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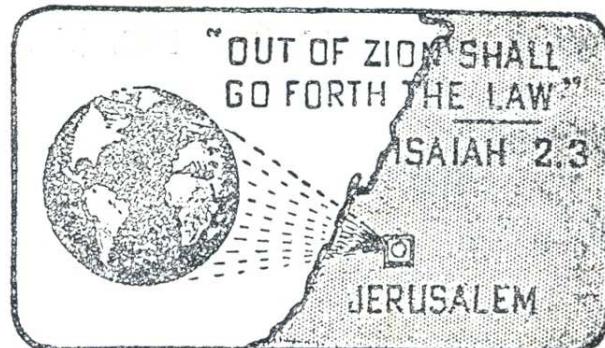
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Strange Events Forecast For 1982

by Cyril Hutchinson

Scientists are forecasting that soon our solar system will experience some unique and sobering events. This forecast concerning 1982 comes from the scientific investigations of astronomers and is in no way related to astrology and fortune telling.

As we discuss 1982, this is not an attempt to set a date for the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, for that is an impossibility. Our Lord said in Mark 13:32-33: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man... Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is." That day and hour of Christ's return is a secret known only to God.

The news is quoted from the September 16, 1974 edition of "Newsweek" magazine, science section. These are the conclusions of John Gribbin, science editor of "Nature" magazine, and of Stephen Plagemann of N.A.S.A.'s Goddard Space Center in Maryland. These reputable scientists are pointing out that in the latter part of 1982 there will take place an event unique in our solar system. At that time all nine planets will be on the same side of the sun. That happens once every 179 years, but in 1982 the nine planets will not only be on the same side of the sun, but in perfect alignment. "Newsweek" referred to this situation as "an apocalyptic prediction". In the book that these men have co-authored, "The Jupiter Effect", they point out that, just as the moon

affects earthtides by its gravitational pull, so do the planets affect each other, and particularly Jupiter, because of its great size. This has been linked to the earthquake frequency on our planet earth.

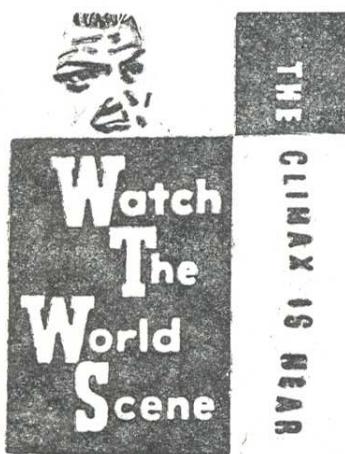
What will happen when all the planets come into one line and exert a united gravitational pull on our earth? These scientists speak of eight probable effects: 1) A disturbed magnetic activity in the sun, producing huge firestorms; 2) That the ionosphere of earth will be changed; 3) That radio and television communications will be disrupted; 4) That there will be weird lighting effects from aurora borealis; 5) There will be vast changes in wind patterns; 6) Rainfall and temperature patterns will change; 7) Earth's rotation, and the length of the days may change; 8) Many earthquakes will occur.

"There will be many earthquakes, large and small... and one region where one of the greatest fault systems lies today, under great strain, long overdue for a giant leap forward, and just waiting for the necessary kick, is California." This is the frightening apocalyptic vision of the scientists as quoted in "Newsweek".

Will all these things really happen? Time will tell. But there are some very relevant Biblical predictions about such events. Concerning the sun, scientists now believe that at some future date it may "nova", experiencing a pe-

riod of increased brightness and heat, followed by a darker period. Just as, in Revelation 16:9 we read: "And men were scorched with great heat..." Joel 2:31 states: "The sun shall be turned into darkness..." Certainly the sun is going to be changed one of these days.

God's Word also prophesies concerning the moon. Isaiah 30:26: "...the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun..." Joel 2:31: "...and the moon (shall be turned) into blood..." Matthew 24:29: "...the moon shall not give her light..." Revelation 6:12: "...the moon became as blood." And Revelation 8:12: "...and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon..." Fearful things are shaping up in our solar system!



But our chief concern is about this earth on which we live. Again both science and the Bible are in agreement. Great storms are predicted. This alignment of the planets in 1982 may bring a sudden shift in wind patterns. In Revelation 16:21 we read: "...a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent..." (Possibly at least 48 pounds.) Drought is scientifically predicted, because of greatly disrupted weather patterns. Such a wind shift has already brought famine to Africa and Bangladesh.

And Joel prophesies of the time when the seed is rotten under the clods and the beasts groan because they have no pasture. Revelation 11:2-6 indicates a three-and-one half year period when rainfall will be restricted. If such a drought comes, then famine is certain. If there is a drastic change in weather patterns, it is estimated that a billion people will be victims of famine in the next ten years. Matthew 24:7 states: "...there shall be famines..." Moreover, the scientists believe that the coming gravitational pull of the other planets may change the angle of inclination of the earth, and the length of earthdays. Isaiah 24:20: "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard..." Hebrews 12:26 says this of God: "...Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

And finally there is the matter of earthquakes. Note this quote from 1974 World Almanac: "There have been more earthquakes in this cen-

tury than in all recorded history." Earth is already quivering! Revelation 16:18 gives this prophecy: "...and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." And Revelation 16:20: "And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." Unimaginable chaos!

Will this parade of the planets in 1982 be the trigger that will touch off the fulfillment of these Bible prophecies? It could be so. But the certainties that we can rest on today are before us. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, and its prophecies will be literally fulfilled. And the shadows of those coming events are falling across our path with greater frequency. Science is foretelling the same events. And all this means that the coming of the Lord is drawing very near. By 1982 our world could be feeling the wrath of God in the coming time of tribulation.

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"Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." — Isaiah 52:7-10.

The Story of Balaam

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Balaam's cruel treatment of the beast revealed too clearly what power possessed him, revealing the master he was following. After his abuse of the animal, the Lord now proceeded to reveal to him the enormity of his evil deed, and the extent to which he had sinned against the Lord.

Numbers 22:31-34: "Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. And the angel of the Lord said unto him: Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me; and the ass saw me, and turned aside from me these three times, unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive. And Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord: I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me; now therefore if it displease thee, I will get me back again."

"I have sinned," cried Balaam. How different was his confession than that of David, as he sat in the presence of Nathan the prophet, who pointed out his guilt concerning his illicit affair with Bathsheba, involving also her husband, Uriah the Hittite in death. David truly repented after his sin was called to his attention. He absolved himself from guilt by throwing himself upon the mercy of the Lord. However, Balaam's sin was of the same calibre as that of Judas or of Pharaoh. David's confession of guilt was done in sincerity regardless of consequence, while Balaam confessed only because there was no more alternative to evade the will of God.

Balaam Restricted

"If it displease thee I will get me back again." Balaam sensed the displeasure of God by his harrowing experiences while on the way to Moab. Balaam knew from the very beginning that the Lord was displeased with his actions, and it was most unnecessary that he resorted to the word "if". In tempting Christ in the wilderness Satan used the very words: "If thou be the Son of God." These words carry an insinuation and suggest doubt. The Lord now permitted Balaam to proceed, however, God was about to shackle his mouth. "And the angel of the Lord said unto Balaam: Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that shalt thou speak..." Balaam was now under the complete control of God, being neither capable of expressing his own thoughts or speaking his own words.

Numbers 22:36-38: "And when Balak had

heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast. And Balak said unto Balaam: Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? Wherefore camest thou not unto me? Am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor? And Balaam said unto Balak: Lo, I come unto thee; have I now any power at all to say anything? The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak."

Stripped of his power of divination, Balaam proceeded to present to Balak that which the Lord was to put into his mouth. "And it came to pass on the Morrow that Balak took Balaam and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that he might see the utmost part of the people." Balaam then instructed the king on how to proceed.

Balaam and the Oracles

Numbers 23:3, 4: "And Balaam said unto Balak: Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go; peradventure the Lord will come to meet me, and whatsoever He sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place. And God met with Balaam, and he said unto Him: I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered on every alter a bullock and a ram."

The king of Moab had been in great suspense while waiting for the prophet to bring an answer to him from the Lord. "And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said: Return to Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. And he returned unto him, and lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab." Clothed in the most sublime language, God made known to the king of Moab, through the prophesying of Balaam, His great regard for the people He had delivered out of Egyptian bondage.

Numbers 23:7-10: "And he took up his parable and said: Balak king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the East, saying: Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel. How shall I curse whom God hath not cursed? Or how shall I defy whom the Lord hath not defied? For from the top of the rocks I see Him, and from the hills I behold Him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Who shall count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like His."

