace of God, try to help them overcome the tragic difficulty.

As Christian parents we must be able to communicate the problems and dangers to our children so that they will resist the temptations through the power of God's indwelling Holy Spirit.

Moody Press has published an excellent book, "God is For the Alcoholic" by a former alcoholic, the Rev. Jerry Dunn. He was once addicted to drink and had to leave his family when he spent time behind jail doors. He points out that once a person has become addicted to drink he can never touch it again. He is now working with alcoholics in Omaha and has a wonderful ministry among them. Those of you who have loved ones who have become ensnared in this wicked tool of the devil will want to secure this publication.

Rev. Dunn points out that there is a need to understand the nature of the addiction as well as the background and psychology of the person. An alcoholic becomes so enslaved that he will lie, cheat, turn on his dear ones, and generally do anything to get liquor because of his craving. While he may feel self-condemned he will still proceed to hurt and hamper those he loves just for another drink.

In a practical vein, many loving wives want to know how they can help their husbands who have the problem. They wonder if it is best to leave them. Sometimes it is, because of the intolerable situations which exist. If there are children in the home, they should certainly be considered. Many have been the heart-breaking experiences related to me about husbands who may have been kind and gentle when they are sober, but even bestial when they become "liquored-up." There can be no generalization on these matters of counseling, however, and every case should be individually weighed and prayerfully considered. While such treatment does not necessarily mean divorce, or provide a Scriptural grounds for such a final action, yet living separated for a time may bring the matter into the open and force the issue. The Lord Jesus Christ pointed out that the only basis for divorce is "except for fornication." The apostle Paul in the seventh chapter of 1 Corinthians suggests the approach through living apart yet remaining married or else being reconciled.

Let us consider the plight of an alcoholic who needs help. By the grace of God he has been able to give up liquor and is now on the way to recuperation. The problem comes when he goes back into a home where there is unfriendliness, untidiness, disorder, and bickering. Records reveal that such things often cause him to fall back into his old ways. Therefore the first need is try to find out why the individual drinks. There may be a number of reasons some of which could be superficial. Without the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit to help him, a man has no real defense against the devil. Some men drink to forget their problems. One may have a wife who looks at TV all day long. The dishes are not done, the food is not well prepared and there is no warmth or adequacy in the home at all. He may feel trapped, that he will never have those things which he feels will bring him joy and satisfaction. He drinks to forget his problems.

Other men drink (and we refer to women as well in all these instances) when they start going with the wrong crowd. This is so often true with our young people who become trapped before they know it.

It is a very evident fact that no person can overcome alcoholism by himself or through any efforts of his own. In the secular world psychiatrists are hard pressed to find any real "bonafide cures" of alcoholics, and the only power one can have who is addicted to liquor, is through Christ. The Saviour is the One who in loving compassion can say, "I love you, my son, regardless of what you have done or how you have failed. I died for you, my child. Your sins have been atoned for through my shed blood. If you turn the burden over to Me I will cleanse you. I will give you My life and My fellowship."

Let us remind our children, as we read in the first Psalm, "Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." It is easy to become ensnared when one does not have the right kind of companionship. Many young mothers and fathers are laid waste because they erroneously think that drinking is sociable and fashionable. They do not want to be looked down upon. When I was a lad I took a WCTU pledge which was a sacred vow before the Lord. It has helped me through the years. It is important to have such firm convictions based on our desire to serve the Saviour in a manner pleasing to Him.

It is clearly seen that the world has a guilty conscience about drinking. If one turns down mushrooms nobody says anything. The same is true with almost any other food or beverage. But let a young person refuse a drink and he is branded as "a holy Joe" or some such title. This shows that the crowd has a guilty conscience! We need to show our young people that alcohol is not only sinful but also that it is positively damaging and devastating to the physical well being. Outside of man, alcohol can be a great blessing, as God intended it should be, however, inside it will bring financial, physical, mental and spiritual destruction.

ALCOHOL'S DANGERS

It is a sad thing to realize the growing number of women who are alcoholics in our nation. Such an individual is a very needy case, usually more than the man. The family endeavors to cover up for her and they generally try to keep her inside. This usually compounds her problems.

With the millions of dollars being spent by the beer and liquor industry advertising their products, we as parents need to instruct our children very carefully concerning the problems and temptations they will face. For this reason I believe it would be profitable for us to spend a little time considering alcohol strictly from the standpoint of science. After this we can make some psychological and spiritual applications.

You see, alcohol, outside of the body is really a great blessing. Alcohol both dissolves and dehydrates. It is made through fermentation. Most of us can remember our mothers doing home canning and the great caution which was taken to avoid fermentation setting in. The purpose of the sterilization, of course, was to kill any bacteria which might cause sickness. Alcoholic fermentation does not "set up" in shallow liquids because the wild yeast gets the oxygen from the air. When wild yeast germs cannot get oxygen from the air they break down the sugar content by a process of fermentation giving off carbon dioxide and thus making alcohol. There are, of course, very elaborate processes of chemically producing alcohol, however, this is the basic way it happens in the home.

Alcohol is a marvelous chemical. If we were on T.V. we would suggest an experiment which would graphically portray

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Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

Is the land of Edom in Israel? I would like some general information concerning this land and its whereabouts.

ANSWER. —

Edom was in the land of Israel. However, it is no longer used as a territorial term. It would seem that its territory consisted of the mountains which extend from the Dead Sea in the north to the Red Sea in the south. Edom's northern border was the Zered River (Wadu al-Hesa), which was Moab's southern border (Deuteronomy 2:13). Edom's eastern border was the desert and its inhabitants were the Kedemites. Elath (Eilat) was its southern border and Ezion-Geber (Deuteronomy 2:8), i.e. . . . the gulf of Eilat. Most likely there was no fixed western boundary: during the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites who asked permission to pass through Edom said to the king of Edom: "Now we are in your territory" (Numbers 20:16). "Mount Hor on the boundary of the land of Edom" (Numbers 20:23) is another area said to be its western border. The western border is described as "the boundary of Edom to the wilderness of Zin at the farthest south" (Joshua 15:1), and as "south toward the boundary of Edom" (Joshua 15:21). It is believed that the capital of Edom was Bozrah (Amos 1:12).

QUESTION. —

Are there any biblical references prophecying the recent events involving Lebanon?

ANSWER. —

Isaiah 10:34; 14:8; 29:17; 33:9; 35:2; 37:24; 40:16; 60:13; Habakkuk 2:17; Zechariah 10:10; 11:1.

QUESTION. —

We read in Revelation where heaven was opened and the prophet saw the Ark of the Covenant there. We wonder why people here are concerned about trying to find it on Mount Nebo.

ANSWER. —

We are informed in Exodus the 25th chapter, and also in Hebrews 8:5 and 9:23, that the tabernacle and everything pertaining to it including the Ark of the Covenant were constructed here for the tabernacle after the pattern of things in heaven. Therefore, it could be that the Ark which was in heaven is the real Ark, the pattern for the one made in Sinai. This would indicate that there may still be one on earth.

