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Jerusalem — general view from the Mount of Olives. Looking across the Kidron Valley you can see the walls of the Old City. The building with the golden dome is the Mosque of Omar, standing where the ancient Temple stood. In the left background is Mount Zion.

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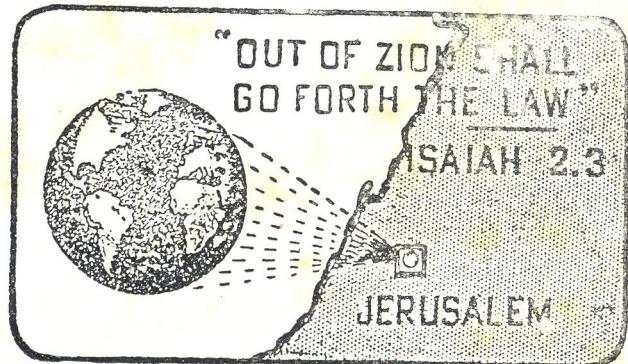
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EXPLAINING FRONT PAGE PICTURE

In the foreground can be seen part of the slope of the Mt. of Olives, and some of the many graves which are located on this hillside. According to Jewish belief when the Messiah comes He will come to the Mount of Olives, and the dead there will be the first resurrected. They are correct that *He* will come to the Mount of Olives, but unfortunately most Jews are unaware of who their Messiah is. In the background can be seen the towers and buildings of the new city part of Jerusalem.

(Photo taken from the Mt. of Olives)

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THE LAW OF GOD

By the late Ed Severson

We often hear of preachers, and also laymen, of different churches who very often say, "The law of God has been nailed to the cross, and abolished at the death of Jesus Christ," and that we are not under law but under grace. They take it for granted that to keep the Ten Commandments of God would cause a good Christian brother, or sister, to fall from grace; but that kind of teaching is not true, and will make Jesus a false teacher and lawbreaker, and mislead His people. Jesus kept the Ten Commandments, and was our example. — John 15:10. Jesus said that those who followed Him would not walk in darkness. — See John 8:12.

It has been, and is, preached, and thought, by those same persons that Jesus came to "fulfill" the law, and that means to "abolish" it. This teaching is wrong and not in harmony with the Scriptures. If Jesus abolished the law then He came to please the devil and the wicked, and God will have to blame Jesus for all the crimes and sin in the world. — Prov. 28:4.

The blessed Word of God says: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." — Gal. 6:7, 8. To sow to the flesh means to be a servant to the world, a lawbreaker, lawless, and disobedient to God. — 1 Tim. 1:9, 10.

If Jesus abolished the law of God, then he is classed with the lawless, and lawbreakers. Anyone that loves Jesus will not number him so low as to have abolished the moral rule of the eternal God, Creator of all the uni-

verse. "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Jesus said, when He pointed to His Father in heaven, "To know His (God's) Commandment is life everlasting." Jesus kept His Father's moral law faithfully unto death, and He said those who follow Him will not walk in darkness. — John 8:12. All lawbreakers, and all no-law teachers and preachers, are walking in darkness, but all those that have been washed and saved from the awful depths of sin, are commanded to remember and keep His (God's) holy covenant (Moral Law). See Luke 1:71-72.

The moral law of God is the only one called His holy covenant. No one who is a child of God will believe, teach, or preach, that Jesus came to abolish God's holiness.

It has been said by those modern teachers and preachers, that no one ever kept the law of God but Jesus. That teaching is wrong, for we may read in the blessed Word of God that Zacharias and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, kept the law of God. — Luke 1:5, 6). And again our beloved brother Paul, after he was converted and baptized into Jesus Christ, also delighted in keeping the law of God. — Rom. 7:22-25.

Jesus, when he answered the lawyer, taught that the law of God was incorporated in the love to God and the love to our neighbors. — Matt. 22:35-40. "On these two commandments hang all (not part of) the law and the prophets." Thank God, the seventh-day Sabbath hangs there, too.

Dear reader, don't be deceived, for God is not *continued on page 20*

The Nation of Israel

The nation of Israel is definitely the greatest miracle of our age. One hundred years ago the world was unaware of this moving of the spirit in the hearts of His people. There was no outward evidence of the great exodus and miracle about to be transacted. At that time it was considered preposterous, even by most Christians, that there would ever be again the ancient nation of Israel, and the return of the Jews to their homeland.

However, Church of God ministers taught and preached all over the world the literal fulfillment of the many prophecies concerning the restoration and blessing again of Israel. Now, one hundred years later, this has become fact. After a lapse of almost 2,000 years, the nation of Israel is again a reality. We have passed many more milestones foretold in the Written Word. We are drawing nearer than ever to the final end of Gentile times and the return of our Messiah. We long yet to see God's purpose and Kingdom completely accomplished. Let it be as we pray in the Lord's prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The following article was published by Elder A. F. Dugger in about 1877, and is still in the scrapbook of his son, Elder Alex Dugger.

As you know, Elder A.F. Dugger was the father of Elder A.N. Dugger, the Founder of the Mt. Zion Reporter and the leader of the "Jerusalem Work" until he was taken from us only a little over a year ago. His brother, Elder Alex Dugger, lives in Colo., U.S.A., and in spite of his years is active in the ministry.

The photograph is of Elder A.F. Dugger, when he was a young man.

(written about 100 years ago)

The Restoration of Israel, a Bible Doctrine

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and will have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be zealous for my holy Name. Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them, for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel." — Ezekiel 39:25, 28, 29.

Some to escape the truth of Israel's restoration, claim that the terms "Jew," "Israel," and "Israelite," are used in a spiritual sense to represent those who are the children of God by faith in Christ, without regard to national distinction. For argument sake this may be granted. Does it better the case? We think not. Here we have Jacob and the whole house of Israel mentioned, and the certainty that they have been let into captivity is the very argument used by the Prophet to prove their restoration.

Furthermore God declares this restoration shall be permanent; that He will hide his face from them no more. The very God who led them into captivity is to bring them out and when they are brought out, they are to know that He is the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity.



— photo of A. F. Dugger Sr. (1844 - 1910)

Anyone can see at a glance that Israel, used in this connection, means nothing more nor less than the literal seed of Abraham. Just as certain as God scattered or caused literal Israel to be led into captivity, just as certain will He bring literal Israel out of captivity, and therefore accomplish their promised restoration.

"For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country." — Ezekiel 34:11-13.

According to this prophecy, Israel is to be restored, after the cloudy and dark day, which day still continue, and will until Gentile times expire (Luke 21:25); hence *the restoration here spoken of is yet future*.

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said. The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into the land that I have unto their fathers." — Jeremiah 16:14, 15.

Can anyone at the present day truthfully say, "The Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them"?

Where is the scribe, lawyer, or doctor who dare affirm that there has ever been such a restoration? When this restoration is accomplished, they are to dwell safely in their own land, and be plucked up no more; neither are they to be any more a reproach among the heathen.

What is the condition of the Jew today? We behold them, at the present moment, scattered and peeled among the nations of earth. Though despised, persecuted and oppressed by wicked unsanctified Gentiles, yet, God loves them, and in due time will fulfill his many promises concerning them.

Then shall they walk in the light of His countenance, and enjoy His approving smiles. Though cast far off, she is to become a strong nation. The Lord shall reign King of Israel in Mount Zion (Micah 4:7).

"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall fear no more, nor be dismayed; neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, 'The Lord our Righteousness'. — Jeremiah 23:3-6.

According to this prophecy, God will search all countries for Israel, and when restored, they are to be fruitful and increase, which shows that this gathering refers to mortals and not to the immortal spiritual seed of Abraham, as some vainly contend. How absurd is this idea!

We cannot apply this prophecy to Babylon, for this righteous Branch, which is Christ, was not raised up when the Jews were restored from Babylon. In his days Judah is to be saved, and Israel is to dwell safely. Judah and Israel show that the promise includes the *twelve tribes*.

"And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging (or ruling) the twelve tribes of Israel". — Matthew 19:28.

This prophecy indicates we have the same Israel which was led away into captivity, carried over into the state of regeneration or "times" of restitution," and Christ and the Apostle reigning over them. Certainly Judah is saved and Israel dwells safely, while Christ the Righteous Branch, sits on David's throne, crowned King of the Jews, and executes judgment and justice in the earth.

"And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more." — Ezekiel 34:28.

The Jews are to this day a prey to the heathen; the Gentiles bear rule over them, they are scattered, their city and temple lies in ruins, buried beneath the rubbish

of time; but when this prophecy is fulfilled it will not be so. Then shall their city be an "eternal excellency, a joy of many generations." The old wastes shall be rebuilt — former desolations raised up — and they shall bear the shame of the heathen no more. All that see them shall acknowledge that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed. — Isaiah 60:15; 60:4-9.

"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north, to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your father." — Jeremiah 3:17, 18.