Balak was greatly upset, his disappointment knew no bounds over Balaam's prophesying and gave vent to his feelings in no uncertain terms. "And Balak said unto Balaam: What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine

enemies, and, behold, thou hast blest them altogether!" Balak was to understand that there could be no curse upon those whom the Lord has blessed. Balak's persistence matched his determination to secure the curse from Balaam nevertheless. If Balaam could be shown Israel from another angle perhaps he would comply with his wishes. "And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah..." Balaam went as before to meet the Lord, still hoping for God's approval.

Numbers 23:17-24: "And when he came to Him, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him: What hath the Lord spoken; And he took his parable, and said: Rise up Balak, and hear; hearken unto me thou son of Zippor: God is not a man that he should lie, neither the son of man that he should repent, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless, and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel. The Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; He hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel. According to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel: What hath God wrought! Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion; he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain."

Balak being very angry, said: "Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all." By this time Balak should have understood that the curse upon Israel was ineffective, and that his plans had utterly failed.

Balaam's Plans to Curse Israel Fail

Through the intervention of God, Balaam's plans to curse Israel had collapsed; it was useless to continue and so both Balak and Balaam made preparations to depart.

However, God was not quite finished with Balak. He had yet another message to the king regarding the fate of the Moabites, the surrounding nations and their people in the latter days.

Numbers 24:17-22, 25: "I shall see him but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall arise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said: Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he

perish forever. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said: Strong is thy dwelling place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. Nevertheless the Kenites shall be wasted, until Ashur shall carry thee away captive. And Balaam rose up and went, and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way."

To Balak was shown the triumph of Jacob and Israel over all nations and people. Speaking of His chosen ones in the following generations: "Therefore fear thou not, O My servant Jacob, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel; for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captive; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee; though I make a full end of all nations wthier I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee, but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished." — Jer. 30:10, 11. There was to come forth from Jacob the star and the sceptre, the One who is to be the ruler of the people He now despised. The Lord was their King and was a great power and majesty. A star was to be the sign of His coming.

The star foretold by Balaam would herald the birth of the Deliverer. He would wield His sceptre in righteousness. He would exercise absolute control over the earth and would subdue all evil. His kingdom would endure forever. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever." — Rev. 11:15.

An account of Balaam's writings had been kept by his people. The wonderful revelations contained in his writings had been treasured and recorded even in the writings of Moses. It was said that the wise men on the east, in their contemplation of these writings obtained the knowledge of the star. After many years of waiting, the star made its appearance. As that particular star had not been observed before, this strange phenomenon startled the wise men. They were convinced that this was the sign presaging the coming of Israel's King. By following it, they would be led to the place where they would behold the Deliverer the writings foretold. They travelled by night so as to keep the star in view. The star led them to Jerusalem, where they had expected to see celebration and great festivity in honor to their new born King.

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him." The wise men entered Jerusalem with rejoicing in their hearts, and praise to God that their mission was fruitful. They were providentially led to the right place, but they were somewhat shaken at the indifference of the people, and a shadow of gloom came over them. To their earnest inquiries: "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

Their words found no response. No one seemed to know. The coming of the wise men seemed rather to arouse suspicion, and all Jerusalem was troubled over their strange errand. They could have known. Did not the shepherds of Bethlehem bring them the tidings of His birth? "And when Herod the king had heard of these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." Herod suspected a plot by the priests and rulers of Israel, and determined to get to the bottom of it by superior cunning.

Matthew 2:4-6: "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him: In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet: And thou Bethlehem in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule My people Israel."

That is exactly what Herod the king wanted to know. The pride of the haughty priests was stung by the demand of the wily Edomite, especially at the instigation of the wise men. Their reluctance to reply immediately to the king's demand further aroused his suspicions. Herod considered himself in complete control over the land and would not tolerate any effort on the part of the Jews to unseat him.

Mathew 2:7-11: "Then Herod when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said: Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king they departed, and lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened up their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

The faith of the wise men was shaken as they beheld the lowly circumstances and the marks of poverty apparent in Joseph and Mary. At first sight, they reasoned: "Could this really be the new King? Yet, believing that they had been divinely directed to the right place, their faith prevailed. The wise men saw in His lowly birth, the great Deliverer, the King of Israel. Now being assured in their own minds, they worshipped Him and lavished their gifts of love upon Him. Now to bring the good news to Herod, so that he also could worship Him. "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."

"And he shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth." This visitation, in its strongest sense is to take place in the latter days, the time the Lord exercises His supreme authority over all His enemies. "The

Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a mighty man of war: He shall cry, yea, roar; He shall prevail against His enemies. I have long holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself. Now will I cry like a travailing woman? I will destroy and devour at once." — Isa. 42:13, 14.

The reason today for the existence of the Mid-East problems is the fact that the same spirit that actuated Balaam and the king of Moab to curse Israel still prevails among the descendants of those nations. "They have taken crafty council against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said: Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee; the tabernacle of Edom, and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagarenes..." — Ps. 83:3-6.

Israel had been schooled in the laws of heaven for the sole purpose of revealing to the world a better way of life. Instead of responding to something better, they preferred their own way of life under oppression rather than to give recognition to the principle of love and peace the Israelites had to offer. Rather would they have God's system of government put out of the way. "Come, let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." These attitudes are the biggest hindrances to peace in the Middle East. "Therefore as I live, saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding place of nettles, and salt pits, and a perpetual desolation; the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of My people shall possess them. This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord of hosts." — Zeph. 2:9, 10.

The Saviour's Visitation upon Edom

Isaiah the prophet beheld an unusual sight. It was the Saviour coming from Bozrah, the capitol of Edom having his raiment stained with the blood of His enemies. The sight of Him provoked a question: Who is this?

Isaiah 63:1-3: "Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the people there was none with me, for I will tread them down in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."

Christ is the truth, and if the truth cannot

save, it destroys. The One mighty to save now presents a gruesome contrast. His sufferings on the cross, and the sufferings of those who bear their own iniquity are compared. "I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the people these was none with me." At the time of the crucifixion, the wicked pressed out Christ's last drop of blood, and "all His disciples forsook Him and fled." He had to bear His bloodbath alone. And of the ones who took part in causing affliction and suffering to come upon Him, little did they realize that all heaven bore witness to their murderous act, the deed that they must give an account of before the Judge of all the earth. Not alone those who were directly involved in the Saviour's crucifixion, but also those who lightly regard the great sacrifice made in our behalf are to feel His wrath. The murderers of Christ had never given it a thought that some day the circumstances would be reversed. They themselves would have to drink of the bitter cup, Christ's human nature shrank from drinking its contents. They themselves would be placed in the great winepress of the wrath of God. Their last drop of blood would also be pressed out. "And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth." These people had departed from God, and subjected themselves to His wrath. They had their names on the church books, but not in the Book of life.

Jesus had been their Saviour, and at one time had prophesied in His name, and in His name had cast out devils, and had done many wonderful work. They had received many benefits through the blessings of his ministry, but they had not endured. Instead, Christ's love had been repaid with ingratitude. "In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them. In his love and in his pity He redeem them and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and vexed His Holy Spirit; therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them." "For the day of vengeance is in Mine heart and the year of My redeemed is come." The day of visitation had crept up upon these people in stealthy approach and found them unprepared for the trying ordeal that lay ahead of them.

Baal-peor

Although the plan to curse Israel had failed, the Moabites did not concede defeat. There was yet one way open to cause Israel to be separated from God. That which had failed through sorcery and enchantments, could yet be accomplished through enticement. With the aid of beautiful Moabitish women, a curse could yet be imposed upon Israel. To break the connection Israel had with the source of their power would cause them to become weak, and their destruction would be sure. The women would

prey upon the weakness of the men of Israel through their powerful attraction and allurements. The people of Israel were now on the very borders of the promised land, ready to cross over the Jordan to possess the land. Here is where Satan struck hard. Following closely on the heels of the enticements of the Moabites women there followed also the allurements of heathen worship. The men of Israel found themselves unwittingly bowing down and worshiping heathen idols.

Numbers 25:2-5: "And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor, and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. And the Lord said unto Moses: Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord, against the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel: Slay ye every one his man that were joined unto Baal-peor." The apostasy at Jordon took a toll of twenty-four thousand lives.

Man is the architect of his own destruction. God destroys no one. It is the acceptance or rejection of God's warning message that decides our eternal destiny. The fact that this apostasy took place on the very borders of the promised land, should awaken us to a sense of our own standing before God. The apostle Paul writes: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples (margin types); and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." — 1 Cor. 10:11, 12. People have a choice. Salvation is offered to all. Perdition however will be the lot of many. Men may try to blend these two elements, and like Balaam the son of Beor will try to serve both God and mammon. This cannot be done because the path to heaven and the road to perdition go in opposite directions. Many expect to sow to the flesh, and then expect to cross over into the eternal world, and at the day of reckoning pray earnestly to God to perform a miracle, so they can also reap the rewards of the righteous. They expect to hear the words: "Well done, faithful servant," said unto them, when all their lives they have rebelled against Him.