QUESTION. —

Many references in the New Testament (Matthew 22:23; Luke 20:27; Acts 23:8) mention the Sadducees as those "which say there is no resurrection". I would like to know more about this sect. Were they very influential in Christ's time? Do they still exist today?

ANSWER. —

The Jewish religious sect called the Sadducees was formed about 200 B.C. In Christ's time they lead an active political and economic life. In their party was a large percentage of wealthy members, amongst them, priests, merchants and aristocrats. They were one of the main authorities at the Temple and quite a large number of them were members of the Sanhedrin (the tribunal of the Second Temple period and the supreme Jewish council). After the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D. they went out of existence.

REVIEW OF 333 PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, PROVING THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS THE PROMISED MESSIAH

PROPHECY

Micah 5:2
Genesis 49:10
Isaiah 11:1
Isaiah 7:14
Isaiah 61:1
Hosea 11:1
Deuteronomy 18:15
Isaiah 9:1, 2
Isaiah 9:6, 7
Isaiah 53:4, 5
Isaiah 53:3; Psalms 69:8, 9
Zechariah 9:9
Isaiah 53:3; Psalms 41:9; 55:12, 14
Zechariah 11:12
Zechariah 11:13
Isaiah 50:6
Micah 5:1
Isaiah 53:7
Zechariah 12:10
Zechariah 13:7
Psalms 22:16
Isaiah 53:9-12
Isaiah 53:9
Psalms 22:7, 8
Psalms 22:1
Psalms 69:21
Psalms 22:18
Psalms 34:20
Hosea 6:2; Psalms 16:10
Psalms 24:7-10
Zechariah 6:12, 13

SPECIFICATIONS

Birthplace, Bethlehem
From the tribe of Judah
Family of Jesse David
Born of a virgin
Preaching deliverance
Would be in Egypt
A prophet (Matthew 24)
The light of the world
A child born — Ruler and King
A great healer
Rejected by His own
Enters Jerusalem triumphant
Rejected and betrayed
The betrayal price
Purchase of Potters Field
Beaten and spit on
Struck with a rod
Silent in persecution
Manner of His death
Forsaken by His followers
Wounded hands and feet
Died among criminals
Buried with the rich
Persecutors mocked Him
The very word of His cry
Given vinegar to drink
His clothes divided
None of His bones broken
His body not to decompose
Would ascend
Would be our priest in Heaven

PROPHECY

Matthew 2:1
Hebrews 7:1-4
Revelation 22:16
Matthew 1:18-25
Luke 4:16-20
Matthew 2:13-15
Acts 7:37
Matthew 4:12-16
Revelation 11:15
Matthew 4:23, 24
John 1:11; 19:15
Matthew 21:1-11
John 13:18-26
Matthew 26:14, 15
Matthew 27:3-7
Matthew 26:67
Matthew 27:30
Matthew 27:14
John 19:18-24
Matthew 26:31, 35
John 20:25-27
Mark 15:27, 28
Matthew 27:57-60
Matthew 27:39
Matthew 27:46
John 19:28-32
John 19:23, 24
John 19:36
Acts 2:30, 31
1 Peter 3:22
Hebrews 8:1

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"Alcohol"

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what we have been saying. To do this we would use 16 little bottles or test tubes. In eight of them we would place water and in the other eight, ethyl alcohol which is the basis of the beverage industry. By changing compounds there is actually an endless number of alcoholic compounds. All of them have these two properties in dissolving and dehydrating.

With these little vials we would put some oil in one, some resin in another, camphor in the next, and then a plant leaf, such as from a geranium or a violet in the fourth. Then we would put the same substances in alcohol, one to each little container.

Before going any further let us check our experiment. For the first, water has no effect on oil while alcohol dissolves it. In water resin goes right to the bottom while in alcohol it dissolves. In water camphor floats while alcohol will dissolve it. In water a green leaf will remain that way while alcohol will take the color out of it.

The other characteristic of alcohol is that it dehydrates. Continuing our experiment we take the remaining little bottles this time using bread, sugar, meat and the white of an egg. In water sugar will dissolve while in alcohol it makes it harder sinking to the bottom of the glass. Bread in water will cause it to become mushy and finally decay. In alcohol it hardens as it dehydrates. Meat in water causes it to putrefy. Alcohol, a great preservative, will dehydrate it so that properly controlled it can be kept for a long period. The white of an egg will become slimy and finally have a very strong odor when put in water. In alcohol, however, the egg white gets cooked just as it would coagulate if it were cooked on the stove.

Having completed our experiment we can readily see the problem when an individual takes alcohol into his system. This is a great curse of mankind! Alcohol is a deterrent to normal body function, and is a protoplasmic poison.

There is no question about the tremendous effect alcohol has on offspring. Alcohol is a narcotic and a habit forming drug. You see, we need to tell our children more than, "Do not drink!" This will serve for awhile, however, when they get older they will want to have more positive information. They should know the effect upon the body as well as the soul.

The Lord has given us intelligent minds to deal with problems. By faith in Him, salvation brings not only eternal life, but also the indwelling presence of God's Holy Spirit, giving us the empowerment to overcome temptations. Alcohol has been given of the Lord as a blessing to man, making life easier and even alleviating human suffering. Let us not prevent what God has ordained, or we will find destruction and misery as a result.

YOUTH AND ALCOHOL

While conducting a Christian conference I was confronted by a teenager who honestly asked, "Really 'Doc,' while I do not drink, it has been a great temptation at school because the crowd does. I have been taught one should not and so I have not. But actually, what is wrong with a friendly glass of beer?" I made it a point to spend a little time with this young man starting with some of the basics, such as the science of alcohol.

It is one thing to tell our youth "No," and it is quite another to fortify them with some positive guide lines to help them in times of temptation. Children do need to know "why." In the Lord's service, as good fathers and mothers, we should become conversant, having knowledge in these areas, so that we might properly instruct our children.

I pointed out to this young man that there are many things accomplished in our world today because alcohol is an excellent chemical. The problem comes when alcohol is misused. Alcohol dehydrates, taking the moisture out, and it dissolves.

In the human body the nerves are coated in a fatty substance called lipid. When alcohol enters the body the first thing that

happens is that it dissolves the nerve coatings affecting the brain. The protoplasm at the heart of the nerves is much like the white of an egg. Alcohol acts like a stove, cooking or dehydrating this substance. This is what accounts for all the physiological limitation and weaknesses that result.

Some scientists believe that any amount of alcohol heightens one's sexual desires, frequently taking away inhibitions. Many an act of unchastity, fornication, and adultery is committed by people who are under the influence of alcohol. Many criminals in penal institutions will admit that they committed these terrible deeds following consumption of alcohol.