In the times of restitution, Jerusalem is to become the grand centre of Christian operations. This is apparent from the fact that all nations are to be gathered into it. That the twelve tribes are to be restored at this time, is evident from the fact that the house of Israel, and the house of Jacob walk together, and that, too, in the land given to their fathers. This cannot apply to the restoration from Babylon from the fact that the two houses did not then walk together.

— by Elder A.F. Dugger, and written approximately 100 years ago — long before the reestablishment of the State of Israel.

ABOUT ELDER A. F. DUGGER SR.

Elder A. F. Dugger Sr. was born near Jonesboro, Indiana, December 6, 1844. In 1847 his father moved with the family to Ogle County, Illinois, where they lived until 1865 when they moved to Adams County, Iowa. He married Virginia Belle Miller in 1875, and after living for a while in Missouri, he moved to Clay County, Nebraska in 1883 and remained until 1885 when he moved to Rock County, Nebraska.

Being always religiously inclined he entered the ministry at the age of 15 and at the age of 16 held his first pulpit discussion with a minister of quite a little experience and surprised his relatives and friends by receiving the decision, the minister himself saying, "I was never so much surprised in a boy in my life".

In his early years in the ministry, he emulated the example of the disciples, traveling on foot from place to place, preaching the gospel of the coming kingdom. In this way, he traveled over a great deal of Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois, organizing churches and preaching the gospel everywhere.

At this time he was with a First-Day (Sunday-keeping) church. He was chosen by the church he affiliated with to write a book on the keeping of Sunday. After making all possible research, he found nothing in the Bible for the keeping of Sunday. So instead he wrote a book intitled "The Bible Sabbath Defended" which is considered by some to be a master piece. He advocated this doctrine for more than 34 years afterward until his death. He was endowed with an outstanding and rare gift, categorized as genius in able speech. He contended successfully with the most pronounced atheists and still so beautifully simple were his words that even a child could understand them.

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IN THE VINEYARD

The Word from Zion

We want to apologize for not getting "The Mount Zion Reporter" out regularly like we had said we would. We had hoped to be able to publish the "Reporter" monthly again starting in August, but because of low finances and for various other reasons, we were unable to do so. We hope you will understand. Starting with this issue (January) the "Reporter" will be printed monthly, our Heavenly Father willing. We considered printing a November and December issue, but this would have delayed the January issue. By starting with January of the new year (actually a combined January-February issue) we should be able to stay caught up, and from now on we hope to be able to publish the magazine monthly, as was the case when Elder Dugger was with us. I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding with our problems during the last year.

During the past year we have, at all costs, kept the literature flowing out from Jerusalem. This is one part of the work which we felt had to be continued unabated no matter what sacrifices had to be made. It is of vital importance during these last days of this sinful world to keep the truth going forth without cease, and it would be terrible to fail this trust. "For the Law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem". — Micah 4:2. When the great day which we are all awaiting comes, we want to be accounted worthy and faithful

servants, and NOT slothful and disobedient.

The Lord has been good to us. People in Israel and all around the world are thirsting for the truth. The amount of books, tracts, and Bibles which we send out is growing constantly. We have been getting a good response, and are thankful for the doors which are being opened.

I am glad to say that we are receiving again the export premium on the books, tracts, and other material which we send out from Israel. As you may remember from Elder Dugger's letters of some two years ago, we were having some problems about receiving this premium, and in fact we weren't able to get this straightened out until just recently. The export premium is an extra amount which the Israel government gives to exporters on each dollar of goods exported, in order to encourage export and help bring foreign currency into Israel. At present it is IL.2.48 on every dollar, extra, besides the official exchange rate of IL.8.57 per U.S. dollar. This extra amount really helps out and enables us to make the funds we receive go much further. We are very thankful that this matter is finally settled, and that we are again receiving this premium.

I hope that all will continue to pray with us for the fruitfulness of the work in Jerusalem. Remember also to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. — Psalms 122:6.

— The Assist. Editor

AMERICA'S NEW PRESIDENT

It has just been announced that Mr. Carter is the winner of the U.S. Presidential election, and will be America's new president. We should all pray for President Carter; that the Almighty will give him wisdom and will bless him during his term, and that through him America and the world will be blessed. Paul tells us to do this. (1 Tim. 2:1, 2). President Carter will be president during a critical period; a time when a good or a bad president could make a great deal of difference either way for America and the world.

I am sure that most of you will agree that it is difficult, if not impossible, to tell beforehand how a leader will turn out, and what he will do after he is elected. The events of the past several years have certainly shown this. All we can do is to pray. One reliable way of determining which direction the fortunes of a nation or an individual will go is by whether or not it or he is a friend of Israel and of the Almighty's chosen people. There are definite promises in the Bible concerning this. "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." — Gen. 12:3. Psalms 122:6. — "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." It is a pity that more world leaders don't remember these verses and take heed of them.

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THE BANK ACCOUNT WORTHWHILE

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." — These are the words of Jesus (Yashua) as we have them recorded in Matthew 6:19 to 21.

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HAPPY THOUGH HANDICAPPED

By FATIMA JABIR

(Sightless girl from Bethlehem)

A very difficult, but constructive suggestion, is to love, believe, and hope, if one is to live a worthwhile life.

I find great pleasure, sometimes, to think of things I would do if I had not been blind. But this is wasted time, for to my disappointment, I see many impossibilities before me. As God grants me life, I will try to encourage others, as I encourage myself, to do good. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord and I know that I am cared for by a Higher power... as I commit my ways unto God.

I enjoy reading about the great people who have contributed to helping the world to be a better place in which to live, and especially am I interested in the Bible. It is the Book of God, and shows the only way to come to God. I like people and get very happy when I find good friends — it takes much experience to find true friends. I want to be a friend that will bless a lonely person, to encourage the frightened, to strengthen the weak, to comfort and ease the troubled and to teach others who do not know the way to happiness.

One day, in our Home for the Blind, we prayed for someone to come who could see, for we needed someone to help us with our knitting machine. Very soon, four christian ladies came as by chance to see if they could assist us in any way. They had all day to spend with us! We were excited and praised the Lord for the way He met our need, and the seeming difficulty we had became a blessing, for these ladies have become our dear friends. Because of them, we have a Braille Bible that we share and have transportation for our marketing in the village. We know that they were sent of the Lord. We are now organizing a choir and will be able to move about... to make more friends and enjoy living... as we trust to bless others. Nobody is really independent, for we all need each other in order to become really effective. I must be led but if I accept help graciously, I can cause my leader to obtain the same happiness I have found!

This photo is of Priscilla Fauth (daughter of Gordon Fauth) and some of the girls of a choir of blind girls who live in Bethlehem. Priscilla is their piano player, and they have a practice session every week. They have sung in our church for us, and they really are a joy to hear. They are glad to have found Priscilla, as they needed a piano player, and she is glad to have found them, as they share her love of music.

These blind girls are very industrious, and make their living by knitting sweaters, shawls, and many other articles of clothing.

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We have many large parcels of miscellaneous tracts containing a few hundred each, to be sent out to "Volunteer Willing Workers", in many parts of the world. The cost of these with the postage is \$20.00. You will be casting bread upon the waters, and proving yourself to be a profitable servants to the Lord, to send money for one or more of these parcels to be sent out to those calling for them. Thanks in advance.

NOTICE

During the past year we have been acknowledging each amount sent in to the work with a receipt showing the amount, date, etc. It seems to be a good idea and we will continue this practice. It enables everyone to know that their tithes and offerings have reached us safely, and also furnishes a record which can be kept.

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Believe it or not, that is what one gets when reading Greek history or other philosophies... you run into strange things that even concern daily foods.

The philosophers and mathematicians of Athens probably are responsible for the theory that honey was an important substance for prolonging youth. Quite a number of them experimented with honey diets. They were convinced that man's life span could be doubled if he were to discover exactly the right foods for his physical needs, and they also believed that honey was one of the essential foods for such a plan. I agree with them.

ATTENTION ATHLETES

Did you know that the Greek athletes were always given honey and water to drink after the Olympic games? It was found that this mixture quickly banished fatigue. The philosophers even wondered whether honey might not be used to banish fatigue altogether. They reasoned if one never grew tired, perhaps one might never grow old.

They had something there.

Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher, the first man recorded to conceive of the earth as a globe, self-supported in space and revolving with other planets around a central luminary, gave a great deal of thought to this matter. He finally adopted a diet that included a generous amount of honey and bread. The members of the Pythagorean school followed his example.

Other scholars in Athens experimented with diets of their own. One of the most popular drinks was milk and honey — a mixture that became best known in Athens circles as "ambrosia". Of course it came down to many countries and when I was a little girl in Russia, my mother served hot water, milk, and honey as a drink.

Pythagoras was a wise man, and lived to be ninety. One of his disciples, Appolonius, lived to be one hundred and thirteen years of age.

Anacreon, who died at the age of one hundred and fifteen, attributed his long life to the daily use of honey.

Hippocrates (popularly known as the Father of Medicine) prescribed honey for those who wished to live long and used it daily himself.