Let us remember that Satan's assaults against Christ were at the end of His ministry. The enemy sought his utmost to cause the Saviour to sin before His sacrifice was complete. He tempted the Saviour to consider the sacrifice too great, as it was apparently beyond human endurance. Christ could have taken steps to deliver Himself from His trying ordeal. But, thank God, the Saviour did not yield to the will of the flesh, not even on a single point. His was a pure unblemished sacrifice. "And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour, but for this cause came I unto this hour." Being more successful in seducing the human family, the enemy comes upon them with great wrath.

Those who are stifling conviction with the thought that they can change their evil natures by the exercise of their own will power, whenever they choose, that they can at will change leaders, take this curse at the peril of their own lives and souls. This is not easily done. The habits of a lifetime have made such inroads into their character, that it requires more than human power to resist the evil and choose the good. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down to you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." — Rev. 12:12. Satan's wrath will reach its climax in the time of trouble spoken of by Daniel the prophet. — Daniel 12:1. "But the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel." — Joel 3:16.

The Last Days of Balaam

Balaam had by this time overstepped his bounds of grace. His opposition to God's will was carried a bit too far. The Lord was tolerant with him, and allowed him a reasonable period of time to repent. Since not availing himself of the precious time allotted him, and still persisting in his opposition to God, his period of probation was about to close. God dealt mercifully with the erring prophet until there was no remedy. Balaam now found himself ensnared by his own sins, unable to extricate himself. Now that he himself was separated from heaven, instead of the Hebrews, he saw the consequences of his evil course; he was aware that he must soon reap what he had sown, and perish under the visitations of God. Balaam took no note of the fact of his accountability to God while dazzled by the brightness of his earthly rewards. The curse he meant for the Israelites had now fallen upon him. Too late, he found himself hopelessly entangled in his own wrong doings and on the wrong side of the conflict. God now would show him no mercy, neither did he expect any. By his identifying himself with the enemies of God, the nations whom the Lord had doomed to destruction, the prophet also became involved in their downfall. God determined the destruction of those nations because they were a detriment to themselves and a curse to the world. God would put an end to their existence as an act of mercy. God's purposes in making a better world, would be to replace these nations, with their degrading heathen rites, with a righteous kingdom patterned after the one in heaven.

This kingdom, made possible through the great sacrifice on calvary will be inhabited by those whom God has particularly chosen, and will come into existence after all the gentile nations would come to their end. (See Daniel 2). Balaam, who once was a prophet of God could have received the rewards of the righteous, but unfortunately he preferred the rewards of divination. He could have been an example of righteousness and integrity had he remained

true to God, but by departing from God, sin overwhelmed him and held dominion over him. Instead, he became an object lesson, warning people to avoid his mistakes and his way of life. The history of Balaam, known as the mad prophet closes with these awesome words:

Joshu 13:22: "Balaam also the son of Beor the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them."

Balaam's request while under the control of the Spirit: "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" Never materialized. He died a failure.

— R. Georgel

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FLASH FLOODS IN SOUTHERN SINAI KILL TWO, DESTROY NA'AMA BAY

EILAT. — Two people were killed and two are still missing after a cloudburst over southern Sinai caused millions of pounds of damage in Na'ama Bay, about five kilometres from Sharm e-Sheikh (Ophira) early yesterday morning (October 21).

The victims of the flash flood — which left the tourism area of Sharm looking as though it had been hit by a hurricane — were Tzvika Ben-Natan, 35, deputy director of the civilian administration of Ophira, and Ruth Fischbind of Ramat Hasharon, a soldier serving in the region.

Ben-Natan was killed when he was electrocuted by falling cables pulled down in the freak storm. Residents of Na'ama Bay reported that Fischbind was drowned in an underground bunker. The army has not confirmed the report.

Missing are a German tourist whose car was washed into the sea and a Beduin child. Thirty-five people miraculously escaped their Egged bus which overturned and was swept into the sea.

Tourists at the Marina Hotel were evacuated from their rooms unhurt as the hill behind the hotel collapsed under the rushing torrents which filled the ground-floor rooms with water and from floor to ceiling.

Ophira itself — where the civilian settlement of 400 people is built upon a cliff overlooking the Red Sea — came through the storm undamaged.

The Eilat-Sharm e-Sheikh road was closed to traffic from Di Zahav after the road was damaged at the Shahira Pass. Heavy rains also fell in Santa Katerina, but in Eilat there were only scattered raindrops throughout the day.

The weather bureau reported that only 2.6 mm. of rainfall were recorded in Ophira. However, the heavy rain came down within a space of about a quarter of an hour. The bureau points out that because of the low pressure system of the Red Sea, they had issued flood warnings for the low-lying regions of southern Sinai.

The weather bureau said that most of the rain fell in the area of southern Sinai between Ras Nasrani and a-Tur. Itim reports that Beduin in southern Sinai say there was a similar flash flood about 30 years ago — but there was no serious damage since there was no settlement in the area at that time.

— from The Jerusalem Post

Rations Better in Nazi Concentration Camps

Soviets Give Inedible Food to Starving
Prisoners of Zion

TEL AVIV. — Prisoners doing hard labour in Soviet camps are entitled by law to a diet of 2,050 calories a day, which is less than the 2,500 calories a day allotted to Nazi forced-labour camp inmates in World War II, released Prisoner of Zion Edward Kusnetzov told a press conference yesterday. He added that most prisoners never even get the minimum allowed them by law, and that many are reduced to eating weeds.

An adult doing strenuous physical labor must receive at least 4,000 calories daily, according to nutrition experts.

Kuznetzov, other former prisoners, and relatives of those still behind Soviet barbed wire appeared at the conference to announce the publication of the first-ever report on the medical conditions of Prisoners of Zion. The report, which will be sent to medical experts throughout the world, is based on the testimony of released prisoners, on letters smuggled out of Soviet captivity, on families' testimony, and on medical examinations of released prisoners.

According to the report, the quality of food given the prisoners is so poor that, despite their chronic hunger, they are frequently unable to bring themselves to eat it. Worms and parts of the bodies of dead rats float in watery so-called soups. Bread is often baked waste.

Kuznetzov said that the purpose of the deliberate starvation of prisoners of conscience is to turn them into weak-willed, obedient creatures. The conditions in Soviet jails are in direct contravention of Soviet law itself, he said.

Kuznetzov was one of the leaders of the 1970 plot to hijack a Soviet plane out of Russia. He was released to the U.S. in exchange for a Soviet spy, two other prisoners from the same trial — Leib Khnock and Hillel Buttman — also appeared at the press conference. Buttman, who is under treatment for a severed ulcer developed during his years of imprisonment, missed a hospital treatment appointment in order to attend.

According to the report and the ex-prisoners' testimony, Soviet prison cells are sealed from the outside world and contain neither water, a bucket of any sort, or a toilet. Sewage frequently overflows from the basement and floods the cells. In the labour camps, countless rats run about freely, and during cold winter nights, swarm over the prisoner's cots. A prisoner in solitary confinement is allowed only two visits to the latrine daily, and only when and if the warden permits them.

Due to constant hunger, hard labour, and unspeakable sanitary conditions, the prisoners suffer from intestinal disorders, liver, kidney-, and heart-disease and massive infections. A very high percentage of the prisoners succumb to

tuberculosis, which usually goes untreated. The only dental treatment given to prisoners, whose teeth deteriorate very rapidly due to malnutrition, is extraction without the benefit of an anaesthetic.

The medical staff in the camps, according to Kuznetzov and others, are first and foremost K.G.B. officers, for whom medicine is primarily a means of extortion and punishment. Prisoners are blackmailed into informing on and betraying each other in return for treatment. Abdominal cancer and ulcers go untreated if the prisoner refuses to inform on his friends.

Operations, if performed at all in camp, put the patient's life in jeopardy. One testimony included in the reports tells of a prisoner made to hold a lamp for the surgeon while he was being operated on. Prisoners frequently die on the operating table.

Most of the limited supply of drugs in prisons is so old that its effectiveness has already passed and usually the drugs only worsen the patient's condition.

Even in camp hospitals the sanitary conditions are shocking and food rations far less than minimal. Hospital cubicles are sealed to light and air, and in winter the walls are covered with ice. Kuznetzov added that transportation to hospitals is so difficult that it often results in breaking a few of the patient's limbs in the process.

Dr. Yehuda Mendelson from Kiryat Shmona, who knew the Leningrad trial prisoners in Russia, gave them preliminary check-ups after their arrival in Israel last April. He said yesterday that all of them showed the effects of malnutrition, particularly extreme lack of proteins and vitamins. Their ordeal had especially affected their digestive systems and they all suffered from chronic gastroenteritis in varying degrees of severity. The state of their mouths and teeth was shocking, he said. Despite the fact that they were all young, their teeth were loose and decayed. Their gums were inflamed and infected. Most of them were seriously anemic.