Liquor exerts its most serious problem on the nervous system affecting the function of seeing, feeling, moving, thinking, and self control. We have sadly observed an individual "liquored up" and how loud and obnoxious he becomes. He starts to shout at the top of his voice. The reason is because he does not hear so well and as a result he talks louder to compensate for it. No wonder there are so many accidents on our highways when the eyesight as well as our nerves are affected. Such information is conclusively shown from repeated scientific tests and is factual. Actions and reactions begin to slow down to a very noticeable extent. This is why drivers with beer or liquor in them find it more difficult to move their foot from the accelerator to the brake. Despite all the warnings by law enforcement officials, hundreds of people are killed every year as a result of alcoholism.

Alcoholism disturbs all the important normal body functions, slowing down actions of important organs, such as the brain and the liver often causing disease and degeneration. The liver has often been referred to as the chemical laboratory of the body. It produces bile to aid in the digestion of fats. It stores starches and sugars collectively for future use. Poisons and other harmful things in the body are oxidized and then expelled in the waste so that they are eliminated. Alcohol hinders the production of bile. It allows sugars and poisons to accumulate in the blood so that they are not carried off. This is a very serious situation.

Alcohol is a habit forming drug. It creates a desire for a repetition of it. It is a poison which attacks the protoplasm of the body cells. There is a high probability that it also affects the germ cell of life, too. There is a large mass of data revealing that alcohol affects the offspring in one way or another. Basically, there is no physiological way to justify, "Just a friendly glass of beer." Why should you want to encourage someone to take poison, for that is what alcohol is inside the human body.

More than this, however, there are the moral and spiritual aspects of alcohol. The greatest affect is upon the human brain. This is where one's judgment, his self-control, and other functions are centered. The Lord Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, wants to guide and strengthen us. It is difficult enough for Him to have a place in our lives without stupifying our brains and taking away our judgment.

The Bible tells us that those who become involved with alcohol are not wise. In these very real problems confronting mankind, we as believers need to be good witnesses for the Lord. Let us be properly armed with information and fortified with the Spirit, seeking to reach those in need through a sincere Christ-like divine love. Let us avoid all appearances of evil as we seek, through God's help, to keep our dear young people from becoming ensnared in this disease.

EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

One is appalled to realize how many men high in business affairs or in the military, have become slaves of liquor. A young woman came to me on a college campus a few weeks ago in great distress. Her mother was an alcoholic and had abused her. For this reason she was taken to a neighbor's where she lived most her life. The real mother had seemed to take her resentment out on this dear child. She was the eldest of four children. While in the other home she found the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Now in college she had only been a Christian for about two years. Her father, she told me, was also an alcoholic. There was no one now to care for the children since the mother had

recently died. She asked me if she should give up her education and stay at home. She was concerned about the children, for her father, while he was a good man, was such a slave to liquor. Sometimes he could earn money but other times there was little to eat. Obviously the ideal situation would have been to prevent the father and mother from ever becoming alcoholics. It may have all started with something so seemingly insignificant as a "little party."

This tragic scene is repeated over and over again. The well-known Dr. Alvarez, consultant at Mayo Clinic, pertinently pointed out, "If I knew what I now know about alcohol, I would never have tasted the first drop." Some people have a tremendous propensity for alcohol. Someone will probably say, "Well, temperance has moderation." It has been well said, however, that "Temperance is the quality of moderation in healthful indulgence, and abstinence from things harmful, such as the use of intoxicating wines."

The problem of alcohol is far more deep-seated than the fact that you may become an alcoholic and thereby have a real problem in your home. Alcohol causes a limitation and a weakness any way you have it in the human body, no matter how small the quantity.

The nerves are bathed in a fatty substance which is dissolved by alcohol. Because your nerves are protoplasm they are destroyed. Alcohol absorbs the water in your body with great harm. Alcohol is a narcotic and has this very affect upon the nervous system. Alcohol may affect the life cell, hurting the ovary or the ovums, as well as the sperm cell of the humans offspring. The data of science reveals these truths.

It was Aristotle who declared, "I would suggest that a judge who is going to administer justice, a magistrate who is a ruler of his country and has the right to speak, a soldier who is protecting his nation, or a father who is to go in with his wife and cohabit to have a child, should leave alcohol strictly alone." The ancients believed that alcohol did affect the offspring. There is a definite affect on the human cells.

A laboratory experiment was conducted using four cocker spaniels which were mated. They were the same strain and vigor as far as the scientists were able to judge. Two of them were named "Meg" and "Topsy." The other two were called "Bum" and "Topsy." They had the same kind of physical characteristics and were given the same kind of care with the exception that Bum and Topsy had a small quantity of alcohol with their meals while Meg and Topsy did not. In tests it was shown that Meg and Topsy retrieved 922 balls, nearly twice the number of the other pair. Other such activities went on, but the startling effect was on their offspring. Bum and Topsy only had 22 pups born to their union, only four of which lived and were normal. Meanwhile Meg and Topsy had 45 pups, 41 of which lived and were normal. The difference is between less than 18 per cent compared with 91 per cent. Of course we cannot equate such experiments with human patterns. Obviously the population is growing as is the rate of alcoholism. The correlation is indicative of many problems faced today. There are some children who are mentally and physically disinherited because of alcohol. This is certainly not true in every case. However, the overtones of danger do exist. Such things are not widely discussed or brought to public attention due to one primary fact in that billions of dollars are involved in alcohol.

People are readily addicted to liquor. They may feel inadequate and such beverages steal away their brains and make them feel high. They will forget their problems and do things under the influence of alcohol they might not have the courage to do otherwise, being restrained by their own morals.

There are four things which may affect the germ cell: radiation, syphilis or venereal disease, white lead, and alcohol. If there is even the slightest likelihood that the use of alcohol would bring into the world a child which is physically or mentally troubled, we should leave these things alone, if nothing else, from a humanitarian basis.

We need to teach our children the problems that are involved

with alcohol, giving them the kind of environment and strength in Jesus Christ which will help them to say "no" to evil.

In talking to this youth who had asked about drinking, he now said, "You know, 'Doc,' this is the first time anybody ever sat down and explained the problem to me." Do we have enough love and concern in our hearts to reach precious youth for whom Christ died? Let us be armed by the Spirit of God that we may help others to withstand the wicked attacks of the devil.

JESUS AND WINE

It has always been amazing for me to realize how some people can feel that the drinking of alcoholic beverages in moderation can possibly be acceptable. They will argue that Paul speaks of taking wine for one's stomach's sake. They will also infer that the Lord made wine. Such a rationalization, however, causes real problems, for one must realize the devastating results of alcoholic consumption.

