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The Mount of Olives, on the north side of Jerusalem. The colorful building in the center is the Church of All Nations, built within the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36; John 13:1). Above are seen the golden onion-shaped domes of the Russian church of St. Mary Magdalene (built 1888).

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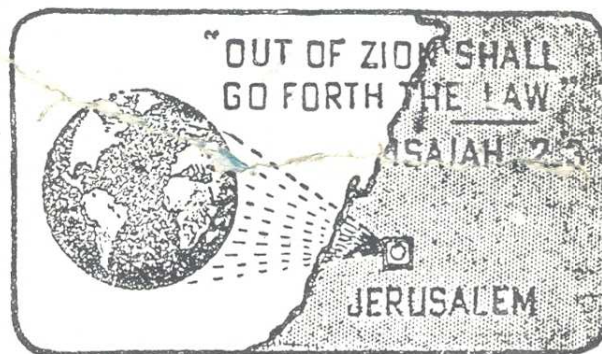
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JERUSALEM — THE HOLY CITY

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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Lebanon and Recent Developments

Shock and dismay were the reactions here in Israel when the news began to come in that units of the Phalange Christian militia had entered the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in West Beirut and had massacred hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children. As the details began to emerge, it became clear that a barbaric act of mass murder had been committed, evidently by militiamen seeking revenge for the assassination of their leader, Bashir Jemayel, who had been killed just a few days away from assuming the Presidency of Lebanon.

Massacres of this sort have been a sad part of the continual cycle of violence that has torn Lebanon apart during the past seven years of sectarian strife (an estimated 90,000 civilians have been killed during this period, mostly by the Syrians and PLO). But what made this one so disturbing to the people of Israel was that it had been carried out while Israeli forces were right outside the camps, and it had been perpetrated by fighters of the Christian Phalange militia — Israel's ally in the Lebanon conflict. These circumstances involved Israel, at least by implication. Not even the disclosure that Israeli forces had intervened to stop the killings, when it became evident what was happening, did much to temper the sorrow that many Israelis felt.

Here in Israel, a furor immediately began. Few think Israel was directly responsible for what happened, but some think more should have been done to prevent an occurrence like this. A massive public demand — includ-

ing one of the largest rallies in the history of the nation — led to the government ordering an immediate full-scale inquiry into the affair. This investigation has begun, and is examining all aspects of the massacre and the events leading to it. Whatever the results, it is plain that Israel is a free democracy with a highly developed moral sense, where the people ask questions, even painful ones, (unlike the surrounding Arab nations); and the reaction in Israel shows the deep public concern over the killings.

Throughout the "Peace for Galilee" campaign, the Israeli forces have had orders to do everything possible to safeguard civilian lives, even at the cost of Israeli casualties. It is a shame that this commendable policy must now be overshadowed, and largely overlooked, as the world focusses on the Beirut massacre.

There were many factors which contributed to making the massacre possible. Foremost was the intense hatred fostered between Lebanon's Christian communities and the PLO/Syrian forces — a hatred nurtured by seven years of violence and killing, with the Christians usually the victims. Then there was Israel's "Peace for Galilee" campaign which broke the back of the PLO and Syrian power in Lebanon and left the Christians once again with the upper hand. Then there was the negotiated PLO withdrawal from West Beirut, which left the refugee camps there defenseless against the assault of militia forces seeking revenge for the assassination of their leader, Bashir Jemayel, and



A sign at the "Good Fence" which quotes, in Hebrew and English, part of Isaiah 2:4.

who had no other target at hand. And, we mustn't forget the premature withdrawal of the multinational forces from West Beirut, whose presence would have made the massacre impossible. And there was the inexplicable refusal of the newly-reconstituted Lebanese army to move into the camps, even though Israel tried, after Jemayel's assassination, to convince it of this necessity.

No one can condone what happened in the camps at West Beirut — It was a tragedy, and a shameful deed. Yet, it is most unfair to place the blame on Israel — but this is exactly what many nations and organizations have done. Israel's enemies have been having a field day and have been gleefully exploiting the situation to the fullest, and even many friends have had their convictions shaken by doubts, not knowing who or what to believe.

The fact remains that Israel did not carry out the massacre, and would most certainly have acted to prevent it had it known what would happen. There is absolutely no question about this. If blame does attach itself to Israel, it lies in the fact, as has been pointed out in the press here, that Israel had to place trust and reliance in allies which were not under its control and which did not always share its moral values or same high standards of moral responsibility.

Something that should not be forgotten is that during all the years of fighting in Lebanon, Israel was the only nation that did anything at all to help the beleaguered Lebanese. When the Syrian/PLO forces were massacring the inhabitants of entire towns and villages, Israel's was the only voice to be raised in

protest. Israel furnished material and moral support to the free Lebanese forces throughout the struggle. And while Israel's own interests were most definitely also at stake, the "Peace for Galilee" campaign liberated Lebanon from foreign oppressors, and has made it possible for a sovereign Lebanese government to reassert rule over its own country. There were very good reasons why, when the Israeli army entered Lebanese towns and villages, it was usually welcomed as a liberator.

Events in Lebanon have led to a strengthening of the anti-Israel block of nations in the world, which is right in line with Bible prophecy concerning the time we live in. There has just been another attempt — probably the most serious one so far — to bar Israel from the United Nations. It failed after the U.S. threatened to leave also if Israel were expelled. Strangely enough, the PLO terrorist organization opposed the expulsion attempt, evidently believing that barring Israel would cost it some of the world sympathy it gained as a result of its recent reverses in Lebanon.

Recently, the political climate in Lebanon has grown considerably colder toward Israel. Lebanon's new president, Amin Jemayel, brother of the assassinated Bashir Jemayel, is not inclined to follow his late brother's policy of friendship and cooperation with Israel. He has already indicated that there will be no normalization of relations with Israel, dashing hopes that Lebanon would join Egypt in recognizing Israel. Perhaps this was too much to expect, though, as after all, if Lebanon wants to regain its economic position in

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Israel and Us

by Priscilla Fauth

Israel is constantly in the news all around the world. The eyes of the world are focussed upon this little nation. It is clear that Jerusalem has indeed become a burdensome stone to all the nations. I find this interesting and exciting; because it speaks of this in the Bible and brings it in with other events which will happen just before the end: *"And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people."* Zechariah 12:3.

When we open our eyes to the world situation today, we see many signs of the approaching end. Israel itself is a very important one, in fact, the most important sign, *"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem. . . The Lord shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and strength of the children of Israel. . . Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."* Joel 3:1, 16; Matthew 24:32, 33.

We all know that the nations of the world are continually voicing concern (mostly in the form of criticism) about Israel. Does it not seem rather strange, though, that many of those who profess the gospel of Christ do not concern themselves with God's Holy Land? I strongly believe that it is most important for all Christians to be concerned for Israel and to acknowledge the working hand of the Lord in her midst. The Bible tells us that there is a great blessing in doing so. *"I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."* Genesis 12:3. It is not only our God-given duty to stand by and support Israel through these troubled times, but, it is also our privilege!

According to Bible prophecy all the world will eventually turn against the nation of Israel (Remember, as Christians, we are not part of the world! John 15:19; 17:16). Israel needs friends during this terrible time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7): Just as we would not wish God to forsake our earthly children (however rebellious they may be at times), God does not wish us to forsake His chosen people.

It is a Biblical fact that God chose Israel above all nations, though, it might be argued, "God surely loves the whole world on an equal basis. It's all His creation isn't it?" Of course, God created and loves the whole world. However, when God chose Abraham and gave unto him his eternal covenant, the rest of the world did not know or love God. Therefore, God chose a peculiar people — the children of Abraham — who would love and serve Him. *"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth."* Deuteronomy 14:2 (also read Deuteronomy 7:6). Frankly, I think we should take God at His Word. After all, who are we to question Him? *"O the depth of the riches both of the*

wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33.

The long promised Jewish Messiah died for the salvation of the whole world, both Jews and Gentiles (Galatians 3:28). However, the Bible tells us that the multitude of Gentiles were saved by the rejection of Him by His own people. *"I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles."* Romans 11:11.

Therefore, let us not get pig-headed in thinking of the people of Israel as 'those stiffnecked people who rejected our most prized possession'. Let's praise God that He allowed them to do this, so that we too might have eternal life, and become heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:29). Romans 11 tells us to boast not against the natural branches — *"Be not highminded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. . . for God is able to graff them in again. . . If thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? I would not that ye should be ignorant of this mystery lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."* Romans 11:20, 21, 23-25.



Take note that the Jewish people are not blinded completely, but only in part. The Jews, as a people, love God; and for many generations they have prayed and longed for the coming of the Messiah (not knowing He has already come!). There is a time coming when Israel will accept their Messiah. *"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away their sins."* Romans 11:26, 27. To me this will be a very beautiful event. It will be one of the greatest reunions of all time.

In reviewing the people of Israel, in looking down through the ages, upon their many trials of the past and present, I see the life of a Christian reflected in them; for as we journey on the straight and narrow way to perfection, we are put through cleansing fires just as God put His ancient people through them and is still doing so today. Although the process may be of a

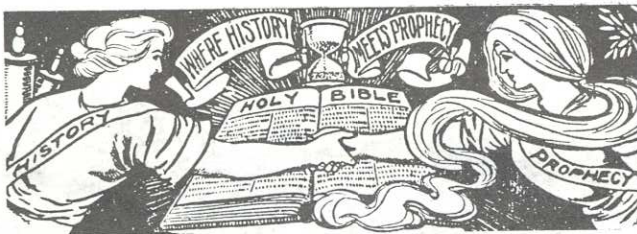
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The Importance Of Bible Prophecy

by C.L. Woolson

Bible prophecy gives us the Church Age in which we are now living, as being one of evangelism, but also one of apostasy and defeat so far as the conversion of the world is concerned, and pictures the general church as being worldly, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, refusing to hear sound doctrine, heaping to themselves teachers having itching ears, etc. (2 Timothy 3, 4).

The importance of Bible prophecy today lies in the fact that we are in the series of fulfillments that surely indicate the end of this age, and most people in the church and in the world do not understand the significance of the conditions and events of our day, because the ministry of the church does not emphasize or realize the importance of Bible prophecy. Bible prophecy is the eyes of the Church.



If we do not accept it as such, we will be blind, static and ignorant of where we are, and what lies before us.