The sub-human living conditions in Siberia resulted in chronic respiratory trouble and frost-bitten hands and feet. Many of the prisoners had impaired hearing. The latter can be a real danger to the life of the prisoner, as failure to adhere to a warden's order can result in harsh punishment.

The effects of prison could still be seen in Sylva Zalmanson, despite the fact that she has been in Israel since 1974, and with her brother Israel, who came here a year ago. Mendelson said. He added that the psychological problems created in the camps are no less serious.

Prisoners first experience euphoria on release,
— continued on next page

Life in Israel

by Effie Dugger

Shalom!

Once again we greet our friends in countries around the world.

In the last few weeks Jerusalem has been blessed with many good days of rain. We have been praying for this, as Israel needs the rain to replenish its water supplies. More is needed, and we hope to have it before the rainy season is over.

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down to you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain." Joel 2:23.

The 27th and 28th verses of this same chapter are also wonderful to read, "And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and My people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

The vegetable markets here are full of good fruits and vegetables in many varieties and colors. Oranges and grapefruit are in season now, as well as other citrus fruits. We are thankful for and enjoy the good fruit which the Lord provides, and also give thanks for the way that the Land of Israel has again become fertile, a "land flowing with milk and honey."

Our singing group, the Zion Sonbeams, has been touring the U.S.A. lately, and has been meeting with a very good response wherever it goes. My granddaughter, Priscilla, daughter of Gordon and Naomi Fauth, and some of the other young people of the church, including children of my daughter Mary, are with the group at present. It is good that we have young people like these who want to work for the Lord, and we are thankful for the way the Heavenly Father is blessing their efforts.

Any church or group in the U.S. which would like to contact the Zion Sonbeams can contact:

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Jacque Christenson is back in Jerusalem with us again. He was here several years ago, with his mother, Gladys, from Wisc., U.S.A. We enjoy having him with us, and he has been helping us with the many jobs that need to be done in the publishing work.

We thank all of our friends and supporters

around the world who are having a part with us in the ministry of the Mt Zion Reporter. May the Almighty bless each one of you, and may He bless our joint efforts abundantly.

Please pray for us and for the work in Jerusalem. Remember also to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and Israel. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee." Psalms 122:6.

Shalom!

Effie Dugger

WE MUST ASK GOD'S GRACE FOR REPENTENCE

God has often spoken to people in the past when they do not have open Bibles to give them clear revelation of His will. He has ways of teaching and warning those leading the way to destruction.

He spoke once to king Nebuchadnezzar giving him a dream of the great image of the times of the gentiles, but the heart of the king was wilfull, and he continued to go on with his own purpose and folly.

God spoke again by the marvelous appearing of one like the Son of God in the fiery furnace when He saved His faithful witnesses from harm, but again the proud king kept on his way. Then God spoke the third time to this great King and in a most humiliating manner.

What about now? As He is the same God, and there is nothing impossible with Him, so He speaks even in this present age. The history of nations of the past that recognized God, teaches us of the value of recognizing Him, in the way they are blessed. We read about the heathen chieftain who came from his distant domains to visit Queen Victoria. One day he asked if she could tell him the secret of England's progress and greatness. In answer the Queen just presented him with the Bible saying: "This Book of books when believed and honored by any people, God has blessed them."

You will find that any nation that has welcomed the gospel has been blessed in a special way. God speaks now, and why don't the people observe all that is written, and ask Him to speak to them and to direct them? With Him everything is possible. The Almighty who is always ready to help us has not changed. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

— By the late Elizabeth Zion

Extracts From Readers' Letters

U.S.A. —

Dear Elder Fauth and Sister Dugger,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our soon coming King and Saviour Jesus Christ. My dear Brethren in Christ, I hope this letter meets you all in good health as it leaves me over here. I am very glad to hear that the work is going on in full strength as before in the days of our dear Elder Dugger. Praise God for having Elder Fauth right there to help to carry on.

My prayers are always towards you all in the Holy Land for the good works you all are doing. Thanks be to the Most High for giving you all strength to go through.

Yours in the service,
Elder V.M.

KENYA. —

Dearest Brother Fauth,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and well, and the work of the Master going on for His glory. The work o the Lord here is by His grace progressing satisfactorily. Truly our dear Yahshua is working at all times over here! Nevertheless we have only a very short time to work, so it is important to make our every day count for the Lord.

Thankful we are to receive "The Mount Zion Reporter" and the Lessons. We are very thankful for our Brother Wm. Heuer, who always is helping us in our study. We are nearly 1,000 persons here in Kenya.

May the Lord richly bless you.

Yours in His service
M. K.

U.S.A. —

Dear Sirs and Sisters,

Please send me a copy of "The History of the True Religion" and also add me any subscription lists for publications you may have.

I have discontinued fellowship with the Worldwide Church of God and am looking for answers. Please send me any material you feel would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,
B. L.

NIGERIA. —

Dear Elder Fauth,

Holy greetings to you and all the loved ones in the Father's Name. I was so glad to hear from you.

We pray for you and the work there daily. May the Lord bless you all to keep up the good work. Time is coming to a close and we all must press forward with the good work.

It has always been my prayer to our Lord to allow this magazine and other tracts to flow from the Holy City of Jerusalem, without ceas-

ing, for it is the source of my light, and the light to others here in my country.

Yours faithfully,
I. A. W.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA. —

Dir Sir,

I am a boy of eighteen and I am a good Christian. When I go to church I don't have any Bible to read, so one of my best friends gave me your address and said that if I wrote to your mission you would send me a Bible, including some reading books about Jesus Christ. So please, I beg you, kindly solve my problem for me.

Yours faithfully,
J. L.

U.S.A. —

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the calendar. I like it's testimony. Also enjoy "The Reporter". God bless all of you, and I pray for the work.

In Christian love,
J. L.

U.S.A. —

Dear Sir,

Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am praying for you and your ministry.

Thank you for mailing me the calendar, also "The Mount Zion Reporter", and also for your letters, prayers and caring. He is coming back again soon, and we will meet Him in the air according to God's promise to us. Praise God!

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

Pryerfully with love in Christ,
S. L.

GHANA. —

Dear Sir,

I want to know more about God, but I haven't got any Bible to study. I will be very grateful if you send me one as I am from a poor home, hence my inability to buy one. I hope you will not disappoint me.

Yours thankfully,
E. D.

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 (Yahshua) as we have them recorded in Matthew 6:19 to 21.

GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ULTRAVIOLET RAYS MAY REPLACE CHLORINE IN WATER

TEL AVIV. — The chlorination of water is on its way out; the use of ultraviolet radiation to sterilize water is the wave of the future.

This was stated yesterday by Meir Viezel, head of the Tana plant at Kibbutz Netiv Ha-lamed-Heh, professor Shimon Ulitzur, of the Technion, and Shaul Arlosoroff, of Haifa University.

The kibbutz is now manufacturing several different sizes of their "ultraviolet sterilizer", both for use in Israel and for export.

Interest in purchasing units has already been shown by firms in South Africa, Africa and Asia. The kibbutz is also negotiating with Tnuva, to sterilize its dairy products, and with Mekorot, which plans to install several units.

The device, which is called "Tami", is already in use to sterilize supplies of potable water, for canning factories, cosmetics plants, soft-drink production, poultry breeding, and fish ponds.

Units can be installed in each flat or in a condominium, or even at the entrance of settlements, are now being produced. The plant can produce several thousand units of different sizes each month.

According to Viezel, the use of the device in a poultry run increased the amount of meat on the birds by 15 per cent. It did this by reducing the incidence of disease, and it also allowed a sharp cut-back in the use of medicines to keep the birds healthy.

Arlosoroff noted that chlorination would probably be abandoned since the costs of using this method were constantly rising. Chlorine was obtained (even in Israel, which has a plentiful supply available from the Dead Sea) as a by-product of refining petroleum, and the cost of the latter was constantly rising. Moreover, chlorine had to be transported in tankers over long distances, and had to be carefully handled, since it was highly dangerous in its concentrated form.

"Another reason for seeing alternative methods of sterilizing water other than chlorine stems from the fact that recent tests in the U.S. indicate that chlorine, by acting on certain plastics used for packaging, may be a cause of some types of cancer.

Moreover, the use of water recycled from sewage was also a potential source of disease, and ultraviolet sterilization reduces this danger to a minimum.

It is claimed that when used properly, the ultraviolet rays kill 99.9999 per cent of all micro-organisms, including viruses, bacteria, yeasts, fungi and protozoa.

The water may be used immediately after being sterilized. The process affects neither the

taste nor the mineral content of the water.