The proper interpretation of any language is to try, in so far as possible, by factual data and a careful analysis of the time when it was used, to project oneself into that era and culture to gain the real meaning. The King James Version of the Bible, translated in 1611, uses many words which were meaningful to men and women of that day but which do not necessarily carry the same connotation today. As an example the word "conversation" then meant "manner of life," whereas today it means "talking to one another." The word "Comforter," speaking of the Holy Spirit, makes us think of One who dries your tears and puts His arm about you in a sympathetic way. The root meaning, however, is from the word "fort" and speaks of One who strengthens and fortifies you. He is our Advocate. We will see these same things in connection with the word "wine" used in Scripture.

We certainly need to keep in mind that one cannot be moderate in the use of a substance which is harmful. This is, of course, very true about alcohol. It is a poison in the human body. Would anyone be foolish enough to suggest moderation in the use of arsenic? What is the point of convincing people they should use a little poison with their meals just because they will not die from it?

Keep in mind the fact that the Greek word translated "wine" in the King James Version simply refers to "the fruit of the vine." This is according to best Biblical scholarship. That, you see, does not necessarily mean a drink which is alcoholic. The same is true of the word "cider" which can simply mean the fruit of the apple tree, or it can have reference to that which is fermented or unfermented. Those who live in that culture today will hear people talking about "gathering wine leaves." These are used to wrap a very special meat dish. What they have reference to are grape leaves. In ancient writings this is also commonly found.

It is my belief that in the first recorded miracle of our Lord, the beverage was unfermented grape juice. When on the cross the Saviour was offered intoxicating wine. This was the custom of the Romans, Jesus would not take it.

I do not believe that Christ used wine at the Lord's Supper. The word "wine" is never used with reference to this event. Matthew records Him declaring, "I say unto you I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until the day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Why is it unlikely that the Lord would have used fermented wine? This was a Passover feast. They were to search the house putting out any yeasted bread. It is highly unlikely that they would have had a high ceremony getting rid of all yeast only to have a drink that contained it. It is only yeast which can cause fermentation.

During Bible times there were devout people called Nazarites. They vowed not to touch strong drink. John the Baptist was one of these. It is highly unlikely that our Lord Jesus Christ would establish communion by using a prohibited intoxicant. It is further unlikely that our Saviour, with His wisdom and

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Watch!

As the scheme of end-time prophecy is revealed in relation to world events, it behooves the children of God to become ever more alert and watchful. One of the most important Biblical commands to the saint of God today, is to 'watch' for the return of the Messiah. *"For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or in the morning: least coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch!"* Mark 13:33-37. To the observant believer there should be no doubt that we are in the closing days of time, and that the King of kings is soon to return, yet the Bible warns that many today (even believers) will be asleep and unaware of the 'signs of the times'. *"Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."* 1 Thessalonians 5:6.

Watch. . .and Wait

When Christ came the first time, as a babe in Bethlehem, there were those watchful of His coming — devout people like Simeon and the prophetess, Anne; waiting for the coming of the Messiah (Luke 2:25-38). The lives of both these servants of God were well spent when the promised one finally appeared, yet, they did not despair in waiting, and did not "grow weary in well doing." Anne the prophetess was widowed and old, yet she abode in the Temple night and day praising God; waiting for the Messiah with fasting and prayer. If only we would follow her example, what heavenly blessings and strength would be given us! On the other hand, the sad consequences of straying from the 'temple of prayer' should be impressed upon our minds, for if we are not stayed upon Christ, if we are not regenerated with the hope of His coming, we will lose the power to withstand the enemy and our faith will waver. We are living in a wicked age where 'iniquity abounds'. The Bible tells us "that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying 'Where is the promise of his coming?'" 2 Peter 3:34. *"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."* Isaiah 40:31. The promise of His coming will be real to those who wait on Him and like Simeon and Anne they will be led "by the Spirit into the Temple" to see the Christ.

We are given another example of those who were waiting for the Messiah's first coming. *"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. They departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell*

down and worshipped him." Matthew 2:1, 2, 9-11.

And there is also the example of the shepherds in the field, who later witnessed the manger scene, and were, in the middle of the night, awake and watching over their flocks: *"There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. . . And the angel said unto them, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:8-11. I am sure we do not suppose that it was by mere chance heaven chose to give this famous angelic proclamation of the King's birth to these alert shepherds keeping watch over their flocks.

In this age, before the glorious appearing of the Redeemer, when the world is consumed by forces of darkness; in this darkest night, let us look for the star of His coming as did the wise men, let us remain awake and alert like the shepherds, and above all let us wait upon the Lord, as did the saints at the Temple, that the Holy Spirit may minister unto us in the hope of His coming.

Watch. . .Alone

Watching and waiting will not be easy for the children of God, as the strength and ranks of the enemy increase before the final day of reckoning. But, God assures us in His Word 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 Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 8:38, 39. What a wonderful promise! Notwithstanding, the multitudes, the principalities and powers, will still always try their level best to discourage our faith in the Lord and in His appearing; Satan will always have the majority on His side, but as long as there is even one "watch tower in the wilderness" (1 Chronicles 20:24), the Gospel truth of the soon coming Kingdom will prevail. May we therefore stand alone with God, with the mighty minority of heaven. May we say as did David, who faced the giant in the name of the Lord and was victorious — *"I watch and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top."* Psalms 102:7.

Watch. . .and be Ready

"Make the watch strong." Jeremiah 51:12. *"Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."* Matthew 24:44. In the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until Noah entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away. *"So shall also the coming of the Son of man be."*

There will be many people unprepared for the coming of the great judge. Even we who consider ourselves His people must be careful that we do not fall into the class that will bewail the coming of the Lord.

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NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

CHRISTIAN CHAMPIONS

With Israel having become more and more isolated, there is at least one group whose support seems only to grow: the Christian evangelical champions of the Jewish state.

Firm in their belief that the establishment of the State of Israel is the culmination of biblical prophecy, they stand behind it when many of the world's Jews are highly critical.

SHARON: SETTLEMENT IN AREAS MUST CONTINUE

HAIFA. — Security arrangements in Southern Lebanon and the future of the West Bank are now the government's main concern, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon told a Herut rally here last night. He said the government would continue its policy of more Jewish settlements in the West Bank and would stick to the autonomy proposals as the only solution to the Palestinian problem.

Sharon told the enthusiastic audience the Operation Peace for Galilee had been a success. It had prevented a joint Syrian and PLO attack on Israel which the government knew had been planned for the summer as well as weakening Soviet influence in the area while strengthening America's position.

WEITZ: NEGEV COULD BECOME OUR SEED-GROWING CENTRE

Following peace with Egypt, the Negev could well become the seed-growing centre of Israel, Prof. Ra'anana Weitz said last Thursday in a symposium on "The Negev in the Year 2000" at Kibbutz Mefalsim.

"Agricultural technology is on the verge of an historical breakthrough," said Weitz, who is co-chairman of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department.

