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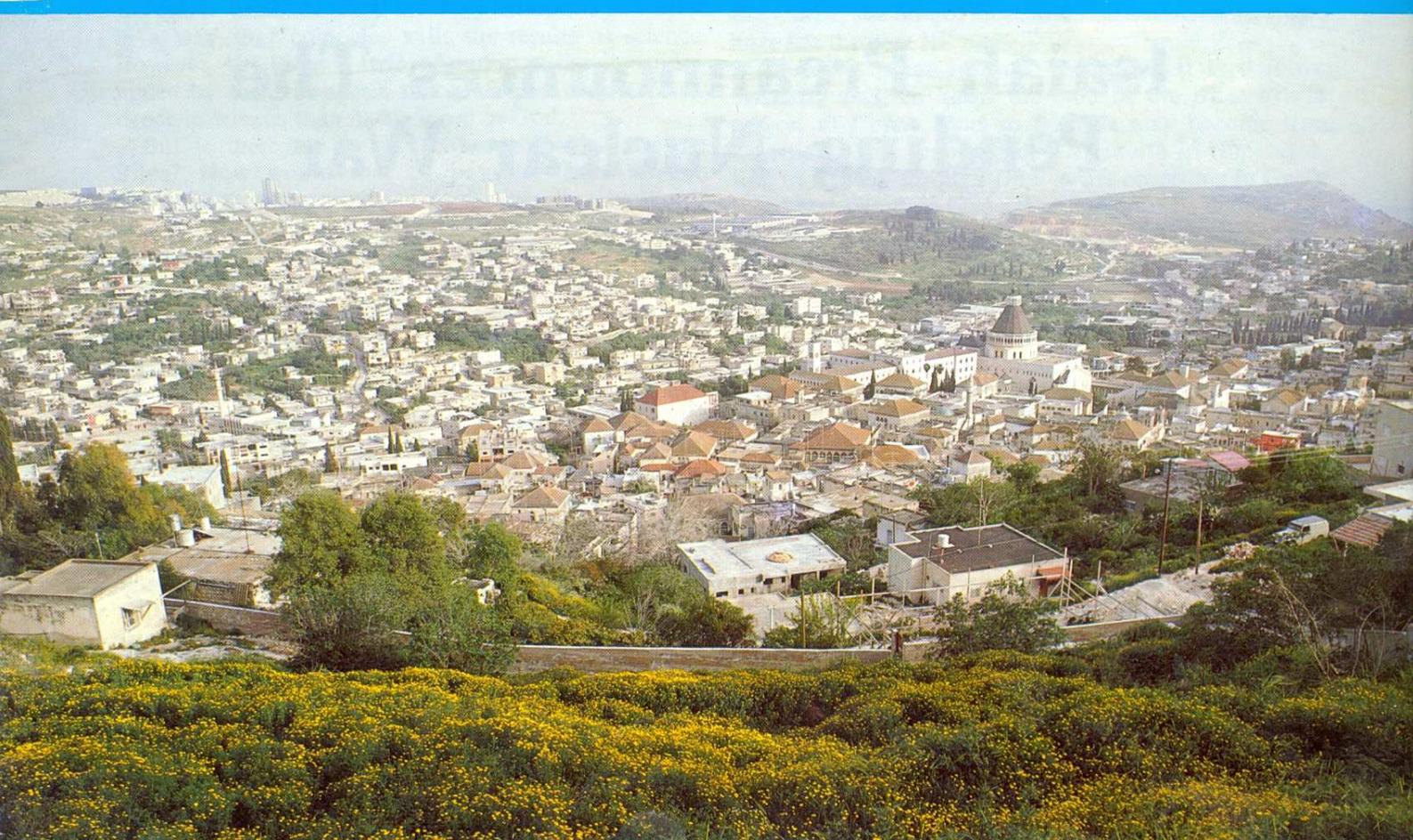
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Nazareth — the city where Christ lived as a child in the home of Joseph the carpenter (Luke 1:26-35). Nestled among the hills in the northern part of Israel, Nazareth is at an elevation of 1,230 feet above sea level. Today, it has a mixed Jewish and Arab population totalling some 70,000.

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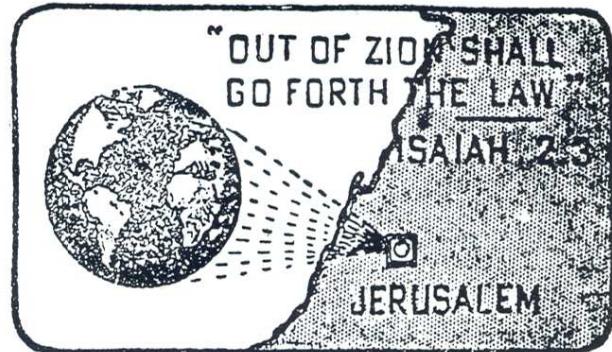
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JERUSALEM

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation" (Psalms 132:13). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem" (Isaiah 24:23). "They shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord" (Jeremiah 3:17). "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name might be there" (2 Chron. 6:6). "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem" — Joel 3:16.

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Isaiah Preannounces The Pending Nuclear War

ISAIAH 24: 5 to 23.

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13 When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires,

even the Name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be visited.

23 The moon shall be confounded, and the (continued on page 9)

What Does the Bible Mean to Us?

by J. Van Haaren

This is a unique question, because various answers are given to it by different persons. The Bible does not have the same meaning for everyone. What is the reason for this? Is the Bible at fault, or are we? Is the Bible a book of Divine origin, or human origin? Does the Bible inform us as to how man regards God, or does it explain how God regards man? May we exercise authority over the Bible, or does the Bible rule us? Is the Bible a limited book supplying us with respectable opinions of former ages, but not applicable to modern man with his unique problems? Or is the Bible the Word of God, requiring unconditional surrender and pursuance of its guidelines?

Today these are the questions which demand an answer and determine our attitude to the Bible. We live in a time of assault upon the Bible. One biblical standard and rule after another is subverted. An unbiblical, foreign theology slays its thousands. Events occur today which have never had their counterpart in church history. It seems that the results of modern philosophy and natural sciences with the problem-solving approach of modern man simply compel one to a different interpretation and approach to the Bible than was the case in former times. Modern theology interprets the Bible in a way that coincides with the results of science. However, the Bible is stripped and its authority undermined by this. It appears that man places more confidence in science than in the Word of God.

But is there no conflict between science and the Bible? How would that be possible? Even Galileo observed that the words of God's mouth (His Word) and the works of His hands (His creation) could not contradict each other. We cannot speak of an actual conflict; there can only be a conflict between the Bible and the interpretation of the results of science. This interpretation leads to a position in which science and its hypotheses are over-valued and the Bible under-valued. At the same time the Bible is mis-used, because we may not entangle the Bible in various scientific problems. The Bible ascends far above that, and has a message and a significance which do not depend on this relationship to science so that we can use the Bible in problem solving.

We must search for the answer to the question — of what the Bible means to us — in the Bible itself. What testimony does the Bible give of itself? It is evident that the Bible reserves its right to be distinct from any other book. The Book acknowledges its inspiration by the Holy Spirit. This inspiration is a fact which we may not ignore. Neorationalistic theology does not take this into account; it regards the Bible as any other product of literature. In its estimation, the Bible is not the Word of God. However, throughout the Bible we find testimonies of Divine inspiration. We often read, "And the Word of the Lord came..." and "Thus saith the Lord." The Bible is God's Word precisely because of this inspiration. He who is convinced of this listens reverently to the Word of God. Then the Bible isn't merely a book of human origin, nor only a worthy substitute for God's Word from which one could extract

God's meaning. Then the Bible is not a limited book, but one containing the will of God, applicable to all people of all times. Then the Bible is an authoritative book to which one must unconditionally bow. Therefore we may not conform the Bible to all questions of the present time, but we must conform ourselves with all the questions of our time to the Word of God.

