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Jerusalem, general view from the north. The building with the golden dome, inside the Old City walls, is the Dome of the Rock (Mosque of Omar) built in 691 A.D. on the site of the ancient Jewish Temple. In the background can be seen the large buildings of the New City part of Jerusalem.

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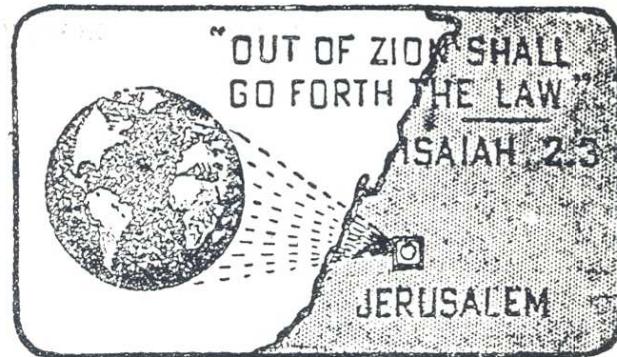
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Jerusalem — not Rome, Mecca, or any other city — is the Holy City of the Almighty. "For the Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation." (Psalms 132:13). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem." (Isa. 24:23). "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

LATEST EVENTS INVOLVING ISRAEL, SYRIA AND LEBANON PLACE
NEW IMPORTANT PIECES IN THE JIGSAW OF BIBLE PROPHECY

by Gordon Fauth

The past few weeks have seen new developments come so fast that it is easy to miss their full significance in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and the true impact they will have to take the world one step closer to the point when our loving Saviour will intervene. "Then shall appear . . . the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." for "except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved." Matthew 24.

Just as past world events — the two world wars, the birth of the nation of Israel, the return of the Temple Mount to the Jewish people, after the Six Day War; the Yom Kippur War in 1973, and the latest peace developments between Israel and Egypt — have played vital parts in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, so this present consternation in the Middle East is building up to a climax which will mark the beginning of the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 & 39, and pave the way to Armageddon. But before drawing a conclusion regarding these events in the light of Bible prophecy, let's glance briefly at the plain facts concerning the recent war in Lebanon:

"Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down." Zechariah 11:12.

Last month Israeli forces moved into Lebanon in a

major military operation to push back the PLO terrorists on the northern border. The operation was dubbed "Peace for Galilee" and was launched to place the civilian population of the Galilee region beyond the range of terrorist fire from Lebanon. This initiative against the terrorists in Lebanon was launched amidst a barrage of PLO shelling of Israeli towns from across the border. The terrorist's shelling was prompted by an Israel air strike on their military camps in Southern Lebanon following the attempted assassination and critically wounding of Israel's ambassador to England, Shlomo Argov. This was only one in a series of terrorist attacks directed against Israeli diplomats abroad.

Israel felt that something had to be done to show the terrorists that they would not allow such developments to continue. Aside from the attacks on Israeli diplomats, the PLO have over the months, violated the ceasefire agreement they had with Israel, by carrying out bombing and terrorist attacks inside Israel's cities and from across the Lebanese border. It has been usual for Israel to reply to such attacks by carrying out air strikes on PLO bases in Lebanon. The mistake of the PLO was in shelling Israeli towns in a retaliation effort of their own. This shelling commenced around the clock and a population of scores of thousands in the Galilee region had to remain day and night in shelters while terrorist rockets unceasingly shelled their towns, villages and farms. For the past ten years residents of

Northern Israel have endured terrorist attacks and shell fire from across the Lebanese border. In a letter to U.S. President, Ronald Reagan, Israel's Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, explained the cause and objectives of the "Peace for Galilee" operation into Lebanon:

"The army has been instructed to push back the terrorists so that all our civilians in the region of Galilee will be set free of the permanent threat to their lives. I feel it is my duty to describe to you the real situation: For the last seventy-two hours, twenty-three Israeli settlements in the Galilee have been shelled and rocketed by the Soviet-supplied PLO terrorists. Tens of thousands of men, women and children remain day and night in shelters. The terrorists are aiming their guns exclusively at the civilian population. There are many military targets in the area; these are completely immune. The purpose of the enemy is to kill — to kill Jews, men, women and children. Is there a nation in the world that would tolerate such a situation? Mr. President, the bloodthirsty aggressor against us is on our doorstep. Do we not have 'the inherent right of self-defense'? Does not Article 51 of the Chapter apply to us? Is the Jewish State an exception to all the rules applying to other nations?"

Begin went on to say that Israel does "not covet one inch of Lebanese territory. We wish to sign a peace treaty with a free independent Lebanon that will preserve its territorial integrity," the Premier said. He ended his message with a firm: "We shall do our sacred duty. So help us God."

The initial aim of Israel's excursion into Lebanon was to push the terrorists back 40 Km. to the north, but as the war advanced, and after Syria ordered its forces in Lebanon to engage the Israeli forces, it became clear that Israel's goals were changing and would reach far beyond the original objective.

We recently attended a government-sponsored lecture here on the war in Lebanon, and the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) spokesman told how Israel had not planned to go so far into Lebanon, and gave the reasons — sound reasons — why they had continued. He said that in war unexpected things often happen that you can not see at the beginning. We thought how true this is, and especially for Israel today. There will be many unexpected things happening according to Bible prophecy.

In general, the world reacted very unfavorably to Israel's military moves in Lebanon. Almost immediately after the "Peace for Galilee" campaign began, devastating and often conflicting reports of damage inflicted on the civilian population of Lebanon as a result of the war began to flood the world press. One report, given wide press coverage all over the world, claimed that up to 9,500 civilians were killed in the fighting. This report was soon proven to be false, the number greatly exaggerated. But it did cause considerable consternation here in Israel, as it was known that the Israeli commanders had been ordered to take all possible precautions to safe-guard the civilian population in the areas where the fighting raged, even to the extent of endangering the lives of their own men. In fact, many of the Israeli casualties were sustained as a direct result of this policy.

Whenever possible, Israel dropped tens of thousands of leaflets in Arabic from planes, urging the people to

flee ahead of the battle, and the Israeli forces went cautiously in order that the civilians might get away from the danger zones. Thousands of people that fled ahead of the Israeli army returned back across the Israeli lines, rather than remaining in territory still held by the PLO. They smiled and waved to the Israeli soldiers as they passed back across. Many fled toward the advancing Israelis instead of away from them, and Israeli soldiers helped many people to safer places in protected areas and away from the fighting. Israel fought on Lebanese soil, but did not fight Lebanon — but it fought cruel powers that have long oppressed the people there.

Even so, many Lebanese civilians were killed in the fighting (latest estimates say around 2,000). A sad fact of war seems to be that the innocent always suffer. In the case of Lebanon, this was due primarily to a deliberate policy on the part of the PLO. Whenever possible, they would locate their bases and fortified positions in the middle of thickly populated areas, knowing that Israel would be reluctant to use air and artillery strikes. In many cases this strategy worked. Many young Israeli soldiers lost their lives in fierce hand-to-hand fighting to take positions which could have been easily pounded into submission if it were not for the civilians the terrorists were using as a shield. There were also many instances of the terrorists using occupied apartment blocks, schools and hospitals for their gun emplacement and ammunition dumps. This was all part of a deliberate strategy — to make the civilian toll in any fighting as high as possible. There can be no doubt about this.

Lebanese officials of the International Red Cross issued a report (which was widely circulated by the media) that 600,000 people were homeless, mostly in the areas of Tyre and Sidon, which before Israel moved in were PLO strongholds (Isaiah 23:11, 12). The fact is that there are hardly 600,000 people living in this whole area. The true estimate of homeless is a nonetheless substantial 30,000. For the most part, these fled Palestinian refugee camps where there was heavy fighting between the terrorists and Israel.

There has also been considerable damage to Beirut, the last PLO stronghold in Lebanon. While besieging the terrorists there, Israel cut off food, water and electricity supplies to West Beirut. As far as Tyre and Sidon go: according to an Israeli construction team who were sent to Lebanon to see about rebuilding damage, only approximately ten houses in the city of Tyre are damaged beyond repair, and fewer yet in Sidon (estimates from officials in these cities coincide with their report).

Israel has sent special teams into Lebanon to assess damage done to civilian property and to rebuild what has been destroyed by the Israel Defence Forces. Israel is supplying food and other essentials to the Lebanese people and to the Palestinian refugees there; they have also sent engineers into Lebanon to help restore public utilities such as water and electricity, which have been damaged over the years, and not just in this latest round of fighting which involves Israel. Lebanon, remember, has been in constant warfare for the past seven years, Arab against Arab: "*For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord; but, lo I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand.*" Zechariah 11:6. (continued on next page)

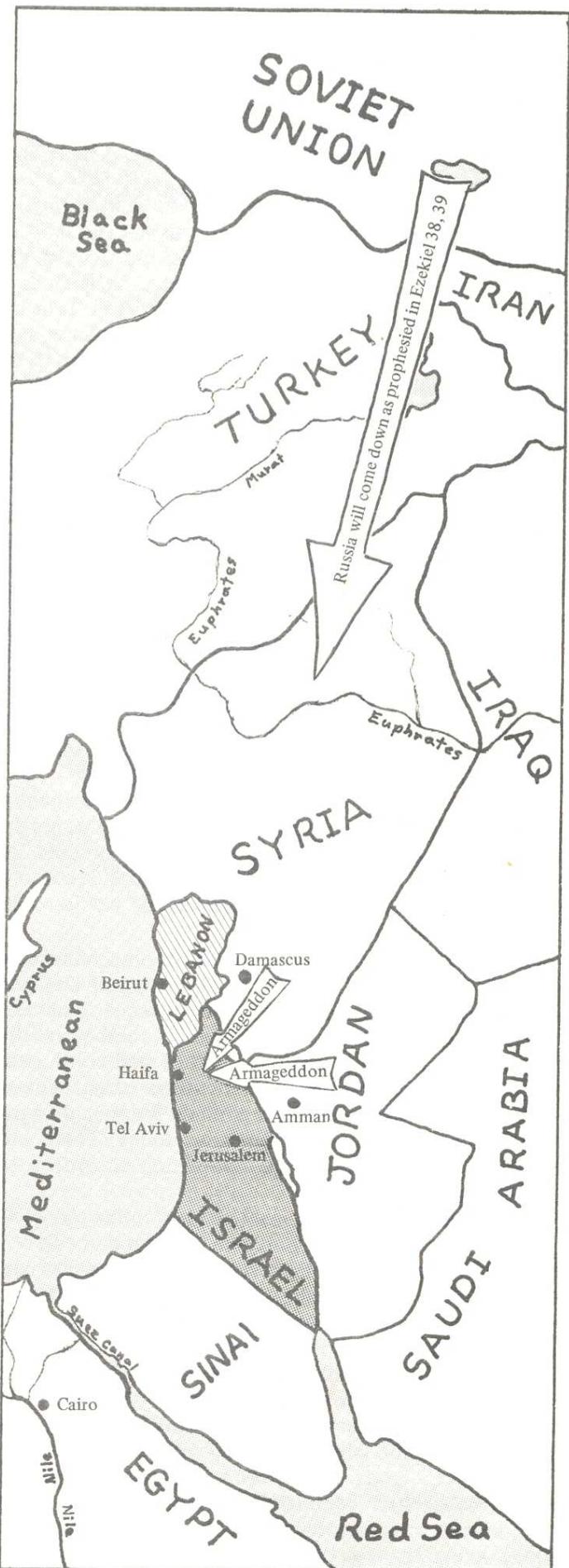
One fact which the world seems unaware of is that for the most part the present devastation in Lebanon was caused by the PLO, Syrian forces, and the internal strife in that country, long before Israel arrived on the scene. The PLO and Syrian occupation of Lebanon has since 1975, left a total of 100,000 Lebanese dead, 250,000 wounded and, in southern Lebanon alone, 180,000 homeless. Eighteen months after the Syrians crossed into Lebanon (on May 31, 1975) a total of 50,000 Lebanese were killed by their so called 'Peace Keeping' forces – who entered Lebanon on the pretext of helping the Christian minority there which was being massacred by joint PLO-Moslem leftists. It was not long, however, before the Syrians joined in eliminating the Christians; and in certain areas of Lebanon the Christian population dropped to almost nothing, whole towns were wiped out. Lebanese Spiritual leaders were harassed by the PLO if they refused to publicly speak in favor of the PLO occupation. Their families were sometimes killed, tortured; children and babies were brutally killed so that the people would fear the PLO, and rape was common. Today, on an Israeli Kibbutz, lives hundreds of young Lebanese girls, who were sheltered after asking for protection and help from Israel. Each one of these young girls was raped by PLO 'freedom fighters' who did this with the boasted aim that the children would be raised to add to their ranks.