Improved methods (mechanization, automation, and the new varieties of plants test-tube-grown in genetic laboratories) would "draw us ever closer to that era when it would be possible to get two yields of field crops a year," Weitz said.

When we're passed three tons per dunam, it will be feasible to grow seeds in Israel even at current water prices."

An area of 1-1.5 million dunams would yield 3-5 millions tons of seeds (to be used mainly as fodder) year in, year out — like clockwork" — using the latest scientific methods.

TERROR RING BROKEN

Security forces recently rounded up members of a terrorist gang who were believed to be responsible for four bomb explosions in the Jerusalem area. Three of the bombs were placed in the Beit Yisrael neighbourhood and one on a bus, where it exploded injuring a young girl. Another bomb was placed outside a supermarket.

RURAL RABBIS WANT RISES

Some 40 settlements throughout the country are going without local rabbis because the pay is so low that rabbis prefer to receive stipends as yeshiva students.

Rabbi Asher Zemel told *The Jerusalem Post* that he receives a monthly salary of IS12,000, with no budget for activities such as Purim or Hanukka parties for his community. If the rabbis fail again to get satisfaction from the Religious Affairs Ministry, he said, next week rabbis, their wives and children will hold a sit-down strike in the ministry.

RUSSIANS ARREST PAIR WHO SEEK EXIT TO ISRAEL

MOSCOW. — A former national chess champion and his wife, denied permission to emigrate to Israel, yesterday demonstrated outside the opening of an international chess tournament and were arrested.

Boris Gulko, 34, said he and his 24-year-old wife, Anna Akhdamova, also a chess champion, held up a sign outside the Hotel Sport where chess players gathered for the opening. "Let Us Go to Israel" read the sign.

SOLIDARITY RACE

Some 500 youths yesterday ran a three-kilometre course in Tel Aviv in support of Prisoners of Zion, carrying their photographs to a rally at Beit Hatefutsoth. The event was held to coincide with the 65th anniversary of the Soviet revolution.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO GET EINSTEIN COLLECTION — AT LAST

TEL AVIV. — The Albert Einstein collection will finally reach Jerusalem early in January. Twenty seven years after the death of the great scientist in the U.S., litigation over Prof. Einstein's will ended last month.

This has opened the way to fulfill Einstein's instruction to leave all his books and manuscripts to the Hebrew University's National Library, which he helped to found.

The Einstein collection has until now been at Princeton University where Einstein taught after fleeing Nazi Germany.

MORE LEBANESE TO HELP HARVEST CITRUS HERE

HAIFA. — Up to 300 more Lebanese workers may be allowed into Israel to help with the citrus harvest on top of the 700 already here, Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion Rubin said.

JEWISH BOYCOTT OF NAZARETH BEGINS TO HURT MERCHANTS

NAZARETH. — Arab merchants and dignitaries here have appealed to the mayor of Upper Nazareth to find ways to improve relations between the two neighbouring cities.

Relations between the Arab city and the Jewish township have been uneasy since September 22, when Arabs protesting the Beirut massacre blocked all access to Upper Nazareth and stoned nine vehicles owned by Jewish residents.

As a result of this many Jewish residents of Upper Nazareth and of neighbouring settlements have stopped shopping in Nazareth.

The Likud Party in Upper Nazareth on Friday

circulated a hand-bill which said that "our answer to Arab violence is to cut off our contacts with our neighbours unless local groups stand up and condemn such actions."

Upper Nazareth Mayor Menahem Ariav told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday that he has warned that Jewish settlers will not stand idly by if their Arab neighbours continued taking the law into their hands.

Ariav who is also the chairman of the council of 39 Jewish settlements in Galilee, stressed that he told his Arab neighbours that illegal demonstrations, stoning cars and raising Palestinians flags twice in less than six months raises anti-Arab feelings, and that not only those responsible for such actions would suffer.

The Post learned that in the Arab city leaflets were circulated last week calling for friendly coexistence in the two sectors.

NEW ARABIC WEEKLY PRAISES PEACE FORCES

A new Arabic weekly, *Al-A'uda* (thought), appeared yesterday in East Jerusalem, with praise for Labour Party and Peace Now demonstrations against the war in Lebanon, and for the Palestinian leadership, which is said has displayed openness towards Israeli "peace forces" which recognize the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

The paper, which is being distributed throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, also took the step, unusual for a Palestinian publication, of running interviews with Israelis.

EGYPTIAN ARMY IN SINAI COULD BECOME A 'THREAT'

Egypt is transforming its army into a mechanized force capable of fighting deep in Sinai, a senior IDF intelligence officer said in an interview published in *Bamahane*, the Israel Defence Forces magazine.

The officer, the number two man in the Intelligence Research Division, said the Egyptians were absorbing new arms, and by transforming their units into armoured and mechanized divisions, would be able to threaten Israel.

DOZENS KILLED, WOUNDED IN MASSIVE TYRE BLAST

TYRE. — The Israeli Defence Force spokesman announced last night that the bodies of 13 IDF members had so far been recovered from the debris of the IDF headquarters in Tyre, which was levelled yesterday morning by a massive explosion. At least 10 Palestinians, who were being held prisoner in the building, also died in the blast.

NO SIGN OF SABOTAGE FOUND IN TYRE DEBRIS

TYRE. — IDF and police experts examining the pile of rubble of what had been the military headquarters here have so far found no sign of sabotage.

They suggested that the most likely cause was an explosion of cooking gas which had leaked from the kitchen during Wednesday night and was set off by someone who lit a match to prepare breakfast the following morning.

By last night they discounted the first theory — expressed in the IDF spokesman's initial announcement — that a car bomb had caused the disaster. But the experts were still examining the possibility that explosives had been smuggled into the building and set off.

IDF sources discounted foreign news agency reports that 500 arrests had been made in Tyre and the surrounding area.

Two shadowy groups claimed responsibility for the blast in separate statements delivered by hand to newspaper and wire service offices in Beirut.

MOST ISRAELI ALCOHOLICS GO UNTREATED, SURVEY REVEALS

There are an estimated 7,200 alcoholics among Israel's Jewish population, of whom about 2,000 have been treated in the nine centres run by the Service for the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism.

The figure of 7,200 was derived by the service from the first comprehensive survey of Israeli drinking habits, released yesterday. The service is part of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, and is headed by Pnina Eldar.

Over 58 per cent of adults drink very infrequently or not at all, and 33 per cent do not drink except on religious occasions, the study found. About 26 per cent have very little contact with drinking: they do not drink, have never been intoxicated, and do not know anyone who drinks daily. About five per cent 100,000 get drunk every few months, and 1 per cent 21,000 become intoxicated about once a week.

The survey concluded that while alcoholism in Israel is not as serious a social and medical problem as it is in Europe, the U.S. and the Communist bloc countries, there is a tendency for similar problems to develop here.