No events in history have ever been so plainly marked out by Bible prophecy as the second coming of Christ, and the fulfillment of those prophecies in our day, on the world's stage for all to see by signs, conditions and events.



Jesus said, "And when these things begin to come to pass then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28).

Paul wrote concerning the second coming of Christ, "But ye brethren are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you as a thief," and Peter emphasized, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that ye heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." (1 Thessalonians 5:4; 2 Peter 1:19).

Bible prophecy is God speaking to us! Bible prophecy marks out the path history will follow, and the preacher of today, through Bible prophecy, has the most potent weapon ever given to any generation since Peter declared at Pentecost: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet." No sceptic, Jew, Gentile, Communist or churchman has any ground for argument when the that of the Bible becomes the this of today. Christ is not coming again to destroy everything, but rather to restore everything. (Acts 2:16; 3:21). □

— New Jerusalem Fellowship

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slightly different form, the outcome will be the same. We shall come out as pure gold shining beautifully. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matthew 13:43.

The greatest of greatest family reunions will be when all God's children — the natural Jews and us 'adopted' ones — will unite in the New Jerusalem, our eternal home, to live in love and harmony with our dear Heavenly Father and His beloved Son, our Messiah. Oh what a glorious day that will be!

In the meantime, until that great day, I am going to show my appreciation to God by supporting our fellow brethren (Israel) through love and prayer, and by whatever means attainable. I pray that God will strengthen my love for them and cause it to continually grow — for His glory and namesake. How about you? □

HIS WAY

His way is inconceivably different from my way.

When I want to hate

His way is to love.

To retaliate

His way is to forgive.

To criticize

His way is to praise.

To blame

His way is to assume responsibility.

To strive

His way is to rest . . .

The way of the Lord is perfect!

*"Lord, I would rather do it your way!
It is far better than my way."*

— Janet Fielding Simons

The Lord's Work Around The World ...

Praise the Lord! His work is steadily progressing and we are thankful for the way our Heavenly Father has been blessing the efforts of those ministering the Gospel message abroad. We continue to receive many good reports of the Lord's moving from various parts of the world. We are sorry that we are unable to share more of them with you. However, from time to time, as space allows, we will devote a few pages of The Mount Zion Reporter for this purpose. Please pray with us that the work of the Lord will continue to grow and bring many more precious souls to righteousness.

— Gordon Fauth

Report from Nnewi, Anambra State, Nigeria

Dear Brethren and co-workers,

I am very glad to write this letter to you people in the Ministry of God. Grace be unto you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank you for the effort which you people put in God's work, without any obligation, both booklets tracts and Bibles, these are helping us to complete our work. I am praying to our Lord that He will help us spread the gospel throughout the whole world.

We are thankful to report that things are going well with the work of the Lord here in Nigeria. The Almighty is blessing His work and many precious people are being reached with the wonderful message of salvation.

We proclaimed the good news in Imo State for four days. During this time God did wonderful and miraculous things in the area of Ahiazu Mbaise. A multitude of people gathered together and heard of our Lord Jesus Christ. We explained to them the power that is in the name of Jesus. Many people received salvation that day. Now we have established a church in this area.

The same work has been done in Owerri City, capital of Imo State. We made a massive crusade lasting a week. We had open air gospel preaching in the front of Owerri Stadium. Many people attended and received salvation. God wrought wonderful things during this gospel crusade.

We are in need of material for spreading the good news of our Messiah throughout the country (Nigeria). I want you to send us your magazines, tracts, Bibles, booklets and calendars. We will be grateful if you people help us as God provides.

In the name of our Saviour,
Evangelist Simon Ekwubiri

Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.
John 4:35.



Congregation in Kirenga, Kenya, East Africa.



Baptismal service in Kirenga, Kenya, East Africa.

Report from St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands

Dear Elder Fauth and co-workers,

Holy greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus our soon coming King.

We the saints of God take this opportunity to write you these few lines to let you know about the work of the Lord in St. Thomas, V.I.

We are not many but a group of 18 member and a good amount of children. We are preaching the message of the Kingdom, in St. Thomas, by open air meetings.

We would be very grateful if you would send us some tracts.

We hear the news every day about the war between Israel and the PLO. We are praying for the peace of Jerusalem and for their safety. We know the victory is theirs. Hallelujah!

May the Heavenly Father richly bless.

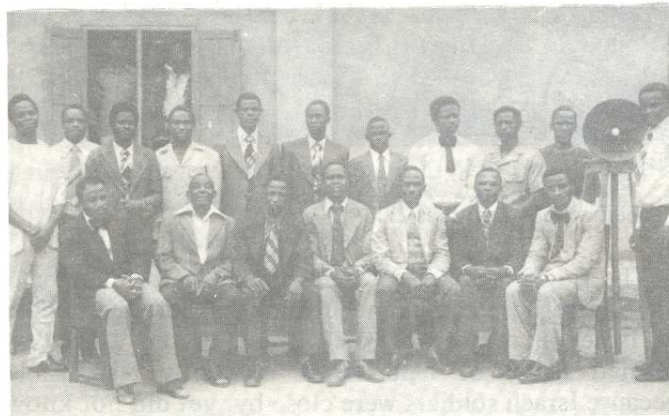
Your brother in one Spirit,
Elder Gilbert Monrose



Conference of The Church of God in Aizawl, Mizoram, India.



Choir of The Church of God in Ibiakono, Local Government Area, Nigeria, West Africa.



Ministers of The Church of God in Ibiakono, Local Government Area, Nigeria, West Africa.

Report from Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa

Dear Brother Fauth,

Hallelujah! Glory and honour to the Almighty. May the grace, mercy and peace from our Heavenly Father be with you, your family, Mount Zion Reporter, Israel and the whole family worldwide, in the precious name of Yahshua Messiah.

I praise and worship the Lord, Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for His great mercies that He has shown towards us through His beloved Son.

It is the efforts of the Lord's servants there at Jerusalem that has encouraged me and many others to support and labour in the Lord's vineyard before He appears in Glory.

We have been very busy in translating tracts into Kikuyo, which we pass to evangelists for distribution during their public meetings. The translation of Bible Lessons into Kikuyo and Kiswahili is now a service our Lord gives to the church here through His servants. We now produce 900 copies of Kikuyo Bible Lessons translated from the Lessons you send us. I am sure you can see fruits of your labour. Again for the first time we have translated articles from the past Mount Zion Reporter magazines into a newsletter of 24 pages. We have produced 500 copies and these will be distributed to the churches tonight. I am praying to our Heavenly Father to continue this work in the name of Yahshua Messiah through His servants. This will enable the message in the Mount Zion Reporter to reach many souls in the language they understand. Hallelujah!

I would like you to remember me and my family and the whole church in Kenya. Let us pray one for another in these perilous times of the end.

Your brother in the service of –
Yahshua Messiah,
Johnson K. Wachira



THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

An aged preacher said: "When I was young, I used to think it was the thunder that killed the people; but when I grew older, I learned it was the lightning. When I first began to preach, I thought the finest sermon would have the best effect; but I found the simple, plain, and pointed statements did more. So I determined, through God's help, to have less thunder and more lightning in my preaching."

What is true of preaching is true also of every other kind of work we might seek to do for the Lord. It is through the Holy Spirit, and not merely the human spirit, that worthwhile work is done for God.

Life in Israel

By Naomi Fauth

Greetings from Jerusalem. Another month has come and it is time to say "Shalom" to one and all of our dear Reporter friends. We are having a nice fall season, and are looking forward to the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles.

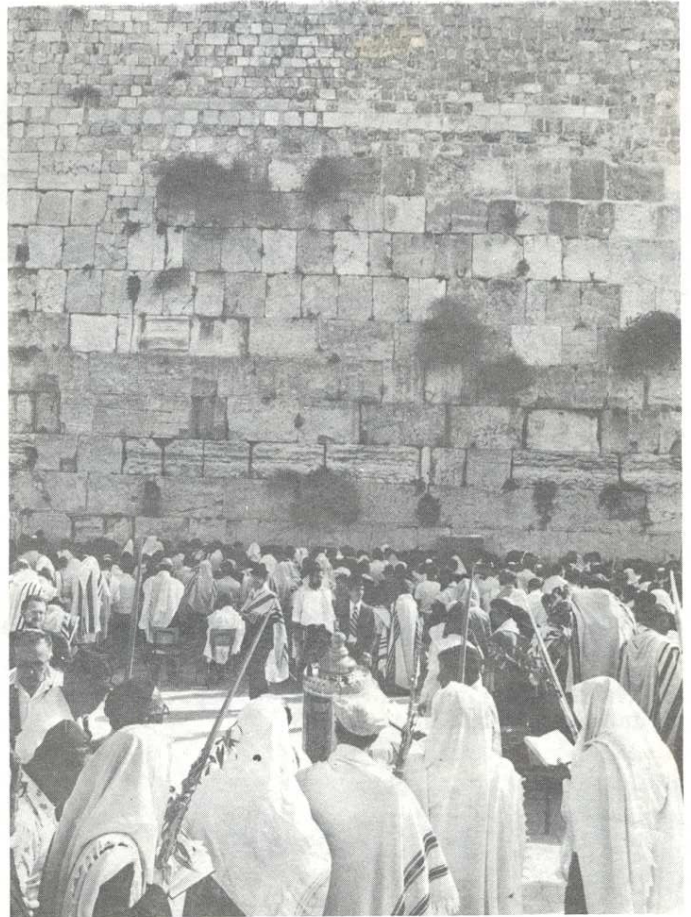
The weather today is a little cool but the sun is shining through the clouds, the sparrows are singing enthusiastically and there are many honey bees (we keep a few hives in the back garden) going about their business. Although there was a light sprinkling a few days ago, we will not be expecting rain in earnest until after the tabernacle holiday.

Israel is always glad when the rainy season begins on time to provide water for the country's newly planted crops. There are even special prayer services held this time of year in the Jewish synagogues petitioning the Heavenly Father to send rain. I remember last year when there was not enough rain for a long spell and farmers were bemoaning their losses, a group of rabbis gathered together to pray about the situation. A day later it began to rain heartily and people all over the country began talking about the little group of rabbis whose prayers God heard.