We must consider that the Bible is not a scientific book, nor is it a book which merely relates the history of the Jewish people. It is a book which contains God's decree of salvation for lost sinners. Perhaps we might have desired that the Bible would have given us more detail; we would have liked more information concerning certain persons and occurrences. But the Bible is not written to satisfy our curiosity. Nevertheless, those who have become inquisitive about the fullness that is in Christ Jesus can find everything necessary to salvation in it. John writes in chapter 20, verses 30 and 31: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name."

Therefore what is most necessary? It is that we earnestly seek to know the God of the Bible in the person of Christ Jesus so that we may become true Christians. This is rooted in a true faith in Him, resulting in a living through Him. A life according to God's Word and based on God's Word will not be deficient in bringing forth fruit for ourselves and our environment. We thereby enjoy the only comfort, and our neighbour is edified and won for Christ; above all, God's Name is glorified. □

— "The Banner of Love"

THE ALMIGHTY CHOSE ZION

"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 forever." Psalms 125:1, 2.

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

"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.

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

On Walking With God

by J.A. James

How lamentable the fact, that so few are to be found who are engaged in this high Christian privilege. We read that Enoch and Noah walked with God. It must be allowed that many do walk with God professionally; some from conviction that it is right and reasonable; they believe there is a God, that His word should be obeyed, but they know Him not in Christ; they are not united to Him — they have no access to Him — have no desire to have fellowship with Him. Some from education and parental persuasion walk with God in His ordinances, appear outwardly amiable in temper and deportment, but are not created anew in Christ. Many out of form, and from a self-righteous spirit, hope to attain heaven and happiness after death, by their diligent observance of religious duties.

But the children of God do walk with God in reality. And upon the truly interesting subject the attention of the reader will now be called. We connect the idea of walking with life; and we cannot walk with God unless we have life; spiritual life from Him, a union to Him: and but few pages of the sacred scripture can be turned over, but some form or figure is to be met with, that sets forth the connection between Christ and His Church. He a fulness — they empty vessels to receive Him; He a great High Priest — His children always in circumstances that need His sympathy and help; He the Lord our righteousness — and they the guilty; He the great and good Physician — they the wounded; He the faithful Friend — they the friendless; He the supplying head of life — and they the dependent members; He the fountain of light — they dark chaos; He the all-sufficient God — and they the poor and needy.

To walk with God, there must be a knowledge of Christ in covenant. Mankind has sunk into the very dregs of darkness and ignorance, and all the law of learning helps them not to the knowledge of God in a saving way; a power all-divine is required to rend the veil that covers the minds of men; and this is the great work for God to accomplish, commenced at regeneration, and carried on by Him Who began it. Such are brought blessedly to know that God is their God, that He has loved, chosen and given them to His Christ; that He is a God Who pardons iniquity, transgression and sin. They are favored with a knowledge of Christ as Lord over all, for ever blessed, as their sole Saviour — as their only salvation — as their Advocate on high — as their law-fulfilling righteousness — and as their Fountain open for cleansing from all sin, guilt and uncleanness; and they walk with Him by faith, and He makes Himself known to them, as He does not do to the world. The Holy Spirit is revealed unto them as the Quickener and Comforter. Saints feel much deadness, darkenss, and distress; and He kindly revives, and invigorates, by dropping as the dew upon their parched soul. He glorifies Jesus in His wonderful Person and work. He mercifully assists the soul to seek an interest in the dear Saviour; to run to Jesus for refuge; to take shelter under His atoning expiating sacrifice; to plead His Precious

Blood for pardon and absolution; and carries on the ordained work of grace begun in the believer; and lodges him at last in glory, long ago prepared, among those he loved, with whom he worshipped here below, and now no more to part.

They who walk with God will meet with much opposition, for they will oppose the course of this world in its fashions and friendships. They will have to maintain perpetual war against all the sinful solicitations of the flesh; they will be decidedly hostile to the Prince of the power of the air, their former master; and their opposition will bring a sea of sorrow upon them; and they will have to bear a continual testimony against the formality of nominal Christians. And all who walk with God dare not join in confederacy with those who deny the divinity of Christ; who set up a man's righteousness for justification before God; who contend that every creature has a power to save himself; who deny the fundamental truths of God; who can indulge in sin, or question the necessity of the Holy Spirit's grace in effectual calling.

All who walk with God must be reconciled to Him; the enmity of their hearts subdued; and in mercy it is done. Every gospel sermon is a proclamation of peace. The great apostle to the gentiles, Paul, had a most extensive view of the doctrine of human depravity, and painfully felt the causes and consequences of it, but through grace was brought to believe in Him Who had removed both, whereby peace was made. In his sublime epistles to the Ephesians and Colossians, he writes elaborately on the legal enmity on the part of God and the heart enmity on the part of man, and sets forth the great Daysman Who laid His hands upon both, and brought about an everlasting reconciliation for the elect of God; and none can be at peace with heaven but those who live by faith upon the gracious Peacemaker, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who has levelled the high partition wall, and blotted out the written decree that stood against us.

Walking with God is a distinguishing mark of sonship — a seal of adoption — a proof of the Almighty's favour; for none but those for whom Christ shed His blood will be invested with this privilege. Such were Abraham and Hezekiah, who walked before the Lord, were with Him here, are with Him now, and will be for ever. Children walk and dwell with their parents, have special claims on them; so with all related to God. There are special privileges enjoyed, peculiar honours conferred, distinguishing blessings bestowed, and they have a food to eat unknown to the world. They wear robes and ornaments far more costly than gold can purchase, and have a merit in them, that they admit the wearer into the court of heaven above, to sit with the King upon His throne, and join in all the pure worship of that better world.

None but those who love God supremely can walk with Him, and because they are first loved by Him as the cause, they love Him as the effect. We love the

company of those who esteem us, but saints love God for His rich mercy, His infinite wisdom, His boundless power, faithfulness, His goodness prepared for the poor; for the invaluable blessings of the ancient covenant, secured by oath and promise; for a ransom price for the liberation of captives, for a meetness to enjoy all given grace; for the ministration of angels; for electing, undeserved love; for the many unexpected visits of mercy paid; for the faithful footsteps of providence in leading to hear the glorious gospel, opening the heart to receive it, while many are left to oppose, to revile, and to reject it; to persecute its heralds, to slander those who love it, and to vent their enmity against the Author and object of it.

MY GUIDE

*Through the glades and meadows green,
And through the forest sheen,
My guide I cannot see,
For He has gone ahead to scout for me.*

*When my path is full of brier and stone,
It's then I know I'm not alone.
It's then His voice I clearly hear,
Prompting me to preserve.*

*And when I reach the higher ground,
I have no doubt that He's around.
For it is then our souls transcend,
And we commune as friend to friend.*

To walk with God in amity we shall need the continual influence of the Holy Spirit to quicken, incline, and strengthen us in the way. We are like a garden, which often wants watering; and like little children, we require food continually. We are often shut up, and need enlargement. We are prone to wander like sheep, to wither like grass, and none but the Divine Comforter can restore and invigorate. He must unseal the book of God, and explain the heavenly mysteries; give an open ear to hear the Shepherd's voice, and an open heart to receive Him and His love. The abandoned and backslider He alone can reclaim, and lead to the cleansing blood of Him Who prayed for murderous men, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He converts incorrigible sinners, and alarms those who thought themselves safe while dreaming in danger. He never quits the heart where He once takes up His abode, nor lets go the brand that He has snatched from the fire, but will place it before the throne of God, to burn in love and bliss for ever. But it will be found impossible to travel in heaven's highway without this constant Companion; and we are exhorted not to grieve this One Who has sealed us for the day of redemption.

Those who walk with God cannot be satisfied without

friendship with God. We read in the history of Abraham that God walked with him. And it is one of the high and happy privileges of the saints to hear the voice of God. "He will speak peace to His people," says David. Sometimes He speaks terror by His law, and the blood of sprinkling speaks pardon and purification. Jacob could not be content until a blessing was spoken to his heart, — "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me," and Christ's sheep hear Christ's voice. He passes by and says, "Live!" Millions once dead in sin have heard Him say, "Arise, and follow Me!" and drowsy sleepy saints He addresses with, "Awake, thou sleeper, arise and call upon Thy God." National judgments have a voice to warn man to seek a city more solid than earth can afford, and friendship more firm than can be found below. Death is continually sounding an alarm. "Depart, this is not your rest." Worldly prosperity, how uncertain, and how loud the voice. "Happiness is not in me!" but the substantial food — wine that cheers the heart of God and man — joys unmixed, and proposes pleasure without pain. Here the spiritual senses are sweetly regaled; beggars dressed in the robes of God, and forget the trials of this lower world; they soar and sing of Him Who ever loved them, and made choice of them, for jewels to set in His diadem. He Himself came from the heavens to this wicked vale to raise them to a throne. He calls them, walks with them, and talks with them, and is gathering them home in succession to be where He is, to behold His glory for evermore. "To Him that hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen." □

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.