"However, one drawback is that it should be installed as close as possible to the outlet of the drinking water, since it is possible that if the water stands for a long time, or if it is exposed to any type of contamination, such as dirty fat infiltrating into an underground water pipe, the effects of sterilization become worthless."

Thus, the makers do not believe the device can be installed nationwide. It will have to be installed at individual villages, blocks of houses, condominiums, apartment houses, and individual flats.

The smallest unit costs about IL. 10,000 (\$ 330) and the largest about IL. 125,000. However, when the kibbutz plant moves into mass production, the cost can be reduced considerably, perhaps to as little as one-quarter of the present price.

HELP FOR SKIN LESIONS THROUGH SOLCODERM

TEL AVIV. — People may now buy a medicinal preparation known as Solcoderm and have a good chance of curing a skin growth, even a malignant one, a spokesman for the company producing the medication has announced.

The medication, developed by Prof. Shalva Mardi, is sold only by prescription and can be administered only by a doctor, said Zvi Levinhar, marketing manager of the pharmaceutical department of Abik.

It cannot be used to treat internal malignant growths, he said. But an external growth can be treated simply, he said, by pricking the growth lightly for several minutes with a needle dipped in the liquid preparation. In most cases one application is enough to ensure success of the treatment. The patient has no pain, is not hospitalized and may go home or to work immediately afterwards, Levinhar said.

Levinhar said the medication was tested on two groups of patients.

One test reported in "Harefuah", the magazine of the Israel Medical Association this January, proved successful for 88 of 91 patients treated.

The growths disappeared entirely or in a few cases leaving a slight smooth scar, he said.

Prof. Mardi is now running tests on another group of 140 patients. After six months of treatment, 80 per cent of the patients completely recovered. The other 20 per cent are still undergoing treatment.

The spokesman said Mardi insisted his discovery be produced and sold first in Israel. He said it would be made available in other parts of the world at a later date.

(Items from The Jerusalem Post)

Jew Jailed For Seeing Wallenberg

TEL AVIV. — A Soviet Jew is reportedly languishing in a K.G.B. prison because of a missing letter he wrote to his daughter in Israel about meeting Raoul Wallenberg in 1975 in a "Gulag Archipelago" prison infirmary.

This story was unearthed by John Bierman, B.B.C. T.V. correspondent in Israel, when researching documentary background on Wallenberg. The correspondent had read in "The Jerusalem Post" of renewed reports of Wallenberg's survival despite Soviet claims since 1950 that he died of heart attack in 1947 in K.G.B. hands. Wallenberg, born in 1912, was an attaché at the Swedish embassy in Budapest during the German occupation, and saved many Jews from Eichmann's clutches, only to be arrested by the advancing Russians in 1945.

In the course of his research, Bierman said he called late last month on Dr. Anna Bilder, a Jaffa densit, who immigrated from Moscow in 1973. Her father, Jan Kaplan, was jailed by the K.G.B. on "currency charges" in 1975 after applying for an exit visa for Israel for himself and his wife. In November 1977 she was overjoyed to hear her father's voice on the telephone. He had been released after five doctors certified his ill health. He told her about meeting a Swede at the Butyrki prison infirmary. The Swede had been in K.G.B. prisons in the past 30 years. Dr. Bilder had not heard of Wallenberg at that time and took little notice of the story. But when she phoned relatives in Detroit, they got excited. The story reached the Swedish authorities and she was called into the embassy here, the result being a further note from Stockholm to the Kremlin, with another denial from Russia.

Dr Bilder told the British correspondent of her latest news from her mother in Moscow about her father's arrest. This arrest was because of a letter he had written to her about the Swedish prisoner, but which never reached her.

The text of the letter (her mother's) translated from Russian, was made available to "The Post" by Bierman. It reads:

June 14, Moscow.

My dear Anna,

I write this letter hoping it will reach you. The same thing has happened to father again. He has been now one-and-a-half years in prison — there is nothing to lose now. I could not write all this time, especially because of your pregnancy. I lost all hope after I was called to Lubyanka by the K.G.B. and learned that all this occurred because of a letter about the Swiss or the Swede your father met in prison infirmary.

"He wrote the letter about Wallenberg and tried to send it through a tourist and went every Saturday to the synagogue to look for one. Every one was afraid to take it. One Saturday he succeeded in giving it to a tourist who promised to send the letter to you from Vienna or Germany.

"On Friday February 4th (1978), there was a meticulous search of our home and they took father with them. Since then he had been in Lefortovo and Lubyanka and now I have lost all hope of ever seeing you one day.

"When I was called to Lubyanka in May, a very angry colonel screamed at me that the Soviet authorities had behaved humanely because of the sickness and released father, and he had then sent an anti-Soviet spy letter to Israel. And your daughter started anti-Soviet propaganda there. Later he came down and said: If your daughter wishes to see her father again someday she should stop agitating against her motherland. He said that father is in good health, but his fate depends on his daughter's behaviour in Israel — that is, she should not make a noise.

"I don't know whether to keep quiet or the opposite. Some people say the press and the newspapers can help. I don't know the answer myself. Here we are blind puppies and you can see better there. I fear we will never see you and your children again. Why did father have to interfere on this business? He never had anything to do with politics.

"I don't know what happened to the letter father gave to the young foreigner. Perhaps he was an agent of the Lubyanka. I have no hope of anything anymore. Because of a letter about a poor prisoner. So what good can be expected here? I decided at long last to tell you the truth."

— from The Jerusalem Post

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NOTICE

We are urgently in need of funds for printing tracts, booklets, books and other materials, both in English and in many other languages. There is a very big demand, and we are constantly printing more. During the last few years the cost of paper, postage, etc. has been going up at a tremendous rate, and this has become very expensive. If led of the Lord to help with this ministry, your aid will be much appreciated, and you will also be laying up for yourself 'treasures in Heaven'. Pray about it.

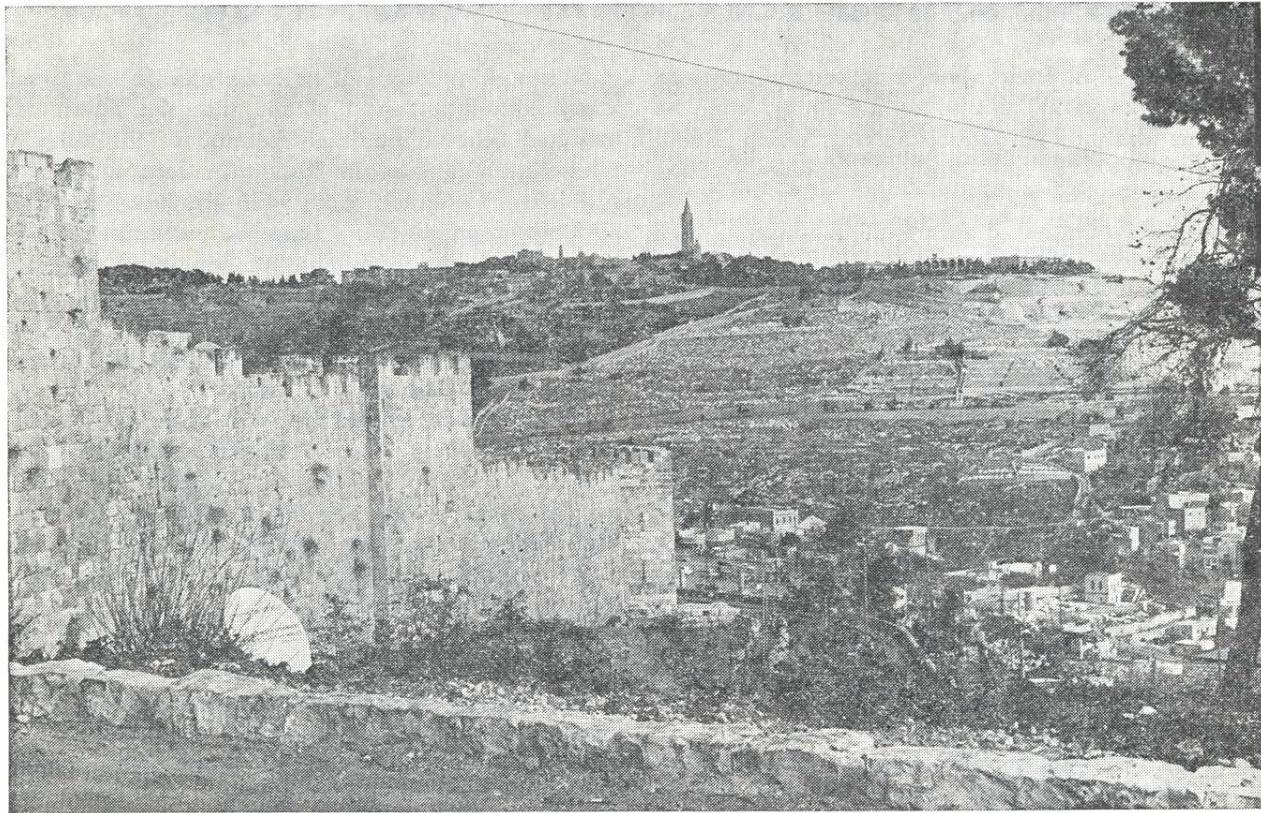
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As we have had the policy for some time of acknowledging each amount sent in with a receipt, we will not send out a receipt for the whole year UNLESS requested. Therefore, if you need a receipt for the total amount you sent in during the year 1979, please let us know at once.