There has been no civil law in Lebanon for the past seven years (since the PLO took over in the early 1970's). All through these long and bloody years in Lebanon, the world has remained strangely oblivious to the plight of the Christians there, despite repeated appeals for help. Zechariah 11:5 says; "Their own shepherds" shall "pity them not". Sadly, this is just what happened: Even the Pope (for the most part, the Christians there are Catholics) has not acted in the defence of his people. Israel, of whom Lebanon was a former enemy, was the only one to extend a helping hand. The United Nations did not condemn the continuing slaughter of the Christians, and even went so far the other way as to condemn Israel for helping the Christians defend their villages.

Israel, over the years, has saved countless lives by aiding the Southern Lebanese (along her northern border) and establishing the "Good Fence", in 1976, to transport Lebanese, wounded by the PLO and Syria, to border clinics and hospitals inside Israel. In the last five years 170,000 Lebanese have received medical treatment through these services, which continue.

During the "Peace for Galilee" operation the advancing Israeli's were met, in many villages, by dancing, cheering residents, with gifts of sweets and flowers: this continued as the army advanced to Beirut, where the Syrians and PLO had fled before them. Most Lebanese view the Israelis as their liberators and friends, rescuing them from an intolerable situation. Even Lebanese who lost property and loved ones in the cross fire between Israel and the PLO often said they welcomed Israel's incursion. They said it was worth the price to be rid of the terrorists who had made their lives a "nightmare".

Israel should be praised for the way it has tried to help the people of Lebanon throughout the trouble there. It has opened its borders to let the people of



"In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

Genesis 15:18

Lebanon come into Israel to visit, to go to schools, to work, for medical treatment, and even to live. No other nation in the world did anything at all. Most Lebanese are well aware of this. Brother Albert Babisha recently talked with Lebanese at that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City. One woman told how the PLO had killed her mother and father before her eyes, slowly torturing them in a terrible way. Another woman had two daughters; both had been raped. One was only 10 years old. The women had come to the Holy place to thank God for Israel and for deliverance; and to pray for Israel. They said that many from Lebanon will come to Jerusalem to the Holy places to pray for Israel. One Christian man in the Lebanese House of Parliament cried openly before the news media, and in tears prayed and thanked God for Israel, and in a loud voice prayed that God would break the chord of the PLO that their children might run barefoot in the streets again happy and safe — that the PLO will be completely broken and not return.

It must be remembered that the PLO is a brutal terrorists organization. It began as one and remains one — in spite of the cloak of respectability it has attempted to do in recent years. Its sole purpose is one of violence. It does not really represent the Palestinian Arab Refugees, as it claims, but rather preys on them and their situation, ruthlessly eliminating among them who dare dispute its self-proclaimed role as the “sole representative of the Palestinian people.” It is a mistake to talk of the PLO and the Palestinian Arab Refugees as if they were one and the same — something that the world’s news media seems to be doing, more and more.

The way the PLO behaved in Lebanon during the past seven years paints a true picture of its character. They, together with the Syrians, killed tens of thousands of civilians — men, women and children — and reduced a nation once called “the Switzerland of the Middle East” and known for its beauty and pleasant atmosphere, to a war-torn nightmare of violence.

Of course, in spite of its concern for the Lebanese and the situation there, Israel had good reasons of its own for going into Lebanon. In the past few years alone, there has been over 9,000 attacks by the PLO. There were 994 people who lost their lives, and over 5,000 injured. This is not to mention the many bombs found in time, in Israel’s cities, streets and market-places, nearly always by civilians, often children. We have had personal experiences of this. Twice, bombs were discovered shortly before they were set to explode, right outside our house; and once one exploded a few meters down the street at a kindergarten. Many times when in down-town Jerusalem, I have been stopped by police cordons around areas where suspicious objects were discovered — usually these turn out to be innocent, but not always. A few times, members of my family have been nearby when bombs did explode, injuring and killing passersby. It’s a situation the people of Israel have had to live with for a long, long time. The terrorists have also not only directed their attacks against Israel, but have made the whole world their arena.

Israel had little control over the events which led to this situation and little choice as to its response. The only question was one of timing. There is no nation in the world that could allow with impunity a foreign

agency right across its border to continually conduct a campaign of terror against its people, planting bombs in its cities, shelling its border towns, and even murdering its diplomats abroad. The “Peace for Galilee” campaign was long in coming and, here say, long overdue. The shooting of the Israeli ambassador to London, and the several weeks previous killing of a diplomat in France were only the last straws, as far as Israel was concerned.



Gordon Fauth standing by one of the Russian tanks Israel captured from the PLO. The huge quantity of arms captured from the PLO included machine-guns, tanks, artillery, mobile Katyusha rocket launchers — automatic weapons, grenades, and small missiles of many different types. It is estimated that the PLO had enough equipment to arm a force at least twice its size. Most of the weaponry was Soviet, although a small quantity was American, evidently supplied by Saudi Arabia. Many of the weapons were still in the shipping crates, and many of these crates were labelled “farm implements”, “bulldozer parts”, and other similar terms, evidently to facilitate transit to Lebanon. Captured documents as well as intelligence information received indicated that Syria and the PLO were planning a joint attack against Israel in the near future. The ‘Peace for Galilee’ campaign ruined these plans, breaking, as it did, the burgeoning power of the PLO, and dealing a stunning and humiliating defeat to the Syrian army and air force.

The mood in Israel is well shown by the results of the latest opinion polls, which show that public support for Prime Minister Begin, and his party, the Likud, has never been higher. An overwhelming majority of the population support the Lebanon campaign. It’s not that Israelis like war. They have lived their lives under the continual threat of war and have had friends and loved ones killed in the many wars that Israel has had to fight for its survival. They well understand the results of war, and they abhor war. It’s rather that, like the Lebanese, they viewed the situation as intolerable, and welcomed anything, even war, which would end it.

While most of the world was quick to condemn Israel’s move into Lebanon, many calling it an “outright aggression”, most Lebanese term it “Liberating Lebanon”; in fact, the only authority or group in Lebanon to condemn Israel is the extreme left-wing group. Hundreds of thousands of Lebanese have expressed support for Israel’s move to root the terrorists out of their country. The Christian Phalangists, the

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The Lord's Work Around The World ...

We praise the Lord for His precious servants all around the globe, who have dedicated their lives to His service, and are working harder than ever, to spread the Gospel message of redemption. We daily receive wonderful reports and testimonies from all parts of the world. God is performing great miracles through and for His people. Many souls are coming to their Lord and Saviour, and many are being healed. Praise His name! We regret that we are not able to share with you all the good reports and testimonies we receive. However, from time to time, as space allows, we will devote a few pages to The Mount Zion Reporter for this purpose. Please pray with us that the work of the Lord, throughout the world, will continue to grow and flourish.

— Gordon Fauth



Baptismal service in Andhra Pradesh, South India.

Report from Malawi, Central Africa

Dear Brother Fauth,

Christian greetings to you and all the Mount Zion Reporter Staff, in the wonderful saving name of our Redeemer; soon coming King of eternity. Hallelujah!

Things are all well with us here. I have been ever busy organizing preaching work in various places, establishing new prayer communities and receiving dedicated ones into the fold of the Lord.

We had a real God's harvest from March to the end of May. One hundred souls offered themselves into water baptism. Such sudden adding of the saved into the Church is encouraging us that workers are not alone, the Lord is working together with us in His vineyard.

In every community I visited, brothers and sisters were asking me as to how the Lord opened for us the way to Jerusalem. Many here are praising and rejoicing in the Lord that He has made it possible that followers of Jesus have been privileged to be grafted into the original parent stock of the Olive Tree.

Your prayers are enriching us with blessings. Continue raising your hands to the Most High for us here and for the Gospel work. We also reach you in Jerusalem with prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor L.F. Kolopo

Report from Itu, River State, Nigeria, West Africa

Dearly Beloved Brethren in Jersualem,

Greetings of love from us over here. Hope everyone of you is well, and the Master's work is growing according to His perfect will. We here are all well.

The Master's work here is growing according to His divine leading. One young man and his wife were buried in the watery grave, and brought into the faith, about three Sabbaths ago. Hallelujah! Three more candidates are waiting for baptism.

We are planing an extensive preaching campaign in a new place called "Ntan Obuk" in Akamkpa Local Government Area, Cross River State. The journey is a sea route, as the people there are living on the sea coast. Our evangelical trip this time will cover all of the towns lying along that area of the sea coast. Hence we wish you all to earnestly pray for us and for success, as prayer is the most powerful weapon for victory. This is entirely a new field where the message of the coming Kingdom of God has never been preached.

I have seven Primary Schools on the list to start conducting the Bible Preaching Programme. This work of disseminating the truth and correct knowledge of the Bible among the youths requires free Bible donation, and distribution of our Bible literature. I have many requests for our Bible literature among the teachers in the schools that I hold the Bible preaching programme. You will have direct orders of literature from them. We thank the Government of Israel for supplying the literature to the students of Zion Bible Institute (ZBI).

We earnestly covet your daily prayers for our protection, well being, and success in the work of the Lord all over Nigeria, as we are praying for you all.

Your Fellow Labourer in His Vineyard,
Elder U.E.A. Essien

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

Dear Elder Fauth,

Greetings in the holy name of our Lord and Saviour.

Nisan 14 marked the first Lord's Supper service conducted by Elder T.B. Ekpo assisted by Brother B.E. Akpan. There were ninety-three in attendance.

Apart from evangelism, conducted under the auspices of each local church; we organized and executed mass evangelism which all local churches participate actively from time to time. We also embarked on a weekend evangelical campaign at Nto Nsek in Ikot Ekpene. There were not only house to house preaching but also open air preaching parades. Gospel tracts were freely shared among the people.

I acknowledge with appreciation the Bible Lessons, Mount Zion Reporter magazines, and tracts you always send to us. They are a vital help.

Yours in His service,
Brother B.A. Udom



The Church of God in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.



Baptism at South Cotabato, Philippines, conducted by Elder Ralph Perry of New Zealand. Since the massive evangelistic tour of the Philippine Islands which was reported in the September 1981 "Mount Zion Reporter", Elder Perry has returned to the Philippines and devoted himself to full time ministry there, and his labors along with the other brethren there, are bringing forth much fruit for the Kingdom. Praise the Lord!

Report from Pagadian City, Philippines

Dear Brethren and Friends,

Greetings and blessings to all from us here and hoping and believing this will find you well and blessed.

We have been continuing our Gospel ministry at Palomos and Liley, Titay and Ipil, but it is at Palomos where the small church (about 10 x 6 metres) has been built and is now almost completed, and has been in use for several Sabbaths. We had already baptized eleven souls there before, and we dipped three more yesterday making a total of fourteen so far with a very good possibility of more to come. There has been attendances from thirty to fifty present. We have not been praying for many sick people, though there has been good results for those that have been prayed for. We nearly always have hymn singing and Bible study and prayer first thing every morning anywhere between 5 and 6 a.m. to begin our day with. It certainly gives us an excellent start to our day and I can highly recommend it to our readers.