SHARE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS IN ISRAEL

We are sending a steady flow of Bibles, Testaments, gospel tracts and literature of all kinds to almost every part of the world. This ministry is important for these last days we are living in, and it is bearing good fruit for the Lord. Many precious people are being shown the way to salvation and life eternal. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

— Matthew 24:14.

Not everyone can go to the far corners of the world as a missionary for Christ, but everyone can have a part in this same work by supporting with their prayers, tithes and offerings the ministry being carried on from Jerusalem. Your help is needed, and whether your donations are large or small they will be gratefully received, and will be put to good use in the work of the Heavenly Father, here, in your place. Please pray about it. You can help us save souls! Take this opportunity to share in His work; the Lord will bless you for it!

The Lord's Work Around The World ...

We continue to praise the Lord for His many workers throughout the world who are laboring harder than ever in the Master's vineyard. We are daily receiving good reports from all parts of the world. Many gospel crusades are being conducted, and God is working great miracles amongst His people. Many are being healed and many souls are coming to their Saviour. Hallelujah! We are sorry that we are unable to share with you all the good reports and testimonies we receive, but we will devote a few pages of The Mount Zion Reporter to this from time to time, as space allows. We ask you to pray with us that the Lord will continue to bless and pour out His Spirit.

Report From Baker Lake, North West Territories, Canada

I am an Eskimo/German (mixed). My wife is also mixed blood. We've got eleven children. I was a hunter some years back. We lived in the snow at that time. I do not hunt anymore. I work full time for the Lord.

I am an ordained minister, ordained by the Anglican Church. But now we Eskimos have our own church (resigned from Anglican authority in 1969). Our Christian Hall (meeting place) has from 100-300 people every worship time. Our support has been from local people (donations) for 14 years now. We're not rich, but we have what we need.

I have been a Christian all my life; my wife also.

The Lord is good!

Pastor Armand Tagoona
Christian Arctic Fellowship

Report From Surrey, England

Dear Elder Fauth,

Greetings from the Mount Zion Brethren once again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our soon coming King of Kings.

Your letter and tape was safely received, and after listening to the tape I found it most inspiring. Truly this is one of the wonderful ways in which we can tell the world about Jesus Christ.

Our convention is drawing nigh once again, please pray that we will have a wonderful time in worshipping the Lord. As a matter of information, the brother you introduced to us from Israel will be made a missionary during this convention. I have been very pleased with this brother, as he has proved to be very sincere and serious for the Lord.

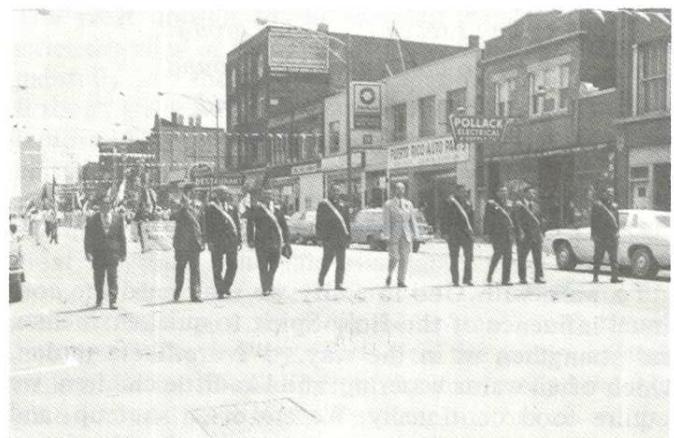
We are in desperation for tracts, Reporters and Bible Lessons, as the church is increasing every day and I am also pleased to announce that another branch has been opened in the other end of London. It is very small, but I know that with God all things are possible. Please pray that this new work which has been launched will be a success.

May the Lord continue to bless you and the work in Jerusalem until I hear from you again. I will give you a report of the convention and also the progress of the work which we have just started.

Yours in the Master's service,
Pastor E.S. Henry



Elder A. M. Granados ministering to a group of Ethiopian Jewish believers in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.



Pastors and Ministers of the International Ministry of The Church of God leading the annual Evangelical Youth Parade in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

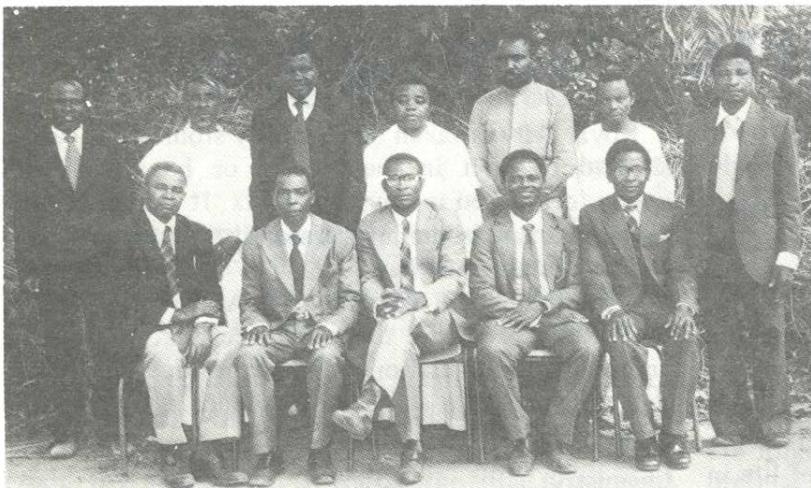
Report From Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

May the peace of Almighty God be with you. I hope that you are rejoicing in spiritual blessings in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

I have recently returned from Mexico where I have been travelling to many states of that country. I visited congregations of the Church of God of Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-3). The Elder Simon Basurto, Elder Miguel Basurto and Rigoberto Benitez were my guides to these congregations and allowed me to speak on the truth of the God of Israel.

The brothers send their greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

Elder Agustín M. Granados



Ministers of the Lord in Ikot Ekpene, Cross River State, Nigeria. (Elder C.A. Matthew is seated in the middle).



Baptism in Ikot Ekpene, Cross River State, Nigeria.



42 candidates for baptism in Ikot Ekpene, Cross River State, Nigeria.

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

Dear Elder Gordon,

Christian greetings! The enclosed are pictures and reports of activities done in the four day campmeeting held at Utu Edem Usung in Cross River State, Nigeria. The field is now very wide.

As I returned from Jerusalem since last year, those that were trained by Elder A.N. Dugger are becoming affiliated with us.

I will soon send a full report of the campmeeting to you for publication also.

Means of transportation worries me very much. To pay commercial cars to visit places in Nigeria nowadays is not simple. A motorcycle costs 1,200 Naira now. So I am bicycle riding 40 to 60 miles to visit the new



Elder J.A. Bashi conducting a baptism in Gboko, Benue State, Nigeria.

congregations affiliating with us. Please pray for me always.

Consider the requests made to me by my congregations so that we may satisfy them.

God bless you,
Elder C.A. Matthew
Nigerian United Missions

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IN MEMORY

We are saddened to announce the passing of a dear friend and co-worker, Elder William Calvin Ball of Tower Of Prayer church, Dyersburg, Tenn., who left this life on August 29, 1984.

We had the privilege of meeting Brother Ball and his wife, Mildred, here in Jerusalem several years ago, and we are looking forward to meeting him again, in the New Jerusalem — where he will claim his eternal reward.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Mrs. Mildred Ketchum Ball, and to his family and loved ones.

GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ROYAL JELLY

Royal Jelly is a product of the hypopharyngeal glands of the younger worker bees. It appears in the form of a white-yellowish gelatine and has a slightly sour taste. It is found in the royal cells. It makes up the only food element for the queen during the whole span of her existence and allows for an enormous reproductive activity of two thousand eggs a day, and permits her to live as long as five years whereas the worker bees have no more than forty days of life in summer and six months of life in winter.

It is extremely efficacious for those suffering from nervous-breakdown and certain mental disorders. (A. C. nicotinic or vitamin P.P.) It acts favorably on skin and intestinal toxic forms, on duodenal ulcer, and on the growth of premature babies. It acts against bronchial asthma, diabetes, arteriosclerosis, cholesterol and senile anemia. It increases the appetite and a better consumption of fats. Royal Jelly also helps infants during their teething period.



HAIFA DOCTOR FINDS DREAM ZONE OF HUMAN BRAIN

HAIFA.— A researcher at the Sleep Laboratory of the Technion's medical school has published findings that may pinpoint the place in the human brain where dream activity takes place.

A 33-year-old man who has a shell fragment from an eight-year-old injury in the stem of his brain was found to sleep without dreaming. The position of the fragment, in the *locus ceruleus*, indicates with some certainty the place in the brain "where dreams are made," according to Dr. Ron Peled, deputy director of the laboratory.

Peled, a Rothschild Hospital neurologist, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the prestigious American journal *Neurologist* had published the case history last January, giving the study scientific credibility.

The patient applied to the laboratory for treatment of what Peled called a "banal" complaint. The patient was hooked up to instruments to check his sleep patterns for a night.

To their great surprise, the staff found that the readings showed none of the usual signs of dreaming: rapid eye movement (REM), electro-encephalogram oscillations and muscle tension.

On questioning, the man confirmed that he did not dream.

This would make him the only known human adult who sleeps normally (that is, not in a state of coma), without dreaming.

An average adult dreams 20 to 25 per cent of sleeping time and a baby 50 per cent or more.

Following the discovery, the man's brain was photographed by an electronic scanner and the minute piece of shrapnel was located. Peled believes that it may have destroyed the brain's capacity for dreaming.

The patient has not complained of any sleep disturbances, and except for minor motor disturbances as a result of his shell injury, he functions normally. Since his injury, he has studied law and is a practising lawyer.

Royal Jelly is taken on an empty stomach. It can be allowed to melt in the mouth, or be mixed with honey, or diluted in any cool drink. It should be kept in the dark and in the refrigerator at the temperature at which vegetables are kept.

Researchers F. Banting and A. Jackson believe that Royal Jelly is the substance that prevents a premature accumulation of toxic residues in human cells, which is the cause of decadence and premature death.

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Dose:

Adults: 1 gram a day.

Children: 0,50 gram a day.

A treatment lasts about 60 days and is suspended for 30 — then it may be taken up again. □

Peled stressed that the man may have some very weak dreams that he himself does not notice, but they have not been picked up by the available instruments.

— "The Jerusalem Post"

"PLEASANT WORDS ARE AS A HONEYCOMB, SWEET TO THE SOUL, AND HEALTH TO THE BONES."

PROVERBS 16:24



NEW ISRAELI DRUG TO BE TESTED IN U.S.

Clinical trials of a new Israeli-produced drug, which prevents calcium loss from the bones of the aged, will begin in U.S. hospitals in the near future. The trials are necessary to obtain licence to sell the drug in the U.S., a spokesman of the Teva Pharmaceutical Co. in Israel said.

The drug, based on Vitamin D complexes, is said to prevent osteoporosis, a disease affecting most elderly people and which is responsible for fractured bones, particularly the hip. This sort of fracture is seen by the medical profession as the most serious accident to befall the elderly since the loss of mobility in the aged is often followed by senility and death.

Teva has been developing the drug, as yet unnamed, for several years and has invested some \$5 million in the project, some of it from foreign investors.

The drug, when licensed, is expected to have sales in the range of \$5 million a year. Once the U.S. licenses it, its acceptance in most of the world, including Israel, is almost automatic.

— "The Jerusalem Post"

Blossom as the Rose

by Leslie Johnson

"The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose" promises God in Isaiah 35:1. To man the desert is a challenge. He can avoid it as dangerous and useless to support him; he can learn from studying it, or endeavour to re-claim it scientifically.

One of the miracles in Israel since 1870 has been the transformation, through God-blessed hard work, of malaria-infested swamps and barren deserts into highly productive arable land. Of course, the Bible prophesied this would happen, and Bible readers rejoice as it is an earnest of how God's promises will be fulfilled.

Barrenness is not an ultimately profitable state, yet it has been used by God, as all conditions and experiences can be used to teach men about God. The moon is apparently barren, yet it reflects the glory of the sun, and so serves both God and man. We may conclude from the Scriptures that the barren areas of earth serve only a temporary purpose as neither natural, mental or spiritual barrenness is a healthy state.

Times of Refreshing

The early-morning-dew-refreshed rose will first remind us, *and then give us hope* of the "times of refreshing" which will come from the presence of the Lord, when He shall send Jesus Christ to have dominion over all things and to release all the latent blessings held in trust for man since Adam and Eve lost Edenic paradise.

But sadly this beautiful rose, in the glory of full bloom, has also another message. Both Old and New Testaments draw our attention to the rapid deterior-

ation of the flower of the field. All life has its allotted span, from the brief day of the giddy mayfly to the seventy years on man — a beginning, a maturing and an ending. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth..." says God, providing us with daily warnings if our eyes are open. We have but a short time. It is like a vapour drifting away, a shuttle flying to its journey's end across the loom of life; the flower blooming with delightful promise, but soon fading into corruption.

Only Today

Be warned, my friends, who read these words; you have only today. "Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts..." was said in the Old Testament to us. Presume not on tomorrow to start the new life in Christ, nor on a purging time after death.

The rose will fade; its petals will fall, its stem will rot away. So will heedless men and women who fail to learn from God's signs so attractively written for us to read and heed.

"But the word of the Lord abideth for ever" say the Scriptures, after reminding us of the sad fate of the flower. By this word the Gospel, the good news, the glad tidings of salvation by the forgiveness of sins is brought to you (1 Peter:23-25).

The desert will blossom as the rose, corn will grow prolifically on the tops of barren mountains — because God has promised it — and men and women who have eagerly learned of God's way today will rejoice tomorrow in God's beautified earth. Will you be there? God wants you there.

— "Glad Tidings"

ISAIAH PREANNOUNCES THE PENDING NUCLEAR WAR (continued from page 2)

sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously.

Notice particularly verses 11, 13, and 16, that there are people left here after the destruction. Those left, however, are singing songs of glory to the righteous who are saved. Verses 14, 15, and 16. These are the ones who will be kings and priests together with the resurrected righteous to reign here on the earth with Christ as king for one thousand years. Rev. 20:6. Psalm 110; Rev. 5:9, 10; Isaiah 65:18-25; Daniel 7:27, etc.

Let us notice again in this chapter that the people are in fear. Verse 17. How wonderfully this agrees with the prophecy of Christ in Luke 21:24-26, concerning the end of the times of the Gentiles, — "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after the things coming to pass on the earth." We are in that period, where even the scientists are fearful of the world population being destroyed by this pending nuclear war. All over Europe and the U.S.A. thousands are digging these

pits mentioned in Isaiah 24:17, — "Fear and the pit and the snare are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth." The snare is the "fall-out" from the nuclear bomb. They go into their pits (shelters), but when they come out, are taken by the fall-out. Verse 18.

Dear reader, your security and safety in these turbulent and fearful times is what Daniel had when cast into the lions' den, and what the three Hebrew children had in the fiery furnace. Daniel, chapters 3 and 6. This is free to all who follow Matthew 5:6, and Luke 11:9-13. □



THE MOST DEADLY WEAPON

I am more deadly than the screaming shell from a howitzer; I run without killing. I tear down homes; I break hearts and wreck lives. I have no respect for truth or justice, no mercy for the defenseless. You will find me in the pews of the pious and the haunts of the unholy. I am wily, cunning, malicious, and I gather strength with age. I make my way where greed, mistrust and dishonor are unknown. I feed on good and bad alike. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea and often as innocent. I never forgive and seldom forget.