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever." — Psalms 125:1, 2.

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.



A view of the walls of Jerusalem, towards the Mt. of Olives. The sign to the left bears the inscription "The sons of strangers shall build up thy walls." (Isaiah 60:10).

Wonderful Wisdom

By Mrs. Morgan

Dear reader,

There are two paths which a man may follow. The first Psalm, Song of David, describes these two paths:

One is fruitful, the other is barren,
One knows gain, the other loss.
The promise of one is Life Eternal,
The promise of the other is death.

Blessings, knowledge of our Heavenly Father, recognition by Him, and the joy of divine mercy — these are the rewards of the righteous. — Please read Psalm 1.

We must seek spiritual wisdom, through prayer and studying His truths, in order to learn His way. It leads to the path of eternal salvation.

Worldly wisdom is earthly, sensual (James 3:15), leads away from our Heavenly Father (Jer. 4:22), and is foolishness with Him (! Cor. 3:19). It leads to the path of eternal death.

It behooves us to choose wisely the path of life we will follow. For we tread the paths of life but once, and at the end of the road lies eternity.

"Enter ye in the strait gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in the reat." — Matthew 7:13.

Yes! Yes! Pray — study — learn — seek. "Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." — Verse 14.

Our Savior, Son of the Most High, tells us: "For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14). Many know and have heard, but slide back into worldly, earthly living. Few remain faithful.

"For the Eternal knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish." — Psalm 1:6. ★

JUST A MINUTE

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it
But it's up to me to use it,
I must suffer if I abuse it,
Give account if I misuse it.
Just a tiny little minute,
But Eternity is in it.

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

PALESTINIAN CLAIMS OF INVITATION TO MOSCOW OLYMPICS DENIED

As of last night, two separate groups of Palestinians were claiming invitations to attend the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, and two separate sources from the International Olympics Committee were denying that any such invitation is possible.

An International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.) spokesman said yesterday he was astonished by reports that a Palestinian sports body had been invited to send a team to the 1980 games.

He said the Soviet organizing committee was responsible for sending out invitations to the Moscow Games, but invitations were not due to be issued until January.

One invitation to the Palestinians was announced in Beirut by a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization, who said it had been sent to its "Higher Palestinian Council for Sports and Youth".

LEBANON RAIDS ATTACKED AT PRO-ARAB MEET: USE OF U.S. ARMS ILLEGAL — STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON. — For the first time in public, a U.S. State Department official has flatly declared that Israel violated U.S. law on at least two occasions when it used American-supplied weapons to bomb terrorist targets in Lebanon.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Sterner on Friday went beyond earlier U.S. assertions when he told the 33rd annual convention of the Middle East Institute here that Israel had gone beyond legitimate self-defence in striking Lebanon on those two occasions.

Earlier U.S. formulations, contained in carefully drafted letters from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to Congress, always stopped short of making such an accusation, noting only that a violation "may have occurred."

EGYPT TELLS IRAN: GULF NOT ALL YOURS

ALEXANDRIA. — The Cairo dailies yesterday all carried banner headlines warning the Iranian regime of Ayatollah Khomeini against renewing Teheran's claim to sovereignty over the entire Persian Gulf, including the oil-rich Arab emirate island of Bahrain.

"Al-Ahram", "Al-Akhbar" and "Al-Goumhouriya" reported Vice-President Hosni Mubarak as saying that Egypt would not hesitate to go to the aid of every Arab state in the Persian Gulf to repel what was described as Iran's brewing aggression.

"AMERICANS DON'T APPRECIATE ISRAELI CONCESSIONS"

Stewart Rauch, a member of the 41-man national banking delegation visiting Israel under the auspices of the State of Israel Bonds Organization, said that "the enormous concessions" that Israel is making to the Egyptians for the sake of peace "do not come through in the U.S."

Rauch, chairman of the Philadelphia Savings Society, was commenting on a statement by Joseph Vardi, former director-general of the Energy Ministry. Vardi had said that with the return of the Suez oil wells to the Egyptians, and the complete cessation of oil supplies from Iran, Israel has this year lost over 70 per cent of its regular fuel supplies.

EX-POLISH WOMAN TO BE HONOURED

Danuta Cywinski-Jurkowski, formerly of Poland and now living in Melbourne, Australia, will plant a tree in Yad Vashem's Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles in Jerusalem on Wednesday. The planting ceremony honours her own and her late mother's heroism in saving the lives of five Jews in Grodno, Poland during World War II.

Kristina Cywinski and her daughter Danuta sheltered three Jewish adults and two children in the basement of their house, although Germans occupied the upper storeys. When Kristina Cywinski was shot by the Gestapo, 14-year-old Danuta remained faithful to her trust until an inability to feed the refugees forced her to transfer them to another family where they survived the rest of the war.

She and one of the girls she saved, Rachel Bront, are now in close contact in Melbourne.

MED-DEAD SEA CANAL FEASIBLE, COMMITTEE TOLD

Digging a canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea is economically feasible and worthwhile, Prof. Yuval Ne'eman yesterday told a Knesset committee looking at various proposals for using the height difference between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea as a source of hydroelectric power.

Ne'eman claimed the cost of such a canal would be \$500 m., but would only produce one-third of the capacity of the Reading power station in Tel Aviv.

The committee, headed by M.K. Yigal Allon, is studying three possible canal alternatives. The northern route would take a canal from Haifa to Beit She'an and then down into the Jordan Valley, the middle route would take the canal from Palmahim to Ein Fashka, and would take the canal from Palmahim to Ein Gaza, past Beersheba to Massada.

ISRAELI SCIENTISTS IDENTIFY BIG BLACK HOLE IN OUR GALAXY

Israeli scientists have managed to identify what they think is one of the largest and most massive black holes ever found.

The black hole was named C-433 by Prof. Ya'acov Shaham, Dr. Zvi Piran and Aliza Amitai of the Hebrew University's Rachah Institute of Physics.

A black hole is a star which collapsed allowing no energy or matter to leave it because of the tremendous gravitational force it exerts.

Prof. Shaham told the army radio's weekly supplement on science that his team had worked with data

discovered by scientists in California. The California scientists found an object in our galaxy which emitted energy on a varying wavelength.

Scientists all over the world first thought the object was what they call a neutron star. But Shaham and his team postulated a mathematical model showing that the object is a tremendous black hole.

C-433 is twice the size of our sun, but its mass is a million times the sun's mass. It is surrounded by a ring of matter which revolves around the black hole at a speed of 45,000 kilometres a second. Shaham and his team believe that the ring of matter is what remains of a star which was caught by the black hole's tremendous gravitational force.

Shaham said it's possible that C-433 is the remains of one of the primeval clouds of matter formed soon after the universe as we know it came about. It is possible, Shaham said, that C-433 is one of the primeval clouds which did not become a star and collapsed instead into a black hole.

SWEDES NO LONGER CONSIDER GAYS "SICK"

STOCKHOLM. — Sweden has dropped homosexuality from its officials list of diseases, a spokesman for the National Board of Health and Welfare said yesterday.

Also dropped from the list were transvestism, fetishism and pedophilia, although laws still forbid sexual relations between adults and children.

BEGIN: "COUNTER P.L.O. ADVOCATES"

Prime Minister Menahem Begin last night called for friends of Israel to launch a "moral counter-offensive" against those who support the Palestine Liberation Organization and who oppose the peace agreement.

Begin also said that it had been falsely suggested that black Americans support the P.L.O. After meeting with the delegation of black leaders earlier this week, however, the Premier was happy to discover that they are "friends of our people. There is a good chance to change the whole situation by bringing over more and more friends for our cause."

TERROR CHARGES AGAINST WEST BANK TEACHERS

LOD (Itim). — Security forces have arrested several West Bank teachers and have filed indictment against two of them for belonging to a terrorist organization.

The two accused are Hebron teacher Reneda Othman Falah, 20, and teacher Mufida Hassan Jaber, 27, of the Jalazun refugee camp. They are charged with membership in a Fatah cell based in El-Bira and headed by a Bir Zeit graduate named Jamal Yassin. He took them to Syria for training, and they planned terror activities in Israel, according to the charge sheet.