Our jeepny has now clocked over 3000 km. and is going very well. Our next trip is to Cotabato where

there are people waiting to be baptized (as there are at Masbate Island also in the same trip). We will also journey to Davao City, Agusan and probably Manila, including perhaps Pangasinan (north of Manila) again. We have other requests for visits also, but we'll have to delay them in the meantime until those more urgent ones can be done.

I have been blessed to do two more live Church Sunday broadcasts, over local Radio Station DXPR, since I have been here this time and will no doubt do more Sundays when I am not travelling around on gospel work for Jesus.

As we have opened a Church Bank Account now here in Pagadian City, it is now possible for interested persons to send donations to help the ministry work here. Donations can be sent to the Allied Bank, c/o P.O. Box 1356, Pagadian City. We hope and believe that some of you will respond and help the Lord's work here as there is much poverty here and much to be done.

Love and regards,
Brother Ralph Perry



Congregation in Ol-Joro-Orok, Kenya, East Africa.



Baptismal service in Ol-Joro-Orok, Kenya, East Africa.

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LEBANON
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— a photo found at a captured PLO base

The PLO's 'RGP Kids'

One of the more inhuman practices of the PLO terrorist organization was brought to light during the Lebanon campaign, when it was discovered that the PLO had been training small children — ten and twelve years old — and using them as front-line 'fighters'. It was quite a shock for Israeli soldiers who suddenly found themselves confronted and fired on by armed children. Although the PLO's children 'fighters' did not constitute any real military force, still it is reported that Israeli soldiers lost their lives in such situations, because of their unwillingness to fire on children. Here, these children have been termed "RPG kids" because in many cases they had been trained in the use of RPG missiles. Most of them quickly surrendered, when promised good treatment. Some said they had volunteered to join the PLO, but many said they had been coerced and some had even been kidnapped from their homes and schools and forced into training. The kidnapped included children from refugee camps in Syria, and this abhorrent practice was evidently being carried out with the full knowledge and cooperation of the Syrian authorities. Israel has captured hundreds of these "RPG kids" and has made every effort to reunite them with their families. Israel has just released two hundred of these children, aged up to sixteen years, furnishing transport back to their homes. This group reportedly included one small boy who had used an RPG rocket to shoot down an Israeli helicopter, killing the crewmen.

Shi'it Moslems, the Druse, and other fractionary groups in Lebanon have all been cooperating with the Israel Defence Forces. It should be evident that the Israelis were not fighting the Lebanese, or the Palestinian Arabs, but rather an unwanted brutal terrorist organi-

zation, and enemy of both the Lebanese and Israeli peoples.

The PLO army, with which Israel fought, were, for the most part, originally from Jordan. Jordan consists of 80 per cent on the land mass once called Palestine. In 1970 the PLO tried to overthrow Jordan's King Hussein and take over the country (just as they would like to do with Israel), but their plot failed, and Lebanon offered the survivors of this revolution asylum. Little did they know in doing so, that the PLO would continue its revolution with slightly different goals — this time Lebanon was the prize. In Zechariah 11, when it speaks of the destruction of Lebanon, it says "The pride of Jordan is spoiled" This seems to be a direct reference to Israel's victory over the PLO's occupation forces there (who were from Jordan/Palestine); for the occupation of Lebanon was definitely the greatest achievement of the PLO.

Israel field officers were astonished at their rapid successes on the battlefield in Lebanon. In addition to sufficiently thwarting, ahead of schedule, the PLO terrorists, who had a large organized army very well equipped with sophisticated Soviet weaponry, they were also forced into substantial battles with Syria's 30,000 strong army deployed in Lebanon (Israel had only 20,000 troops in Lebanon at this time). Israel downed one third of the Syrian air force, losing no planes themselves, yet, in many air battles, were outnumbered by the Syrians. Military experts the world over remain baffled by Israel's air victories. Israel's air force is superior to all others in the Middle East and has played a vital roll in the survival of this nation. In past wars, often in the nick of time, the air force has saved Jerusalem from enemy bombardment. *"As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it."* Isaiah 31:5. The ease with which Israel destroyed the Syrian missile bases has led to it being voiced that Israel had a secret weapon, and government officials here have dropped some hints in favor of this assumption. Israeli Prime Minister, Menachem Begin, told U.S. officials in Washington recently, "We damaged and destroyed (scores of) Soviet surface-to-air missiles without losing a plane. Someday we will tell you how we did it." Israel has captured large quantities of Soviet weapons from the PLO in Lebanon (worth hundreds of millions of dollars). They have even captured some weapons whose existence was not formerly known to the West. The army has said these weapons are "revolutionary" but has not disclosed to the public exactly what they are.

In the course of the war in Lebanon, Israel combat tested many weapons for the first time, including U.S. equipment (some with Israeli improvements) which proved superior to the Soviets armament and machinery used by Syria and the terrorists. This brings to mind a prophecy in Isaiah 54:17, "*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper*". What a reassuring promise! Still, there are yet hard times in store for this nation, according to Bible prophecy; even now we can see these things approaching.

Israel destroying and belittling so much formerly thought of as superior Russian equipment has embarrassed and embittered Moscow. Russia has sent
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Life in Israel

by Naomi Fauth

Dear Friends,

It blesses my heart to read the many messages of love and testimony which you take time to send, and it is comforting to know that so many are praying for the peace of Jerusalem in these troublesome times. May God bless you all.

As I write this, the sound of jets flying over Jerusalem vibrate and rock the windows. Israel's army has gone into Lebanon on a massive campaign to push back the terrorists who were shelling Israeli settlements along the northern border. Many of our Jewish neighbors and friends have been called to the army; and a cloud of sobriety has set upon the land.

The news today said that Israel has gone as far as Beirut, Lebanon's capital. Many of the Christian Lebanese, who were heavily persecuted under Syrian and PLO rule, welcomed Israel's advance. It is the hope that Israel's move to root out the terrorists there will bring about a change for the better in war-torn Lebanon; perhaps even lead to the Lebanese government being put back on sound footing, to establish order in a land that has been in chaos for the past seven years of civil and guerrilla warfare.

It is truly too bad that there has to be war and bloodshed in this world. In Matthew 24:6, speaking of the time of the end, just before the appearing of the Messiah, it says, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars". This is certainly true today; but it is reassuring to know that the end is almost here and that soon Jesus will come to bring peace to this troubled world.

Another day has dawned on Jerusalem; the sun has just come up over the hills and the air is alive with the sound of sparrows welcoming the dawn in their usual way. I am in the back garden at the publishing house, checking on some seeds I have planted. They are coming up nicely. Most of the trees and bushes here were planted many years ago by my father and mother, Andrew and Effie Dugger, of beloved memory. Now everything is overgrown without their careful attention. The three rose bushes are grown to tremendous heights and bloom randomly with beautiful pink, red and orange roses. The almond tree has doubled in size, and so have many of the other formerly small trees and climbing vines.

Under the boughs of the fig tree, my father would often pray in the early hours of the morning. I remember, a young man, Aryeh (whom my father baptized), was so taken by this he decided to try it himself. This brings to mind another prayer said in a garden, the Garden of Gethsemane, where Christ prayed his last great prayer before Calvary (John 17). One can still see the Garden of Gethsemane today and gaze upon the same olive trees, some 2800 year old, which existed in Christ's time.

Recently, we have been receiving visitors from many different countries, including Czechoslovakia (a communistic nation), India, England; and the U.S.A. We always enjoy meeting and fellowshipping with dear brothers and sisters from around the world, who, though we have not met before, share with us the same feeling of oneness in God's family.

A group from Germany is staying with us at present. They have been traveling and witnessing all across Israel, and the Lord has been blessing their labours. Praise His name! We ask your prayers for this dedicated group, as they return back to Germany in a few weeks time to continue their ministry there.

The Lord's work here in Jerusalem is moving forward, by His grace. We are continuing to receive unanimously enthusiastic and good response from various parts of the Israeli public, over the presentation of the "Son Beam's" singing ministry and our general message to Israel, which was viewed on nation-wide television here recently. Since the T.V. program a few weeks ago, it is becoming normal for members of the Reporter staff to be hailed on the streets by merchants, neighbours; and housewives shopping at the market: all are enthused and interested. "We saw you on T.V., " is the general drift. "Can we come to your church?" "Pray for us," was the very sincere request of a number of government office workers, when my husband went in to pay our last electric bill. "Please continue to pray for Israel."

The mood in Israel is changing, becoming more broadminded, and never before has this been more evident than now. There is a widespread feeling that events are leading to a climax. A Jewish rabbi; we know personally, recently prophesied: "The Messiah must come soon;" and many, Jewish and Arab people alike, stop us on the streets, simply to offer words of encouragement and tell us to continue the work. It is truly wonderful to see hearts warming, and such open-mindedness to the Gospel as has never before been seen in this land among God's chosen people. Undoubtedly, the time spoken of in Romans 9:27, 28 is being ushered in.

There is much left to be done. Please pray for us and for God's workers, worldwide.

We look forward to hearing from all our Reporter friends.

Shalom!
Naomi Fauth

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

PSALMS 122:6

Extracts From Readers' Letters

CYPRUS. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

May the grace, peace and mercy from our Heavenly Father and from our soon coming King be with you, your family and the Mount Zion Reporter Staff.

I just want to send you a little note and thank you for sending me "*The Mount Zion Reporter*". I would like to receive "*The Mount Zion Reporter*" regularly because it is truly a wonderful and inspiring magazine.

Maybe in the future my wife and I will pay a short visit to Jerusalem — the Holy City — and other places of Israel.

Yours truly in Christ Jesus,
Brother A.T.

AUSTRALIA. —

Mr. Gordon Fauth and staff,

I received your letter. I have been studying the Bible again and other books. I have compiled the explanation of Isaiah 7:10-19 and 9:6, 7.

I am a Jew and have become interested in your work. I now understand that Jesus was anointed to be King. "Anointed" is English for "Messiah".

Yours faithfully,
W.A.

TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES. —

Greetings in the wonderful name of Yahshua,

Love to all the brethren in Jerusalem from us here in Trinidad.

I am a member of The Church of God at Pt. Fortin. The Lord is very good to us. There is much love among us, praise to the wonderful Elohim who dwells within our hearts. I do hope and long for that day that we can all be together in that Holy City, New Jerusalem.

We always remember you in our prayers. It is so wonderful to hear how the Lord is again standing up for His people as He had done before. "The watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." Isaiah 52:8.

I look forward to hearing from you.
J.B.

SWEDEN. —

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour,

I thank you very much for the "Reporter" No. 1 and the Bible Calendar.

Let us be grateful and pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for all those who love it and the Prince of Peace.

May God bless you richly. Please remember me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
K.L.

OKLAHOMA, U.S.A. —

Dear Brother Fauth and Reporter staff,

Your letters are always so interesting and informative, Brother Fauth.

I rejoice with you dear Christian friends relative to the progress of God's truths and for all of His protection of Israel and for all the rest of those of us who trust Him for protection and guidance.

I pray for Jerusalem and all Israel and for all other countries who have God fearing people.

May God bless and keep you all.
Very sincerely,
J.J.B.

TAMIL NADU, SOUTH INDIA. —

Dear Brother Gordon Fauth,

Hearty greetings in the name of Jesus. It was so thrilling to go through your letter. We were so moved by the increase of demand for Bibles, and we rejoice over the souls being won for Christ.

We are sorry about the recent events in the Middle East. We do agree that all events fall into place with prophecy telling us that the Lord's coming is very near. May the Lord give you a rich harvest of souls before His coming. Let us unite in praying for the peace of Jerusalem.

Thank you once again for sending us the *Mount Zion Reporter*. We appreciate your love very much. Please do pray for us. May God bless you and your family and the great ministry you are doing for Him.