Pythagoras' diet for himself and his followers included fruits, nuts, and vegetables, as well as bread and honey, and it contributed much towards his vigor and health.

Believe it or not, the "Coca Cola" of ancient Rome was a fruit beverage made with honey and was valued for its 'pickup' qualities.

A doctor recently said that if you want your heart kept in good shape, drink fruit juices and honey.

A REMAKABLE FOOD

Please remember that honey is one of the most remarkable foods we use today. History tells that besides the Greek athletes stuffing themselves with honey,

throughout their training period and in preparation for Olympic games, the Swiss Alpine climbers have always used great quantities of honey for weeks prior to undertaking their dangerous climbs. England reports that long distance swimmers did likewise before attempting to swim the English Channel or some other body of water that called for endurance.

Sea divers also rely on honey diets. Captain John D. Craig, of the salvage crew of the Lusitania, reported that the crew always got a half tuber of strained honey, lemon juice, and rain water, when they came up from the sea.

But why honey? Listen carefully. Because of all starches that are transformed by the digestive tract into simple sugars, and giving energy, honey has the following advantages over other sugars (according to Dr. Beck and Dr. Smedley):

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NEW COVER PICTURE

You will notice that we have finally gotten around to changing the picture on the front of "The Reporter". In the future, the Lord willing, we plan to change the picture more often, and will have scenes from different parts of Israel, not only of Jerusalem. Your opinions on this subject are invited.

BIBLE LESSONS

Due to the rising cost of paper and postage we have had to raise the price of the quarterly Bible Lessons. These booklets, usually 16 pages, are printed 4 times a year and contain a Bible Lesson for each Sabbath for three months. Lessons are in question form with Bible references and notes. These lessons are very helpful both for an individual or for a church. Every church or group should order a good supply.

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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

ALL IN GOD'S WORD

Elder Andrew N. Dugger, our late Editor, loved to tell of when his father was a boy. His father A. F. Dugger preached from the time he was still just a little boy. He would go alone by himself into the heavy timber near their home and stand on a tree stump and preach to the trees. The little boy's father would listen sometimes, out of sight behind the trees. One day his father said "Amen" at a certain place in the sermon and the boy jumped down quickly and ran home. He already knew his Bible well at an early age.

Elder A. F. Dugger Sr. had two sons, first Alexander and soon after Andrew. Both grew up as their father, to be ministers of righteousness. Alexander today is in his nineties and lives in Colorado, U.S.A. and is strong and in good health. He relates how that as a small boy, one day at school a little girl chided him by saying that he should be good because the Lord is coming soon. He asked his father about it and he said that the Lord wouldn't come for several years yet, and told him about the re-establishment of Israel. He said he wouldn't live to see it but that his sons could possibly enjoy this privilege and witness the fulfilment of this prophecy.

Elder Andrew Dugger told also about a time when his mother always fixed a Sabbath meal and others would come home with them after church. Once when they were playing with other little children who had come to visit, they became thrilled by the thought that Jesus could come right now, even into the trees nearby. Alexander, being a little older, said, No, that there are things that have to happen first. They decided that one child should go and ask their father about it. They waited impatiently for the child to return from the house, a distance away. Running, the child returned to say that it is true, the Jews have to go back to the Holy Land and have their own nation again, and that the Lord wouldn't come today.

Their mother, Virginia Belle Miller, was born in Virginia and came in a covered wagon to Iowa when only 6 months old. Her favorite scripture was the 91st Psalm, a definite Psalm of deliverance yet future. Every mother, and especially today, should teach these wonderful and positive promises to each child.

Their father, Elder A. F. Dugger Sr., understood many things in the written word, the "more sure words of prophecy," which are "of no private interpretation." (2 Peter 1:19, 20). In his old Bible, diagonal across the last page of Daniel, is the inscription with his own hand, written in pen and ink, — A world war will begin in about 1914 and will be renewed again in 1936 or 1937. Surely it seemed impossible to people then that this prophecy would come to pass as the Scriptures designated. Everyone said there will be no more war, that now the nations will meet together and talk over their variances. This was at a time when the world was congratulating itself on how civilized it had become, and the common belief was that any future differences which arose between the "civilized nations" could be settled over the conference table. Well, we all know what happened.

Now the first and second world wars are past, and we are waiting and at the brink of the final stroke of

the destruction of gentile nations, each war in process more terrible than the one before. And concerning Israel in this end-time, the blessing as prophesied is returning and the little rock hewn out of the mountain without hands, cultured and nourished by Heaven, will grow, just as foresaw and written so many years ago, until this little rock is no longer little but engulfs the entire earth.

The following words are taken from the tract by A. N. Dugger, "The Rebirth of Israel — The Greatest Miracle of the Age,"

While powerful enemies surround the little nation, threaten her destruction, the intervening hand of an Almighty Creator will see her through to the end, as the vanguard to His approaching kingdom repeatedly announced by the prophets of Israel. — See Daniel 2:45, 7:27; Isaiah 9:6, 7; Psalms 110 and Micah 5:1-4.

As the Spirit again moves upon the face of a void and dark world and again with no uncertainty God's word is heard (as in the beginning when God said, "Let there be Light"), light finally and at last reaches its destination, then peace will rule supreme, righteousness will be as the noonday, and God's glory will be fulfilled in each life, as strong as the mercy that wrought it, and the repose of love will cover the earth in all of love's entirety and perfection.

— Assistant Editor

The Almighty Chose Zion

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

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

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

"The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion, and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life." — Psa. 128:5.

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

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, He will appear in his glory." — Psalms 102:1.

"Judah shall dwell forever and Jerusalem from generation to generation, for I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed. For the Lord Dwelleth in Zion." Joel 3:20, 21

Extracts From Readers Letters

BURMA. —

Dear Brother,

Your name has been given to me by Elder Buia as one interested in the evangelistic work. I am giving all my time for the distribution of tracts and other Sabbath School Literature. Many people are interested. We hold prayer fellowships and Bible discussions. Mr. Laurence A. Highley, a timber expert and a Sabbath Day propagator was in Rangoon on a tour of official assignment from his company (Mr. J. C. Green Bovay, Engineers Inc., Houston Texas). He left with me a number of Charts emphasizing the Sabbath. These are with me in many languages, Indian and Burmese, English and Karen. I use them during our Bible discussions.

Just now we are planning to print some more tracts and other literature. The translation into Burmese is done by experts in the language. Of course we could print and arrange distribution only as the Lord provides. As Elder Buias' work is restricted to only among the Lushais who reside in the hills bordering India and Burma, he has passed on your interest to me. I am grateful to the Lord for having been introduced and feel strongly that it is the Lord's doing.

Please convey my greetings to all those who serve with you in the Lord's work and please remember me in your prayers. We would also pray for you and for the advancement of our Sabbath work through you.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in His Service,
B. D. H., Burma

NIGERIA. —

Dear Brother,

Your recent letter came to us here and we highly appreciate your prompt reply. Your letter was inspiring and we thanked the Lord for it and the saints here do remember you daily in prayers, the distance notwithstanding.

We praise the Lord for the way God is using his people in Jerusalem as at present and delight in the publications in diverse languages going out of Jerusalem. Brethren in Christ do not fear for the battle would be won for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Once more I say you should not be discouraged now that we are waiting for that glorious hope.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to uphold, strengthen you as you continue in his services.

Yours in His Service,
J.C.L.D., Nigeria

ENGLAND. —

Dear Sister Dugger,

I have just received your "Mount Zion Reporter" and in looking through it quickly I see about the tracts. I am doing a lot of door-to-door work now so if you have some tracts to spare, I would be very pleased to have a few to use in the work. It is very good of you to offer these to us. No doubt you have heard of the drought we have been passing through, but have you heard of the heavy rain we had over the holiday weekend? It rained very heavy and there were floods in many

parts. There was a riot too in Notting-Hill, London, on the Bank Holiday.

Surely our Heavenly Father is pouring out His judgment on England, yet men will not listen but continue to harden their hearts even as Pharaoh did. Men are blind and deaf, and will not repent of their evil deeds and many nominal Christians are unrepentant of their lukewarm hearts. I am so glad you have your daughter and son-in-law with you. I pray they will prove to be a real strength and blessing to you.

Now I close assuring you of my earnest prayers and continued support as far as I am able.

Yours very sincerely,
Mr. W.K.A., England

U.S.A. —

Dear Sister Dugger and family,

Greetings from Trinidad, Colorado. Praise the Dear Lord that He is so wonderful and mindful of His children, as the precious Word of God in Psalms 34:15 says. I am so glad you have children to help you in the Work that our dear Brother Dugger so faithfully laboured in and desired to accomplish for the coming Messiah and His people. Yes, I listen to the news on the radio about what the nations and even the U.S. are doing to Israel. She will never go down any more. We are all concerned and do pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Love to you all in His Name. I pray for added strength and wisdom for you, Sister Dugger.

Sister C., Colo.