Last night, on joyous occasion, we attended the wedding feast of Brother and Sister Babisha's daughter, Doris. Doris, a sweet girl whom we love dearly, is marrying a nice young Christian man in her community. The marriage ceremony is tomorrow; then in three days from now will be held, according to a local custom, another celebration for the new bride and groom. This celebration will take place at the groom's father's house and will be marked by a dinner of the same foods which Abraham served the angels in the wilderness (Genesis 18:5-10) who came with the news that Sarah would bare a child. It is amazing how little some customs in this part of the world have changed since Biblical times! Even the traditional band at the wedding feast consisted of the Biblical instrument of 10 strings (Psalms 33:2 — still in common use among Middle Easterners), two pottery drums covered with animal hide, and a tambourine.

Yom Kipper (Day of Atonement) has just passed. It is the holiest day of the year for most Jews and is commemorated with fasting and prayer; all traffic and business in the Jewish parts of Israel comes to a standstill, and thousands journey to the Western Wall by the Temple Mount for prayer. On the eve of Yom Kipper we walked to the Western Wall along with some of our Jewish neighbors. The highways, as usual, instead of cars and motor vehicles, were full of pedestrians (mostly clad in white), and all along the pathway up Mount Zion could be heard the prayers and supplications of God's people praying for forgiveness. This brought to mind a scripture in Zechariah 12:10: *"And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplication and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son."* I could not help being

thrilled, realizing that this is happening today! The spirit of supplication is being poured out upon the house of David, and when it has reached its fullness the Hebrew people will find their true atonement in their Messiah — Christ Jesus. Hallelujah! That will be a Day of Atonement we (I) won't want to miss!



Festivals at the Western Wall during Succot (The Feast of Tabernacles — Leviticus 23:34).

The tragic massacre of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps in Lebanon has left the people of Israel in a state of grief. Much of the world has blamed Israel or held Israel indirectly responsible because Israeli soldiers were close by, yet did not know what was happening in time to prevent the deaths of hundreds of innocent people. Israel, of course, feels terrible about what happened. Said one Israeli soldier who was nearby at the time of the massacre, "We're not responsible for it. No one could have imagined it would happen — but we do feel a bit of guilt. We would have stopped it if we had known. We should have stopped it." The Israel government has called for a full-scale judicial inquiry into the matter, and this in itself shows the deep concern felt here.

It is a sad fact that happenings such as the Beirut massacre have been very common-place in Lebanon throughout the past seven years of war there. During this time 90,000 civilians were killed, mainly by the



Jewish worshippers, dancing with Tora Scrolls, during the Feast of Tabernacles, at the Western Wall.

PLO and Syrians, and it was the Christian communities who suffered the worst losses. I have spoken to many good Christian Lebanese, who, though they do not in any way condone what was done by their so-called fellow Christians in the West Beirut refugee camps, they say they are shocked at the hypocrisy of the world in reacting with so much righteous indignation to this latest tragedy, while in the past the world at large totally ignored the plight of thousands upon thousands of Christian civilians in Lebanon who were being slaughtered in worse ways. These people testify that there is not one Christian family who has not suffered the loss of at least one loved one (in many cases women and children). My heart goes out to the Lebanese people. There are so many good Lebanese people, Moslem and Christian alike, as well as good Palestinians in Lebanon who need our prayers desperately.

The sun is setting over the succa (tabernacle). This is Monday evening and it has been some weeks now since I began writing this. The Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:34) is finally here. The city is arrayed with colorful succa booths, and soon it will be time for Simha Tora (Rejoicing with the Scrolls).

It was a comfort to the people of Israel to receive several thousand Christians from all over the world for the Tabernacle week. They are meeting in Jerusalem's big auditorium to praise and worship the Lord and to express their love for the Nation of Israel.

During the Tabernacle season we are always blessed with many brothers and sisters from abroad with which we enjoy sweet times of fellowship and friendship.

The large succa, which is built every year on the veranda at the publishing house, attracts many Israeli neighbors and friends as well. It is blessed to fellowship with so many of kindred spirit though with diversities of nationality and background. Jerusalem is a meeting place of many cultures and peoples, yet, we never cease to be amazed again and again, at how there is no language barrier and no cultural barrier between God's people. Incidentally, I must mention a dear brother, an aged Russian emigrant, who comes to fellowship at our Sabbath services when he has the strength to walk, although he cannot understand a word of the service. This beloved elderly gentleman has a long white beard as white as his Sabbath vesture. He lives on the outskirts of town, in the Judean Hills toward Bethlehem, and has quite a ways to walk to our place of worship. He walks because he is particular about riding on the Sabbath. (Many observant Jews believe riding in machine driven vehicles on the Sabbath and holy days is forbidden).

My daughters are calling me, asking about preparations for the evening meal, so I will end now with a "Shalom" to all God's people, and a grateful thank you to all who are praying for the Peace of Jerusalem — we appreciate much your messages of encouragement.

Yours in the bond of Christ,
Naomi Fauth



Extracts From Readers' Letters

CALIFORNIA, U.S.A. —

Greetings in our precious Lord Jesus Christ,

Like many, many others around this old world, my heart and prayers are with you all as you work so diligently serving our Saviour.

These are saddening times as we see doors closing on our Messiah's country, Israel. How our Abba's heart must be aching for His Jewish people.

I'm so sorry that our United States government has been disappointing to Mr. Begin lately. Maybe its a part of Bible prophecy.

May God continue to bless you in your efforts to spread the precious gospel. My prayers are always with you and Israel for peace, strength and wisdom.

May Jesus Christ come quickly.

In Him,
N.M.

JAMAICA, WEST INDIES. —

Dear Editor and Staff,

Do accept holy greetings in the mighty name of Jesus our coming King.

I am really thrilled, as I got a chance to read an old *Mount Zion Reporter*. It has so much to offer. I am therefore asking that you start sending me this monthly magazine today.

May God continue to bless you all as you keep up the good work.

I pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Your brother in Christ,
C.H.B.

SWITZERLAND. —

Dear Brother and Sister Fauth,

Blessed be the Lord for evermore!

Thank you for your *Mount Zion Reporter*. I am always looking forward to getting a new issue of it.

You are very blessed to be able to be in Jerusalem. Israel needs prayer warriors. Israel has to look to the Lord for help. There is no other God like the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

May Israel be really and truly broken that God can lift it and Israel can meet their Messiah. Important is the coming of the Lord. He is on the way and we have to be ready. May we obediently and devotedly wait for His coming!

May the grace of our Lord strengthen you and your whole family and all your friends in Jerusalem. This is my prayer.

With all my love, I do remain —
Yours prayingly,
T.G.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA. —

Dear in Christ,

I first of all want to express my sincere and immeasurable thanks for the Bible sent to me. The Bible was very timely and therefore will be very useful to me by drawing me nearer to my Lord Jesus Christ.

Before it came, I had little knowledge of the Bible. Now that I have it (the Bible), it will help in the upbringing of my spiritual life.

I sincerely pray I will receive great blessings from the Holy Bible, God's Word.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Yours sincerely,
A.B.N.

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA. —

Dear Brother and co-heir in Christ Jesus,

Love, grace, peace and joy be multiplied unto you and all the dear ones in Israel.

By the grace of God I will be soon starting my 89th year of my pilgrim-journey here on earth. I am glad, however, for the privilege of still being occupied in the work of the Lord. In fact, I am more and more convinced that the Lord will continue to strengthen and keep me by His grace till He comes to take the reigns of rulership of the nations into His hands. We pray more than ever, "Come, Lord Jesus, come now".

The whole world is crying more and more for real peace, which, of course, is found only in Jesus Christ. We thank God for the sure hope of the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

I want to thank you for sending us *The Mount Zion Reporter* regularly, which is a blessing to many.

God bless you and Israel more and more.

In His wonderful grace and love,
J.R.G.

PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A. —

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings in Jesus precious name.

It was good hearing from you. I am praying for you and your ministry.

I always stick with Israel, but, many around me don't, and this causes me much suffering, insults, etc. Your letter really encouraged me. Thank you so very much. Also thank you for all the literature, prayers, kindness and caring.

I pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

May God richly bless you and your ministry, and keep you in His loving arms.

Prayerfully and with love —
Your friend in Christ,
S.J.L.

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL. —

Dear Sir,

We would like, if possible, for you to send us two Bibles in Romanian.

Thank you,
M.A.

CAYENNE, FRENCH GUYANE. —

Dear Elder and Sister Fauth,

Shalom, to all in the name of our dear Lord, Yahshua. We give thanks and praise to Him for His enduring love towards us.

Elder and Sister Fauth, we thank you sincerely for your support. Not only in prayers for us, but also for the spiritual food of the Lord.

I'm always following Israel and the Arab nations by the radio and by T.V. We see all about the war. We are praying night and day for you, and the church, also for the people of Israel.

I trust this letter of greetings of love, in Yahshua Messiah, will find you and your family, and all the Reporter staff in health (in body and spirit), as it leaves us here in Cayenne.

Yours truly in Christ Jesus,
N.J.

This Amazing Transformation

by Vader Gates

Justification, freely available to all men by virtue of Christ's death-conquering resurrection (Romans 4:25), is but the opening gambit of a whole wonderful experience of rebirth which from repentance and faith moves onwards "if God permits", (Hebrews 6:3) to the final goal of Divine Sonship (Hebrews 2:10; Galatians 4:5; John 1:12).

The first step towards this is taken when a man's eyes are opened for the first time to the heinousness of sin, and, by acceptance in faith of Christ's finished sacrificial work on the Cross as sin-bearer and scapegoat for the sins of the whole world, his wayward heart is reconciled to God so that the enmity towards Him and the inner discords previously arising therefrom which spoilt his life, disappear and are replaced by the peace that passeth all understanding (Philippians 4:7; Isaiah 57:1).

From this starting point, however, the newly born babe in Christ must progressively grow up (1 Corinthians 3:1-2; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Peter 2:2), stage by stage, until he attains "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" or as Phillips has it, until the time comes when he arrives at that measure of development which is meant by "The fulness of Christ". The really testing time comes during this last phase of spiritual growth, better known as sanctification, when obedience is learnt by the things that we are allowed to suffer, and must readily accept as God's will for us.