Yours in Him,
Brother and Sister J.G.

ITALY. —

Dear Sirs,

Mr. M.R. has passed me the *Mount Zion Reporter*. Useless to say, I found your review very interesting; a truly valuable dialogue and a sincere understanding between Hebrews and Christians.

To begin with, I take the liberty of asking of your courtesy to send me the hereunder specified booklets. Thank you for your kind attention.

I look forward to the pleasure of favourably hearing from you and remain, dear sirs, with kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,
F.D.S.

ONTARIO, CANADA. —

Dear Elder Fauth,

Greetings in the most holy and mighty name of our soon coming King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

I am thanking the true and living Father and Son for the safe keeping of my life from harm, danger, sickness and trouble.

I have received all the mail that you have posted to me. I am very thankful for all of them.

I send greetings to all the Saints of Christ in the Holy Land. May the peace of God that passeth upon all keep each safe from harm and danger. I am always praying for the Kingdom message that it will be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations.

May the good Lord bless and keep you in His care, and all the workers. Pray for me as I am doing the same for you all. God bless you. Shalom.

Yours sincerely in the Master,
O.L.R.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA. —

Dear Sir,

Greetings in the precious name of our soon coming King.

You will probably be astonished to receive a letter from a complete stranger.

I am happy to let you know that I got your address from one of my friends. He told me you will provide me with some literature if only I write you.

I will sign off and I think you will come to my aid. I hope God will help you keep up the good work and may the Lord richly bless you all. Please pray for me.

Yours affectionately in Christ,
J.S.N.K.S.

LEBANON

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some very blunt, harsh warnings to the nation of Israel, and has stated that Israel is affecting their interests in the region, and will pay dearly for the war in Lebanon. Yes, the time is soon coming when Russia will tire of proxy wars and will come against Israel itself, as prophesied in Ezekiel 38 and 39. There is more and more evidence coming to light regarding the nearing of this event. Russia's strong ties with Israel's surrounding foes and the fact that Israel, as the only democratic country in this part of the world, sticks out like a sore thumb, are in themselves substantial evidence of Russia's reasons and aims for coming against this nation.

It is clear that Russia and the PLO have very close connections. A strong PLO-Moscow connection was proven by PLO documents recently captured by the Israeli army in Lebanon. According to one of these documents — "Relations between the PLO and Moscow couldn't be better, with both parties maintaining close political ties. The PLO has coordination agreements with the Soviet Union — signed last year during Arafat's visit to Moscow — according to which, when a problem arises, a high-level Palestinian delegation embarks for Moscow to coordinate a joint stand with the Soviets."

Also captured in Lebanon, at a PLO stronghold in Sidon, were long lists of names of mercenaries (from countries hostile to Israel), who were fighting with the terrorists in Lebanon. The documented list is entitled "Martyrs Battalion Castel Regiment in Foreign Countries". The countries include Russia among others; Iran, Pakistan, Hungary, Algeria, Bulgaria, China and Libya etc. Ezekiel 38 includes many of these countries with those who will come against Israel with Gog (The Soviet Union). *"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him. In the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou and all thy bands, and many people with thee. . . Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods that dwell in the midst of the land."*

Russia has already embarked on the road to planning this move. Among the official papers and documents captured in Lebanon, Russian maps were found showing battle strategy plans to destroy Israel; centered to exact locations. The detailed instructions include firing positions; attack and withdrawal routes; blocking of roads, and laying of land mines, etc. Soviet diagram structures of planned infantry maneuvers, were also found. It should be evident that the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 and 39 is definitely 'in the air'.

The latter days spoken of by Christ in Matthew 24

are upon us, the fulfillment of all the final prophecies are at hand. It is fearful to realize that the last beast of Revelation 13, will soon make his appearance. Modern technology and the electronic age in which we live are now ushering in the number system, with which the beast will rule. We are now in the linking up period — computer linking up with computer, corporation with corporation, and country with country; where eventually the masses become part of one giant system. Today we are still "in the valley of decision" (Joel 3:14). There are still a lot of loose ends to be connected before a world government could be formed; yet, it is plain to see, by taking a candid look at world developments, that all are leading up to the take-over of the Beast Power, which will, in turn, lead to Armageddon.

One of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls tells about the sons of light and sons of darkness and about a decisive battle in which they engage. The scroll foretells that this battle will take place in the Holy Land, after the children of the land return home again. Specific battle instructions are given; the sons of light emerge victorious and a new world government of lasting peace is established on earth. This scroll is, no doubt, speaking of the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16) which will take place in the valley of Megiddo, here in the Holy Land. We know that the victory of this great battle will mark the end of all the kingdoms of the earth. *"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever."* Revelation 11:15. As the end of this wicked age approaches, let us look forward to that time; and may our prayer be, as was John the Revelator's, "Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly." □



CHRIST COMES

*After the silence of ages;
After the waiting of years,
He cometh — the answer to sages.
The vision foretold by the seers.*

*Quickly as lightning that flasheth;
Brighter than sun in its beams,
He cometh — the mighty Jehovah,
But not as the dreamer of dreams.*

*Regal in splendor, He cometh,
Scepter of iron to sway.
All glorious the King in His triumph,
Upon His inaugural day,*

*Comes for the help of His people,
Conquering, faithful and true,
And calls from the parted, blue heaven,
"Behold, I will make all things new."*



GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

What the Bible Says About Sickness and Healing (James 5:11-18)			Chapter 77	MARK	1 JOHN
GENESIS	PSALMS	MARK	84:11	1:30, 39	3:22; 5:16
20:7, 17	92:12, 14	4:40	86:13, 15	2:3-17	3 JOHN
EXODUS	94:12	5:22-43	91:6-16	3:1-15	Verse 2
9:14	103:3-13	6:5-13	— Lee Alley of Church Hill, Tenn., U.S.A. compiled		
15:26	107:19, 20	7:31-37	these while in the hospital. His testimony is brief, but		
20:12	Chapter 112	8:22-26	certainly noteworthy: "They saved my life". □		
23:25	118:17, 18	9:23			
32:35	119:31, 77, 81, 88, 116	10:46-52			
LEVITICUS	120:1	11:24			
25:18	121:7	16:17			
26:16	138:2	LUKE			
NUMBERS	147:3, 11	4:40			
5:27	PROVERBS	5:12-26, 31			
12:10	3:1, 2, 7, 8	6:6-12			
14:12, 37	4:10-22	Chapter 7			
16:46	9:11	8:43-48			
DEUTERONOMY	10:2, 27	9:1, 11			
7:15	15:10, 29	10:9			
28:15, 22, 27, 35, 60	12:28	14:1-6			
32:39	13:13	17:11-19			
1 KINGS	14:30	18:1			
17:17-24	16:17	JOHN			
2 KINGS	17:22	5:8			
Chapter 1	23:35	6:2			
8:7-15	28:13, 26	11:4			
18:5-7	29:1	44:13			
20:1-11	30:5	15:7			
2 CORINTHIANS	ECCLESIASTES	ACTS			
16:12	3:3	4:14-22			
21:15	5:17	5:15			
30:20	ISAIAH	9:32-42			
32:24	12:12	14:9			
JOB	19:22	19:12			
1:21	33:24	27:34			
33:17-30	Chapter 38, 39	28:3-9			
42:10-17	53:5	ROMANS			
PSALMS	57:18	8:13, 32			
9:10	JEREMIAH	1 COR.			
13:5	17:14	3:16			
21:7	EZEKIEL	10:5-13			
22:4	34:4, 16	11:27-32			
23:3	DANIEL	2 COR.			
25:2-18	8:27	1:3; 5:1			
28:7	MICAH	EPHESIANS			
30:2, 3, 11	6:13	6:2			
31:2, 14, 17	MATTHEW	PHIL.			
32:10	4:23	2:24-30			
33:18	8:2-17	4:6			
34:12-22	9:1-8, 27-35	2 TIMOTHY			
35:13	10:1-8	4:20			
37:3, 5	12:10-15	HEBREWS			
41:1-11	14:14, 35	11:33			
50:15	15:21-31	12:5-13			
52:8	17:20	13:8			
55:17	18:19	JAMES			
56:3, 4	19:1, 2	5:11-18			
57:1	20:30-34	1 PETER			
62:8	21:14, 22	1:6			
68:19	25:39, 43	2:24; 3:10			

HEALTHFUL HINTS

Over 670,000 people die every year of heart attacks, in the United States alone. A very large percentage of these deaths occur in the most productive years.

There are a few simple ways to guard against heart attacks. One is to reduce consumption of saturated fat and cholesterol. This can be done by substituting fish for meat, cooking with vegetable oils instead of animal shortenings, using only fat free milk products, and avoiding eggs in your diet.

A CHRISTIAN'S FITNESS TEST

by Eva Stuart Watt

1. A KEEN APPETITE for secret communing with the Lord and the reading of His sacred Word, producing a pure, warm bloodstream, a radiance in the face and the red blush of Divine love on the lips.
2. DAILY EXERCISE to maintain "a conscience void of offence toward God and toward man" — and that in the open spaces of heaven's sunshine, so that you stand upright before the throne and straight and square, shoulder to shoulder, to your fellowmen.
3. A QUIET HEART that beats restfully and happily near to the heart of God without the high blood pressure of self-conceit or the low blood pressure of discouragement.
4. A SOUND BRAIN, wise as the serpent's and harmless as the dove's; like the serpent moving about noiselessly and obscurely, yet striking effectively when facing the foe; like the dove gentle and non-resistant when abused by men.
5. CLEAN TONGUE, cleansed and purged from all anger and hardness, talebearing and criticism, levity and deception, whose words are like "a flowing brook."
6. CLEAR EYESIGHT to see things in their right perspective, how puny are the giants that seem so big and how mighty the little grasshoppers, who hop into a country at the dictates of the mighty God of Israel!
7. GOOD HEARING like Ezekiel's, quick to catch God's whisper in the valley of apostasy. "Can these bones live? . . . Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you and ye shall live." Ears like Peter's that could listen to heaven's censure of his bigotry, or like Paul's that could discern the voice of Divine guidance in all his journeyings.
8. HANDS WITH A GRIP like Eleazar's which, though weary, still clung to the sword and crowned the

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Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

Just what place does the Messiah fill in Heaven?

ANSWER. —

If you will read the book of Hebrews you will find out very clearly His present position, which is declared to be our "High Priest". Our Messiah "Jesus", takes the place in the sanctuary here. He is our mediator between us and the Father. That is why we are instructed all through the New Testament, to ask the Father in His name, for those things of which we are in need. We are told plainly that He ascended to Heaven and sat down on the right hand of His Father's throne. Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55, and Psalms 110:1.

QUESTION. —

Is there evidence today of the soon coming of the beast power (Revelation 13)?

ANSWER. —

There is much evidence today of the soon coming of the beast power. One of the most recent developments regarding the eventuality of the Beast Government of Revelation 13, was brought to our attention in a letter I have just received from a brother in Kenya, East Africa. Before I quote some of the information in his letter, I must tell you that this is not only witnessed in one part of the world, but similar developments are coming to light in many countries of the earth. — "Special Drawing Rights (S.D.R.) is a political scheme,

a totalitarian system where every individual would be able to buy or sell, to travel or to receive treatment or benefit from any social facility only by the use of the Banker's Special Drawing Rights credit system. We, as individuals, cannot do anything — only register our vote for or against, and pray of course. Eventually, we shall have to say like Paul, "*I am ready to be offered a sacrifice.*"

QUESTION. —

According to Matthew 24:1, 2, Jesus prophesied the complete destruction of the Temple. "*And Jesus said unto them, see ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*" How can it be, then, that there is part of the western wall of the Temple standing today?