CANADA. —

Dear Sister Dugger,

Greetings in the precious name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We from the Church here in Toronto are doing fine in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our greatest problem is getting a place of our own for meeting. But the Lord is going to make a way. How are you and the Brethren? We trust and believe that the good Lord will bring a lot of progress and success to the work there in Jerusalem.. As He was with Elder Dugger so He promised to be with you always. At the moment the work is growing and we have got able people here we would like to ordain. Tithe will be coming in our next letter.

Yours in the Master's Service,
Pastor A.B.C., Canada

U.S.A. —

Dear Sister Dugger and Reporter Friends,

The light of Brother Dugger's work will be greatly carried on in my prophetic ministry. We thank you for the wonderful letter. It will greatly encourage my prophetic class. We will definitely continue to pray for you and support this enlightening ministry. Any material that you can send will be greatly used to the glory of the Holy Messiah, to bring this ministry's light to hungry souls. Thank you so very much.

May Elohim richly bless you,
C. and P.W., Calif.

GOD IS NOT MOCKED

Reprinted from The Hour of Preparation

"God Himself could not sink this ship," stated the captain of the USS TITANIC shortly before the proud vessel was torn apart by a hidden iceberg.

During the time of Moses, Pharaoh mocked the God of Israel and brought down plagues and death upon Egypt.

Throughout the history of man, terrible penalties have befallen those who would ridicule God or take His Name in vain. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." —Gal. 6:7.

Today in America it is considered quite chic and fashionable in some circles to poke fun at God, to make Him look ridiculous and the butt of "sophisticated" contemporary humor. A local Southern California radio station has a disc jockey who carries on make-believe conversations with God each day on his show. These "conversations" are presented in a tasteless, blasphemous and pseudo-satirical way. Not to be left out, two of his fellow, D. J.'s did a skit of their own wherein they supposedly heard God talking down to them, telling how bored He was.

"Maybe you should join the Book-of-the-Month Club," came the announcer's reply.

In an age where God is a funny old man and Jesus Christ is a "superstar," the commandment which states: "Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain . . ." — (Exodus 20:7), is blithe ignored. But our foolish blasphemers and sick comics of modern-day America should pay a bit more attention to the words of warning contained in the Bible. The rest of the aforementioned verse says: ". . . for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain."

And the Lord is not overlooking the guilt of these radio personalities. Perhaps they feel they have gotten away with their blasphemy because a bolt of lightning hasn't split the heavens and struck them down. But God doesn't always work that way. He's allowing us all to reap the "benefits" of our permissive and hedonistic society.

A day is coming soon when you and I and our disc jockey friends will be judged individually by our Lord. That may well be a "gig" that will prove to be a lot more than our "jocks" will be able to handle. —

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS

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

MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF

THE WEEK!

WHAT WILL BE THE NEXT STEP?

BONN. — Beginning January 1976, the German week will officially begin each Monday. Sunday will no longer be the beginning of the week for Germans. The decision was made by the German Committee for Norms and Standards, and it was dubbed Norm 1355. The new Norm adjusted a previous German ruling of 1943 to "Fit with present internationally recognized customs." By doing so, West Germany became the 27th country to ratify an agreement for a united division of the week. The traditional calendar, as we all know, lists Sunday at the beginning of each week; yet every working man and woman automatically relegates Sunday to his weekend. Monday is universally the first day of the work week, even though churches still recognize Sunday as the Biblical "First Day of the Week." — Although church councils in the fourth century decided that the "first day of the week" would be kept as the "sabbath" day, churches still recognize the "Jewish" Sabbath, or Saturday, as the (7th) seventh day of the week. According to both major church denominations in Germany — Lutheran and Roman Catholic — this traditional order of days is still regarded as correct by the Christian church. These two major denominations voiced their consternation over not having been consulted by the Committee for Norms and Standards. — Interestingly enough the prophecy of Daniel 7:25 contains a puzzling remark that men would "seek to change times." Could Norm 1355 be an initial step in this direction? Only time will tell.

Note. — This change of the calendar has actually taken place. A Brother from Germany, who is with us now, has confirmed that in Germany and other European countries the calendars have been changed so that Sunday and not Sabbath is the seventh day. Although they have excuses for doing this, it is plain to see that the main effect of this meddling with the calendar will be to make it harder for those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

"THE REPORTER" SPEAKS

Please do not bury me in your house somewhere. My MESSAGE about Jerusalem and our SOON COMING KING is not finished. I do not want to die, but must call at home after home yet to visit many good people like you. If you stop me, my blood may be required at your hands as we are told in Ezekiel 33:6. Please, after you write down my home address: P.O.B. 10184, Jerusalem, Israel, either take me to or pay my fare just the cost of a stamp to visit someone else. Thank you very much!

"WHEN THE LORD SHALL BUILD UP
ZION HE WILL APPEAR IN HIS GLORY".

— Psalms 102:15.

LIFE IN ISRAEL

By EFFIE DUGGER

Shalom! Once again we want to give our love to the "Reporter" readers. Best greetings from the "Reporter" family here.

Thanks for the good letters of support and prayers for the work we endeavor to do. Truly the Lord is a light to His people in these darkened days.

Our life is interesting and challenging, never dull. To keep up the publishing work, direct the workers, read and answer correspondence, fill orders, keep the household running, go here and there to do shopping, as well as entertaining callers at all hours, settling differences that may arise, praying for the sick, and encouraging the weaker ones.

Lately my grandchildren have been fixing up the house here. Last week they painted my bedroom and are fixing an office in what used to be the guest room.

We were much blessed to have Brother and Sister Heuer from Yakima, Washington, U.S.A., here with us during Succoth time through to November. Brother Heuer is a General Overseer of the work and also Pastors a Church of God 7th Day Church in Yakima. They were welcome additions to the household here. Sister Heuer was a big help to me in taking care of many of the household duties, such as fixing meals for the workers here and answering letters. We very much appreciated the sermons delivered by Brother Heuer and his many words of encouragement to all the people here during the time they spent with us. They were a great help and strength to all of us.

Also with us from Walla Walla, Washington is my granddaughter, Jenny Youngs. She is my daughter Orabelle's, nineteen year-old daughter. It had long been her desire to visit us here in Jerusalem, and help with the work, and we are happy that she has finally been able to do so. She is a fine young lady, and fits in well with my other grandchildren. They have a singing group, and each service during Succoth gave wonderful testimonies in song.

Our services during Succoth were blessed, and visitors of many nationalities came. One tour group of German Brothers and Sisters came to almost every one of the seven daily services. Also among others with us was an elderly Russian Brother, and a young Finnish Brother. Brother Moshe Ben Shmuel, who is a Jewish believer of Israel, brought his accordian and sang Israeli songs. Also we were inspired with the singing and testimonies of two Puerto Rican Sisters. With us from Bethlehem were the "Lamp Lighters", a singing group of Arab Christian Blind Girls. It's so wonderful to have people of so many nationalities and languages in unity together, worshiping and praising our great God, who is the creator of us all. We had good spirit-filled meetings with good and timely sermons being preached by different Elders.

It is the custom in the synagogues to pray for rain at the end of the Succoth period (the answer came promptly this year), and in the spring before the first fruit harvest they begin to pray for dew. The Father knows what we have need of before we ask Him, but

still it pleases Him for us to ask for the necessary things, and in turn we should be pleased with what He gives us.

If we can depend on Him to temper the elements, can we not also depend on Him to furnish all spiritual things? "He leads his dear children along". "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, and to them that are called according to His purpose." — Romans 8:28. "He spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all." How shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

There is a young Arab Sister here who has had her right arm amputated, due to cancer. A few months ago the doctors gave her from one to four days to live. But she is still living, due to the prayers and faith of Brethren here. Now the cancer has spread to her neck and chest, and she is in a weakened condition. The Youth here in Jerusalem go to visit her quite often with words of encouragement through songs and testimonies. Even though Linda is in this weakened condition, her faith in Christ remains strong, and is an inspiration to all who see the faith of this young girl. Please pray for her, that God's will, be done, in her and her family's lives.

December the 12th: This is another beautiful day. We are finishing up the January "Reporter", how time does fly!

We close with love and best wishes to all!

Shalom.



This is myself, Effie Dugger, and our three children—Andy, Orabelle, and Naomi. Mary, our youngest child, wasn't born yet. This photo was taken during our first trip to Israel (then Palestine) over 40 years ago. The man to the left of the photo was our guide. My husband was the photographer. With this car we traveled all through the Holy Land, and even across the Sinai desert and through Egypt.

A HISTORY OF THE TRUE RELIGION

By Dugger and Dodd. — A wonderful book which everyone should read, tracing the history of the true foith from 34 A.D. down through the centuries of Roman persecution to present day times. Has 320 pages. — Cost \$5.00

Obituaries

IN MEMORIAM

A faithful servant of God was laid to rest on Wednesday, February 11, 1976, in Melbourne, Australia. Brother Elkin, 83, Elder of the Russian Community Church of God in Adelaide for many years, fell asleep in Jesus, on Sabbath, February 7. He awaits the glad Resurrection morning. His great love was for Israel, and Jerusalem. Soon he will rise to meet the Lord in the air, and be with Him forevermore, as He begins to reign in righteousness from Mount Zion. God hasten that day.