My name is GOSSIP.

Extracts From Readers' Letters

TURKEY. —

Dear brother in Christ,

I was in Israel a few months ago. During the course of my stay in Jerusalem, I attended the Seventh Day Church of God. The church choristers (SonBeams) are great. Their songs have been inspiring me for further spiritual development of my faith in the Lord.

I was given a cassette tape with songs recorded by the choristers (SonBeams). I have been sharing this tape with other christian friends here in Turkey. These songs feed me and my friends with the Heavenly food of life.

Could you please, dear brethren, send me further tape recorded songs of these wonderful choristers.

Secondly, I need *The Mount Zion Reporter* magazine.

Greetings to all brothers and sisters.

Your brother in Christ,
S.A.I.

YUGOSLAVIA. —

Dear Brother Gordon,

Your late communication arrived safely and this is to acknowledge the same.

Thank you for the "Reporter". I am very interested in Israel's condition and movement day and night.

I hope this finds you and yours well as it leaves us. We all join in sending greetings and best wishes.

Your brother in the Master's service,
Y.F.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA. —

Dear Brother Fauth,

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Hope this letter will find you all in good health and well.

Many thanks for the continual supply of *The Mount Zion Reporter*. We have found many interesting and enlightening articles in it and continually look forward to each copy.

I am always praying for the peace of Jerusalem and also for the peace in the hearts of all the people. Please keep praying for me. I am doing the same for you.

Yours in Christ,
A.A.A.

SWEDEN. —

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Many thanks for the "Reporter" and the Calendar.

It was very nice and interesting to read about the SonBeams' visit in Lebanon and how welcome they were there. Now has gone by a half a year. How is the situation now in the besieged town?

Please remember me in your prayers. I do the same for you.

May God bless and keep you.

Your sister in Christ,
K.L.

LIBERIA. —

Dear Mr. Fauth,

Enclosed is money for one year's subscription to your very fine magazine.

Sincerely,
S.Y.

ENGLAND. —

Dear Brother and Sister in the Lord,

Greetings in His precious name to you and your family. I thank you very much for the tape of the SonBeams and also for "Jerusalem" by the late Mrs. Dugger. I got someone to play it for me on the piano. It is lovely and I have enjoyed the SonBeams very much. It was wonderful that they were able to go to Lebanon. God the Almighty was with them and I'm sure they were blessed as the Christians in Lebanon were with their singing.

It seems that the peace-keeping forces have all left (Lebanon) but Israel. I am so sorry for the poor children, their sufferings are terrible. I was so glad to hear of the one week some of them had away from it all in Israel.

It would seem that Syria and Russia have a free hand now but I wonder how long they will be satisfied with Lebanon. It is good to know that our Heavenly Father is also on the move and building His church and satan to Jesus must bow. Jesus is the mighty Victor. I believe His return is very near. Hallelujah!

I constantly pray for the peace of Jerusalem as the Lord told us to. We know it will come when Jesus returns but it doesn't seem there will be much till then. I do pray for you and all who are out there in the Lord's work.

May you prosper and be in health, also your family and assembly.

With Christian Love,
A.W.

CANADA. —

Dear Elder Fauth,

Greetings in the most Holy and Righteous Name. I hope this letter will find you safe enjoying the best of health and great blessings flowing from above.

I have received your letter, and the books that you sent to me. I am very thankful for them.

It is truly wonderful what the Lord is doing in Jerusalem as the scriptures tell us — "Out of Zion shall go forth the law and out of Jerusalem the word of the Lord."

My regards to all the saints. I encourage the Zion SonBeam singers to continue in the great work they are performing. I am very happy to hear them. I will never forget to pray.

God bless you all in His faith. And, pray for me as I am doing the same for you.

Truly yours in His service,
O.L.R.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA. —

Dear Editor,

I am glad to take this opportunity to complement and request your esteemed magazine, *The Mount Zion Reporter*. It is, I believe, the best magazine on social, religious and political matters. It shows the truth about God and the Bible in the present life-end of the world.

I am eagerly waiting for the early arrival of the magazine.

Yours truly,
V.N.

The Forgetting of Self

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

There is a difference between the denying and the forgetting of self. This distinction is clearly brought out in the illustration Jesus gave above. A grain of wheat cannot germinate, become a plant, and bear fruit unless it first falls into the ground. Germination does not take place on the surface but in the soil. The seed must be planted (buried) in the ground (out of sight) before the forces of nature can act upon it. The same is true in our Christian experience. Unless we too lose sight of self we cannot become a new creation in Christ.

Elsewhere Jesus categorically affirmed: "*Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.*" Mark 8: 34, 35. These words were directed primarily to the disciples. Most of them had already left their homes and occupations to follow Jesus. "We have forsaken all," Peter once observed (Matthew 19:27). It did not take the disciples long to realize that they could not follow Jesus unless they were willing to deny themselves many innocent things and personal comforts in life. They had to sacrifice everything dear to them: their time, loved ones, and personal interests. Who knows how many times they were even accused of being vagabonds and of shrinking their responsibilities. Most people looked on them with scorn and disdain. And no doubt they keenly felt the sting of the malicious charges and insinuations directed against them.

True self-denial involves much more than the giving up of things and the depriving ourselves of what is important or dear to us. And while it is indeed a rare virtue to be able to accept reproach and to be misunderstood, misjudged, and maligned without becoming bitter, resentful, or critical of those who abuse us, the Holy Spirit wishes to lead us into a fuller identification with Jesus, which can only take place by the forgetting of self completely. Not only must we die to what others think and say of us, but we must also be dead to our own feelings, thoughts, and reputation. The more we are immersed in Christ and His will, the more we lose sight of ourselves and become indifferent to praise and slander, good or ill, the present or the future. To know that we are in His Almighty hands is to know that nothing will befall us unless He wills or permits it. Whatever He does or sends is for our good, even if we cannot see the good. Another benefit we experience is that the more we forget self the less we expect from ourselves and from others. Should we fail we will not despond. Should we succeed we will not become proud or boastful. What others think or say about us will no longer affect us in good or ill, since it is only God's approval that counts and our object is to please Him.

Not to expect anything from ourselves or from others frees us from many illusions, disappointments,

and temptations. We know that we are nothing and that there is nothing good in us apart from God. What matters most to us now is to know, love and serve Him as He wills with humility of heart and mind. To forget self is to will only what He wills for us and to accept in love whatever befalls us as coming from Him, never blaming or seeking pity from anyone when afflictions and trials arise.

A good illustration of this unconcern for self can be seen in St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, a people whose fickleness was made evident even toward the apostle himself. *"But with me"* he writes *"it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self...but he that judgeth me is the Lord."* 1 Corinthians 4:3, 4. The apostle was not troubled by the Corinthians' sudden change of attitude toward him; in fact, he did not even value his own opinion of himself.

Philippians 3:7, 10 describes the man who had reached that blessed condition of forgetting self. The very things which the apostle had at one time considered of value to him personally he no longer deemed necessary or important in comparison to the surpassing worth of Christ Jesus, whom he longed to know and receive in His fulness.

Joseph is another case in point. The sufferings and hardships he endured in order to remain faithful to the Lord reveal a life of continual self-denial and submission to the will of God. Hated by his brethren, sold as a slave, and then thrown into prison for not yielding to the advances of his master's wife, Joseph refused to defend or vindicate himself. He accepted the wrongs and the injustices which befell him as coming from God's hand for his ultimate good. At the birth of his firstborn he called the child, Manasseh, *"for God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and my father's house."* Genesis 41:51. The second son was named, Ephraim, *"for God"* he said, *"hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."* Genesis 41:52.

Joseph knew what it was to be denied and cut off from everyone and everything dear to him. But while he was in Egypt, hidden and buried, as it were, from sight, the man of destiny like the grain of wheat fallen into the ground, underwent a great spiritual transformation and emerged from prison a great and noble ruler — a man in whom the Spirit of God was clearly evident and recognized by others (Genesis 41:38). His sad, unhappy past did not make or leave Joseph bitter toward life or humanity; God also made him forget all the wrongs done to him by erasing their memory from his soul. Joseph now realized, more than ever, that what had befallen him had been ordained by God for his own spiritual good. Later, when he revealed himself to his brethren, he allayed their fear of retribution and even remorse for their past treatment of him by inviting them to come near to him. *"And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold*

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Life in Israel

by Sarah Fauth

Shalom once again!