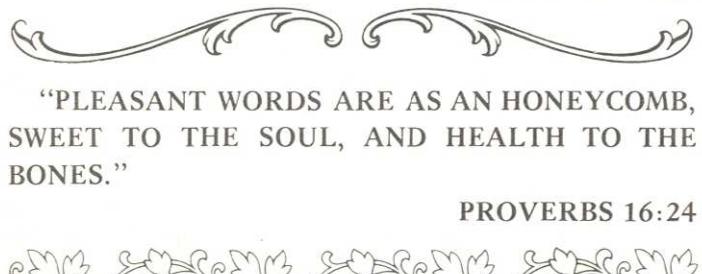
ANSWER. —

The Western Wall to which you refer is not actually part of the old Temple structure, but rather part of the western wall which surrounded the Temple and courtyard.

Christ's prophecy was fulfilled in 70 A.D. when the Romans completely demolished the Temple and destroyed Jerusalem. Today there are a few remains of buildings dating back to that time, but there are no remains of the great Temple. There is not even "one stone upon another".

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- day with victories; or like Samson's that could pick up the jawbone of an ass and dispatch a thousand of the enemy's forces. Yet a tender hand, tender as the Master's, to lift the fallen, bind the wounded, and soothe the suffering.
9. FLEET OF FOOT to run in the way of God's commandments, disdaining to loiter in the lanes of laziness and procrastination, and shunning the company of the great army of backsliders, who in heart turn back to the leeks and garlic and flesh-pots of Egypt.
 10. KNEES THAT WILL BEND quickly for the firing position at every evidence of the nearness of the enemy's approach; yes, that will keep bent like Elijah's, till nations turn to God and heaven's windows open to rain blessings on our thirsty land.
- "Grace and Glory



ISAIAH 12

And in that day thou shalt say,
O Lord, I will praise Thee:
Though Thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away,
And Thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and not be afraid;
For the Lord Jehovah
Is my strength and song;
He also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water
Out of the wells of salvation.
And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord,
Call upon His name,
Declare His doings among the people;
Make mention that His name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord;
For He hath done excellent things:
This is known in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitants of Zion:
For great is the Holy one of Israel,
In the midst of thee.

— Selected by Esther Sell

Crisis Prayer

by J.G. Morrison

The spiritual needs of this hour are the greatest ever known. Godless forces are assaulting America and the world. This is an hour in which the people of God throughout the world are called upon to practice every known religious exercise to precipitate God upon the task. Fearful will be the penalty if we fail.

With a great cry for help, let us seek to do God's work in God's way. One of the most effective ways known is by prayer and fasting. This is no hour for frolic and feasting. This is a fearful hour in which we must become so desperately serious that we will give ourselves to sacrifice, heroism, prayer and fasting until God intervenes and pours out His Spirit upon us.

God has a way to get His work done in the world. It is a way of devotion, a way of heroism. When we choose our own indolent, easy, selfish, comfortable way, we prevent Him from accomplishing what otherwise He could bring to pass. But when, by a deliberate choice of our will, we choose His way, then He — in this crisis can intervene and save the Church and nation.

According to church history, fasting has been prevalent down through the centuries. It is only in these more modern days that we find it generally abandoned. Every great leader who moved his age mightily for God was a faster.

Savonarola, who is called the "herald of the Reformation", fasted so much that historians state he often stood in the pulpit with difficulty. But his denunciations on the sins of the Roman Catholic church were so terrific as to leave his hearers themselves without strength to protest. Under his mighty preaching almost all Florence, Italy, professed to Christ.

The Reformation itself had its birth under Martin Luther. Of this bold and rugged preacher it is said he fasted so constantly and so drastically as permanently to injure his health. We state this merely as a fact and not in commendation (Revelation 12:11).

But consider the religious and spiritual revolution that was wrought in Europe and America by the burning zeal and self-denying prayers of Luther.

History's Tide Changed Through Fasting-prayer

Contemporary with Martin Luther and the great Reformation that brought Protestantism into existence, is a group of noted religious reformers, each one leading a wing of the amazing spiritual renaissance. It is very convicting to learn how universally the practice of fasting characterized the leaders, and brought to each most remarkable victory.

John Calvin in Geneva was an inveterate faster, and lived to see his prayers answered in the conversion of almost a whole city. It is stated that there was not one house in the city of Geneva that did not have at least one praying person in it.

John Knox, in Scotland, fasted and waited on God till intervening Providence drove Mary Queen of Scots off the throne and into exile in Protestant England and finally to the block.

Self-abasing Fasting

John Wesley and his primitive Methodists followed the apostolic pattern and fasted on Wednesday and Friday each week. He is quoted as saying that he would as soon think of cursing and swearing as to omit this practice of fasting in his ministry.

Thus did the great Wesleyan revival break upon the Eighteenth Century. "Upon a vile, superstitious, deistic age the fires of a heaven-born revival spread like a divine conflagration till Great Britain was turned into a mourner's bench — the cry of the penitent, the prayers of mourners — the hymns of redemption were heard all over the land from hill top to valley. The miners of Cornwall, the weavers of Northumberland, the cutlers of Sheffield, the cockneys of London, the peasants of Ireland; the shepherds of Scotland joined in singing redemption's song.

"The revival crossed the seas and America was set on fire under the preaching of Wesley, Whitefield, Asbury, Tennent and others of apostolic power, and thus two worlds were changed and regenerated by the anointed preaching of the Word and by the heroism, sacrifices, prayers and fastings of those who laid down their lives to bring in revivals of repentance and righteousness among men."



"By their fruits ye shall know them."

Releasing Omnipotence

Charles G. Finney was a confirmed believer in this heaven-blessed exercise. He declares that when he detected a diminution of the Spirit's wonderful presence in and through him, he would fast for three days and three nights, and bears testimony that as a result he was invariably again filled with the marvelous power that caused thousands of professional men, leading society women, merchants as well as hundreds of thousands of the common people, to break down with conviction, and yield to God and salvation. Finney set great store for fasting as one of the means of releasing God's amazing power.

"Today If Ye Will Hear His Voice" Hebrews 3:7

In the crisis today, which heralds the coming of the Lord, God Himself pleads with His people to seek His help and shows them step by step how to come to Him for help.

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Let Your Light Shine!

by Priscilla Fauth

On a city street at night, the street lights brighten our pathway lest we get lost or stumble and fall; we also, as Christians, must light the path for all those seeking to find that straight and narrow way which leads to everlasting life.

If there is one message that needs to be proclaimed to the Christian world today, it would be to "let your light shine!" (Matthew 5:16).

In Matthew 5:14 Christ tells us that "we are the light of the world." He goes on to say that "a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." We must be as a city that is set on a hill, that our light may be seen by all, from all directions. Christ instructs us to lift our light up high that it may give light to all the house, (Matthew 5:15).

As we look around us we see the world darkening more every day. In such a dark place it's so easy for one to get lost, confused and exhausted. There are many mazes to get lost in, so many traps of Satan to fall into, and so many obstacles to stumble over. The way is not easy even for us who claim to be Christians. How much harder, then, must it be for those who haven't yet seen the light?

Now, we come to the question: "How can I be a shining light?" The answer is very simple: Constantly be in contact with the source of energy (the Son). Yes, in order to possess this heavenly light, we must follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus, that bright morning star. His light then will reflect onto us, and shine through us for all to see. We cannot light the path ourselves. "*He revealeth the deep and secret*

CRISIS PRAYER (continued from page 14)

"The day of the Lord . . . is nigh at hand . . . The day of the Lord is great and very terrible . . . who can abide?"

"Now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning . . ."

"Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people. . . Let . . . the ministers of the Lord, weep. . . let them say, Spare Thy People, O Lord. . ."

"Then. . . the Lord will answer. . . and will remove far off from you the northern army. . . ye shall know that I am in the midst. . . I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:1, 11-32.

"O come, let us. . . bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is Our God: and we are the sheep of His pasture. . . Today if ye will hear His Voice, harden not your heart, as in the day of temptation. . . when your fathers tempted Me. . . Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart. . . Unto whom I swear. . . that they should not enter into my rest." Psalms 95:6-11. □

— "Herald of His Coming"

things: *he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth in him.*" Daniel 2:22.

It might be said, "I'm a good Christian. The Lord is dwelling in me." This may be very true, but, how much of the Lord are you letting shine from you? We must let His beautiful countenance be seen in us, and let it shine from us. We, as Christians, have accepted Him by faith, but, we also need to portray Him through our works. "Faith without works is dead." James 2:20.

The greatest commandments God gave us are, "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*" Matthew 22:37, 39. Do we really keep these commandments to the fullest? If we do, because we love God, we will have a burden for our neighbor, even more than for ourself. We loved ourself so much that we wanted and accepted the best and only way of real life — Jesus. Therefore, if we truly love as we ought, we will stop at nothing to let shine forth, a little of the light that we now possess, through Christ, onto all those around us.

Let us say together, "*O send thou thy light and thy truth: let them lead me. . . that I may walk before God in the light of the living. . . And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.*" Psalms 43:3; 56:13; Isaiah 42:16.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!" Isaiah 60:1). □

Disraeli Speaks About Jesus

The great Hebrew Christian statesman, Benjamin Disraeli, known as Lord Beaconsfield, wrote this about Jesus: "*The pupil of Moses may ask himself, whether all the princes of the house of David have done so much for the Jews as the Prince who was crucified on Calvary. Had it not been for Him, the Jews would have been comparatively unknown, or known only as a high oriental caste which had lost its country. Has not He made their history the most famous in the world? Has not He hung up their laws in every temple? Has He not vindicated all their wrongs? Has He not avenged the victory of Titus and conquered the Cæsars? What successes did they anticipate from their Messiah? The wildest dreams of their rabbis have been far exceeded. . . Christians may continue to persecute Jews and Jews may persist in disbelieving Christians, but who can deny that Jesus of Nazareth, the Incarnate Son of the Most High God, is the eternal glory of the Jewish race?"* (Benjamin Disraeli was British Prime Minister in the 1800's).

666

by A.W. Burns

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. . . And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. . . Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six."

Revelation 13:16-18.

These prophetic words give us one of the very final signs of the end of this current civilization. They are part of a dramatic forecast concerning a power that would arise among the nations of this earth with extraordinary personality and almost superhuman power. He would be the Beast of Biblical prophecy, Mr. Six Sixty Six. This prophecy is incredible to modern minds familiar with the scientific progress of our recent years. We have wondered how such an unbelievable prophecy could ever find its way into fulfilment in these days of such high understanding of technology. But it is the very advancement of our technology that is making possible and almost routine the fulfilment of this incredible forecast of Mr. Six Sixty Six. We have felt that industrialists or bankers or scientists would blot out the number before it ever had a chance to become known or established. And how would the general public allow marks to be imprinted on their right hands or their foreheads? Today it is already happening in America!

But before we come head-on into the subject of the number 666, which is even today, right now, heading toward a gigantic climax, let us consider, first of all, how many fulfilments of Biblical, God-given forecasts of the very final days of our current world-wide civilization are already in the process of being fulfilled.

For one thing, there is the shroud of Turin. It is claimed that it was the burial cloth of Jesus. Of course, today, we doubt everything of this nature that is brought before us. But scientists and historians have traced the history of this shroud all the way back to the first century A.D., and it is now property of a royal house in Italy. Every scientific test considered possible has resulted in leading many very intelligent people, and many scientists to believe that it is undoubtedly the grave clothes of Jesus. Recently an imprint was found on the shroud, formerly unnoticed, but when photographed and magnified, it proved to be the print of a rare coin issued during the reign of Pontius Pilate, to keep the eyes of the deceased closed, and a coin widely used only until A.D. 70! In fact, scholars declared that such coins, as the one photographed on the shroud, were issued by Pontius Pilate, no earlier than A.D. 29, and through A.D. 32 at the latest. Thus, we have evidence here that the shroud of Turin, as it is generally called, originated at the same time and in the same place, that is, in the province where Christ was crucified. But not only this: scholars have found — previously found — that the coin of Pilate mispelled the Greek words for "Tiberius Caesar," and the same misspelling occurs on the shroud. "Tiberiou Casisaros" was spelled with a 'C' instead of a 'K' both on Pilate's coins and on the shroud. This is evidence that is very difficult, almost foolish to deny.