Bruce Battye, Overseer

IN MEMORY

Ray Louis Barnes of Harrisburg, Oregon, passed away May 31st at 1:45 a.m. He was 44 years of age. He leaves his wife Wonda, his son Johnny, his daughter Tammy. Also his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barnes of Harrisburg, Oregon; nine brothers: William, Lee, Milford, Thomas, Gene, Robert, Paul, Joseph, and Mack; two sisters: Lois Millson and Betty Chapman; nieces and nephews and many relatives. Brother Haskel Hawkins presided at the service. Elder Billy Watts and Sister Watts sang "Beyond the Sunset".

Brother Barnes was a faihful servant of the Lord and a good worker in the church. He was Superintendent of the Sabbath School and a Song Leader. He now awaits the coming of our Lord.

IN MEMORY

Our dear beloved Sister and Mother of the Church of God, Lilian Parchment, has passed away. It was with her dying breath that she remembered Jerusalem. She told me I should send this offering of \$25 to you.

May God rest her until the first trumpet shall sound.
Sent in by Leroy Ricketts

The passing of a loved one is a sad event, but we can find words of comfort in the Scriptures, of which the following are only a few. —

"But I would not have you be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall desend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. and so shall we be ever with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words."
(1 Thes. 4:13-18)

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

TIME'S RUNNING OUT!

The Jupiter Jolt

A recent release by the U.S. Press Association with a dateline of October 30, 1974 entitled "The Jupiter Jolt" reads as follows:

As though we didn't have enough things to worry us these days, along comes the news that now we will have to brace ourselves for the "Jupiter Jolt." It seems that some astronomers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) got to twirling their computers, and they discovered that sometime in the year 1982 all nine planets in the Solar System, including Planet Earth, are going to be Lined Up in a Row like birds on a telephone wire on the same side of the sun at the same time...

Amateurs like most of us might tend to shrug off the occurance as simply another rare, but interesting event, but the experts say that the Jupiter Jolt might prove to be disastrous... Although there is controversy as to exactly what will happen, all seem to be agreed that something will very definitely happen when all the nine planets start pulling in the same direction at the same time...

From the sun out, the lineup will be: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. Of these, the Planet Jupiter packs the biggest wallop. Eleven times the diameter of Earth, and spinning at a rate of 22,000 miles an hour (as against 1,000 miles an hour for Earth), with tremendous gravitational power and boasting a powerful radioactive belt, the wrench and pull may be so great as to actually slow the Earth's rate of speed through space. And if that happens, we are told the tugs and strains on the surface of the globe can be such that "massive earthquakes" will occur...

Another prediction is that there will be an enormous increase in magnetic activity on the sun, which in turn will create huge "storms" of sun spots; and this, in turn, will greatly affect weather and wind patterns around Earth, with totally unforeseen but undeniably "Great Changes in Winds and Rain"...

We think it wise that Senator Frank Moss of Utah has asked NASA Administrator, Dr. James Fletcher, if he can provide further information about the forthcoming "Jupiter Jolt." To be forewarned is to be forearmed. In any event, better mark your calendar for 1982 as a time when almost anything is apt to happen... and probably will...

— Reprinted from "Jerusalem Countdown"

WHERE HE SET HIS NAME

"Rehoboam was one and fourty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord did choose of all the tribes of Israel to put His Name there." — 1 King 14: 21; also 2 Chro. 12:13.

Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

Is it not a fact that the calendars have been changed, and that five days were dropped out during the time of Pope Gregory, and therefore we do not know what day of the week the Sabbath comes?

ANSWER. —

It is a fact of history that five days were dropped out of the calendar during the gospel age, but that had nothing whatever to do with the weekly cycle of seven days. It was not disrupted or changed any more than the adding of a day four years at leap year. Once in four years for more than a thousand years, one day is added making February 29 days, but this does not affect the weekly cycle, and it did not at that time. The weekly cycle and Sabbath have been preserved from Creation to the present time, through the infinite power and purpose of an all wise Creator.

QUESTION. —

What people or denomination is it that publishes "The Mount Zion Reporter"?

ANSWER. —

We are a very ancient people, and have our history from the days of the early church period. We as a people many times were counted with the Jews because of the Sabbath and other points contrary to professed Christianity. Our groups together are known as the Church of God, because we find this name given to the early church 12 times in the New Testament. We are independent of any other sect or denomination but represent the ancient primitive faith, and have returned here with the Jews.

We believe that each local church is its own sovereign, and when properly set in order with ordained Elders it represents within itself the highest spiritual authority on earth and is not subject to orders or coercion from anyone.

QUESTION. —

Will anyone be saved who does not have a part in the work the Saviour left for His servants to do?

ANSWER. —

He very plainly spoke of this matter in the parables of Matt. 25th chapter. We are all His servants, and most of His professed followers, never pray for Him to send them His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:11-13), consequently their lives are void of Spiritual power, and their minds are absorbed in worldly gain, which does not bring to them peace, contentment or happiness.

Millions today profess to be Servants of the Master, but their whole life is buried up in worldly possessions and in the things of this world. Not even the tenth which He requires is used for His glory. These are slothful and unprofitable servants. Like the foolish virgins who say, "He delays His coming," they will be cast away. — Matt. 25:10-12, 30.

QUESTION. —

If Sunday is not the correct day for Christians to keep for the Lord's work, and a rest day, why is it that most of the professed Christian people keep it?

ANSWER. —

This is very simple and clear to all who have been awakened on the subject, as you have been, and made investigation. The whole world keeping Sunday stems from the warning and pre-announcement given to us in the last book of the Bible, Revelations, Chapter 17. Here we have pictured a fallen woman symbolizing a church that would ride the beast, which the Bible makes clear is the Roman Empire. The rider, the church, had universal world rule, and made all nations drunk with the "wine of Babylon". Please read it.

Sunday keeping, and sprinkling for baptism had their birth at Rome, and the whole world was taught both of these false practice, because they would not have any religion in common with the Jews. The Jews observed the Bible Sabbath which is the 7th day of the week. — Genesis 2:1, 2; Exodus 20:8-11, also 31:15-18; Luke 4:14-1 ; Hebrew the 4th chapter; James 2:10, 11; and I John 1:4 and 3:4; also 5:3; Revelation 12:17, and 22:14. The 7th day Sabbath is one of these Commandments.

In the Catholic Encyclopedia it says the church declared the sanctity of Sunday because they did not want a day in common with the Jews. Rome was at war with Jerusalem and Judah. They finally won the war and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. It was hate against the Jews that gave birth to both of these unscriptural doctrines. Isaiah pre-anounced that this veil or covering spread upon all nations would be destroyed in Mt. Zion and Jerusalem. This work is now beginning. See Isaiah 25:6, 7.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF TIME

As we look into the future, let no fears assail us. Help us to be as confident that Thou wilt be with us in the future as we know Thou hast been in the past. Thou hast not guaranteed to keep us from trouble, but rather that Thou wilt be with us in the trouble. That thou should give us strong hearts and confident faith. For so long as Thou art beside, loving us, helping us, what have we to fear?

Hear us as we pray, standing on the threshold of time. Thou alone canst equip us for the tasks and duties that are ours, that we may do our very best and quit us like men. In thy strong name we pray.

Amen

"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all his praise?"
(Psalms 106:1,2)

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

ALL ITEMS FROM "THE JERUSALEM POST"

"KING SOLOMON'S MINES FOUND" IN SAUDIA

WASHINGTON. — The legendary King Solomon's mines, the lost hoard of gold mentioned in the Bible, may have been found in Saudi Arabia, the U.S. government said here.

American and Saudi geologists working in a mountainous region between the cities of Mecca and Medina known as Mahd Adh Dhahah — cradle of gold — say they have found evidence that a long-abandoned mine was probably Ophir, the mine that sustained Solomon's wealth.

According to the Bible, about 34 tons of gold was brought to Jerusalem from Ophir by workers in Solomon's Kingdom of Israel nearly 3,000 years ago.

News of the finds was announced by the department of the interior, which administers the U.S. Geological Survey.

Dr. Robert Luce, a geologist with the Survey who was part of the American-Saudi team, said: "Our investigations have now confirmed that the old mine could have been as rich as described in Biblical accounts and, indeed, is a logical candidate to be the lost Ophir."

He added: "We believe that the legendary King Solomon's lost mines are no longer lost."

USGS scientists, who sampled and analyzed bits of the one million tons of mining waste found at the site, have estimated that it once contained easily-mined surface deposits of gold nuggets, wires and crystals, and gold-bearing quartz veins that could be mined with crude copper and stone tools. Thousands of stone hammers and grindstones have been found at the site.

The scientists also pointed out that the area lies on a natural trade route, some 850 km. from the port of Aqaba which was used by Solomon's ships — a long, but feasible journey.