St. Paul sets out in a few words all that is involved in this amazing transformation, whereby men can become, marvel of marvels, literally beings of a new order of creation (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15), Sons of God (John 1:12) who are actual "partakers of the Divine Nature" (2 Peter 1:4). that is to say "of His holiness" (Hebrews 12:10), or in other words "partakers of Christ" (Hebrews 3:14), which is to say, with His loving selfless heart and temperament, and above all "with His mind" (2 Corinthians 2:16) whose thoughts are not those of the unregenerate worldling, any more than are His ways those of this wicked world (Isaiah 55:8; Luke 16:15).

Writing to the Corinthians St. Paul says, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus. Who of God is made unto us (a) wisdom, and (b) righteousness, and (c) sanctification, and (d) redemption: that, according as it is written, He whose Divine power Peter tells us "hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given to us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4).

To examine one by one each of those things that we owe to Christ and which together make up the sum total of a full salvation, wisdom and knowledge come first (1 Corinthians 12:8). This is conferred when our blind eyes are opened to our sinful lost condition, and we are brought to realize that God, who has "purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not look on iniquity" (Habakkuk 1:13), no longer sees us in the filthy rags of our own righteousness (Isaiah 64:6), but regards only the perfect, glorified, man Christ Jesus, Who suffered vicariously on the Cross that sinners might be clothed in His perfect righteousness.

Knowing ourselves therefore to be completely vindicated before the bar of Divine Justice, we are thus enabled to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

This wisdom, and the faith in the Perfect Sacrifice once offered, requisite for salvation (John 3:16, 36), are both gifts from on high, freely bestowed of Divine Grace (Ephesians 2:8) at the moment of God's choosing, and no one else's! So also is the justification which springs from them, whereby we are reconciled to the Blessed One who all along has been reconciled to us, and has joyfully awaited the preordained moment when we were to turn to Him in love and make our peace, because aware at last of how much He first loved us (1 John 4:19), and this, above all, whilst still in our sins and with enmity in our hearts towards God!

Justification in short can therefore be said to be the absolution and freeing of a sinner from the guilt of sin and death. It is of necessity the starting point in that long wandering in the wilderness which finally as promised leads into the very presence of God (Revelation 22:3-4) dwelling "with men" in the Holy City (New Jerusalem), the holy tabernacle of God come down out of heaven into the new earth (Revelation 21:1-3).

But before the called and provisionally chosen, who, by God's mercy and goodness are thus led to repentance and a knowledge of the truth and given faith in the Saviour to confess Him as Lord (Romans 10:9, 10), can enter into the full enjoyment of His final blessing, they must be also proved faithful, and thus it is written, "give diligence to make your calling and election sure" (2 Peter 1:10). □

— "New Jerusalem Fellowship"

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LIFT UP YOUR HANDS

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth BLESS THEE OUT OF ZION." — Psalms 134:2, 3.

Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

Are, or were Sodom and Gomorrah cities within Israel's present boundaries? Also, what, if anything, exists today, on the plain occupied by these two ancient cities before their destruction (Genesis 19:24, 25)?

ANSWER. —

Sodom and Gomorrah were situated in the "plain" of the Jordan. This plain is today part of the State of Israel. Located on this spot is "The Dead Sea", which contains up to 25 percent mineral content, is 1,286 below sea level (the lowest place on earth), and is 50 miles in length and less than ten in width. It is the southern section of the Dead Sea (said to be caused by an earthquake which came about in ancient times) that is generally regarded as the site of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

QUESTION. —

How do so many Christians get around 1 Corinthians 14:34, 35, which states specifically that women should not speak in church? Is there something I do not understand, or is this passage as it seems to be, i.e. out-right discrimination against women?

ANSWER. —

1 Corinthians 14:34, 35 is specifically applying to women in this case, but it could equally apply to men in other instances. The case to which this verse is referring is one of ignorant women, who before Christ did not have the opportunity or freedom to learn as men did. Therefore, they disrupted the church services with their unlearned and numerous questions, and this is why Paul gave these instructions to the church in Corinth, at that time.

Today the same situation does not exist as regards women exclusively. Women have had liberty in Christ (Galatians 3:28) for thousands of years now, and many are more learned in Biblical matters than men. Taken

in general, this verse means that men, and women, are not allowed to speak out of order in the church. To make this clearer one could consult 1 Corinthians 14:40.

QUESTION. —

There is so much demonic influence in the world these days, that sometimes it seems as if the people of God are powerless against it. It seems as if God does not hear our prayers for deliverance. Although I know my soul is in safety, in the Almighty's hands, I feel my efforts for the Lord and physical body threatened by the enemy. I am just new in the faith, and know that the Bible has all the answers. So please, could you refer me to some Biblical passages of encouragement on which to meditate?

ANSWER. —

Psalms chapter 1, is a wonderful chapter of promise to the man who would put his trust in God. Also, the "91st Psalm" is a wonderful promise of the deliverance and help the Heavenly Father will give His people in time of need. The Lord does care what happens to His children! His promises are sure; and only in Him can we trust.

In Matthew 17:14-21, we read that the disciples did not succeed in casting the demon from the young lad. Christ said this was because of their unbelief. He tells them in the 21st verse that "this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Sometimes we must do more than just ask, we must also fast and pray, in faith, believing that whatever we ask shall be done.

"In all these things we are made more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37-39.

A Labor Of Love

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9.

Sometimes my work reminds me of the fable of a little boy who was crossing the desert alone. He became very thirsty, so he was obliged to dig in the ground with bleeding fingers until he came to water. He drank and went on his weary way. Each time that he became thirsty, he dug holes and his hands became more torn and bleeding. At last he reached the other side, exhausted and fainting, his clothes hanging in dusty rags. Some time later he looked across the desert and saw a happy child coming with his hands full of flowers. The child was taking the same route that he himself had travelled. He looked at the strange sight in perfect amazement.

When the little boy arrived, he asked him how it could be that he had crossed the awful desert and looked so fresh and cool. The child answered, saying, "Oh, the way was beautiful. There are many small

wells out of which comes lovely cool water, and around each of these wells there are flowers and shady bushes and soft grass. I had no trouble at all in crossing."

The first boy looked down at his own scarred fingers and knew that it was his own suffering which had made the desert bloom and made the way easy for other little boys to cross. But the second boy would never think to thank him or to ask who had dug the wells, but he who had laboured so strenuously knew, and was well satisfied.

As I think of this lovely little fable, it gives me courage to go on trying the best I can to dig holes in the desert that others who have never had a chance before, may be able to face life, with the help of God and a knowledge of Him. The years have not all been spent "digging wells" there have been bright, beautiful days full of love and joy, as well as the days of heavy burdens.

— "Grace and Glory"

"Lovest Thou Me?"

This eternal question which Christ asked Peter by the shores of Galilee would perhaps be verbally answered by us in much the same way as it was by Peter: with no hesitation and with all boldness, "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Christ, however, is not satisfied with lip service only, He asks for the proof of our love. The Saviour is pleading with His disciples today as He pled then with Peter: If you love me, show me, "Feed my sheep".

by Anita Youngs

John 12:15-17

"Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs."

Jesus did not leave it at that, however, he sought to drive the point farther. *"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?"* Again Peter's answer was the same, and Christ responded: *"Feed my sheep"*. When Christ asked the third time, *"Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved."* He was, it seems, a bit exasperated by Christ's apparent need for reassurance. Here he was a devout follower of Christ, and being questioned and interrogated like an unbeliever. *"And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee."*

Lovest Thou Me...More Than These?

Let's stop a moment and examine the context of Christ's question. Jesus asked Peter, "Lovest thou me more than these", (more than food and raiment more than luxury and comfort; more than life)? Peter chose, as we see, to answer only the first part of the question, making Christ repeat Himself three times over with no results. Now the purpose of this study is not to scrutinize Peter, it is to show how much alike we, ourselves, are to this famed disciple. (Remember Peter had not yet received the baptism from high — Acts 2 — he had not yet begin to execute Christ's command in Mark 16:15). The purpose of this study is to prove that many, many of us Christians are likewise not yet obeying this command, and thus do not love Christ as we should.

Peter would admit, "I love you Master," but he would not say whether or not he loved Jesus "more than these". This question therefore is left unanswered, it is left for us, as Christ's disciples, to answer and there is only one way to do this: by feeding His sheep.

The Scale Of Judgement

Today many Christians have become caught up in the luxuries of this life and have put other things before God and the humanitarian work Christ requires of us, as followers of His. By doing this we deny Christ in much the same way as Peter did at the judgement hall (Luke 22:61). But, remember, Peter denied Christ because of a lack of willingness to risk His life. The things which cause us to deny Christ are, in most cases, much more trivial.

It seems clear by the evidence, that, if put to the test, we would not even think of standing up for Christ if it meant forfeiting our lives. What is the evidence?

The evidence is that new car sitting in the garage. If we would not even sacrifice it for some starving unsheltered children in another land, than I am 100 percent sure that we would not sacrifice our life for Christ's sake.

You may think that God judges you only for what you do and say. You may think that you are living a justified Christian life by getting along good with your neighbors, going to church and obeying church doctrines; but if this is what you think, than you're in for a big surprise, because Christ does not judge us by our church attendance. There are only a few places where the judgement scene is foretold in the Bible, and they state clearly that we shall be judged not only by what we do, but also by what we do not do. (James 4:17). We will be judged by how much we have helped our fellowman in need.

A Sad Situation

The news everyday speaks of famine, of war, of suffering brought upon unfortunate people in other lands. We receive appeals from the foreign fields, they speak of great hunger and need for the Word of God, in lands where the people have never been exposed to the light of Christ. Native evangelists speak of a need for Gospel tracts to distribute as they trudge, on foot, from village to village. But the more we hear, in this world of advanced communications, the more we shut our ears. We turn off the radio, put down the native evangelists appeal, and go out on a shopping spree. This is a sad situation, Christian, (Yes, I am talking to us again) for if we spend all our time and money selfishly, on the temporal things of this life, and neglect to "feed His sheep", His answer to us, on judgement day, will be: *"Depart from me, ye cursed."* You saw me hungry and didn't feed me, you saw me naked and didn't clothe me, you saw me sick and didn't help me. You saw me in prison and didn't minister unto me. *"Inasmuch as ye have not done it unto these my brethren, ye have not done it unto me."* (Matthew 25:41, 42, 45).