ARAB BIRTHRATE DIPS SHARPLY, BUT DOUBLE THAT OF JEWS

NAZARETH. — The Israeli Arab birthrate has dropped since 1970, but it is now double that of the Jewish rate. Last year, the Israeli Arab birthrate was 2.7 per 1,000 compared to 4.0 per 1,000 in 1970.

Figures just published by the Central Bureau of Statistics show that the Israeli Arab population (without East Jerusalem Arabs and the Golan Druse) is 592,000 and makes up 15 per cent of all Israelis.

Until 1965, the Arab birthrate was 4.5 per 1,000 and was considered among the world's highest. The number of Israeli Arabs is now four times what it was in 1948, the year of the state's establishment. It has doubled every 16 years, compared with 40 years for the Jewish population of this country.

Demographers say the change is the result of growing urbanization of Israeli Arabs, a rising standard of living and increased employment of Arab women.

JERUSALEM HELPS ARAB NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP ITSELF

Working by the light of lamps strung outside their houses, residents of the small Arab neighbourhood known in East Jerusalem as Ein Iloza laboured until midnight last Friday building a road and support walls. Virtually the entire community participated — elderly men, women and children moving stones and carrying pails of cement.

The project, one of a score of such projects presently underway in East Jerusalem, is a joint effort by the municipality and local residents to overcome chronic budget deficits through self-help enterprise.

"We're providing the cement, gravel and planning," said a municipal official during a tour yesterday of the neighbourhood, South of Silwan in the Kidron Valley. "They're providing the work."

Mayor Teddy Kollek, talking to residents of Ein Iloza, said, "I'm ready to send all the residents of Jerusalem here to take this as a model."

"The advantages are tremendous," said Kollek. "Beyond the financial savings there is the closer relations with the people." In addition, there is a closer relation between the residents and their environment. "This road they have built with their own hands."

Talking to the residents of Ein Iloza yesterday, Kollek thanked them for their personal efforts to improve their neighbourhood. "This is not at all common in our time when everybody is accustomed to demanding things from the government and municipality rather than doing things for themselves."

CAIRO PUSHING FOR 'DIALOGUE' BETWEEN U.S. AND PLO

Egypt is trying to "arrange a dialogue between the PLO and the U.S. and ensure the participation of the PLO in any new Middle East peace efforts," Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said in an interview published yesterday.

Relations between Egypt and the PLO, which deteriorated badly after Egypt's peace with Israel, have improved significantly since Israel's invasion of Lebanon last June. Ali noted in his interview with *al-Anba* that contacts were already under way to arrange for a visit to Cairo by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, confirming earlier reports that it is now only a matter of time before such a visit takes place.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING TOMORROW; 89 KILLED, 56 HURT IN TYRE DISASTER

TYRE. — The final death toll at the Military Headquarters here is 89, including 75 Israeli General Security agents, IDF soldiers and border policemen and 14 Arabs who had been detained in the building for questioning.

This is the biggest single disaster in the IDF's history. The cabinet, which will discuss the matter today, is expected to declare a day of national mourning tomorrow. The ministers will also decide on the form the mourning should take. It is expected that flags will be lowered to half-mast and places of entertainment will be shut as of this evening. Israel Television already cancelled an entertainment programme last Friday night.

The cranes, compressors, tractors and other rescue equipment stopped working before sunset yesterday after some 50 hours of desperate attempts to find survivors. By last night they had removed the entire eight-metre-high pile of stone and twisted iron.

The most dramatic moment of the rescue operation came at about 8 a.m. on Friday. The work of the bulldozers and air hammers was suspended and rescuers called through niches to ask whether any survivors heard them. The edgy rescuers bawled at soldiers who moved or made the slightest noise, and finally a voice was heard from under the rubble. The voices of two other men were soon heard in other places under the pile.

The rescuers feverishly began digging tunnels towards the trapped soldiers, moving stone by stone. One, a radio man, was slowly pulled out and the minute his hand was in the open a doctor gave him an infusion through the back of his hand. Another soldier held the trapped man's hand to comfort him until he was extricated.

The rescue work continued throughout the Sabbath

since it was *pikuah nesesh* (saving of souls) and the rabbis ruled it was mandatory to keep digging.

Early yesterday a Tora scroll which had been used in the building's first floor synagogue was unearthed and unscathed.

Suddenly, one of the rescuers broke down. Among the pile of removed rubble he indentified the lifeless body of his own brother.

One of the hardest working rescuers was a sergeant who had been confined to barracks for several days until Thursday evening but ran off on Wednesday. A comrade had agreed to cover up for him and went to sleep in the absent sergeant's bed. The friend was crushed to death.

Many rescuers, some of them hardened soldiers cried openly. Among the jagged concrete slabs appeared a bloodstained pillow or a torn flower-patterned sheet obviously brought from home by one of the dead men.

Crushed steel cabinets containing documents were recovered from the rubble and their contents were carefully collected for checking. The building had served the General Security Services as well as the military and border police, and the unit for aiding civilians in Lebanon.

The rescue teams were aided by the Lebanese Oger Liban Company, whose men and equipment made as unstintly an effort as the Israelis themselves.

PEACE NOW TO RAISE MONUMENT IN HEBRON

The Peace Now movement is embarking on a series of activities under the slogan "Seek Peace and Pursue It."

First activity in the series will be a rally on Saturday afternoon outside Beit Hadassah in Hebron. At the rally, the movement will call for an end to settlement in the administered areas, and will erect a monument to peace in the centre of the city. The phrase "Turn away from Evil and Do Good, Seek Peace and Pursue it" will be written in copper on the monument.

ARAB GIRL'S ESSAY WILL REPRESENT ISRAEL

A composition by an eighth-grade Arab girl from Nazareth has been chosen as Israel's entry to a competition sponsored by the World Postal Union and UNESCO, the Ministry of Education and Culture announced. The girl's Letter to a Child Living in the Year 2000 "contained a wealth of humanist ideas with which anyone in the world can identify," post office judges here said.

THIEF REPENTS AFTER LIFTING TORA SCROLL

BEERSHEBA. — A Tora scroll stolen from the Beit El synagogue here two weeks ago turned up yesterday morning on the doorstep of one of the congregation's members, wrapped in a blanket.

Apparently, the thief had repented.

POLICE DISMANTLE BOMB NEAR DAMASCUS GATE

A bomb hidden under a bench near Jerusalem's Damascus Gate was dismantled by police sappers yesterday.

The medium-sized explosive device was found by a taxi driver. It was placed at a spot where Arab workers, arriving from the territories to work in Israel, gather.

MAN KILLED APPARENTLY ASSEMBLING BOMB

The explosion-torn body of a Hebron man, Hamse al-Natche, was found yesterday in a flat in Abu Dis, in the Jerusalem area. Security forces found a gas canister and explosives near the body. They suspect Natche was killed while assembling a bomb, which exploded prematurely.