The survey announcement said Solomon's mines may come to life again, for they still contain workable deposits of gold, silver and other metals.

OLDEST HEBREW BIBLE NOW AVAILABL IN FACSIMILE

A facsimile edition of the Aleppo Codex — the oldest complete manuscript of the Hebrew Bible — was unveiled to the press in Jerusalem yesterday. Published this week, it is the fruit of 20 years of research by the staff of the Hebrew University Bible Project under Professor Moshe Goshen-Gottstein.

The Aleppo Codex, dating back to about 900 AD, is both the oldest and most important manuscript of the complete Hebrew Bible. It was written out in Tiberias by the great master of the textual tradition, Aharon ben Asher, and is regarded as setting the definitive tradition for writing the Hebrew Bible.

In the seventh century AD rabbinic leaders in Babylonia, then the world centre of Jewry, felt the need to establish the official text of the Torah. Their efforts led two centuries later to the massoretic text of Aharon ben Asher, which won general acceptance.

By the end of the 11th century the manuscript — a

codex (book) rather than a scroll — had been carried off from Jerusalem to Cairo, probably following the sack of the Holy City by the Seljuks. About a century later it became available in Cairo to Maimonides, the greatest rabbinic authority of mediaeval Jewry. Maimonides declared that only this codex might serve as a model for writing scrolls of the law.

The fact that every printed Hebrew Bible in the world today is identical is due to this decision by Maimonides.

From Egypt the Ben Asher codex was transferred to Aleppo where the Jewish community held it in unique reverence for many centuries. During the outbreaks against Syrian Jews that followed Israel's War of Independence this treasure was set on fire.

The tragic news of its destruction caused great consternation in the scholarly world. Luckily, the news was not true. About 600 of the total of 800 pages of the manuscript were saved. In 1956 they were smuggled out of Syria by devout Jews and delivered for safe keeping to the then President of Israel, Izhak Ben-Zvi.

The invaluable manuscript is now kept at the Yad Ben-Zvi Institute in Jerusalem.

Most of the Pentateuch is among the lost portion of the codex. It now begins with Deuteronomy, chapter 28, verse 17. It includes book of Joshua, Judges, and Samuel. But Kings I is missing, and only parts of Kings II are preserved. The Books of Isaiah and Ezekiel are complete, but only part of Jeremiah is preserved. Most of the Minor Prophets, Chronicles and the Book of Psalms are preserved. Some of the later books of the Bible are missing.

The facsimile — in colour — is in the actual size of the original. The 500 red-and-blue, leather bound, numbered copies will sell for 400 dollars or about IL 3,200. Total cost of the project was about IL 1 m., Prof. Goshen-Gottstein said.

ARGENTINA CENTRE FOR ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

NEW YORK. — Argentina emerged as a major world centre for the publication and distribution of Nazi literature, it was reported by Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

In a special report to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency he stated that news stands and book stores in Buenos Aires and other large cities in Argentina prominently display classic texts by Goebbels and Hitler in Spanish translations. Books by other Nazi writers as well as contemporary works and pamphlets eulogising Hitler and the Third Reich are also on sale.

UN SPURNS JERUSALEM UN CANCELS INVITATION TO JERUSALEM EVENT

VANCOUVER. — Succumbing to pressure from Arab delegations to the Habitat conference here, United Nations officials have cancelled an invitation to the city of Jerusalem to participate this Saturday in World Environment Day.

HIGH-PROTEIN WILD WHEAT TO BE CULTIVATED HERE

A wild wheat that grows in Israel can easily be used to raise the protein content in standard cultivated wheats, and this could effectively wipe out the world's annual protein deficit, says a report that will be presented at the Israel Botanical Society today.

Specimens of locally gathered wild emer wheat (*Triticum dicoccoides*) were recently discovered to contain more than twice the protein of the world's main agricultural species, the durum macaroni and common bread wheats. Because the wild emer is closely related to both of them, it ought to be possible to transfer the high protein traits of the wild wheat onto the cultivated varieties using standard breeding techniques.

This discovery was made by a research team at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, headed by Professor Moshe Feldman and Dr. Lydia Aviv of the Department of Plant Genetics. They found that, while most agricultural varieties of wheat contain around 14 per cent protein, the wild emer shows a protein range of 25-31 per cent.

Breeding studies carried out by agronomists over the last 20 years, they report, totally neglected the wild wheats, many of which are indigenous to Israel. More than 20,000 cultivated varieties were studied, none of which contained more than 18 per cent protein.

"No one saw any reason to conduct studies on wild wheat," Professor Feldman said, "because wild varieties of other staples, such as rice and corn, do not contain a higher protein content than cultivated varieties."

"Also, whereas it is shown that some species of wild wheats contain other desirable traits, such as drought resistance, breeding attempts have been unsuccessful, since those particular wild species are not closely related to the cultivated wheats. The wild emer, however, is actually the progenitor of modern cultivated wheats and their genetic constitutions closely resemble each other."

Detailed genetic analyses of 60 different types of wild emer, gathered from 20 locations in Galilee, Mount Carmel, Judea and Samaria, has already begun in Rehovot. It is estimated that it will take four to five years to breed the new, high protein, cultivated wheat. The project is being financed by the International Atomic Energy Agency, a United Nations body.

"The International Atomic Energy Agency has calculated that wheat contains the cheapest protein to produce — since it is required for its starch contents anyway, and is the staple diet of more than one-third of the world's population — and that an increase in wheat of several percentage points would be the most effective way of erasing the world's protein deficit," Prof. Feldman said.

Professor Feldman, an expert in cyto-genetic breeding techniques, was one of a dozen invited to an international conference on wheat held last year in Vienna under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Agency. "When I suggested they study wild wheat," he said, "they were all quite sceptical about the chances of finding such a high-protein wheat."

Many of the wild wheats gathered throughout Israel by Professor Feldman and his team showed a higher protein content than the cultivated varieties. "Not only genetic resemblance, but the large variations within the emer species itself makes it the best candidate for genetic mutation, and some of the types may even con-

tain a higher ratio of lysine — the amino acid which allows the body to utilize the other proteins," says Professor Feldman, "The small proportion of lysine in cultivated varieties means that we can digest only 60 per cent of the grain's overall protein content."

"It is a subtle form of poetic justice that the wild emer wheat is graced with such desirable characteristics," he says.

"Most of the species growing wild throughout the country are closely related to cultivated wheat, and this is because man's first attempts to cultivate wheat — to pick and plant from the wild those which suited him best — originated in this area many thousands years ago."

"In 1906, the famous agronomist Aaron Aaronsohn found the wild emer wheat in Israel, and he recognized its significance to the evolutionary development of cultivated wheat. The wild emer, scientifically called "*Triticum decoccoides*," is called in Hebrew *em hahita*: the Mother of Wheat."

RAISING BEES ON GLOBAL SCALE — TO FIGHT HUNGER

TIBERIAS. — A local bee expert has evolved a detailed plan to greatly increase the world's food resources by raising bees on a global scale.

Israël Robert Blum, one of the country's pioneer bee keepers, worked out his plan primarily to increase honey production — which, he believes, can be raised from the present 500,000 tons a year to at least five million tons.

The limiting factor in honey production is the seasonal fluctuation in the numbers of nectar-bearing flowers from which the bees produce their honey. Blum believes this problem can be solved by integrating honey production in the northern and southern hemispheres, and flying bees in aircraft to those parts of the world where nectar-bearing flowers are most abundant at any given season.

But the Blum plan does not stop at merely increasing the world's honey yield. He notes that incidental to their primary task of gathering nectar to make honey, bees also perform a vital role in pollinating not only nectar-bearing plants, but many other species as well.

He cites the example of importing bees from Europe to Brazil, which was essential to the success of the gigantic coffee industry in that country. Thus, by air-freighting bees around the world, optimum pollination can be achieved and food production greatly increased.

Blum claims he has found a way of reducing the weight of an average hive from 50 kg. to just 5 kg. Some 20,000 such hives would be able to fit into a single Boeing 707-type aircraft, and to reach his projected target of five million tons of honey a year, Blum calculates that 2,500 aircraft would be needed to transport 50 m. hives inhabited by something like 5,000 billion bees.

CANAANITE BUILDING DISCOVERED IN NEGEV

BEERSHEBA. — A large-scale 14th century B.C.E. Canaanite structure, apparently used as cult premises, has been discovered in this year's archaeological dig at a northern Negev site.

The dig area is Tel Shariye, held by archaeologists to be the Biblical Ziklag, city of refuge for David when he fled from King Saul.

EXCAVATED TEL MAY BE DAVID'S EXILE TOWN

BEERSHEBA. — At the close of the fifth excavating season at Tell es-Shari'a, near Shuval, Eliezer Oren, head of the archaeological division of the Negev University, is firmly convinced the site is the biblical Ziklag.

David fled to Ziklag to escape from Saul's ire. He moved from there to the hills eastwards to be crowned in Hebron, as the King of the Judeans.