It is added proof of the time and location of the crucifixion of Christ.

The Bible foretold in Daniel 12:4 that in the time of the end of this current civilization knowledge would be increased. And how significant that this amazing knowledge should come to us just in time, giving added proof of the crucifixion of Christ when the great judgement is drawing near.

As I said at the beginning of this Study, there are many signs of the approaching end of this current civilization, and they are right now coming to pass, so let us go on to another.

For hundreds of years, a great many people have doubted that there ever was a world wide flood upon this earth. And the fact that a man by the name of Noah built an ark large enough and strong enough to survive such a flood has been a subject of disbelief and ridicule from many people for many generations. Can the fact of a universal flood on this earth be ever proven? If so, how? And how better than by the finding of the ark? But, you say, the ark of Noah was built over 4000 years ago. How could it still be in existence today for anyone to find it? Yet, it is a fact that in this very period of time in which you and I live, a period of our civilization's history called in the Bible "the time of the end," that is a period heading for the end, the ark of Noah, 14,000 feet up in one of the mountains of Ararat, has been seen and has been found. Immediately you ask: How did it survive? Do you not remember the Biblical records of the flood, that the waters covered the mountains, and the Bible tells us that when the rains and upheavals of the Flood subsided, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. And since the time of the flood, this high, mountainous part of Ararat has been frozen, and the ice has preserved the wood. Explorers have seen the ark, have actually entered it, and carried away small pieces of the ark at least thirteen times. They have been able to carry away only small pieces, because the ark is encased in ice over 13,000 feet above sea level. The problem we are faced with today is not to find the ark, but to bring the entire ship, or a large enough portion of it, back down the mountain to convince the unbelieving world that Noah's ark really did exist, and came to rest at a great height on Mt. Ararat when the waters receded.

We stand today in need of an expedition of explorers and construction men and scientists and plenty of money, etc., to remove the ark from this precarious positions. But Russia will not allow it. You can see how a world wide exploration for Noah's ark, and with motion pictures and with evidence proving that the pictures of the ark in the ice were taken from a height of over 13,000 feet, and right where the Bible said it

would be — what that would do to all the Biblical unbelievers!

But not only Russia, Turkey also will not allow the necessarily great effort that will be required to accomplish such a tremendous expedition. We have to remember that the mountains of Ararat are in Turkish soil, and very near to the border of Russia. Turkey knows that the ark is there. In 1883 some Turks were commissioned by their government to investigate avalanche activity, and they came upon the ark encased in ice. They carefully melted portions of the ice and succeeded in entering some of the rooms. Yes, Turkey knows that the 4000 year old ark is there. And Russia knows it. But, for political and theological reason, they fear the exposure and they are doing everything they can to keep a capably equipped expedition from occurring. Now, isn't it significant that the preserving of Noah's ark by a miracle for nearly 4000 years, should become known in these very days that Biblical prophecy points out by many signs as "the time of the end"? I believe that this is evidence that these days in which we live are truly the "last days".

And here is another sign, another Biblically significant happening of our day. Western Europe nations are today in process of fulfilling one of the final prophecies of the Bible concerning the current end of this civilization. The 17th chapter of Revelation projects a vision, or prophecy which, it tells us in the very first verse, concerns the time of the judgement. In the 12th and 13th verses the prophecy declares that ten nations shall unite and give all of their support to a power identified symbolically as "the beast". Then the 13th verse tells us: "*These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*"

The forecast that these ten nations shall have one mind indicates that they shall be combined in a league or confederation with one central purpose, and that purpose will be to strengthen the power of the beast. Now, if we will look for just a few minutes to the great prophecy in the 2nd chapter of Daniel, we will find inspired substantiation of just what we are told in the 17th chapter of Revelation. The 2nd chapter of Daniel gives us a prophecy of world history from the time of Babylon to the Kingdom of God, and it identifies these ten nations and their locations as having been parts of the divided domains of the ancient Western Empire of Rome. The prophecy starts with the great ancient Kingdom of Babylon, Persia, then Grecia; then Rome; then the Eastern and Western divisions of Rome, and finally ten nations that shall stand in the last days on the territory of the ancient Roman Empire. Toward the end of this great prophecy, Daniel 2:44 declares: "*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*"

The ten nations described here are the same ten nations prophetically pointed out in the 17th chapter of Revelation. In Revelation, as they unite and give their power to the "beast", they are said to be existing just before the judgement, which will occur when Christ comes again. In Daniel 2 the prophecy declares, "*In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom. . .and it shall stand forever.*" So this is

something that will happen just before the second coming of Christ. Western Europe is now in the act of getting ready to fulfil this final prophecy. It is important, these days, for all students of Biblical prophecy to watch Western Europe. We all know that the Common Market, the E.E.C., is currently made up of ten nations. Whether one drops out, or two more are added, it will eventually wind up with just ten nations, exactly as the Bible foretold; And even now, they are beginning to develop political and military power. Have they not already made decisions about the neutron bomb? Final prophecy is beginning to be fulfilled before our very eyes. And all the while that these very important happenings are occurring right before us, proving the Bible, and proving that the Bible is the Word of the Eternal God, multitudes of people are spiritually sleeping, turning to fornication and adultery and homosexuality as a way of life. No wonder the Apostle Paul was inspired to forecast that it would be necessary to call out to many apathetic nominal Christians: ". . .*It is high time to awake out of sleep!*"

For many years we have been seeing the fulfilment of signs of the coming of the Day of God, but we are now seeing the beginning of the fulfilment of final signs. Very briefly, here is one: Jesus said, ". . .*As it was in the days of Lot*" (in Sodom) ". . .*even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*"

Homosexuals are now an accepted part of Society.

And briefly, here is another sign: The return of the Jews to Israel. Many people do not know that when the great Roman Empire was ruling the entire civilized world, the Romans, in A.D. 70, after they destroyed Jerusalem, banned the Jews from ever again entering Palestine. And this continued until 1918 when the British defeated the Turks in the World War I, and liberated Jerusalem from the Arabs. But the Bible foretold in a great prophecy in Ezekiel 38 that the Jews, whose population had been scattered all over the world, would return to Israel, and would once again establish their own country. The prophecy declared in the 8th verse: ". . .*In the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people. . .*"

This prophecy was fulfilled to the letter nearly 2,500 years after it was given. Month after month thousands of Jews gathered out of many nations and returned to the land of their ancient fathers. And this happened, just as the Bible prophecy declared, in the latter years of this civilization's history. The 16th verse prophesied: ". . .*it shall be in the latter days. . .*"

Now what do these forecasts signify? They tell us that the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland would not happen until the latter days, and this is exactly what has taken place. Also, they show us that the forecasts which follow in the prophecy will come after the Jews have returned to Israel. In the 16th verse God says: "*And thou —*" (this is Rosh or Russia) "*shalt come up against My people of Israel as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days. . .*" The prophetic verse tells us that Russia shall attack Israel. This is future. Then the 19th verse follows with the words: ". . .*Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel.*"

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NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

BLUNT SOVIET WARNING: STOP BRAZEN AGGRESSION

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union issued a blunt and direct warning to Israel to stop its military action in Lebanon, saying it was threatening Moscow's interests there.

An official government statement, distributed by the news agency Tass, said: "The Soviet Union takes the Arabs' side not in words but in deeds and presses to get the aggressor out of Lebanon. The present-day Israeli policy-makers should not forget that the Middle East is an area lying in close proximity to the southern borders of the Soviet Union and that developments there cannot help affecting the interests of the USSR. We warn Israel about this."

MISSILES KNOCKED OUT

Israeli aircraft and ground forces destroyed the SAM-6 missile batteries the Syrians had placed in Lebanon, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon announced last night. During the action, a massive air battle developed. There were no Israeli losses.

Sharon called the decision to attack the Syrian missiles — which were deployed in Lebanon last May — a turning point in the war. He reported that the situation on the Golan Heights is stable, and that Israel had initiated a massive call-up to deter any hostile Syrian intentions there. He did not believe that the war would extend to the Golan.

It was clear that Israel could not allow the Syrians and the PLO to remain in the Karoun area from which the Galilee would still have been in missile and artillery range, Sharon said. "We will now be able to complete our stated task of ensuring that all of northern Israel will be out of artillery and rocket range," he added.

ISRAELI DRUSE ARE PLAYING MAJOR ROLE IN CAMPAIGN

SAJUR, Western Galilee. — After complaining for years that the Israeli government and the IDF were not making proper use of their special status as loyal, Arabic-speaking, non-Jewish citizens, the Druse have apparently come into their own with Operation Peace for Galilee.

Sources also say that an unusually large number of Druse reserve officers have been called into the army for the Galilee operation, because so much of Lebanon has a Druse population.

Galilee Druse say they were not at all surprised by the uniformly warm reception given the IDF in towns around Hasbaya, between Beirut and Sidon. They say that the Lebanese Druse have complained bitterly for a long time about the PLO, which has made life in their villages "a nightmare," and did not respect the honour of their women.

Lebanon's 18,000 Druse live in some 200 villages in Southern Lebanon. There is also a large Druse neighborhood in Beirut, and many of the communities live in close proximity to Christians.

PRAYER ARTICLES SAVE CAPTAIN YOSSI'S LIFE

NAHARIYA. — Seren (captain) Yossi, a *hozer betshuva*, repentant Jew, would not have been alive if

not for his *talit* prayer shawl and *telfillin* (phylacteries).

During the battle for Tyre, he was driving a jeep on the outskirts of the city, when one of the occupants of the vehicle shouted to him to stop.

"Your satchel has fallen off" he said. The satchel contained Yossi's *talit* and *teffilin* bags. Yossi put his jeep into reverse gear at the same moment an RPG exploded in the very place where the jeep had stood. Then, when Yossi jumped off to pick up the satchel, there was a second explosion and the seat he had been sitting on disintegrated although miraculously none of the occupants of the jeep were hurt.

Yossi, who became an observant Jew again three years ago, is convinced that he owes his life to his restored faith. How else could one explain that, when he later called up his mother-in-law to tell her that he was well and alive, she informed him that his wife, eight months pregnant, had given premature birth to a fine healthy son.

SOLDIERS BID FAREWELL TO FALLEN COMRADES

TEL AVIV. — The last time I saw the young soldier, he had been a boy playing basketball in a schoolyard.

Yesterday, on short leave from the fighting in South Lebanon, he buried his commanding officer at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Standing in the stark afternoon sunshine, the soldier, his face showing signs of weariness under a floppy green army cap, watched as Seren Gidi Rosh, a 22-year-old artillery officer, was laid to his final rest.

Rosh, who commanded an artillery battery, was fatally wounded by a terrorist shell late Sunday near the coastal town of Tyre, the soldier said.

"It was tough out there," the soldier said, voicing no bravado. Another one of his officers was killed Monday, and a number of comrades from his unit were wounded.

The soldier, who has grown into a tall young man, wiped away a tear. "I have to be back up there by 4 a.m." he said, trying very hard — but unsuccessfully — to smile a '*lehitraot*' (good bye).

Kiryat Shaul, its ground already filled with the dead from previous wars, was again the scene of tears, mourning and sorrow.

FIGHTING IN LEBANON SPURS DONATIONS OF BLOOD, MONEY

The fighting in Lebanon has elicited a spirit of voluntarism and goodwill on the home front, with an overwhelming number of offers to donate money to Galilee settlements, give blood, or help in any other way.'