Life here in Israel is continuing on and we are all well here in Jerusalem. Although we are having autumn weather and the evenings are much cooler, we are still having many nice sunny days with clear blue skies. The fall season in Israel is different than in many other places. It is sometimes hard to distinguish it from spring.

After the heat of the summer, when the first rains come, you will have the customary unveiling of nature usually associated with springtime. Wild grass and flowers will shoot up everywhere, practically overnight. Lady bugs and butterflies will make appearances; and, it might just be the imagination, but the song birds seem to perk up too.

At autumn time, tens of thousands of migrating birds, on their way to Africa from Europe, stop over in Israel — storks and pelicans and others! To the dismay of the fish breeders, the pelicans extended their stay this fall, camping around the fish ponds by Galilee, eating millions of shekels worth of fish.

I don't suppose it would come as a surprise if I were to tell you I'm writing this in the garden. My grandparents' garden, to be exact. It's very beautiful, but quite overgrown. One corner is completely taken over by wild trees. (We thinned some out this year to help build the Sukkah — see eighth paragraph.) Another corner, though not as dense, is inaccessible to any but the foolhardy. It is occupied by a number of thriving and able bee communities which used to belong to my grandfather, and which he passed on to my father. Two giant rose bushes and the large fig tree which my grandparents planted 30 years ago also serve as landmarks. Then there are the almond, peach and apple trees and various other trees and vines, and, here and there, small patches of vegetables bordered, on all sides, by large stones.

The garden doesn't actually belong to us. A tall stone wall with a gate separates it from the rest of the property. About 30 years ago, my grandfather read an article in the newspaper appealing to people to plant gardens in unused city lots, and to do what they could to make the city greener. He got my father and they fenced in the land adjoining the place in back, and made it into a fine garden. Neighbors up and down the street did the same, and the little gardens are certainly much nicer than the part of the original empty lot which remains.

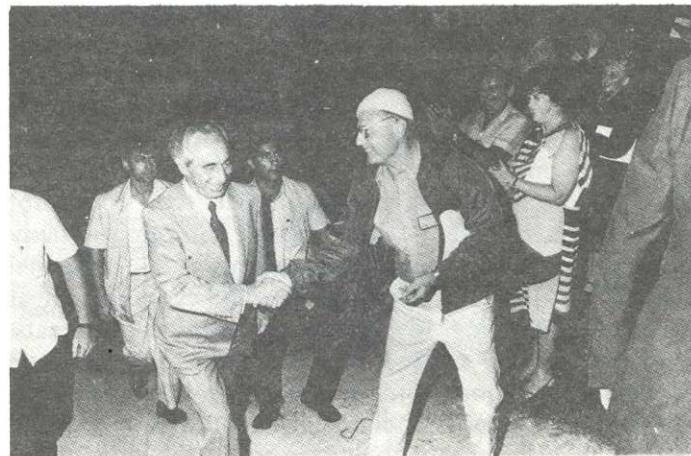
The sun had gone behind a cloud, but it is out again now. My sister, Priscilla, just came to confer with me about something, and she spotted a pair of humming birds on one of the flowering vines along the wall.

My cousin Debra is calling us to lunch now, so I guess I'll have to leave the garden.

The Feast of Tabernacles season has passed again this year and most all the customary "Sukkahs" (booths) have been taken down now. Each family constructs a booth especially for this week-long holiday (see Leviticus 23), and during this time, if they

are observant Jews, they will eat all their meals in the Sukkah; some even sleep in them. Just about every yard, balcony, or empty spot anywhere is cluttered at Sukkot time with these primitive wilderness dwellings — replicas of those in which the children of Israel had to live during their long sojourn in the desert, on the way to the Promised Land.

A Sukkah consists of, at least, three walls — usually just wooden supports with blankets or sackcloth draped around them. The roof of leaves and palm branches is adequate shade from the sun in the day time, and, at evening, affords a sparkling view of the night sky for those who vote to sleep in their Sukkah. The Feast of Tabernacles is a popular holiday in Israel.



Prime Minister of Israel, Shimon Peres, greeting Christians at Feast of Tabernacles celebrations in Jerusalem.

Lately, the last few years, there has been widespread interest around the world in this Biblical festival, and thousands of Christians have elected to come to Jerusalem each year to celebrate the holiday with the people of Israel. They have marches up Mount Olives, seminars, and just plain old meetings of praise and worship. At a time when much of the world is turning its back on this tiny nation, the gesture of these Bible-believing Christians has been taken note of by the people of Israel. It has become customary for the Prime Minister himself, and also for the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, to address these Christian gatherings. This year there was a particularly extraordinary blessing on the festival.

We always receive many visitors at this time. We were very happy that Sister Thelma Manning of Australia was able to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem again this year. We were also happy to receive saints of God from Nigeria, West Africa; Cayenne, French Guyana; The United States and Germany. It is wonderful to belong to the worldwide family of God!

We appreciate hearing from you. Shalom to one and all.

Your sister,
Sarah Fauth



Thirty years ago, here in Jerusalem, things were much different from what they are now. Sanitation was bad, there was acute overcrowding, most of the people were poor, and there was hardly any modern industry. The giant leaps ahead which Israel has taken since this time are truly astounding! But, of course, there are a few things that remain pretty much the same in the course of time. The old Mahaneh Yehuda market (see photo above), one of Jerusalem's main shopping centers, is probably a good example. Located off Jaffa Street, downtown Jerusalem, it was established in the 1880's and hasn't changed too much since then — unlike Ben Yehuda Street (below), which is also downtown Jerusalem, and which has recently been changed into a modern pedestrian mall.



The Seven Books of Moses

from "The Jerusalem Post"

An oft-quoted Talmudic tradition with regard to the canonization of the Bible (Baba Bathra 14B) includes the remarkable statement: "Moses set down in writing his own book, the Book of Balaam and the Book of Job." The fact that those two "books" were singled out from among all the books of the Bible to be attributed to Moses in addition to his own five books, the Tora, has puzzled many a commentator, ancient and modern alike.

What the two stories of Balaam and Job have in common is that in both of them the protagonist is an outsider, a non-Jew. Thus, they help prove insight into the teachings of the Tora of Moses, which is the main body of Jewish law and belief. We may assume that some new perspectives of the laws of Moses are gained by the suggestion that none other than Moses penned the stories of Balaam and Job.

Job is the most tragic figure in biblical literature. He knew grief, bereavement, pain and disillusionment more than any other person in the Bible. The account of the vicissitudes, the inner struggles of such a person must therefore be the creation of the same man who set out to write down a Tora of eternal laws for human behaviour.

Can one grasp the full meaning of the Law if one is cut off from human pain, aloof from human doubt and utter despair? In order that the laws of Moses should not become void of compassion for human beings, with all their painful shortcomings, Moses must be the man who is responsible for both his own book and the book of Job.

Rabbi Yitzhak Luria (1540-1572), known as the Ari Hakadosh ("Holy Lion"), and the greatest of Jewish mystics, spent his youth in Cairo. Every morning, at dawn, so the story goes, the Ari would stroll quietly among the reeds along the banks of the Nile.

"In order to delve into the real meaning of the laws of the Tora," he used to say, "I am trying to listen to the crying of the baby Moses who was thrown here

Prayer for the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, Eternal Love of the Father for His Son the Word, deign to grant me the *Fruit of Charity*, that it may unite me to Thee by means of love; the *Fruit of Joy*, that it may fill me with a holy happiness even in the midst of afflictions; the *Fruit of Peace*, that it may give me tranquillity in my conscience; the *Fruit of Patience*, that it may make me love the cross, and help me to bear it; the *Fruit of Benignity*, that it may incline me to relieve the necessities of my neighbour; the *Fruit of Goodness*, that it may make me kind to all; the *Fruit of Longanimity*, that it may maintain me in patience in the midst of opposition; the *Fruit of Mildness*, that it may make me endure tranquilly whatever there may be in my neighbour to cause me annoyance; the *Fruit of Faith*, that it may permeate me with respect and love for the Word of God; the *Fruit of Modesty*, that it may regulate all my external actions; the *Fruit of Continency*, that it may preserve my body in holiness; and the *Fruit of Chastity*, that my heart remaining ever pure in this world, I may deserve to see Thee in the mansions of Thy glory. Amen.

among these reeds as a forlorn, helpless human being escaping persecution. Only one who can hear the cry of Moses the baby," concluded the Ari, "can properly grasp the words of Moses the law-giver."