Dr. Oren told reporters on Wednesday that the multitude of Philistine-era pottery discovered in es-Shari'a has not been found in locations further east which have been suggested by various scholars as Ziklag.

Whatever the site was in David's time, however, it clearly passed to Israelite domination at the beginning of the Kingdom era, Dr. Oren said. A big edifice in cut stone was erected on ruins of the Philistine town — token of splendour in area where bricks were the main construction material as stone had to be brought from a distance of at least 20 km.

Another feature of the place is that the Philistine culture appears to have preserved though in a modified form during the Israelite period. Obviously, Dr. Oren concludes, David held Ziklag, if Ziklag it was, as a sort of "administered territory," with local residents remaining there within the Judean orbit.

Later the Assyrians came to es-Shari'a and built a stronghold, protected by four-metre wide adobe walls. The Assyrians used it as an administrative centre and as an advance position in their push towards Egypt. "But what characterizes the period is the plethora of goods imported from all over the Middle East," Dr. Oren remarks. Last year, the diggers found a well preserved Assyrian standard in bronze. "We know such standards existed, because they are depicted on Assyrian monuments, but I have never seen an actual object," Dr. Oren said.

OIL TRACES IN ASHDOD SAID GOOD QUALITY

Laboratory tests of oil traces found at Ashdod last week have shown the oil to be of good quality but there is no indication yet as to the amount.

While hopes for discovering oil in Israel were rising last week, two European prospecting firms confirmed that they were withdrawing from work in this country because of Arab boycott pressures. One of them already began negotiating the amount of compensation to be paid to the Government for failing to live up to its contracts for oil drilling.

Zvi Dinstein, the Government's adviser on energy affairs, said on Friday the next four or five years will tell whether or not there is oil in Israel.

The Government, Dinstein said, has allocated some IL 1,250 m. for oil prospecting in the next four to five years. Drilling, which was done to a depth of 4.5 km. until now, will go a depth of six km., at a cost of IL 500,000 per drilling day.

But Israel has some 15 drilling operations per year, compared to 30 in the U.S. — and this activity we cannot carry on alone — or it would cost more and take us longer."

"We cannot get enough know-how or technical assistance, because the Arabs pressure the various companies to withhold it from us — and they have much

— Assistant Editor

influence in this area. Even friends are reluctant to link up with us because of the Arabs' pressure. It is, therefore, very peculiar that a certain concern's willingness to become involved with us has met with such objections," Dinstein said.

He pointed out it would take several years to develop a producing well even after oil is definitely discovered — it took the British 10 years to develop their North Sea fields.

SCIENTIST CITES DATA COLLECTED BY AMERICAN SATELLITES

SINAI AND SAHARA FULL OF RICHES

CAIRO. — American satellites have revealed water, oil, uranium and other minerals in the Egyptian Sahara and the Sinai peninsula, an Egyptian scientist says.

Ahmed Abdel Hady said photographs taken by the ERTS-1 and Landsat satellites are still being analysed, but preliminary indications show enough water in the Sinai "to turn most of it green."

Abdel Hady heads a joint Egyptian-American scientific team in charge of the remote sensing project, which has been receiving data from satellites since 1972.

Oklahoma State University and Michigan University, in cooperation with the Egyptian government, have a budget of 1.2m. dollars annually for study of the untapped resources, Abdel Hady added.

Photos of some 5,600 sq. kms in Sinai extending from the north to the south showed three different areas rich with petroleum and natural gas, he said.

The first is the Gulf of Suez, which already has proven oil reserves. The second is the Mediterranean offshore area in northern Sinai which has not yet been explored, and the third is a large area in southern Sinai marked by sedimentary rocks carrying natural gas.

The highlands in northern Sinai and the coastal strip of Wadi el Arish — totalling more than 3,200 sq. kms. — conceal huge water potential, "enough to turn most of the Sinai desert green," Abdel Hady said.

He declined to go into details saying, "I don't want to make it difficult for Egypt when it negotiates the next Israeli pullout."

Uranium also was detected in northwest and southern Sinai, said Abdel Hady.

West central Sinai at Wadi el Korka, contains huge quantities of silica that could lead to a glass industry, he said.

PLO SEATED AS OBSERVER AT ILO EMPLOYMENT TALKS

GENEVA. — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and African freedom movement's received observer status at the 132-nation World Employment Conference yesterday after Arab and African states threatened a boycott.

U.S. officials, angered by the decision, said American government, employer and worker delegates would leave the conference hall whenever the PLO spoke.

"PLO RAISING FUNDS IN U.S."

SOVIET TV IGNORES ISRAELIS AT OLYMPICS

AGNEW SETS UP ANTI-ISRAEL BODY

Earthquakes have killed tens of thousands and wreaked devastation on three continents, this year, making 1976 the deadliest year of quakes since 1970, U.S. experts say.

TENS OF THOUSANDS BELIEVED DEAD IN CHINESE EARTHQUAKE “MILLION MAY HAVE DIED IN CHINESE EARTHQUAKE”

Earthquakes in China, which may have taken the greatest human toll the world has seen for some time, came as if the political turbulence engendered by Premier Chou En-lai's death in January were not enough to shake the country's stability.

The U.S. and other nations have made offers of aid, but the Kyodo news service reported in Tokyo that the Chinese had politely declined the Japanese offer in a message saying it was China's policy not to accept foreign aid.

Peking's official Hsinhua News Agency continued to broadcast reports of individual acts of heroism by rescue workers. Lighter aftershocks struck throughout the day, and then the second major tremor hit about 15 hours later and reached 7.9 on the scale, the service said. They were the third major series of earthquakes to hit China in 18 months.

The highest death-toll in a Chinese quake is 830,000, recorded in 1556.

“100,000 DIED IN TANGSHAN QUAKE”

PEKING. — Chinese officials have told foreigners that 100,000 people were killed in the city of Tangshan by last month's powerful earthquake, reliable sources said yesterday.

The sources said the figure, not openly published, has been circulated in Chinese factories, and universities.

They added that it was approximate and applied only to Tangshan, which has some 1.6 million inhabitants, not to the entire area stricken.

The sources quoted Chinese officials as having said about 2,000 people were killed when Tangshan's biggest hospital was swallowed up by the July 28 earthquake.

The 22 surviving members of a French group escaped with minor injuries. They were led barefoot in their night clothes across heaps of rubble which were all that remained of the city.

The only other foreigners known to have been in Tangshan were nine Japanese technicians. One was killed, two were missing and feared dead, four were seriously injured and two were slightly hurt.

800 volunteers, mainly engineers, were dispatched for relief work in Tangshan, 120 kms. northeast of Tientsin, carrying tents and a week's supply of rations.

Also arriving in Tokyo yesterday were the widows of two Japanese engineers killed in Tangshan when the quake wrecked their hotel. The widows, carrying the remains of their husbands in linen wrapped boxes, wept uncontrollably. — (Reuter, AP).

PEKING SPURNS ISRAEL NOTE

The Peking authorities have returned to Jerusalem a condolence message sent to China by Premier Yitzak Rabin last week following the earthquakes there. The message included an offer of assistance to the survivors.

The message was sent back with the comment that

China was not accepting it since the People's Republic did not have diplomatic ties with Israel.

Chinese diplomats abroad have refused to talk to Israel diplomats even when introduced at social gatherings, it was learned in Jerusalem. However, the Chinese no longer display such blatant hostility toward Israel in public declarations as they did in the past.

HEAVY TREMORS HIT CHINA, PHILIPPINES

GOLDEN, Colorado. — Two earthquakes were reported last week, one in China and the other near the Philippines. The Philippines quake was almost as strong as the earthquake that devastated northern China, the national earthquake center said.

The stronger of the two quakes was reported in the Moro Gulf of the southern Philippines. The Moro tremor measured 8.0 on the Richter scale.

The Moro earthquake struck at 1211 GMT and apparently was unrelated to the tremor that occurred two hours earlier in western China. — AP.

RACE TO PREVENT EPIDEMIC AFTER PHILIPPINES QUAKE

COTABATO CITY, The Philippines. — The government flew medicine and water purification chemicals to the southern Philippines last week in an effort to avert an epidemic among survivors of the earthquake and tidal waves that left more than 5,000 dead and missing.

Col. Prudencio Ver, executive director of the National Disaster Coordinating Centre, said the greatest danger was disease.

“One of the most touching scenes I have seen is that of people quietly making coffins for the disaster victims,” Ver said. In most places there were mass burials so rescue workers could immediately dispose of scores of decomposing bodies, he added.

Appealing to his Moslem brothers “to help one another during this period of emergency” a Moslem priest spoke on the radio here and blamed the Moslem “kidnappers, the hijackers, the outlaws and the rebels” for having angered Allah.

5,000 DEAD, MISSING IN PHILIPPINES; 90,000 HOMELESS AFTER EARTHQUAKES, TIDAL WAVES

Rescue operations officials said they feared that most of the missing washed away by rushing waves will never be found.