BEGIN EXPECTS NO CRISIS AFTER DAYAN QUILTS THE GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister Menahem Begin accepted Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's resignation yesterday (Oct. 21) with regret, but maintained that the government would take his departure in its stride. It would not modify its position on the West Bank-Gaza autonomy talks nor

call early elections.

Dayan read his letter of resignation at yesterday's cabinet meeting, stressing his discomfort with the government's policy on the administered territories. Begin played down these differences, however, stating that Dayan simply had not been getting satisfaction from his job.

Begin had apparently tried hard in recent weeks to dissuade Dayan from resigning, but failed because he could not now give the Foreign Minister the powers and responsibilities which had been offered him six months ago, and which Dayan had turned down.

POTASH OUTPUT TO RISE IN DEAD SEA WORKS PLAN

The Dead Sea Works is to invest some \$160 m. (at September's prices) in an expansion programme that will boost its capacity to produce potash from 1.3 million tons to 2.1 m. tons by 1983. Authorization for the programme came this week from the Ministerial Economic Committee. — Itim.

ISRAEL FOURTH AMONG WORLD'S POTENTIAL MINERAL PRODUCERS

HAIFA. — "Far from being poor in minerals Israel is relatively among the world's richest countries regarding natural resources. What we are really short of is technicians and engineers to exploit our resources," the organisers of the Fourth Conference on Mineral Engineering said here this week. The two-day conference, which reviews achievements in the field during the last 30 years and the way ahead for the future, closes in Safad today.

Uri Wirzburger of Israel Chemicals said that the conference concentrated on ways of upgrading our present basic mineral production into a more sophisticated, second-stage operation.

He said that this year a total of \$350 m. worth of minerals had been produced, half of which were exported. Production totalled three million tons in volume, and is to be raised to five million tons over the next four years. Beyond that the increase in bulk will halt, and we will have to increase our know-how, he said.

Prof. Yisrael Lin, head of the Technion's Mining Engineering Centre, said that during the near future Israel would make a major effort to exploit its natural resources in an effort to replace oil imports. These would include Hulah valley lignite, the Mediterranean-Dead Sea hydro-electric canal, uranium production as a by-product of phosphoric acid from phosphates, and the exploitation of the two billion tons of oil shale already discovered, which hold about 200 million tons of oil.

A small plant is already planned for the Rotem plain, near Beersheba, which is to produce steam by burning shale, to provide energy for chemical plants in the area. A week ago a start was made on a tunnel to mine the shale.

The phosphoric acid plant now being built in the Negev, which is to produce 120,000 tons a year, will be able to supply about 60 tons of uranium, Prof. Lin noted.

He said that recent U.N. statistics ranked Israel in fourth place in the world as a potential mineral pro-

ducer, placing a value of \$8,000 on each square kilometre of land area.

U.S. "QUICK REACTION" FORCE COULD FIGHT 2 MONTHS IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON. — The outgoing chief of staff of the U.S. Army, General Bernard Rogers, has confirmed that the Pentagon is planning a 110,000-man contingency force for the Middle East or developing countries.

At a news conference, Rogers said the troops would be used outside Europe, where most of America's overseas forces are now stationed.

Rogers, who left over the weekend to become Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, did not limit the mission of such a corps to the Persian Gulf area. But it is known that this is a centre of studies being conducted by President Jimmy Carter's administration because of political uncertainties and threats to U.S. oil supplies from the Middle East.

Rogers stressed that the basic idea is to earmark forces for what he called a "self-sustaining corps" that would not have to depend on resources from a host nation.

Other military sources said the objective would be to fashion a corps that could sustain itself for about 60 days without major resupply and reinforcement.

MODA'I SEES INDICATIONS OF SERIOUS RECESSION

TEL AVIV. — The first signs of a downturn in the economy are already apparent in several branches, and the country may be heading for a serious recession, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i warned yesterday evening.

POTASH PRODUCTION OVER ONE MILLION TONS A YEAR

TEL AVIV. — The Dead Sea Works in the year ending March 31, 1979 produced 1.09 m. tons of potash. The company produced nearly 10 per cent less than its productive capacity as a result of a strike which shut it down for nearly two months. Nevertheless, overall sales of potash were 1.2 m. tons, which was 2.5 per cent less than sold the year before.

Exports continued to increase and for the year under review stood at \$52 m.

SOLDIER'S BODY FOUND, SLAIN BY 3 TERRORISTS

The body of Rav-Turai David Shamir, who was murdered by three terrorists last January when he was first reported missing, was unearthed in a Moslem cemetery in Rafah over the weekend, the I.D.F. spokesman announced last night.

The Iraqi news agency had carried reports in July from the Arab Liberation Front, claiming that Shamir had been captured in an ambush in which eight Israeli soldiers had been killed. This reported clash was flatly denied by the I.D.F. spokesman.

Following a lengthy investigation by the security services, it has been established that Shamir was stabbed to death by three terrorists while he was travelling as

a passenger in their car. The corporal was last seen on Friday, January 26, climbing into a vehicle at the Avshalom junction in the south of the Gaza Strip. The 20-year-old soldier was en route home for the weekend.

One of the three terrorists has been arrested. The others have fled. All three, residents of Rafah, are members of the A.L.F., a terrorist splinter group aligned with Iraq.

BIG BOMB IN TEL AVIV BUS STATION: NO INJURIES

TEL AVIV. — The crowds in and around Tel Aviv's central bus station miraculously escaped uninjured last night (October 23) when a large bomb, believed to have contained two kilos of T.N.T., exploded at 9 p.m. in nearby Sderot Har Zion.

The bomb had been hidden under a bush 50 metres from the Mercaz cinema.

Dozens of police cars, fire engines and ambulances were on the scene within minutes of the explosion.

Police and border police units immediately closed off the area and began an intensive search of the bus station to ensure that there were no other bombs planted there.

KHALED PLEDGES EFFORTS TO REGAIN TERRITORIES

Saudi Arabia's King Khaled last night said that his country will strive in every possible way to regain the territories which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle-East war, especially the Old City of Jerusalem.

Khaled was addressing about one million Moslems who gathered in Jeddah for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

"The Moslem world is determined to regain the occupied territories, especially Jerusalem, and restore the legitimate rights of our Palestinian brothers," he said.

EMBASSY WILL OPEN ON TIME, GHALI PROMISES

PARIS. — Egypt will open its embassy in Tel Aviv this February no matter what the status of the autonomy talks, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali said here last night.

"On February 26, there will be an Egyptian ambassador in Tel Aviv," Ghali told French reporters. Asked whether hostilities could break out between Arab states and Israel if the autonomy negotiations fail, he replied: "Between the Arab states and Israel, I do not know, but between Egypt and Israel, certainly not, whatever the outcome of the autonomy talks."

Ghali said that the Arab collective security pact had priority over the Egyptian-Israel treaty. "But it will be up to Egypt, a sovereign state," he stressed, "to decide at what stage to intervene in case of an attack on an Arab state."

YAD VASHEM MARKS POLE'S WORLD WAR II BRAVELY

A tree will be planted tomorrow in Yad Vashem's Avenue of Righteous Gentiles in the name of Regina Walczynska of Warsaw for her role in saving Antoni Breiman.

Breiman was forced into the Warsaw Ghetto after

the Nazis conquered Poland, remaining there until half-way through 1942 when he was sent to a death camp near Lublin. Managing to escape and equip himself with false papers, he made his way back to Warsaw where he met Walczynska, who hid him throughout the war at grave danger to herself. The two married after the war and still live in Poland.

BOMB INJURES 2 HEBRON TEENS

Two Arab youths were injured when a bomb exploded outside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron yesterday afternoon.

The primitive bomb, a pipe filled with explosives concealed in a plastic bag and wrapped in a pair of jeans, exploded on the steps leading from a restaurant run by the Jewish settlers at Kiryat Arba to the Cave of the Machpela.

One of the youths lost a hand in the explosion, and the second was badly wounded in his legs. Their names have not been released for publication, but they have been identified as teenage residents of Hebron. Security forces surmised that they were either planting the bomb or were fiddling with it when it exploded prematurely.

Security sources noted yesterday that there has been a recent upsurge in the number of terrorist incidents of this kind after a relatively quiet summer. Two people were killed last month when a booby-trapped bicycle exploded in the center of Jerusalem.

Despite intelligence operations and closely watched borders, the terrorists still manage to smuggle in various kinds of explosives and sophisticated detonators. This is combined with improved technology and better organization.

In another incident security forces yesterday detained eight people from a village near Jerusalem in connection with the discovery Sunday of the body of a man. The man was killed when a bomb he was carrying exploded on the road between Ramallah and Latrun.

BOMB FINDS ITS WAY INTO SHOPPING BAG IN MARKET

TEL AVIV. — Susan Levy carried a half-kilo bomb home from the market on a bus yesterday, but she didn't know it.