When religious laws become divorced from human pain and misery, they cease to be an expression of the will of God who cares.

Moses was constantly exhorting the Israelites to improve their behaviour; he was overwhelmed by their rebellious moods and ungratefulness. In order for him to discover anew the greatness of his people, he had to hear it from the outside. In addition to his own book, he had to write the Book of Balaam.

Balak, the king of the mighty Moab, was the first to realize — even before the Israelites recognized it themselves — that "a people has emerged out of Egypt," and Moab "was sore afraid." Balaam too was forced to sing the praises of Israel, as no other person, certainly not the prophets of Israel, ever did. He represents a proper counterbalance to the perspective of Moses, who was always reminding the Israelites of their faults.

Balak claimed that Balaam was very powerful in both blessings and curses (22:6). Why, then, did he not request the blessing of Balaam for his own people, rather than a curse on Israel? But, then as always, the enemies of Israel preferred its destruction, even at the expense of the destruction of their own peoples, to concentrating on constructive matters which would benefit both themselves and their neighbours.

Balaam came to curse and was forced eventually to turn his curses into blessings. It is worth noting that, to this day, Jewish daily prayer (as well as Israel Radio's daily broadcast) opens with the words of Balaam, the non-Jew: "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, thy dwellings, O Israel."

The basic and unique situation of Israel among the nations has not changed, however. In the phrase coined by Balaam (23:9), it is described as "a people which dwells alone." □

THE FORGETTING OF SELF

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me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. . . So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and a lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt." Genesis 45:4, 5, 8.

Had Joseph harbored any personal grudge or resentment against his brothers for what they had done to him, he could not have acted as he did. The mere presence of his brethren would have awakened his feelings of hurt and would have caused him to deal with them, not in love, but in revenge. But God had already given Joseph grace to forget himself and all the evil received. He longed to make himself known to his brothers, not in vindication, but in a spirit of genuine love and concern for their good — that love which comes only from God and enables one to forgive and forget the sins and wrongs of others.

The forgetting of self is the highest degree of self-denial one can every attain in Christ. □

— "The House of Prayer"

Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

There are some Christian congregations which think it is wrong to use any musical instruments in worship services. The Jews, in their synagogues, also do not use any instruments. I know King David did in the Psalms, but that was in the Old Testament. You cannot find much about musical instruments in the Gospels and the New Testament. What do you think about this?

ANSWER. —

It is true that many Jewish synagogues do not use musical instruments and that some churches also do not have musical instruments in their sanctuaries. This is, however, mainly because of tradition. The Bible does not prohibit the use of musical instruments. The fact that it does not speak too much about musical instruments in the New Testament, shouldn't be taken to mean that the Gospel dispensation discredits them. The references to instruments found in the New Testament may be few, but they are, nonetheless, significant.

In Revelation 8 and 9 you can read of the sounding of trumpets by the angels in heaven. It is the sounding of a heavenly trumpet which will herald the coming of the Great King, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself! "*The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God.*" 1 Thessalonians 4:16. This would seem to indicate that, not only does God not disapprove of musical instruments, but that He likes them enough to have a few of His own, and He thinks enough of them to use them on special occasions.

It is interesting to note, also, that the New Testament heartily approves of praising God in song (A song can be sung by a human voice, but it can also be played with an instrument.) and also approves of the Psalms. Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 both exhort us to speak in Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs

and to sing unto the Lord.

QUESTION. —

I know Yeshua (Jesus) wasn't born on Christmas, but could you please explain why? Around what time of year was He born?

ANSWER. —

It is possible to determine two approximate seasons for the birth of Christ; from facts established in the Gospel of Luke: (1) that John the Baptist was conceived after his father's appointed course of service in the Temple, and (2) that Christ was conceived six months later (Luke 1:5, 8, 36).

Temple services were rotated among the priests by weekly "courses" (1 Chronicles 24:7-19). Since Zacharias served during the course of Abilah, the eighth course, John was conceived between nine and, say, 11 weeks after either the civil or religious new year when the 24 courses began twice per year. This leaves the birth of Christ at either March/April or September/October.

It is impossible to calculate the exact date of our Saviour's birth; the Bible gives no date or any record of its commemoration. The question is important, however, because for centuries millions of Christians have traditionally observed December 25th.

The date of December 25th was officially sanctioned by the Roman Catholic Church in the Fourth century. The date is not without significance: December 25th was, during the Roman Julian calendar, the Winter Solstice, considered the birthday of the son of the Great Mother (Ishtar, Isis, Astarte, Inanna, etc.) by most every heathen cult of the ancient world, for nearly two millennia before Christ. The Roman Church, in sanctioning December 25th, did not, however, establish it as the actual birth date of Christ but sought to adopt and Christianize this popular date on their calendar.

BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

Let us not forget that our troubles have a purpose. They are the fruitful seeds of future glories for the Christian. They are blessings in disguise. They are like the early processes of the garden, when the soil is broken up and weeded in order that the fair flowers may at length adorn it. They are the medicine of our convalescence, the drudgery of our education, without which we can never be really healthy or happy, fit for heaven or qualified to bring forth fruit that will glorify our Lord.

ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

We welcome good and timely articles for publication in "*The Mount Zion Reporter*". We urge those of our Readers who have been blessed with a talent for writing to put their talent to use in this way for the glory of God. Manuscripts submitted can be either typewritten or in hand-writing, although we prefer them typed. We are unable to publish every piece submitted, but we do promise to consider each one.

6TH-CENTURY BYZANTINE VILLAGE EXCAVATED

TEL AVIV. — A Byzantine village community, one of the first uncovered in Israel, has been unearthed this year during the third season of archeological work at Zichrin at the southern end of the Yarkon basin.

This year's finds include a well-preserved Byzantine church, a Roman-style bathhouse, a wine press and an oil press.

Houses, pottery, and other artifacts of daily life found at the site help to reconstruct the lifestyle of the rural population during the Byzantine period from the 4th to the 6th century AD, Dr. Moshe Fischer of the Classical Studies Department at Tel Aviv University and head of the expedition, said.

He added that most archeological work pertaining to the Byzantine period has been done on cities, so this glimpse of village life is important.

The dig at Zichrin was a joint project of Tel Aviv University and the Israel Archeological Society. Volunteer workers included youngsters from Israel and Germany, and financial support was provided by the Millstein Quarry and the Pioneer Company.

— "The Jerusalem Post"

HANUKKA

by Sarah Fauth

Hanukka is an eight-day national holiday in Israel, which starts on the 25th of Kislev (Jewish Calendar). This date coincides with one of the winter months on the Roman Calendar – usually December.

It was a few months after we moved to Israel, in 1972, that I first learned of the existence of Hanukka. It was a clear sunny day in December – December 25th, to be exact – and we decided it was a good day to spend at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. We couldn't figure out, though, why everyone else in the city, especially the Hassidim (ultra-religious Jews), had also had the same idea. The zoo and park were simply packed with holiday makers! Hassidim, in their stiff black hats and suits – which they taylor-make to match those worn a few centuries back by the nobility of Poland – were everywhere! They were riding the miniature train, feeding the elephants, rowing the boats, eating cotton candy and, in general, behaving in a very festive way.

"Look," I said, "These people can't be celebrating Christmas, so what are they celebrating?"

It turned out, of course, that they were celebrating Hanukka. It happened to fall on Christmas that year.