In Sa'ir village north of Hebron, a soldier was slightly wounded yesterday when a hand grenade was thrown at an IDF patrol.

EGYPT HOLDS WAR GAMES IN WEST PART OF SINAI

For the first time since Egypt and Israel signed the 1979 peace treaty, Egyptian troops and armour staged a major live-ammunition exercise in the Sinai Desert, directed against a simulated "enemy in the east," the military said.

Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala, who watched the exercise from the top of a hill, told newsmen "the maneuver is defensive in character."

The exercise was staged by a mechanized infantry battalion, backed by tanks, helicopters and surface-to-air missiles, about 80 kms. east of the Suez Canal on the edge of the so-called "Zone A."

Under the peace treaty, Egypt is allowed to keep "one mechanized infantry division and its military installations and field fortifications" in Zone A, which is the western section of Sinai.

WHO REPRESENTS REFUGEES IN LEBANON?

A Struggle over who represents the aspirations of the Palestinian refugees in South Lebanon is shaping between a group of young Palestinian professionals and the remnants of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In the coming weeks, a group of young men who grew up in the camps around Sidon and Tyre plan to launch a public movement calling for an end to the armed struggle against Israel and a normalization of their status as citizens of Lebanon. They have been organizing in recent months in a semi-secret atmosphere to protect themselves against reprisals.

A leader of the group, was interviewed on Sunday in Sidon by *The Jerusalem Post* on condition that his name not be published. Like his colleagues, he grew up in the camps but moved into town as his parents became integrated into Lebanese society.

"We represent a new generation that seeks to solve the problems of the Palestinians by becoming part of Lebanese society," he said. The generation of 1948, that refused to accept Israel and caused the disaster (of our homelessness), is finished. The PLO, that caused more war and disasters leading up to the massacre at Sabra and Shatilla, is finished. We don't want anything to do with war and politics.

"What do we want? Nobody wants to live as a refugee forever. We want the simple, human dignity of citizenship, the rights to a decent home. We want to live as quiet, decent citizens with no connection with politics. We want to organize and demand that the Lebanese government, and no one else, talk to us about our future.

"We are through with the Arab states, and with the PLO, which has used us just like the Arab states," he said.

The group's leader continued: "If we could all go back to Israel, that would be fine. But we have grown up here and would like to be citizens."

SOUTH LEBANON REFUGEES SPURN PREFAB HOMES

SIDON. — Little interest has been shown in the Israeli-made prefab houses brought here and offered for sale to people in local refugee camps.

Despite the start of winter no requests have been received from people wanting to purchase the prefabs.

Sources here said the refugees prefer to renovate damaged buildings with materials distributed both by the IDF and UNRWA. A military source said it was reasonable to expect that within two months the housing problem of the refugees will be solved and that no one will be left to face the winter without a roof over his head.

2-MONTHS EXPORTS TO LEBANON TOP YEAR'S TRADE WITH EGYPT

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Israel's exports to Lebanon over the past two months have surpassed the monetary value of trade between Israel and Egypt over the entire past year. Minister of Industry and Trade Gideon Patt said here yesterday.

On a visit to examine trade relations with Lebanon, Patt said this month's exports to Lebanon would probably reach \$8 million.

BIBLE INSPIRES HOUSTON OIL MAN TO DRILL DEEPER

With his belief in the Bible and in seismic technology as strong as ever, Houston oil man Andy Sorelle is back in Israel and eager to resume drilling his "super-deep" well on the Carmel coast.

Corelle came to Israel in 1977 to check out oil and gas prospects, but finally hit on the idea of drilling near Athli because of the passage in Deuteronomy, 33: 24, that speaks of the tribe of Asher "dipping his foot in oil." A map he saw of the tribal boundaries showed Asher's territory to include the Carmel coast, and seismographic tests indicated that the area was indeed promising.

3,000 LEBANESE VISIT

ROSH HANIKRA. — About 3,000 Lebanese citizens have entered Israel since last Tuesday's Interior Ministry relaxation of visiting regulations by Lebanese. Some of the visitors came in their cars.

The permits are for a one-week visit but are extendable. The permits are attached on a separate piece of paper to the passports, so as not to cause their owners' difficulties after returning to Lebanon.

LEBANON WAR HAS SOBERED ISRAELI ARABS, OFFICIAL SAYS

NAZARETH. — Operation Peace for Galilee has shocked Israeli Arabs into adopting a more pragmatic attitude towards Israel, the Prime Minister's Arab Affairs Advisor, Binyamin Gur-Arye, said yesterday.

He compared the feeling among the Arab citizens of Israel, who comprise 16 per cent of the population, to that which followed the Six-Day War in 1967. Before this, Israeli Arabs had come to believe that a coalition of Arab states with the PLO could defeat Israel. The results of both wars shattered this belief, Gur-Arye said.

Israeli Arabs, he added, are disappointed with the Arab states, who did not come to the defence of the beleaguered PLO in Lebanon, and with the Rakah Communist Party because its sponsor, the Soviet Union, also did nothing to help the PLO.

TWO MORE ISRAELI ARABS LOST IN LEBANON

NAZARETH. — Two more Israeli-Arab citizens have disappeared in Lebanon during a visit to their kinsmen there, bringing to five the number lost there in the past five weeks.

The latest to go missing are Jurgait Khouri and her son Yosef, from Ibillin village in Western Galilee. The mother and her son crossed Lebanon through the Rosh Hanikra checkpoint two weeks ago to visit relatives in the Damour district, south of Beirut. But since then, nothing has been heard of them.

Of the six Israeli Arabs who have been lost in Lebanon recently, only one has returned safely. Jamzi Khbitar, from the village of Sha'ab in Western Galilee, returned on Tuesday night, when the Lebanese Army released him after three weeks in a Beirut prison.

In spite of Israeli intervention on their behalf with the Lebanese authorities, the whereabouts of the other missing persons are still unknown.

ALIZA BEGIN LAID TO REST

Thousands gathered yesterday at Jerusalem's Sanhedrin Funeral Parlour to pay their final respects to Aliza Begin, wife of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The crowd was held back by police, who had a special list of those persons allowed to enter the funeral parlour itself.

Those attending included President Yitzhak Navon, both chief rabbis, cabinet and Knesset members, family friends and comrades from the pre-state underground. Others included Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and former defense minister Weizman.

By special request of the family, the funeral service was not covered by the news media.

Following the short service in Sanhedria, the funeral cortege proceeded to the Mount of Olives where Aliza Begin was buried in a plot reserved for her and her husband in the section for underground heroes.

As the car carrying the bereaved prime minister passed the police barriers, member of the crowd murmured words of sympathy and encouragement.

Aliza Begin, 62, died, early Sunday morning of a heart attack.

The prime minister is sitting the *shiva* period of mourning at his home in Jerusalem.