Let us examine ourselves, brethren, are we denying Christ for worldly luxuries? We all proclaim a love for Christ, but do our actions bare witness? If we truly love Him, we will strive with our whole hearts to please Him, *"If a man love me, he will keep my words."* John 14:23. □

"FOR NOT THE HEARERS OF THE LAW ARE JUST BEFORE GOD, BUT THE DOERS OF THE LAW SHALL BE JUSTIFIED." ROMANS 2:13.

Israel Rated World's Fourth Strongest Military Power

Israel, with a population of only four million, is the fourth strongest military power in the world after the U.S., the Soviet Union and China, say analysts at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Per capita, the Jewish state is the world's most heavily armed nation and spends more proportionately on defence than any other country, including the superpowers, the analysts say.

Last year Israeli defence expenditure totalled \$7.34 billion or \$1,835 for every man, woman and child, the IISS reported. Israel is the only Middle East country with its own defence industry and builds its own tanks, planes and other weapons.

The IISS, a centre for military and political studies, lists Israel's armed forces at 135,000 men and women, including 110,000 conscripts. But with full mobilization, it can field 450,000 trained personnel within 24 hours in a unique citizen's army of veterans.

The army has nearly 4,000 tanks, including some 450 Soviet T-54, T-55, and Y-62 tanks captured from Moscow-supported Arab opponents over the years. It also has 8,000-9,000 armoured combat vehicles and some 2,000 artillery pieces and rocket launchers.

By comparison, the IISS lists the U.S. army of 775,000 personnel with some 11,400 tanks, 20,000 armoured fighting vehicles and 14,700 artillery guns and missile launchers.

The Soviet Union, with an army of 1.82 million, has 45,000 tanks, 62,000 armoured fighting vehicles and some 22,700 guns, self-propelled guns and missile launchers, the institute said.

Israel's air force, with some 600 combat planes, is "without doubt the best in the world," IISS analyst Major Elliott noted. It has U.S.-supplied F-15, F-16, and F-4 Phantoms, plus French-built Mirage IIIs, A-4 skyhawks and Israel-made Kfir fighters.

The U.S. airforce has some 1,450 combat aircraft and the Soviets an estimated 5,300, IISS said.

Israel's navy is the smallest fighting army with three Type-206 submarines, two missile corvettes, 22 missile-carrying attack craft and 40 coastal patrol boats.

The U.S. navy has 201 major combat surface ships, including 14 aircraft carriers, and 84 attack submarines. The Soviets have 294 major surface ships and 259 subs.

Analysts believe Israel's military strength lies not only in the motivation of its forces and their combat-tested weaponry, including some of the most sophisticated non-nuclear hardware in the world, but in its ability to improve and develop armour, aircraft and electronic weapons from lessons learned in combat.

"They have developed equipment that even the Americans don't have," Elliott noted. "They pass on to the Americans what they want to tell them. If the Americans make specific requests they are usually answered, but they don't volunteer much."

The air force is believed to have used top-secret electronic equipment, developed independently in Israel, in its stunning victory against Syrian fighters and missile batteries in Lebanon's Bekaa valley in June.

In one day 90 F-15s and F-16s backed by U.S.-made E-2C Hawkeye radar planes and modified Boeing 707 electronic counter-measure planes to spoof missile defences, destroyed 80 Soviet-supplied MiG-21s and MiG-23s and knocked out 19 SAM-6 missiles batteries for no loss.

— reprinted from "The Jerusalem Post"

Note. — Dean Brown, director of the U.S. Middle East Institute in Washington recently said that "Israel is now the third military superpower in the world, after America and the Soviet Union."

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WORDS OF COMFORT

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. . . And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army, for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word. . . As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; and passing over he will preserve it. . . And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. . . The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. . . And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. . . Judah

shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. . . Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. . . For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

(Joel 2:11,21,27,32;3:16,20;Isaiah 31:5;54:17;55:12)

THE ALMIGHTY CHOSE ZION

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My rest for ever. Here will I dwell, for I have desired it." — Psalms 132:13, 14.

"Let them be confounded and turned back that hate Zion." — Psalms 129:5.

"The Lord shall inherit Judah His portion in the Holy Land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for He is raised up out of His holy habitation." — Zechariah 2:12, 13.



ARSON DESTROYS JERUSALEM CHURCH

Early Friday morning, October 8, 1982, a fire burned down the Baptist church in West Jerusalem. Police laboratory tests showed that the fire was caused by arson. Two young men were arrested on suspicion of the act. One was reported to be found in possession of anti-missionary literature.

The congregation's regular Saturday morning service took place, the next day as scheduled, in a yard beside the gutted church. Attending were regular worshippers, Jewish neighbors and hundreds of visitors from abroad who were in Jerusalem at the time for the International Christian Feast of Tabernacles Celebration (sponsored by the Christian Embassy). The service began with a hymn from Isaiah 61:3, "To give them beauty for ashes."

The Baptist minister, Pastor Robert Lindsay, said there should be no sadness at the destruction of the church, but called on the congregation to pray to clean the evil from the hearts of those who committed the deed.

There have been attempts made against Christian sites in Jerusalem before. Some years back, an attempt was made to burn down our publishing house, which fortunately failed, and we have had other experiences, and so have others in the Christian community. There is a small extremist Jewish element which considers the Christians, and especially those they brand as missionaries, to be a serious threat to the Jewish people. It is perhaps not so surprising, considering the persecutions the Jews suffered during their centuries of exile, often at the hands of Christians, or so-called Christians, but it is a shame nonetheless.

It must be emphasized, though, that the vast majority of the Jewish population in Israel is fair and tolerant in their attitude toward other religions. Prime Minister Begin, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, the Jerusalem chief rabbis and other officials all condemned the burning of the church. A fund was immediately set up by the Jerusalem municipality to raise money to rebuild the church and accounts were opened at banks into which the public could contribute. Mayor Kollek gave IS1,000, and the municipality IS10,000, and contributions began coming in from all parts of Israel.

Communist Bible

Yes, there is a communist version of the Holy Bible. *Christianity Today* recently had an editorial on "Bibles a Sellout in China." It noted that "late last year the government-sponsored Patriotic Three-Self Movement in the People's Republic of China printed 85,000 Bibles and 50,000 New Testaments."

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"Communist Propaganda — Communist Print the Bible — Rev. Kenny Joseph, a veteran Christian missionary in Japan, has expressed some concern. . . Missionary Joseph says that 'What *Christianity Today* omits at their peril is the fact that — (1) In the introduction to their 50,000 New Testaments it says Joseph, Jesus' father, was a Communist and his Son Jesus tried to lead a Communist Revolution, but was assassinated. But we Chinese Communists will carry it to completion etc., ad nauseum. (2) You have to sign your name and address to get their 'Bible,' a very convenient list when the times comes to cut down the '100 flowers that bloomed'."

A commentary appended to this new translation sets forth Jesus as a carpenter engaged in a bitter struggle with the rich men of Nazareth, and Joseph is portrayed as an ardent Communist. The commentary states that Jesus had won over a small group of fishermen and a banker's clerk, Matthew. Jewish capitalists — they maintain — had Jesus executed, but before He died, He told His followers that ultimately communism would win. Meanwhile they must share everything including their wages. This small group became the first Christian church which was a communist society. It further explains that the bankers soon bought over most of the members so that the church became the tool of the rich. Communism in China — they maintain — is a return to what Jesus taught, and it aims to restore primitive Christianity! Liberal European and American preachers have been laying the groundwork for this kind of prostituted Bible for several decades, by the devil uttered from many affiliated with the National Council and World Council of Churches.

"... There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. . . let him be accursed." Galatians 1:7, 8. Peter presents the devil as a roaring, devouring lion! (1 Peter 5:8). □

— "Bible in the News"

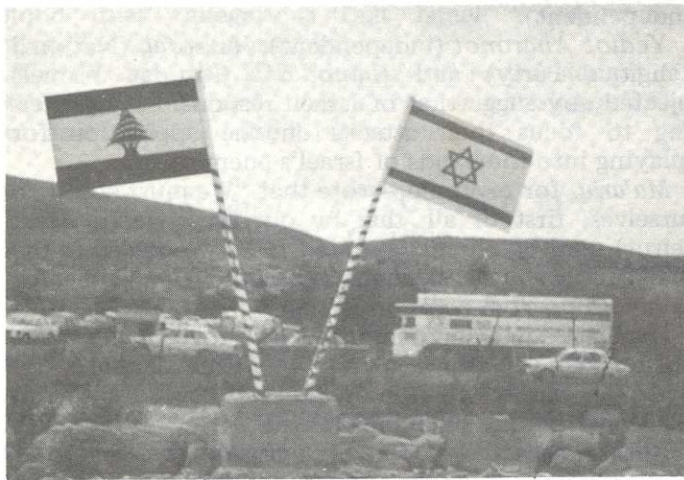
HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL!

We are urgently in need of funds for printing tracts, booklets, books and other materials, both in English and in other languages. There is a very great demand, and we are hard put to meet it. The cost of paper, postage, ink, etc. has been going up at a tremendous rate, and our publishing ministry has become very expensive. We need your help, and any amount sent in for this work will be put to good use in doing the Will of the Lord. Pray about it!

LEBANON AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (continued from page 3)

the Arab world, friendly relations with Israel would be a definite handicap. On the other hand, at the moment Lebanon needs Israel to guaranty its sovereignty and to keep the Syrians, still entrenched in Northern Lebanon, at bay.

Israel has already clashed with the Lebanese government over the issue of housing for the inhabitants of refugee camps severely damaged in the earlier fighting. In some of these camps the people are practically without shelter, and winter is almost here. Houses could be built, but Lebanon's new government has flatly forbidden this, insisting that only temporary shelters be erected. UNWRA has begun to put up tents, but this is not felt to be a good solution, and Israel has just lately announced that it will give cement to each family, and protect the people while they build their houses. Israel will also allow several Israeli companies that specialize in prefabricated structure to put up buildings in these camps.



Israel's flag flies with Lebanon's at the "Good Fence" on their borders. For seven years, Israel had been doing all it can to help the beleaguered people of Southern Lebanon, providing support, material aid and health services. Israel — A Jewish state — was the only country in the world to come to the aid of the Christian Lebanese in their hour of need. Most Lebanese — Christian and Moslem — are well aware that without Israel's intervention Lebanon would have ceased to exist (in fact, it almost did); and the Lebanese we talked to were almost unanimous in their praise for Israel.