When she found out, after getting off the bus, there were only six minutes to spare before the bomb was set to go off.

"I feel as if I was born again and received new life from God," the 27-year-old housewife and mother of three said yesterday in a trembling voice. "It's like getting my wife back after a death sentence had been passed on her," her husband Zadok said.

About 11 a.m. yesterday Susan Levy finished her shopping in Tel Aviv's Bezalel Market. Holding a basket full of fruit and vegetables in her left hand and two large paper bags in the other hand, she walked to the bus stop on Rehov Hacarmel to catch the 25 bus for home.

"I was afraid that the paper bags would split, so I looked for a plastic bag to stick the pears and tomatoes in," she said.

"I saw three empty plastic bags near the station and took the one which seemed largest in my right hand, pouring the contents of the plastic bags into it.

The bus arrived at that moment and I got in. After 10 minutes I glanced into the plastic bag on my lap and saw something yellow in it. When I looked closer I saw a plastic box with a green lid," she said.

She got off the bus at Sderot Yerushalayim. She opened the yellow box and found a clock and wires. "I was sure it was a bomb. I went to the nearest telephone and called the police. They arrived quickly. A sapper said that it was a large bomb which would have killed all the people in the bus had it exploded."

The sapper stopped the clock six minutes before it was triggered to set the bomb off.

3,000 WITNESS BIRTH OF PARTY OF REBIRTH: TEHIYA

Three thousand people, thirsting for the resurrection of the Jewish people in the whole of Eretz Yisrael, packed into Jerusalem's Binyenei Ha'oma last night to witness the birth of a new political party that calls for the establishment of Israeli sovereignty over all the administered areas.

The audience, which came from all over, from the Golan to Yamit, applauded enthusiastically as speaker after speaker set out the goals and aspirations of the Tehiya (rebirth) party, formed out of supporters of Gush Emunim, the Land of Israel Movement and the right wing of the Likud coalition.

Party leader Prof. Yuval Ne'eman gave a largely prosaic address that sketched the security implications of the peace treaty with Egypt, and warned that in time of crisis autonomy in Gaza could bring the Egyptian army "to the gates of Ashdod."

The nuclear physicist-turned-politician said that Tehiya would try to "save Sinai and Yamit" and called for freedom for Israeli civilians to take their own initiative in the war against terror.

On a more dramatic note, M.K. Geula Cohen, her voice often rising in emotion, told the crowd that "we are gathered here today to raise the flag" and that "we are a link in the chain — perhaps not the last link — in the struggle for Eretz Yisrael."

A small group of left-wingers demonstrated outside the hall during the meeting.

BLUM WELCOMES POPE'S PEACE CALL

UNITED NATIONS. — Israel responded to Pope John Paul II's speech to the U.N. yesterday by saying that Jerusalem's holy places are already administered by those who hold them sacred and that free access to all is guaranteed by law.

Israel Ambassador Yehuda Blum, responding to a request for press comment, said he welcomed the Pope's call for the peaceful settlement of disputes and pointed out that talks are already under way with the Egyptians and the Americans on the Palestine question.

In a statement to the press Blum also said: "Israel particularly welcomes the popes appeal to solve peacefully all outstanding international problems and his clear and unequivocal condemnation of violence and terrorism."

BOOKS AND TRACTS

YOU SHOULD READ THESE TRACTS

The Greatest Miracle of the Age, the Rebirth of Israel — Bees Fight and Manna Fall Again. German, French, Hebrew or English. Price 10c.

Communion, Passover, or Lord's Supper. — As practiced by the New Testament Church, and foot washing. — Cost 5 cents.

Does the Bible Contradict? — A 4-page tract showing that there are no contradictions in the New Testament over the question of the Law. — Cost 5 cents.

Explaining Objectionable Scripture often Used Against the Sabbath and the Law. — Cost 10c.

Has Our Messiah Come? — This shows how fully 33 outstanding scriptures of the Old Testament were clearly fulfilled in the New Testament, proving the Child born in Bethlehem was and is our Messiah. — Hebrew or English (16 pages). — Cost 10 cents.

The Daughter of Jerusalem and the Daughter of Babylon. — This booklet identifies the Daughter of Babylon with "Babylon the Great", of Revelation 17. — Cost 15 cents.

I Will Bless Them that Bless Thee. — Setting forth personal experience where financial and spiritual blessings have followed those who love and bless the Jews. — Cost 5 cents.

Who Are the Messianic Jews in Israel? — 16 pages in English, Hebrew, and French. — Cost 10 cents.

Why Israel Is Here to Stay? — 16 pages showing time periods in Bible prophecy fulfilled in our days pertaining to Israel, her rise and fall again. — Cost 10 cents.

What Was Abolished? — Peter's testimony about Paul's writings. He says they are hard to be understood, which people wrest, to their own destruction. Question and answer form, on Paul's statements about the Law (15 pages). — Cost 10 cents.

Israel's God a Reality or a Myth? — Will there Be Another World Kingdom? — Hebrew and English. — Cost 15 cents.

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

Walking and Exercise. — For longevity and health. — Cost 10 cents.

What Started Us to Israel. — A testimony by Elder A. N. Dugger of the events leading to the move to Israel and the establishment of "The Mount Zion Reporter". — Cost 5 cents.

Seven Reasons why the Seven Last plagues are Future, and Literal (4 pages). — Cost 5 c.

Prophetic Charts on Daniel and Revelation. — Heavy white paper. Includes booklet of 32 pages

fully explaining the chart. — Cost one dollar.

The Law of the Spirit of Life. — 8 pages dealing with the way in which Heaven's virtue and power is generated by man, for greater service. In German, Hebrew or English — Cost 5c.

Signs of the Coming Messiah. — Events and world conditions showing that the return of our Messiah (Yehshua) is extremely near. — 10 c.

The Resurrection of Christ. — Matt. 12:40 explained concerning the resurrection of Christ (Yehshua). — Cost 5 cents.

Why Is the Jew Indestructible? — Also includes testimony on brainwashing by Communists, who were struck dead. — Cost 5 cents.

Doctrine and History of the Primitive Church. — A condensed history from the 300-page book on: "The History of the True Church". Printed in English, Spanish, Hebrew, Greek, French and Telugu (16 pages). — Cost 15 cents.

The Kingdom Restored to Israel. — The restoring process of the Kingdom on earth. 1,000 years of peace. Who will remain? Who will perish? — Cost 15 cents.

Death in the Kitchen. — This shows the grave danger, even death from not following the "Law of the Clean and the Unclean Meats." Confusing New Testament texts cleared up. — Cost 10c.

From Sabbath to Sunday or Who Changed the Sabbath? — English and Hebrew. — Price 10c.

Was Man Created or Did He Evolve? — The false theory of evolution tested. Illustrated with a number of photos (10 pages)—10 cents.

Mount Sinai Speaks Once More. — 10 cents.

Bible Lessons for Adults. — A 16-page booklet with durable cover, containing a Bible Lesson for each Sabbath for three months. Lessons are in question form with Bible references for answers. — Cost 25 cents each, or \$1.00 a year.

The Bible Home Instructor. — English and Hebrew. — English over 500 pages and 200 pictures. Illustrating the subject. Price \$5, one half, price to salesmen. **Daniel and Revelation**, cloth bound stiff cover. English and Hebrew: \$2.50, one half price for order of six or more.

Public Discussion on the Sabbath, written in full as given by Elder Dugger and Elder Porter of the "Church of Christ". — Cost \$3.00.

History of the True Religion — by Dugger and Dodd. Tracing the true church down through the ages, from ancient to modern times. — \$5.00

"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 Garden of Gethsemane, where Christ prayed on the night before He was crucified and where He was betrayed by Judas into the hands of the soldiers. See Mark 14, John 14. Some of the olive trees in this Garden are very ancient and are said to date back to that very time. in the background can be seen part of the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, with the Golden Gate. Over the top can be seen part of the Dome of the rock.

THIS LITTLE "CHURCH OF GOD"

The following valuable sketch of history is taken from volume 3 page 1613 of "The Standard Bible Encyclopaedia", purchased here at Jerusalem. It reads as follows, concerning the identity of the "Tomb of David", "the most important evidence is that of Epiphanius who states that when Hadrian (the emperor of Rome), visited Jerusalem 130 A.D., one of the few buildings left standing was "the little Church of God on the site where the apostles, returning after the ascension of the Saviour on Mount Olivet, had gone up to the "Upper Room for there it had been built, that is to say in the quarter of Zion."

Those familiar with history, understand that Titus destroyed Jerusalem 70 A.D., and razed

it to the ground, not intending to leave a building standing. The Roman emperor, however, some years later visited the ruins and left the above account. It must be that the name of this church was given and still remained on it, or Hadrian would not have known what it was called. This same name is mentioned just twelve times in the New Testament, and this same building remains here today.

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