MOSLEM 'SAVIOUR' HELD FOR SEDITION IN EGYPT

CAIRO. — A Moslem sheikh whose followers believe he is the promised saviour of the world has been arrested along with 13 members of his sect, police sources said yesterday.

The sources said the group was tentatively charged with preaching anti-Islamic ideas and forming an illegal organization bent on challenging the basic principles of the state.

1982 SHOWS INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

Immigration to Israel in the first 10 months of 1982 increased 11.2 per cent over the same period for 1981, Rafael Kotlowitz, head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, told a news conference yesterday in Tel Aviv.

The trend continued throughout the period, with the October aliya figure showing a 31 per cent rise — 1,550 arriving as opposed to 1,063 in October 1981, he said.

DRASTIC DROP IN JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM USSR

GENEVA. — About twenty times fewer Jews are now leaving the Soviet Union than left in the peak emigration years of the late 1970s, the Intergovernmental Committee for Migration said yesterday.

Spokesman Roger Vallon said Soviet authorities permitted only 246 Jews to leave in September and 238 in August, bringing the total for the first nine months of the year to 1,790.

This is less than a quarter of the 8,283 who left in the same period last year, Vallon said, and only a fraction of the 51,320 who were allowed to emigrate in the peak year of 1979 just before the Moscow Olympics.

MOVING BUS-STOPS LEAVE EVERYONE HAPPY

SAFAD. — Residents of the Zahal neighbourhood here, wishing to be picked up and dropped off nearer to their doorsteps by local buses in wintry weather, have been moving bus-stop posts accordingly.

The posts, movable affairs although set in a concrete base, disappear from the northern end of the neighbourhood every other day, only to reappear at the western end. Sources here say this is a result of non-violent "commando raids" by various Zahal residents. The northern part of Zahal, known as Kiryat Agudat Israel, is inhabited by ultra-orthodox families, while western Zahal is home to young secular couples.

Egged drivers, after conferring among themselves, decided that they would stop wherever the posts for the bus line number six are found.

The arrangement is reported to be satisfactory to everyone. There is concern, however, over the precedent it might set.

DRUNKEN DRIVER LOSES LICENCE FOR LIFE

TEL AVIV. — For driving while drunk and causing a road accident, Arye Shenkar, 50, of Bnei Brak yesterday had his licence revoked for life, was fined IS25,000 and was given a six-month suspended prison sentence.

Inspector David Golan told the court that Shenkar had been picked up in Kiron earlier this week after a collision in which he injured a father and son.

Shenkar, who admitted the charges against him, is an engineer who works in the military industries. Judge Nussenblat said he would have imposed an active prison term if it were not for Shenkar's profession.

RABBI SENTENCED TO TEACH IN ORPHANAGE

A Jerusalem rabbi convicted yesterday of possessing a pistol without a licence was sentenced to teach 100 hours of religious studies at a Jerusalem orphanage.

Rabbi Eliahu Sherman, 34, who was head of the Diaspora Yeshiva in the capital for 10 years, pleaded not guilty to the charge at the Jerusalem magistrates court. He said he had bought the weapon while on a visit to the U.S. and brought it into the country in a suitcase.

Sherman said he had applied for a licence, but was told he must apply before purchasing a weapon. If he reported having the pistol to the police, he would be charged with an offence, he said. As this was a "Catch-22" situation, he said, he did nothing.

The court ordered him to teach 100 hours of Jewish studies at the Blumental Orphanage in Jerusalem's Geula neighbourhood.

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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.*

WATCH!

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The Bible tells us that some will tire of watching for His coming and will eat and drink with the drunken and smite their fellowservants saying, *"The Lord delayeth His coming. The Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* Matthew 24: 49-51. What a sad, sad day that will be for the back-slidden servant! *"But for the servant whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or in the third watch and find them so, blessed are those servants."* Luke 12:35-38. In Matthew 25 Jesus relates the parable of ten virgins (believers) who are waiting in the night for the bridegroom (Christ). Five He calls foolish and five wise. The foolish five had not prepared themselves adequately for the long wait through the night. They did not bring enough oil to keep their lamps alight while they slumbered and slept and awaited the bridegroom. The ten virgins awoke at midnight, and the five foolish, finding their lamps had run out, went to search for more oil. The bridegroom came while they were gone; and went inside the wedding chamber with the five wise virgins who were prepared to wait through the night for His coming; but, the five unprepared were left outside and the door was barred.

Now is the time to prepare, Christians! *"Of the times and seasons, brethren, ye had no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night."* 1 Thessalonians 5:1, 2. *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."* Ephesians 5:15, 16. Watch, pray and be ready! *"Be instant (prepared) in season and out of season."* *"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."* 1 Corinthians 16:13. *"Let your loins be girded about, and your light burning; and be yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."* Luke 12:35.

Watch. . .and Pray

"Watch ye and pray" was Jesus' command to the disciples in Gethsemane (Mark 14:38), and just as Christ asked His disciples, before Calvary, to keep watch and pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, He is asking His disciples today to remain awake and watch and pray throughout the symbolic 'night in Gethsemane' that is prevalent on this earth before His

second appearing. We must pray that God will help us preserve through the night that is to precede Christ's coming, and from which He will deliver us at His coming — if we remain faithful. *"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass (Matthew 24) and to stand before the Son of man."* Luke 2:36. *"For ye know not what hour your Lord doth come, but know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come he would have WATCHED, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up."* Matthew 24:42.

"Continue in prayer, and watch." Colossians 4:2. □



GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Alcoholism

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knowledge, would institute a high act of worship which would cause others to stumble.

People always bring up Paul's words to Timothy, "Take little wine for thy stomach's sake, and for thine oft infirmities." Timothy was a devout young man. Paul himself took the Nazarite vow. It is a chemical fact that grape sugar is very close to blood sugar. If the youth had stomach difficulties Paul would suggest grape juice for extra strength in the time of physical exertion. This was not fermented.

History reveals that one of the Greek's favorite recipes was to take either milk or water and mix it into dehydrated grape juice. It was a special tonic. The fruit of the vine most certainly was preserved without fermentation. It was done through dehydration.

Alcoholic fermentation will not set up where the liquid is very hot or very cool. This is why we put our milk into the refrigerator. The wild yeast germs or bacteria do not develop and it does not sour. At room temperature it will. Boiling milk will keep it from souring. This is what they did with grapes if they wished to prevent fermentation.

There can be no true and careful examination of Scripture which will support the assumption that the Bible endorses moderate alcoholic consumption, or that Christ Himself ever made such a substance. Some of the worst things they said about our Saviour were the false accusations that He was a gluttonous man and a wine bibber. The Bible teaching reminds us, "Look not at the wine when it sparkles in the cup; in the end it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." It points out that "the man who errs thereby is not wise." May we heed the careful teaching of Scripture on this important and vital subject. Seek the power of the Holy Spirit to walk in His perfect pathway and to help others along the way in the truths of God. □

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