The Lebanese people have suffered much at the hands of the PLO and Syria. There is hardly a Christian family in Lebanon that has not had loved ones brutally murdered. Even so, those we talked with showed a good spirit, and deplored what happened in the West Beirut camps. Most Lebanese — Christian, Moslem, Druse — want an end to the strife, and a chance to live in peace and to rebuild their country. But, although the Syrians and the PLO are now gone from the main part of Lebanon, the Palestinian refugees remain, in their often miserable camps. And these camps and their inhabitants — once dominated by the PLO — are seen by many Lebanese as being part and parcel of the PLO. Sadly and ironically, that is exactly what the PLO maintained, claiming it was the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people", and brutally

repressing any of these "people" who dared disagree. The actual fact of the matter is that the PLO is a terrorist organization — a parasite that preys on the Palestinian people and uses them for its own ends. "Palestinian" and "PLO" should not be used as synonymous terms.

The new Lebanese government will have its work cut out for it, keeping peace and order among the different factions that make up the population. First, there are the Christians, with a couple main factions. Then there are the various Moslem groups, as well as a sizable Druse community. And there are some half a million Palestinian Arabs living in Lebanon. In the past, all these groups have at times fought among themselves and with one another. It has been aptly said that Lebanon is really a nation made up of many smaller nations, often as small as the community, clan, or religious group that a person belongs to. Even with the lesson of the past seven years to profit from, it is not at all certain that it will be possible to get the Lebanese to forget their feuds and differences and work together for a strong, united Lebanon, one that can resist foreign domination.

The war in Lebanon and the Phalange massacre of Palestinians in West Beirut has brought a noticeable chilliness into Israel's relations with Egypt. The Egyptian ambassador, called home for 'consultations' some weeks ago, has still not returned, the autonomy negotiations are stalled, and the border dispute at Taba (a few km. south of Eilat) continues. There is not yet any real normalization of relations between the two nations as envisaged by the Camp David accords, and progress towards this goal has lately been lacking. In fact, some Israeli observers are now saying that the normalization process really stopped with Sadat's death, and that Egyptian President Mubarak, who badly wants a reapproachment with the mainstream of the Arab world, was waiting for an excuse like Lebanon to come along in order to cool relations with Israel. If so, this could lead to a serious situation. Time will tell.

The problem of Lebanon will probably be with us for some time. Although Israel would like to withdraw, this would be difficult unless Syria also agreed to withdraw from its positions in Northern Lebanon, in the Bakaa valley. The war in Lebanon has been a relatively inexpensive one for Israel so far, both in terms of materials and in terms of lives lost. But the longer Israel remains in Lebanon the more expensive it will become.

Lebanon has always occupied a unique position in the Middle East. It is one of the Arab states bordering Israel, but at the same time it is the only Christian Arab nation anyplace. Recent events in Lebanon have been right in line with Bible Prophecy and have helped to bring the world much closer to certain great prophetic signposts, world-shaking events which will herald the soon return of our Redeemer and King. In future issues we will be taking a closer look at Lebanon, and the part it has to play in the prophecies concerning Israel and the times we live in. □



NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

2 JORDANIANS HANGED FOR SPYING FOR ISRAEL

AMMAN. — Two Jordanian men convicted of spying for Israel were hanged at dawn yesterday at Amman's main prison, according to an official announcement.

The pair, Mohammed Abdul Jawad, 56, and Mohammed Mahmud Hassan, 50, had been convicted of high treason.

VILLAGE LEAGUE NEWSPAPER MAKES DEBUT

HEBRON. — A new Arabic newspaper published by the Hebron village league of Mustafa Dudein, known for his opposition to both the PLO and to Jordan, has begun to appear on the newstands of Judea and Samaria.

Called *Umm al-Kura* ("Mother of the Villages"), the paper's editorial said that it would "work for the national goals of ending the occupation and acquiring the right to determine our future through direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians."

FILM EXTRAS WERE IN AUSCHWITZ TOGETHER

Two women acting as "extras" in a film about Holocaust survivors were reunited when they recognized each other as former inmates in Auschwitz.

Vera Grieger, of Dimona, and Shoshana Stark, of Jerusalem, were taking part in the filming of *Remembrance of Love*, starring Kirk Douglas, at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma. They suddenly fell upon each other sobbing and the filming had to be interrupted. They had been girls together in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

The setting of the film is the Holocaust Survivors' Gathering which was held last year in Jerusalem.

100,000 JEWS IN WEST BANK BY 1986

The natural rate of increase of the Palestinian population of the West Bank is lower than that of the Jews inside Israel proper, and the Jewish population of the West Bank is likely to be 100,000 by 1986. These are among the findings of a study by former Jerusalem deputy mayor Dr. Meron Nenvenisti into the major changes brought about by the government's settlement drive and the 15-year Israeli presence in the territories.

NAVON: JEWS, ARABS FATED TO LIVE TOGETHER

GINNOSAR. — President Yitzhak Navon said that the majority of Israeli Arabs had proved their loyalty to the state. The president was speaking at this kibbutz by the shores of Lake Kinneret (Galilee) at the traditional Jewish-Arab get-together, sponsored in the past by the late Yigal Allon.

Navon told the assembly, which included 1,600 Jewish and Arab high school pupils: "We must accept the fact that two peoples live in Israel."

Jews or Arabs who would prefer that the other did not live here were wrong, said the president. Fate had decreed that the two peoples live side by side and they should work together to make this fate into a positive reality.

NEVER AGAIN WILL SETTLEMENTS BE UPROOTED

In any future negotiations on a peace treaty between Israel and its neighbours, Israel will reject any proposal to dismantle any Jewish settlement, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday.

Making a political statement at the opening session of the Knesset's summer term, Begin said that this was originally Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's motion, and that the whole cabinet had supported it.

HEBREW PRESS SPLITS OVER MASSACRE

The Hebrew press was sharply divided over the extent of the government's responsibility for the massacre in West Beirut refugee camps.

The editorial line that Israel bore indirect responsibility for the wanton killings of hundreds of Palestinian refugees was adopted by *Ha'aretz* (independent), *Davar* (Histadrut), *Al-Hamishmar* (Mapam) and *Ma'ariv* (independent).

Yediot Aharonot (independent), *Hatzofeh* (National Religious Party) and *Hamodia* (Agudat Yisrael) rejected any suggestion of Israeli responsibility preferring to focus their attacks on the opposition for "playing into the hands of Israel's enemies."

Ma'ariv, for example, wrote that "We must admit to ourselves, first of all, that by our presence (in West Beirut), and by the exaggerated faith we placed in the Phalange, we have become indirectly responsible for the awful pogrom committed there."

Harshest in condemning the government was *Al-Hamishmar*, which wrote that "this slaughter has made the war in Lebanon the greatest disaster to befall the Jewish people since the Holocaust."

Both *Hamodia* and *Hatzofeh* argued that not even the Security Council resolution condemning the massacre pinned responsibility on Israel. *Hatzofeh*, however, asserted that "opposition circles in Israel are exploiting this human tragedy to launch an unrestrained campaign of incitement against the government and the IDF. They are not ashamed to place weapons in the hands of Israel's enemies."

Ha'aretz called for the immediate resignation of Eitan and Defence Minister Sharon, while *Davar* and *Al-Hamishmar* demanded the resignation of the entire cabinet. *Ma'ariv* called for a thorough examination of the events surrounding the massacre, and for removing from office those found responsible for "the fateful mistake."

"Someone relied on a group that shouldn't have been relied upon," *Ma'ariv* concluded, and "we should be assured that his mistaken judgement will not again serve as a stumbling block and a source of shame and heartbreak for us all."

PELICANS FEASTING

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Heavy damage has been caused to fishponds in the north in recent weeks due to the influx of large flocks of pelicans to the region, kibbutz officials said.

The local kibbutzim have tried to frighten the pelicans away by hooting car horns and firing shots into the air. But the birds have been undeterred, feeding at will in the ponds.

ISRAELI ATTACKS CAUSED ONLY 25% OF BEIRUT'S WAR DAMAGE

BEIRUT. — The damage caused to Beirut by three months of Israeli air and artillery strikes constitutes only about 20 to 25 per cent of the city's total war damage, according to Mayor Mitri Nammar.

The mayor said in an interview this week that he and municipal engineers had made an informal survey of war damage since the Israeli siege began in June and compared it with the damage caused during eight years of civil strife in the city, particularly 1975-6. Extensive surveys had been made of the earlier damage, he said.

U.S. JEWS LAMENT MASSACRE, BUT NEVERTHELESS BACK ISRAEL

NEW YORK. — American Jewish leaders expressed shock over the massacre in Beirut but rejected any attempt to blame Israel for the slaying. They stressed that their support for Israel had not diminished.

However, several leaders were quite outspoken in their criticism of recent moves by the Israeli government in Lebanon.

The Israeli Embassy ran full-page ads in *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, denouncing as "blood libel" allegations that Israeli forces were responsible for the massacres.

The ads said the IDF "put an end to the slaughter and forced the Lebanese unit to evacuate the camp" as soon as it learned of the "tragic events."

OIL SHALE MIGHT SUPPLY OUR FUEL FOR 40 YEARS

Israel's oil imports equal 40 per cent of her total visible imports and over one-tenth of her national income. Moreover, oil supplies are largely controlled by OPEC, which is largely controlled by the Arabs.

This explains why Yitzhak Berman, on becoming Energy Minister, gave his blessing to the creation of the Pama Company — Pama being short (in Hebrew) for Energy Resources Development.

There are two ways of reducing the dependence on imported oil. One is to use imported coal, as Israel's newest power-station in Hadera is doing. But coal costs foreign currency too, added to which not all energy-users can avail themselves of that substance, at least in its combustible form.

The second way to reduce oil imports, Pama has decided, is to exploit local deposits of oil shale. Besides, coal does not have to be used only for burning. The company is studying methods of turning it into gas — which would widen its industrial uses, notably in the petrochemical branch.

What is an oil shale? The word "shale" means a stone that splits easily into fine pieces. An oil shale is a stone of that kind, coloured grey, and permeated (if the observer did not know it) with petroleum. Israel has reserves — discovered so far — exceeding five billion tons.