ARAB CITIZENS PITCH IN

Many Israeli Arabs from Galilee to the Negev have been expressing their solidarity with the state and contributing to the Soldiers' Welfare Committee, a government spokesman said. Some have also been declaring their readiness "to volunteer for any mission," according to the spokesman.

DOCTORS HELP

Doctors throughout the country have offered to go north to help settlements and hospitals. Kupat Holim

nurses in Tiberias have volunteered to work in the settlements closer to the fighting.

BEDUIN SHEIKHS SEND SOLIDARITY MESSAGE

A group of Beduin sheikhs from the Negev sent Prime Minister Menachem Begin telegrams expressing their solidarity with the governments decision to carry out Operation Peace for Galilee, wishing the IDF success and extending their condolences to bereaved families.

SPECIAL TEAMS SENT TO NORTH TO ASSESS HOUSING DAMAGE

Special teams dispatched to the North by government agencies have been assessing the damage done to public housing by the shelling in order that repair work can start immediately. The spokesmen for the public housing companies, Amidar and Amigur, said that families whose flats cannot be repaired immediately will be provided with temporary housing.

The emergency headquarters set up by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs to deal with social problems arising from fighting had appealed for volunteers. The ministry needs people skilled in maintenance and technical work and counsellors to work with youth in institutions.

The ministry said youth and women have already volunteered to help, and that it has received toys, books and games donated for the children spending much of their time in shelters.

SOLDIERS RESCUE 'NEWSWEEK' STAFFER

A *Newsweek* photographer who was caught in an Israeli artillery attack on Sidon was rescued by Israeli soldiers, who gave him a helmet and flak jacket and took him along for two days until he could be flown to Israel.

George Azar, an American in his 20s, was stranded during an artillery attack after being separated from colleagues. He ran to a house, found an old couple and many children, and tied a white flag to the man's cane when he heard Israeli requests that non-terrorists present a sign of peaceful intentions.

Picked up and treated "very well" by the Israeli paratroopers in Sidon, Azar accompanied the soldiers for two days. A commander gave him a note: "To whom it may concern: This man was taken prisoner by mistake. He's a great guy. Make sure he's fed and taken care of." The army later flew him to Tel Aviv.

Azar said here that he was impressed by the "extremely humane treatment" of Lebanese civilians by Israeli soldiers.

'WE WELCOME THE ISRAELIS'

An Israeli armoured personnel carrier rumbled up a street in a Christian Beirut suburb near the presidential palace and was greeted with waves, smiles and an occasional "Shalom" from residents crowding their doorsteps to watch.

Nearby, an advance Israeli armoured column was camped in a vacant lot in the hillside suburb of Hadath overlooking Beirut. One soldier in a cocoon of blankets was sleeping next to his rifle while another ate cherries. Still others fraternized with Christian militiamen directing traffic.

"We want Lebanon to be like it was before, the Switzerland of the Middle East," one dark-haired soldier told a small group of reporters, who had crossed the line that divided Beirut into Christian east

and the Palestinian and Moslem leftist west.

A sandy haired soldier who looked weary and was unshaven, invited a reporter to "come to Nahariya and you will understand why we are here."

The Israeli armoured unit was parked only about 200 metres from the presidential palace in the village of Ba'abda.

Reporters saw an armoured personnel carrier with a dozen Israeli soldiers sitting on top roll past a Lebanese Army checkpoint near the palace. There was no resistance from the Lebanese soldiers who have remained aloof from the intercommunal strife that followed the 1975-76 civil war when the Christian Phalangist militiamen battled an alliance of Palestinians and leftist Lebanese Moslems.

Christian residents of the neighbourhood appeared delighted by the Israeli presence. One mustachioed man, who declined to give his name, approached a reporter and said: "We welcome the Israelis and it will be good if they clean up the political dirt here. We don't like the Communists."

An elderly man with a beard walked down the road, saluting everyone he passed and shouting "Shalom." Inhabitants of the neighbourhood crowded onto balconies and porches to wave at the Israeli armoured personnel carrier. The Israelis, looking tired but happy, waved back.

One taxi driver from Moslem West Beirut, however, turned around and fled back to the Palestinian controlled sector when he heard Israelis were only a few hundred metres up the road.

Still skittish from the communal strife, most residents refused to give their names. But one who did, a communications executive named Nabil Khouri, told a reporter that "getting the Israelis here is the only way to retrieve our liberty." His 18-year-old daughter, Randa, stood crying beside him and added: "We are so happy they are here. Perhaps now we will have peace."

At the Israeli roadside encampment, a Phalangist officer wearing a gold crucifix was asked why he was glad to see the Israelis in Lebanon. "It is obvious," he said. "We are fighting the same enemy."

Some of the Israeli soldiers, however, indicated they wanted their stay to be short: "All I want is to get out of Lebanon and to go home," said one. "I hope we don't have to stay long. We haven't come here to conquer Lebanon, that's not our purpose."

Another asked a reporter: "Will the Palestinians fight to the death?" Told they probably would, he looked worried and said, "that's too bad."

ABIE NATHAN TO LEBANON

TEL AVIV. — Peace ship owner Abie Nathan intends to drive into Lebanon on Tuesday or Wednesday with \$100,000 worth of chocolate and candy for the children of Lebanon.

Nathan got the approval of the IDF spokesman for his plan, which he has dubbed, "Peace to the Children of Lebanon." Nathan said he would be going in with a group of volunteers, including some from the families of wounded Israeli soldiers.

IDF HELPS REHABILITATE TYRE

ROSH HANIKRA. — Ten tons of medical supplies earmarked for the civilian population of war-ravaged Tyre were ferried across the border by the International Red Cross. This first IRC shipment augments earlier relief convoys sent into Tyre by the IDF. The city is now supplied with water and basic food commodities. Fresh bread is also being supplied daily by the army,

and milk powder is being made available to families and children.

An Israeli Defence Forces spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that civilian life in the city is slowly being brought back to normal. Yesterday, the Lebanese gendarmerie, armed and clad in their distinctive green uniforms, were back to work — setting up guard over shops and banks looted by the PLO just before they fled the city.

Dozens of seriously wounded civilians have been evacuated to hospitals in Israel — mainly to the Nahariya hospital, but also, as required, to the wards of other hospitals further south. During a tour of hospitals in the North, Health Minister Eliezer Shostak said that Israeli hospitals are prepared to take in Lebanese wounded.

The sick and wounded are being taken care of, he said (including seven renal insufficiency patients — sent for dialysis to Nahariya). Local hospitals are operating again to the best of their ability, and Israeli medical teams have been sent in to reinforce the local doctors.

Yesterday, nine Druse sheikhs from the village of Hasbaya in southern Lebanon came to Haifa to visit 35 of the villagers wounded in last week's fighting and brought to hospital here. They said that they believed that the wounds were caused by Syrian shellings.

The Post has learned that the Ministry of Agriculture is debating how to supply food to the residents of Southern Lebanon.

Even before the military government officially took charge of supplying food in southern Lebanon, Israeli soldiers were seen sharing their combat rations with a group of refugee children and old women from the Rashadiya refugee camp, located in a nearby orchard.

Shinui MK Amnon Rubinstein proposed that Israelis take an active part in the rehabilitation and rebuilding of Southern Lebanon. He feels that Israelis ought to show their "good neighbourly intentions to the Lebanese, who no less than us were innocent victims of Palestinian terror."

BIBLE FORETOLD IDF VICTORY, SAYS VISITOR

TEL AVIV. — The eyes of Texas are upon Israel and millions of Christians all over the U.S. are praying for Israel and wishing it victory in its battle against the PLO terrorists, Rev. Hilton Sutton told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Sutton, founder and president of the Texas-based Mission to America, issues a monthly publication and appears on a weekly TV programme on the Christian Broadcasting Network. He is visiting Israel with a group of 50 American Christians.

Sutton said they came here in the midst of the war, and not one person in their group cancelled his trip. The group, which includes professionals, building contractors, ministers and housewives and range from 20 and up, are all excited about Israel and what they saw here. "This trip has created a lot of good ambassadors for Israel."

Sutton stated that he has for some time been pointing out that Israel would have to invade Lebanon to rout the PLO. He said the Israelis should not be surprised at their victory, since it is all written in the Bible in the books of Isaiah and Obadiah.

GIFTS

Of all the gift packages collected by the Soldiers Welfare Association, perhaps the most exciting arrived yesterday — from the Jews of the USSR.

LEBANESE VILLAGERS ASK HADDAD TO HELP THEM RETURN HOME

METULLA. — Thousands of Lebanese refugees who fled in recent years from their homes in South Lebanon to other areas of Lebanon because of warfare in the region are asking Major Sa'ad Haddad to allow them to return to their villages, a militia spokesman said here.

Isheyeh, northeast of Marjayoun, used to have thousands of inhabitants; but the terrorists took over the village four years ago and killed 200 of its residents, forcing the rest to leave. The PLO then turned the houses into fortified positions, and later Syrian forces joined the terrorists.

Haddad sent a letter to Defence Minister Ariel Sharon telling him of the villagers' request. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned that the IDF intends to permit the villagers to return in the near future.

TORA SALVAGED

An Antique Tora scroll, hidden behind a wooden wall in a 400-year-old synagogue in the casbah of Sidon, was retrieved this week by IDF soldiers.

After meeting Dr. Yitzhak Halevi and his family, the sole local survivors of the once flourishing Jewish community of this Lebanese coastal town, the soldiers were led to the ancient synagogue in a house now occupied by a Moslem family.

The scroll, housed in a four-domed blue ark, was removed after Halevi broke through the protection wall with a hammer.

The room in which the ark was hidden was clean and not in use, soldiers reported. The mezuzah on the door was intact. According to the soldiers, the Moslem family living in the house believe that the Tora scroll protected their home, which remained undamaged during the recent battles.

The scroll, with more elongated letters than usual, was handed over to the battalion rabbi who gave it a place of honour between two camouflaged tanks, under a sign reading "Sidon Synagogue."

ISRAELIS OPEN HEARTS TO VICTIMS

Tons of blankets and clothes were piling up at collection points around the country and at Magen David Adom stations for distribution to Lebanese victims of the conflict.

A special account — number 150600 — has been opened at Bank Hapoalim by the MDA for contributions by the public.

In South Lebanon, the IDF medical corps has already deployed aid stations in villages and on the outskirts of towns to treat the civilian population.

The IDF is also housing civilians whose homes were damaged during the fighting, said an IDF spokesman.

According to the spokesman, the IDF has appointed coordinating officers in all major towns to help the Lebanese population get back to normal. They are responsible for ensuring that residents receive medical assistance, as well as food and drink. They are also repairing water and electricity networks and are transferring sick and wounded patients to Israel for treatment.

5,681 IMMIGRANTS CAME DURING 1ST HALF 1982

A total of 5,681 immigrants arrived in Israel during the first six months of this year, the Jewish Agency announced. This figure compares with 5,307 who arrived during the same period last year.

SYRIANS ASK SOVIETS FOR 'STRATEGIC ALLIANCE'

BEIRUT. — Syrian President Hafez Assad's government, under pressure to withdraw its troops from Lebanon, has appealed to the Soviet Union for a "strategic cooperation" pact, similar to the one between Israel and the U.S.

The Soviet Union is Syria's main arms supplier. On October 8, 1980 the Syrian government entered into a 20-year friendship treaty with the Soviet Union, which calls for consultations if either party is attacked.

PLO PRISONERS TELL OF GOOD TREATMENT

Several PLO fighters and security detainees being held by Israel said that they are receiving adequate care and fair treatment.

Interviewed on Israel Radio's English News programme, they said they receive enough food, medicine and cigarettes, and spend their days sitting around.

Israel Radio's Arabic service, is broadcasting messages from them to their families in neighboring Arab states in the same way as Army Radio broadcasts messages from Israeli soldiers in Lebanon to their families at home.

Israel is holding some 6,000 prisoners captured in Lebanon, both PLO fighters and detainees caught without identity papers, Israel Radio said. Innocent detainees are released after being cleared.