A television station reported 400 to 600 paratroopers training in the southern Philippines were among those washed away by the tidal-waves.

The casualties were concentrated in the towns and cities along Mindanao Islands 750 kms of coast line around the Moro Gulf, on the northern side of the Celebes Sea.

The Philippines air force was shuttling tons of medicine, food and other supplies to Catabato, on the eastern shore of the gulf, and Zamboanga across the gulf at the tip of the Zamboanga Peninsula. They were among the hardest hit cities. Navy ships were ferrying relief goods to other stricken areas along the coast.

U.S. President Gerald Ford sent President Ferdinand Marcos a message expressing sorrow and offering U.S. aid.

The first quake struck shortly after midnight last Monday, while the people of Mindanao were sleeping. It was centred in the Celebes Sea between Mindanao and Indonesia's Celebes Island and sent eight-metre-high tidal waves crashing ashore.

The National Geophysical Observatory said the first quake registered 7.8 on the Richter scale while the U.S. Earthquake Centre in Golden, Colorado, got a reading of 8.0.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion, and every increase of one whole number means the ground motion is 10 times greater. A tremor registering six indicates severe damage, a reading of seven is a major quake, capable of widespread, heavy damage, and eight is a "great" quake, capable of tremendous damage. The San Francisco earthquake of 1906 registered 8.3.

220 DIE WHEN QUAKE HITS BALI

BALI, Indonesia. — More than 220 people were killed and 2,000 injured by earthquakes which on Wednesday slammed across Indonesia's tropical holiday island of Bali.

The quakes destroyed much of the town of Seririt with a 50,000 population and leveled at least three surrounding villages.

In Pupuan district, central Bali, 10 were killed and about 1,000 injured. In Jembrana, to the west, nine died and around 700 were hurt.

It was the second major earthquake to hit Indonesia within three weeks. More than 5,000 people were feared killed in the remote Indonesian province of Irian Jaya when a quake destroyed 17 mountainside villages on June 26. — Reuter.

'MEDIUM' TREMOR KILLS 3 IN TURKEY

ANKARA. — Three people were killed and 28 injured when a medium strength earthquake shook the Turkish town of Denizli yesterday, local officials said. The five-second tremor, centered in the suburbs of the southwest Anatolian town, damaged the foundations of many buildings.

Officials said the dead were a three-year-old boy, a 14-year-old girl and a 34-year-old man. Six of the injured were in serious condition.

Reports said 15 per cent of the buildings in the city collapsed and telephone and electricity lines were downed after the tremor. A shortage of bread resulted in long queues waiting in front of the bakeries, these reports said. Small tremors were continuing.

Turkey's last major earthquake was in September last year when the eastern Anatolian town of Lice was devastated and more than 2,300 people were killed.

In Athens, officials said the Turkish quake registered 5.5 on the Richter scale. — Reuter.

16 EARTHQUAKES SHAKE JAPAN

TOKYO. — Sixteen earthquakes, one comparatively strong shook Tokyo and parts of eastern and central Japan yesterday.

The meteorological agency declined to predict whether the series of quakes might be a prelude to a more severe disturbance. — AP.

RELIEF COMMITTEE SET UP TO AID TYPHOON VICTIMS

TEL AVIV. — A public relief committee to aid victims of last month's typhoon in the Philippines has been established here, headed by Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel, who had been officially touring the area four days prior to the disaster.

Israel has already sent medical supplies to the area through the Histadrut and Magen David Adom. The typhoon caused about 175 deaths and made an estimated two million homeless.

QUAKE HITS TADZHIKISTAN

MOSCOW. — Strong earth tremors early yesterday shook the Central Asian republic of Tadzhikistan on the Soviet Union's border with Uzbekistan.

According to "Izvestia," the tremors hit in the pre-dawn hours with an intensity of "more than six" on the 12-point Soviet scale. Almost all of Tadzhikistan lies in the Pamir mountains.

40 HURT IN NEW EARTH TREMORS IN ITALY

UDINE, Italy. — Two powerful earth tremors on Saturday night revived fear in the area of northern Italy recently devastated by an earthquake that killed nearly 1,000 people.

At least 40 people were injured while thousands fled their homes as the tremors shook most towns and cities between Genoa, Trieste and Florence.

The tremors, which registered between five and six on the Richter scale, were also felt over wide areas of Austria, including the Tyrol and Salzburg, and in Yugoslavia.

Most villagers are living outdoors despite rain, 10-degree temperatures and predictions of colder, stormy weather this week.

About 70,000 Friulians have spent the summer in tent cities, awaiting the building of temporary winter housing. But many of the people of the area are discouraged and frightened by the new outbreak of seismic activity, and thus reluctant to rebuild their homes.

FLOODS HIT BANGLADESH

DACCA, Bangladesh. — About five million people have been affected by floods in Bangladesh and at least 65 persons are believed to have died, officials said on Saturday.

Massive damage to crops and houses was reported from Sylhet, Chittagong, Comilla and Noakhali districts. The water level was nearing the danger point at the Kapai hydroelectric dam that stores water in a 300-mile-long lake. Army, navy and air force personnel moved into disaster areas to help in relief operations.

Bangladesh, a nation the size of North Carolina, has a population of 75 million. — AP.

"But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then he said unto them, Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." (Luke 21:9-11).

BOOKS AND TRACTS

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HOW GENTILES GET IN

Showing that they are to be adopted into the family of Abraham and become Israel (Gal. 3: 28 to 29). Also Jews inwardly (Rom. 2:25, 29). — Cost 10 cents.

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

Psalms 137: 5-6.

THE LAW OF GOD

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of His commandments, so you may enter in through the gates into the city. — Rev. 22:14.

Dear one, do you want eternal life? Keep the commandments of God, all ten, for a part is not enough. To violate one of them will leave you out of the city, and the kingdom of God, when Jesus comes. — Jas. 2:10-12. "If any man speak let him speak as the oracles (Ten Commandments) of God." — See 1 Pet. 4:11; Acts 7:38; Rom. 3:1, 2; and Isa. 8:20. The Word of God commands us to speak according to the law of God.

And again we read, "Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep (not kept) the commandments of God (not half), and the faith of Jesus." If the law of God was abolished at the cross it would be impossible to keep them later. Dear reader, don't be misled by false preachers, by lawbreakers, no-law teachers, for all transgressors shall be cast into hell, a place for the devil and his angels. — Matt. 25:41 and 2 Cor. 11:14, 15.

Elder Ed. Severson, born in Norway, was a close friend and fellow minister with A. N. Dugger. They laboured many years together in the ministry. He was a pronounced Bible student, retaining a thorough and remarkable knowledge of the Scriptures.

ABOUT ELDER A. F. DUGGER SR.

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After moving to Nebraska he preached mainly in Kansas, South Dakota, and Nebraska and organized the Nebraska, Kansas, and South Dakota conferences. He edited the "Bible Advocate" magazine for nearly three years. He had to give up the editorship in 1907 because of ill health. He died in December of 1910.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have just been informed that Elder Kenneth Freeman of W. Va., U.S.A., has passed away. Elder Freeman has for many years been active in the ministry, and his radio broadcasts are heard around the world. Most of you know of Elder Freeman's broadcasts from Cyprus which reach all Israel.

His Passing is very sad news to us and we will miss him, as will many thousands of people around the world. We of the "Reporter" staff extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family in this time of sorrow.

A more complete obituary will appear in the next issue.

FIRST HANUKKA LIGHT KINDLED

The Western Wall in Jerusalem resounded with the recitation of three blessings and the singing of Hanukka songs as the Festival of Light began yesterday evening.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren kindled the first light as thousands of spectators watched. On other nights officials of the IDF, the police and the Religious Affairs Ministry will lead the ceremony, and on the last night Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef will light the *hanukkia*.

Following the ceremony, yeshiva students spread through the city with lighted torches to light candles in Jerusalem's youth centres. The Wall was also the site of an affirmation ceremony by IDF parachutists, who received a Bible and arms as they declared their loyalty to the State.

90 Bat Mitzva girls, all orphans of past wars, were entertained by musicians and clowns at Beit Hanassi yesterday, with Mrs. Nina Katzir acting as hostess.

Children's choirs accompanied candle-lighting at all major hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Eilat yesterday.

A torch lit at the Macabean birthplace of Mod'in almost caused a tragedy at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday, when youngsters bearing the torch came dangerously close to a jet that was being fuelled for takeoff to New York.

El Al workers on the field waved their hands furiously and signalled to the children that they move to a safe distance.

Dan Brenner, Israel's Asian Games swimming champion, carried the (extinguished) torch onto the plane, which will take it to New York for a Hanukka candle-lighting ceremony at City Hall with Mayor Abraham Beame.

On the summit of Masada, children from Kibbutz Ein Gedi last night lit a torch to mark the beginning of the festival. They then staged a torch relay race to the kibbutz, a distance of 15 kilometres.

The Priestly Blessing will be recited by thousands of *kohanim* at the Western Wall on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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