GOLAN SHEPHERD DIES AFTER STEPPING ON MINE

GOLAN HEIGHTS. — A shepherd, Mahana Hassan Abu Awad from Bukata village on the Golan Heights, was killed when he stepped on a mine near Kibbutz Elrom.

The mine was believed to date back to the Six Day War. In the past, shepherds and tourists have been injured in similar incidents in the area.

U.S. EX-GENERALS PRAISE IDF CONDUCT IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV. — Six retired American generals, who have just completed a study tour to Israel and Lebanon, said that they were amazed at how little civilian damage was caused by the Israel Defence Forces in Operation Peace for Galilee.

Lt. Gen. (ret.) Harry Kinnard, a former commanding general of the U.S. army combat development command, said that compared to anything in his military experience the damage to civilians was minimal.

His statement was supported by all the other members of the delegation.

The retired general said that during their stay they had visited all fronts in Lebanon, including Beirut and the Bekaa Valley, and that in all their contacts the IDF had been "candid, open and honest."

They said that the Israeli officers they had met with had openly shared technical and operational information on the IDF's performance, and that they in turn had made this information available to the American military attache here. They would also brief top-level personnel in the U.S. when they return.

The most striking impression left by their visit to Lebanon, they said, was the damage caused to that country in seven years of civil war. "One can easily distinguish between new and old damage, and from what we saw Israel was extremely cautious — even at the risk of its own men — to avoid civilian damage," Kinnard said.

Lt. Gen. (ret.) Sidney Berry, a former superintendent of West Point Military Academy, said he was impressed by the medical treatment given by the IDF not only to the Syrian Army wounded, but to the terrorists as well. "They were flown out of the battle zone almost as quickly as the Israelis," he said, adding he had never seen anything like it in combat before.

ISRAEL TIES LEBANON IN FOOTBALL GAME

REHOVOT. — The football game yesterday between a team from Marjayoun in southern Lebanon and a Rehovot squad was a rousing success, ending in a diplomatic 1-1 tie.

About 2,000 spectators turned out for the match between the Marjayoun 11, dressed in blue and white, and a local team made up of Maccabi Sha'arayim old-timers, at the Rehovot squad's stadium.

The game was the highlight of a two-day visit to Israel by 38 residents of Marjayoun in the Christian-controlled enclave. Today the Lebanese will visit Jerusalem before heading home.

"We love Israel," said 21-year-old Isam Diba, an engineering student and a member of the Marjayoun team. "We want peace."

CAIRO RADIO TO AIR HEBREW LESSONS

Cairo Radio has decided to broadcast Hebrew lessons in cooperation with Israel Radio.

The half-hour programme *Learn Hebrew*, which has been aired on Israel Radio's Arabic programme for over a year, will be heard in Egypt on Sundays and Wednesdays for several months.

David Sagiv, director of Arabic broadcasting, has received a letter of thanks from Cairo Radio, praising the "Fruitful cooperation between the two stations." The Israeli station has received hundreds of letters from Egyptians expressing their gratitude for the Hebrew lessons, which were heard in Egypt as well as Israel, according to the Broadcasting Authority.

ISRAELI DRUSE TO MARRY LEBANESE GIRL

KIRYAT SHMONA. — This week for the first time since 1948, an engagement ceremony took place between an Israeli Druse soldier and a Druse girl from Lebanon. The marriage ceremony will take place in a few days.

The soldier, Khalil Abu Rukun of Usfiya village, earlier this month entered a store in Jabl Farah in the eastern sector in Lebanon to buy a cold drink. The soldier introduced himself to the girl in the store after she asked her father, the owner, not to accept payment.

Abu Rukun returned to his village and told his parents: "I went to war and came back with a wife." The girl's parents, preceding her, then came to Usfiya. She will arrive for the wedding in a few days and the couple will live in Usfiya.

U.S. CHRISTIANS: LEBANESE WELCOME ISRAEL

The actual Lebanese situation bears little resemblance to some of the reports in the U.S. media, leaders of a visiting group of prominent U.S. Christians told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday after returning from Lebanon.

During their three-day visit to Israel and Lebanon, the 46 members of the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel visited Tyre, Sidon and Beirut. They reported that their conversations with Lebanese civilians had convinced them that Operation Peace for Galilee was welcomed by the Lebanese people.

Conference President David Lewis quoted one Lebanese as telling him that "We would like them all to leave, including Israel. But Israel shouldn't leave in a hurry."

DIRECT DIALLING NOW POSSIBLE TO LEBANON

TEL AVIV. — A direct-dial telephone system has gone into operation linking Israel with thousands of phones in South Lebanon, the company that compiled the exchange's new telephone directory said yesterday.

MENUS

Restaurateurs in the Lake Karoun area in Lebanon have translated their menus into Hebrew with the help of an Israel Druse army officer.

LEBANESE DRUSE TO PRAY IN ISRAEL

HAIFA. — Several hundred Lebanese Druse are expected to flock this morning to Hittin village near Tiberias to pray at the Druse shrine of Nebi Shu'eib.

On the eve of the first visit of Lebanese Druse to Israel in 35 years, Sheikh Kamal Tarif, an Israeli Druse dignitary, said yesterday that "Israel must do its best not to miss the historic opportunity to gain the hearts and minds of the more than 300,000 Druse in Lebanon."

ISRAEL MAY YET BECOME CENTRE FOR MOSLEM TOURISM: NAVON

Israel can yet become a centre for Moslem and Arab tourism, President Yitzhak Navon told recipients of the Outstanding Tourism Operator awards.

In one of the few public events at Beit Hanassi which was not cancelled on account of the war in Lebanon, Navon noted that above and beyond any other attraction, Israel was a spiritual centre for about a third of the world's population.

DEMOCRACY AND GROWTH IMPRESS

Israel seems to be coping so well with her inflation "that I'm not quite sure whether you have inflation or not," This was the reaction of Thomas M. Galt, Toronto member of the Israel Bond National Insurance Delegation which concluded a week's study of the country yesterday.

Galt, chairman and chief executive officer of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, was commenting on Israel's indexation system as outlined for delegates by Israel's Commissioner of Capital Markets, Savings and Insurance, Dr. Ben-Ami Zuckerman.

The positive Israeli attitude towards the future and the country's general sense of vitality evoked the mood of the U.S. a century ago, said Robert N. Houser, chairman and chief executive officer of Des Moines Bankers Life Co.

DAHAF POLL OF ISRAELI ARABS SELF-IDENTITY SHOWS: 40% ARE 'ISRAELI ARABS,' 20% 'PALESTINIAN ISRAELIS'

How would you describe yourself — as an Israeli, an Arab, an Arab Israeli or a Palestinian, Palestinian Israeli or a Palestinian Arab?

These were terms, possibly indicative in themselves of the dilemmas facing Israel's Arab population were put to a representative sample, 40 per cent of whom defined themselves as Arab Israelis, and 20 per cent as Palestinian Israelis.

These are two of the results of a recent poll conducted by Shmuel Toledano, a former Arab-affairs advisor who now runs the Arab research section for the Dahaf Research Institute.

Toledano said that in general the results were "encouraging" for Israel's relations with its Arab population.

'ARMLESS' LEBANESE BABY TRACED BY IDF MEDICAL UNIT

The Health Ministry on Friday released what it termed conclusive proof that a United Press International photograph of a wounded Lebanese baby had been deliberately misrepresented in the world communication media in order to smear Israel.

The photograph, published worldwide on August 2, showed what was described as a severely burned baby girl, with arms amputated, who had been wounded during an Israeli bombardment of West Beirut.

Published in many newspapers throughout the world, including *The Washington Post*, the photograph came to symbolize Israel's allegedly "indiscriminate bombing of civilians" in West Beirut. U.S. President Ronald Reagan has kept a copy of the picture on his desk to remind him of civilian suffering in Lebanon.

The Health Ministry suspected the veracity of the photograph, however, and sent a special team to find the baby. Dr. Ya'acov Adler, head of an Israeli medical unit treating Lebanese civilians, led the team which traced the baby. He reported his findings Friday night on Israel Television's weekly newsreel.

Adler found the baby of the UPI photograph to be a healthy, nearly recovered boy — not girl — with a broken left arm still in a cast, but both arms otherwise intact. The burns of the infant boy's face were almost healed and the burns on his chest were still bandaged.

He was released from a Beirut hospital five days after his picture as a moribund girl made front pages around the world.

EGYPTIANS TOUR KIBBUTZ

"Well you have to believe in it," was the conclusion of former Egyptian prime minister Mustapha Khalil following a brief run-through of the ABCs of kibbutz life at Kiryat Anavim.

Khalil, second to President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party, spent two hours touring the Jerusalem Corridor kibbutz along with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali, and other members of the Egyptian delegation here as guests of the Labour Party.

The visit started with a no-frills lunch in the Kiryat Anavim dining hall, with the distinguished guests helping themselves to standard kibbutz fare at the self-service counter and carrying their trays back to an unladen table.

"Just like the kibbutzniks," one of the hosts suggested.

"Just like a cafeteria," Khalil replied.

The highlight of the brief tour that followed was undoubtedly the visit to one of the kibbutz children's houses. Khalil and Ghali were each presented with a little bouquet by children who greeted them in carefully drilled Arabic. They were also given a folder of paintings by their six-year-old hosts, with each child coming forward to explain the nature of his picture.

This part of the tour ended, at Peres' behest, with a shy and somewhat reluctant rendition of the obligatory "Heveinu shalom aleichem."

Khalil retrieved the situation with an appropriate diplomatic sally. He pointed out the close similarities between the Hebrew greeting "Shalom aleichem" and its Arabic equivalent "Salaam aleikum" and remarked: "So the differences between us are not so great, after all!"

ISRAEL REJECTS WORLD CHURCH CRITICISM

Israel has sharply rejected a communique by the World Council of Churches castigating its actions in Lebanon. A Foreign Ministry statement issued in Jerusalem this week charged that the WCC has based its strictures on wrong and distorted information.

"The WCC commission was led astray regarding the alleged barring of humanitarian agencies from extending help to the needy and the International Committee of the Red Cross from visiting camps where terrorists are detained.

"This is simply untrue. Red Cross representatives have visited the camps and testified to the satisfactory conditions prevailing in them. The commission has also failed to be informed of the extensive reconstruction and rehabilitation activity under way in the liberated South Lebanon.