RUSSIA SUGGESTS THAT ARABS CONSIDER USING OIL WEAPON

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union deplored the Arab world's failure to unite against Israel and suggested the use of the oil weapon.

"The aggression would have been repulsed more effectively if the 150-million Arab world with its huge oil reserves and rather high military potential had found the strength and political will to come closer together."

ARGOV HAD 1 CHANCE IN 10 OF LIVING

LONDON. — Israel Ambassador Shlomo Argov is progressing "better than might be expected," according to Dr. Norman Grant, his consultant neurosurgeon at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in Bloomsbury.

Grant told the press that while he was operating on Argov on the night of June 3 — after the ambassador had been shot in the brain by Arab terrorists — he did not think the patient would survive. He said that nine out of 10 persons who suffer such severe injuries to the brain, die.

Encouraging details about Argov, including the fact he is able to speak a few words in Hebrew and English, were conveyed at the press conference.

Meanwhile, the three Arabs accused of his attempted murder, are still being held in prison while the case against them is compiled by Scotland Yard.

IDF TAKES OVER ADVANCED SOVIET EQUIPMENT

SIDON. — If Sgan-Aluf Moshe's calculations are correct, one complex of advanced equipment supplied by the Soviets to the terrorists and now in Israeli hands is worth about \$250m. or about one-quarter of the estimated \$1b. financial price of the war thus far.

Moshe, a commander of one of the IDF units bringing back material to Israel, was speaking to reporters touring Lebanon under the auspices of Egged.

The officer said that the complex of sophisticated Soviet equipment is one of many items being found every day in Lebanon. Refusing to give details, he said that the equipment was revolutionary, highly technical, included computers and needed several dozen trucks to transport it to Israel.

Another piece of Soviet equipment not known in the West and now in Israeli hands, is a giant boring machine for tunnelling into mountains. "People who have seen this machine do not believe their eyes when they see it in action. If we put it on one side of Mount Tabor and start drilling, we could have a tunnel right through in not more than two days," he said.

It is believed that the terrorists used this machine to tunnel into mountains, which were then turned into arsenals.

"Our problem is that every day, yes, every day, we are finding more and more hidden arsenals," he said.

He noted that the finds were not always purely military. One of these was an enormous store of wooden planks, probably to be used by the terrorists for construction of bunkers and other buildings. Moshe estimated that just to empty out this enormous store would take a dozen trucks over a month.

IDF ATTACK STYMIED PLANS BY SYRIA FOR ALL-OUT WAR

One of the major achievements of the war in Lebanon was the postponement "and perhaps even the prevention of a total war with Syria by means of a limited war at a relatively small cost," OC Northern Command Aluf Amir Drori said.

Drori said that "it was no secret" that the Syrians had been preparing for a war with Israel. He said that this was "obvious in their build-up of the army and their exercises" — and that the limited war in Lebanon at least postponed the likelihood of the war planned by the Syrians.

LEBANESE RELIEF AT LIBERATION 'ASTONISHES' U.S. CONGRESSMAN

A U.S. congressman said yesterday after touring Israel-occupied Lebanon that he was astonished to find the Lebanese welcoming the Israelis "almost like a liberating army."

Representative Charles Wilson, Democrat from Texas, told Israel Radio he found during his two-day tour "an immense feeling of relief to get rid of the PLO. I just found that everywhere and I didn't go there expecting that."

He said he would leave his Israeli guides and seek out English-speaking Lebanese. "I would ask them and they would tell me and then a crowd would gather and the unanimity of opinion was overwhelming."

Wilson said he met people in Tyre and Sidon "some of whom lost homes, some of whom lost relatives. They said it was awful but they said that all in all, to be free of the PLO it was worth it."

Wilson said "it was a profound realization to me and I intend to try and get that word out at home that the Lebanese themselves are glad that it happened."

Wilson said "I had an argument last night with a French reporter. He was saying the people he had talked to were glad the Israelis came but they should have come without bombs. I said I supposed that we could have invaded Normandy without bombs too."

A BREATH OF PEACE

Gesher Haziv, a flowersplashed kibbutz along the Lebanese border, is safe from guns for the first time in years. But Kibbutz manager Moshe Kerem is worried about his potatoes.

Kerem is happy for the breath of peace, though many consider it a temporary respite.

"Begin says no more Katyushas will fall, but I don't think anyone really believes that," he said. "We'll see."

Meanwhile, "there is a manpower problem," said Kerem, who is in the same bind as the other managers of Israel's 250 kibbutzim.

"We have crops in the field, a factory to run, and our top people are gone. If this lasts a month, we're in trouble," he said.

Gesher Haziv has lost its farm manager, treasurer and several factory engineers to the mobilization.

Still, say Kerem and others, the invasion of Lebanon was welcomed. The more-than 400 adults and children in Gesher Haziv spent 48 hours underground shelters over the weekend as Palestinian guns shelled nearby Nahariya, before Israel's sweep north. "Begin had no alternative."

Kerem, who moved to the kibbutz from New York in 1948 at the age of 24, put it this way: "I am a Labour Party member, more dovish than hawkish, but it's hard to be a dove around here."

Shelling was heavy last summer and since then people of Gesher Haziv have hit the shelters dozens of times — often for false alarms. It was life as usual 7 km. from the Lebanese border.

Kids dribble basketballs in an open court near a rich green banana grove. Flaming red and deep purple bougainvillaea line the roads and walkways. Farmers till fields and workers turn out plastic from a small factory, hardly noticing the army trucks and artillery that roll back and forth on the highway down the hill along the sea.

Even when in the shelters, people venture forth to irrigate fields and feed turkeys.

Meanwhile, the 35,000 residents of Nahariya, which has endured terrorist attacks for the last 10 years, were also breathing easier.

"Of course, we feel good about the new quiet," said Kalonimos Tachauer, an elderly teacher, who immigrated from Nazi Germany in the 30s. But like others Tachauer wondered how long peace would last — and what might come next. "But for now it is definitely much better," he said.

Across the eucalyptus-lined main street, 17-year-old Peled Yuval paused from selling books at a sidewalk rack to talk to a visitor. "We're not afraid anymore," he said. A young woman customer added: "I feel good, but I'm hurting inside. We have so many soldiers there. They are our brothers, our families. We're not like the Arabs with 20 cousins each. We have small families, like Western people, and we're all very close."

In conversations, most Nahariya people sound troubled about Israeli troops being in Lebanon, but, on its face, the town displays an air of relaxed calm, the atmosphere is decidedly unwarlike.

RAILWAYS HEAD: REOPEN LINE TO LEBANON

HAIFA. — Israel Railways general manager Zvi Tzafriri has proposed reinstating the country's rail link to Lebanon.

Tzafriri, who made his proposal to Transport Minister Haim Corfu told *The Jerusalem Post* that it

would take only IS15m. and six weeks to get the old pre-State rails into working condition again.

The job would entail reconstructing a five-kilometre stretch from Nahariya to the border at Rosh Hanikra, and reopening two tunnels at the frontier, which have been blocked over the years.

He said this would make it possible to transport materials to Lebanon, as part of Israel's proposed aid programme there.

The rails on the Lebanese side reportedly have been kept in good condition, Tzafriri said, and if closer relations were established between the two countries, the rail link might play an important part.

LEBANESE BABY NAMED FOR BEGIN

SAFAD. — Residents of South Lebanon are finding some novel ways of expressing gratitude for being released from years of continuous shelling by the terrorists.

Colette Julian, 28, gave birth to a boy in the government hospital in Safad and promptly named him Begin. Her husband, Awad, beaming after the birth of his son after two daughters, said: "That is the least we can do."

Earlier this week, another South Lebanese woman was rushed to a hospital in Safad after giving birth to one son at home. Moments after being admitted to hospital, the woman gave birth to a second son. Said the proud father: "This symbolizes the new friendship between the peoples of Lebanon and Israel — one son born on each side of our common border."

FIRST FEELERS FOR TRADE WITH LEBANON

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Lebanese merchants who wish to purchase goods in Israel may place their orders through the military commanders in the various towns, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said. Patt, who was touring the northern border, said that orders would be filled within 24 hours.

"The rehabilitation of Lebanon will not be achieved by sending piles of blankets," Patt said. "This aid is certainly important, but a much greater, properly organized effort will be necessary to rebuild the country's economy."

The minister met with Tat-Aluf Maimon, who is responsible for aid to Lebanon. He asked the military authorities to release 1,800 essential workers in industrial plants and said the army had agreed to deal expeditiously with his request. Four hundred of the men have already been released.

SIDON AMUSEMENT PARK RE-OPENS FOR HOLIDAY

SIDON. — The local amusement park, which had been closed for over seven months, reopened and was crowded by hundreds of children and their parents out for the Id el-Fitr holiday. The fair includes a giant ferris wheel and a rollercoaster.

The owner said he had closed the park because the customers were continually in fear of sporadic shooting from the PLO.

The opening of the park marked another step in this southern Lebanese city's return to normalcy. Sidon is quickly being cleaned and repaired from the damage of seven years of war.



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If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of
my mouth, if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."*

Psalms 137:5, 6.

FREIJI: ARABS ERRED BY MAKING WAR, NOT PEACE

BETHLEHEM. — Elias Freiji, the last prominent Palestinian mayor in office, chastised the PLO and Arab world for waging fruitless wars and issuing hollow slogans instead of "challenging Israel for peace."

Tired and clearly depressed, Freij said the war in Lebanon has left him in despair over the future of the Palestinian cause.

"I really wanted the PLO to challenge Israel for peace,"

Had the Arabs challenged Israel for peace and not for war many years ago, the outcome may have been more promising," he said.

ISRAELI CIVILIAN SHOT DEAD IN BETHLEHEM MARKET

An unidentified gunman shot and killed an Israeli civilian as he was shopping with his family in Bethlehem market.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij condemned the murder. "This is really a crime," he said, "This kind of thing should not happen to a man shopping with his wife and children."

JEWISH AND ARAB PUPILS TO MEET AT GINNOSAR

For the first time, 2,000 Jewish and Arab high school pupils will take part in the traditional Jewish-Arab gathering at Kibbutz Ginnosar, the Government information Centre announced. President Yitzhak Navon will also be at the get-together, which will be attended by some 3,000 Jews and Arabs from all over the country.

'VICTORY' AT ILO

GENEVA. — For the first time since 1974 there has been no resolution condemning Israel adopted during a UN conference.

This "victory" occurred when the International Labour Organization annual conference ended without considering an Arab resolution to establish an annual day of solidarity with Palestinian workers.



*"The Lord shall bless thee out
of Zion: and thou shalt see the
good of Jerusalem all the days of
thy life."*

— Psalm 128:5.

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This will happen. It has been threatening for at least 30 years, every since the Jews began to settle in their old homeland. Now, let us come to the most important event that will happen after the Jews return, as they have. Arabs will heckle them. Russia will persecute them. All of this is forecast in this Bible prophecy, and you know that these things are happening exactly as prophesied in the 20th verse as follows: "... all the men that are upon the face of the earth. . ." Now, let me pause here. Whatever is happening in the developments of this conflict against Israel, is now drawing "all men that are upon the face of the earth" into a part of it. We know that the U.S.A. has already been drawn into it. But this is still in the future. How much in the future we do not know, but comparison with the fulfilments of other final prophecies has led atomic scientists in Chicago to push their time clock up to 4 minutes to midnight. We are now facing the moment when we shall come to grips with a power against which men and devils and atoms are powerless. So the prophecy tells us: "... all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. . ." This means the presence of God Himself. It does not say, "all the men that are upon the face of Europe or Asia or America," but all the men that are upon the face of the entire earth. This situation has been developed by the prejudices and hypocrisies of the people and nations all over this earth. And now the prophecy shows it as becoming a part of God's great judgement.

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