"One would have expected the WCC to stress that the PLO and the Syrian forces — and not Israel — for seven long years destroyed the sovereignty of the Lebanese state and that hundreds of churches and Christian holy places were desecrated by them. "... We can hope that the counsel will in future be guided by information based on proven facts."

BLAST ON BUS INJURES GIRL

A small bomb that went off in a number 3 bus in Jerusalem slightly wounded an eight-year-old girl. A woman passenger suffered shock. Both were released after treatment at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus.

Jerusalem police Commander Rahamim Comfort called on the public to be alert and to inform police of any suspicious objects.

DEAD SEA WORKS IN \$88m. EXPANSION

TEL AVIV. — The Dead Sea Works, one of the world's major suppliers of potash, has announced that it is launching an \$88 million expansion project. During fiscal 1981-82 the company reached a production peak of 1.5 million tons of potash.

On completion of the expansion, 480,000 tons will be added to the company's annual production. By 1985-86 the Dead Sea Works will reach a total capacity of 2.1 million tons.

FIRST LEBANESE TOURISTS GET ROYAL WELCOME IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV. — Fourteen Lebanese tourists made history yesterday by crossing the border into Israel for a four-day visit. The group was received at a Tel Aviv hotel by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir, who expressed hope that the tourism ties between Israel and Lebanon would pave the way for a peace agreement.

The group, whose members come from Beirut, Sidon, Tyre, Nabatiye and other towns, liked the first sight of Israel so much that they asked Sharir whether they could stay for a full week.

"The people of Israel welcome you with an open heart," Sharir told the Lebanese tourists, "and we hope that many others will follow your footsteps and come to Israel. From today on, our two nations will be friends."

SHOSTAK: ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO COOPERATE IN MEDICINE

The prospects for close medical cooperation between Israel and Egypt seem very good, Health Minister Elisazer Shostak said, after a meeting at his office in Jerusalem with the first Egyptian medical delegation to visit Israel.

PUPILS TO HELP KEEP SCHOOLS CLEAN

Pupils from grades seven through 12 will find themselves mopping floors, sweeping the halls and tending the flower beds around their schools this year in a new programme to be introduced by the Education Ministry designed to save money while teaching youngsters the value of work.

Educationally, the programme is intended to help the pupils "appreciate the value of self-help and manual labour," and to instill an appreciation of "cleanliness, beauty and respect for public property."

GREAT SYNAGOGUE OF JERUSALEM TO BE DEDICATED

President Yitzhak Navon, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the chief rabbis, cabinet ministers and members of the diplomatic corps will be among the 1,800 persons attending this week's dedication of the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem, the largest and most costly synagogue ever built in Israel.

Located adjacent to the seat of the Chief Rabbinate, Hechal Shlomo, the \$14.5 million house of worship will open Wednesday afternoon, when guests in formal dress will be the first to sit in the red plush-and oak seats.

The ceremony will begin with the sounding of a ram's horn, the affixing of the *mezuzah* by Jerusalem's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shalom Mashash, the kindling of the perpetual light and the *menorah*. A procession of Torah scrolls will follow.

EARLY CLOSING OF PASSION PLAY

The *Passion Play of Jerusalem*, which was scheduled to run until the end of November, was closed for the season this week after massive cancellations by Christian groups because of the war situation.

The play, which portrays the death of Jesus, was specially written to expunge the traditional anti-Semitic slant in such productions. Also closed was a parallel Nativity Play at Shepherd's Field near Bethlehem.

'THE POST' GOES ON SALE IN LEBANON

BEIRUT. — *The Jerusalem Post* went on sale at Lebanese newsstands on Friday. It is the first general Israeli newspaper to be distributed in Lebanon and the only English language daily of any origin available.

Initial reaction to the sale of *The Post* seemed favourable. A surgeon at the American University Hospital in Beirut said the newspaper was a "boon for me and other professionals in the city. It is the only English language daily one can get here."

As he quickly leafed through the paper he had just purchased for three Lebanese pounds from a vendor in the Baabda neighborhood, he nodded approvingly each time he noticed a headline related to Lebanon. "It will not only tell us about Israel but, more importantly, it will give us an objective view of our own situation in Lebanon. Because, you know, every newspaper in our country is clearly identified with one side or another," he said.

Walid Phares, an East Beirut lawyer who heads the Christian Intellectual Group of Lebanon, said he was very pleased at the arrival of *The Post*. "We have all heard of it," he noted. "It is widely quoted in our Arabic and French newspaper."

WEST BANK COURT GETS FIRST WOMAN MAGISTRATE

RAMALLAH. — The first woman magistrates court judge in Judea and Samaria was appointed yesterday by Menahem Milson, the West Bank civilian administrator.

Iman Nasre-Din, was presented with her letter of appointment at a ceremony at Ramallah Magistrates Court, where she will preside.

FIRST ISRAELI 'TEST-TUBE' BABY BORN — IT'S A GIRL

RAMAT GAN. — The first "Made in Israel" test-tube baby, a healthy girl weighing 3.78 kilograms, was born at the Sheba Hospital to a 33-year-old mother.

Another test-tube baby, born at the Hadassah Hospital six months ago, was not conceived in Israel.

At their request, the names of the parents are being held in confidence to allow them and their baby "to lead an entirely normal life."

FIRE DESTROYS PINES IN JERUSALEM FOREST

Fire-fighting units from throughout the Jerusalem region — including two water-spraying planes — took nearly three hours to put out a fire in the Jerusalem forest.

Investigators said the blaze — which spread rapidly because of the hot, windy weather, probably started near a firing range located in an abandoned quarry below Har Hamenuhot. It destroyed an unknown number of pine trees.

HEAD OF ISRAEL'S SAMARITANS DIES AT 87

TEL AVIV. — Yefet Ben-Avraham Zadaka, leader of the Samaritan community in Israel, died in Holon on Friday and was buried the same day in the Samaritan cemetery in Kiryat Shaul. He was 87.

Zadaka, was the first Samaritan to leave Nablus in 1905 to settle in Jaffa. This move brought the Samaritans into direct contact with the Jewish immigrants who were arriving from Europe. One of these was the future president of the State of Israel, the late Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, who did much to aid the Samaritans when they moved to and consolidated their community in Holon.

In 1924, Yefet Zadaka became the first Samaritan to marry a Jewish woman, a practice which was then followed by many Samaritan men and which helped revive the Samaritan community in Holon, which has since grown from 150 to 600 persons.

Zadaka is survived by two sons, six daughters and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

WORK ON MED-DEAD SEA CANAL STARTING SOON

Construction work on the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal will begin in about six months, Uri Wurszburger, director-general of the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Company, told delegates attending the eighth European Bonds Conference. Feasibility studies are expected to be completed by then, he said.

ORTHODOX PROTESTERS STOP CRICKET MATCH

A thousand ultra-Orthodox demonstrators prevented a National League cricket match between the Ashdod A club and Petah Tikva Gymkhana from taking place on Saturday in Ashdod. The protestors, claiming desecration of the Sabbath, prevented even a single ball from being bowled, when they invaded the pitch en masse.

Police admitted the cricketers' right to play in a public park, but persuaded them to take an early lunch in the interest of public order.

NEW OLD JAFFA TO MARK 20th BIRTHDAY

TEL AVIV. — A series of celebrations will mark the 20th anniversary of the restoration of ancient Jaffa. It was announced here yesterday.

Singer Avi Toledano will host the opening performance of the celebrations, at which Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat will be present.

CIGARETTES OUT, FLOWERS IN — IN HADASSAH

Cigarettes are out, flowers are in — at least as far as the Hadassah Hospital women volunteers organization, Ya'al, is concerned. It has stopped selling cigarettes in its gift shop on the hospital's premises and is stocking flowers instead.

This move is part of the institution's effort to eliminate smoking throughout the hospital as required by the public health regulations of 1982.

The hospital's director, Dr. Shmuel Pinhas, had circulated a memorandum to the hospital staff telling them that smoking will soon be confined to special rooms set aside for the purpose.

The ban affects all hospital staff, patients and visitors.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

As a service to our readers, we offer the following books dealing with different aspects of Israel, its people and history. We regularly receive letters asking about the availability of such books, and we hope these selections will help to meet the demand. All prices are in U.S. dollars, but payment can also be made in the equivalent amount in other currencies. All prices include shipping to any part of the world. If you are looking for a book (published in Israel) that is not listed here, write and tell us about it, and we will try to find it for you.

THE ISRAEL I LOVE — A guide to the Land of Israel, covering both modern Israel and the Israel of history and the Bible. This lovely volume, with its many historical accounts and its beautifully illustrated text, covers all parts of Israel, its people and places of interest; and succeeds in capturing the rich history of this fascinating land, its unique past and extraordinary present, its desolate deserts, verdant valleys and bustling cities. With 60 full-colour photographs and 62 black and white, it has 160 pages, and a chart listing milestones in Israel's history from biblical times to the present. Hard-cover, 11 x 8½ inches. \$11.00

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LIVING WITH THE BIBLE — By Moshe Dayan, Israel's most famous general. "I was introduced to the stories of the Bible as a boy, like all children born in the Land of the Book." So begins this charming and very special recreation of some of the most dramatic events of the Old Testament, as Dayan explores the archaeology of the Holy Land and re-interprets familiar Bible Stories in a new light, drawing on his personal experiences and including parallel stories from modern times. Gives new life to many biblical accounts, and also an insight into the rebirth of the modern state of Israel. There is, for example, a fascinating account of the battle between David and Goliath, told with the special touch that only Moshe Dayan could provide. Well illustrated throughout, with over 100 photographs, drawings, and maps. 232 pages. Hard-cover. 10 x 8 1/4 inches. Price \$19.50

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THE GLORY OF THE HOLY LAND — An explorer's guide. Anyone interested in Israel, its places of holy and historical interest, and its biblical aspects, will find this book to be a treasure trove of information, with its more than 600 superb color photographs and richly-documented text covering all parts of the Holy Land, from the Mountain of Moses in southern Sinai, to the sources of the Jordan in northern Israel. Describes the places that are sacred to Jews, Christians or Moslems, as well as some of the other religious sects in the Holy Land, such as the Druzes and Bahais. The book follows a geographical plan, covering the entire country and its regions, always with richly-illustrated historical detail, and many biblical references. Over 600 color photos, 256 pages. 11 x 8¾ inches. Price \$15.50

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