Hanukka is celebrated to commemorate a miracle which occurred in the sequence of history between the New and the Old Testament periods. It was during the notoriously oppressive Syrian rulership of the Holy Land, in 168 B.C., when the Jews, under penalty of death, were forbidden to worship God. The Syrians took control of the Temple, defiling it by setting up worship to pagan gods. On one occasion they even sacrificed a pig on the altar! The situation got so bad that eventually a small, but determined, resistance group sprang up against the Syrian occupation; and against great odds, the rebel leader, Judah Maccabee, and his followers managed to recapture the Temple. But just that. The Syrian army was firmly entrenched around them and the struggle was far from over. Still, the little band of resistance fighters had gained the Temple – their main objective as far as they were concerned – and they were determined to restore the House of God to its former sacred state as soon as possible. They gave top priority to cleansing the Temple thoroughly, in order to rededicate the altar for offerings of prayers and sacrifices.

There was a problem, though. Almost all the oil in the Temple had been defiled and could not be used. There was no possibility of getting any new supplies through the Syrian siege, and the oil was badly needed to perform the necessary rededication ceremony. However, they didn't let this problem stop them. They went right ahead and lit the lamps and started the service, and God performed a miracle! The little bit of oil which they had, which should have burned out in a few short hours, lasted for the entire eight days of the ceremony. This did wonders for the moral of the defenders of the Temple, and it was not long before the war was over and the Jews had won back the freedom to worship the Almighty.

Well, that's the story of Hanukka. It started out as a Temple observance, one that was conducted only in the Temple once a year to commemorate the rededication of the altar (see John 10:22), and, in time, it spread to become a popular family holiday. In some countries the Jews treat it as a sort of counterpart to Christmas.



17th century woodcut – The lighting of a Hanukka lamp in a synagogue.

The basic thing to do on Hanukka is to light lamps, or candles, one each day of the festival, until on the last day, there are eight lights burning. The lights are to be placed out in full view, so that everyone can see them, as a testimony of the miracle they commemorate. Some Jewish scholars think that Christ was using the example of Hanukka lamps in His message in Matthew 5:16 about "letting your light shine." From its early history, Hanukka has been called "The Feast of Lights". I've always thought this was because of the miracle with the lamps. One ancient writer, however, who deals with the event, says it is called "The Feast of Lights" because the right to serve God came to the people unexpectedly, like a sudden light.

There are special Hanukka ceremonies which include prayers, reading portions of scripture and singing hymns. The Ashkenazi Jews (those) from Europe, after the kindling of the lights, sing a hymn called "Ma'oz Zur Yeshu' ati" (Mighty Rock of My Salvation). Although this sounds Messianic, I'm sure it isn't referring to Christ. It is interesting, though, that there do exist certain parallels between Hanukka and Christ. There are numerous scriptures which compare Jesus to a light, "the light of the world," "the light that shines in darkness," etc. It is also of interest to note that

Israel, during the respective time periods of Hanukka and of the visitation of Christ, was similarly under foreign occupation, and seeking deliverance.

The people of Israel today make a connection between Hanukka and the establishment of the modern state of Israel. The story of Hanukka — where the small rag-tag Jewish army bests the larger Syrian force and gains back the Temple — is likened to the story of the rebirth of Israel, where vastly outnumbered, and despite all odds, the Jews emerged victorious and regained their country.

Hanukka is a time of rejoicing. Children receive gifts and there are usually special Hanukka dinners. There's a unique kind of donut which is made and sold everywhere in Israel only during the Hanukka season. It's uniqueness rests in the fact that it has no hole in the middle. It is a sort of donut puff with a fruity jam filling, and is called "sovganea".

Well, that's probably enough about Hanukka for now. If you should happen to find yourself in Israel around this time, and wonder at the celebrations and lights everywhere, and if you should happen to be given a holeless donut, and, if someone should happen to bid you "Hag Samayach" (happy holiday) at least you'll know what it's all about. □

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"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16



Children lighting a Hanukka lamp.

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

— Matthew 5:3-12

JUST SMILE

*The thing that goes the farthest
Towards making life worthwhile,
That costs the least and does the most,
Is just a pleasant smile.*

*The smile that bubbles from the heart,
That loves its fellowmen
Will drive away the cloud of gloom,
And coax the sun again.*

*Its full of worth and goodness, too,
With manley kindness blent.
Its worth a million dollars
And it doesn't cost a cent.*

— submitted by Josie P. Schulz

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

ARTILLERY CORPS USES HIGH TECHNOLOGY FOR FIGHTING, TRAINING

A new system for detecting the location of enemy artillery batteries was unveiled yesterday on the eve of the Israel Defence Forces Artillery Corps Day.

The system called "Igloo" employs microphones laid along a front of up to 20 kilometres. The microphones pick up the shock waves caused by the firing of enemy guns and transmit the information to a centre where the data are computed to determine where the firing came from. The time it takes the shock waves to reach each microphone helps determine the direction and distance of the enemy batteries.

Artillery Corps commander Tat Aluf Oded Tira said that ideally, the corps should use drones, or remotely piloted vehicles called RPVs, to locate enemy artillery.

Igloo, which is manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries, can take into account meteorological reports, as weather can distort the input picked up by the microphones.

UNIDENTIFIED DEVICE EXPLODES IN JERUSALEM

An explosive device of undetermined type went off yesterday afternoon near the Jerusalem Cinematheque in Derech Hebron. No one was injured and no damage was caused.

Witnesses told the police they had seen three small boys playing nearby who ran away after the explosion. Detectives searching the nearby Abu Tor neighbourhood detained three boys, all about 10 years old.

The boys told the officers they had been playing with "something that looked like a pipe," which exploded in their midst. They became frightened and ran away.

ELECTRIC CORPORATION NOW TAPPING THE SUN

HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation is plugging into solar energy for the first time, the IEC spokesman reported yesterday.

The IEC is buying electricity generated from the Ormat solar-energy pond north of the Dead Sea for an undisclosed fee. In the first stage the pond will supply 1.7 megawatts to the national grid, increasing this later to 4 megawatts.

The IEC recently completed a IS58 million high-tension power line from the solar-power station to link up with the national grid near the Allenby Bridge.

IEC sources said it is too early to estimate the cost-effectiveness of the solar-generated power compared to electricity generated by coal or to oil-fired generators. In this respect the project is still in the experimental stage, the sources said.

EGGED BUS IS STONED BY BEDUIN YOUTHS

FARUSH RUMANH. — An Egged bus on its way from Haifa to Tiberias was stoned by a gang of youths from this Lower Galilee Beduin village yesterday.

A police officer who happened to be nearby succeeded, with the help of the bus driver and one of the passengers, in apprehending two of the youths, both aged 15. More arrests are expected.

SOVIET 'PEACE PLAN' REJECTED BY ISRAEL

A Soviet call on Sunday for an international Middle East peace conference was dismissed yesterday as "not serious" by a senior government source in Jerusalem.

The official did not rule out the possibility that Israel would consider an international peace conference, although Jerusalem has been cool to the idea in the past.

But the official stressed that Moscow could not play a central role as long as it lacks diplomatic relations with Israel. The Soviet Union broke relations following the 1967 Six Day War.

If relations were restored, the official said, "we would then consider the possibilities" of a Soviet role in the peace process.

The Soviet proposal called for a conference that would include Israel, its Arab neighbours and the PLO, with the assistance of Washington and Moscow in the negotiations.

The participants should work toward a treaty calling for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all of the administered territories and the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

The Jerusalem official asserted that the Soviet Union was not sincere in proposing peace while being a chief arms supplier to Israel's arch enemies, including Syria and the PLO.

SUGAR PLANT GOES OVER TO HEALTH FOODS

TEL AVIV. — Sugat, the plant in Kiryat Gat which was originally set up as a sugar processing plant, is now going into the health food field.

At a press conference here yesterday general manager Michael Oron promised that the switch would eventually result in lower prices of these foods. Customers may not feel this drop immediately, but "as production and sales increase, prices will drop," he said.

During the first stage the company will process brown sugar, brown rice, granola and whole-wheat flour.

Sugat no longer processes sugar beets. The crop is no longer grown here because it is not economically worthwhile.

U.S. RABBIS RAP VIOLENCE AGAINST CHRISTIANS HERE

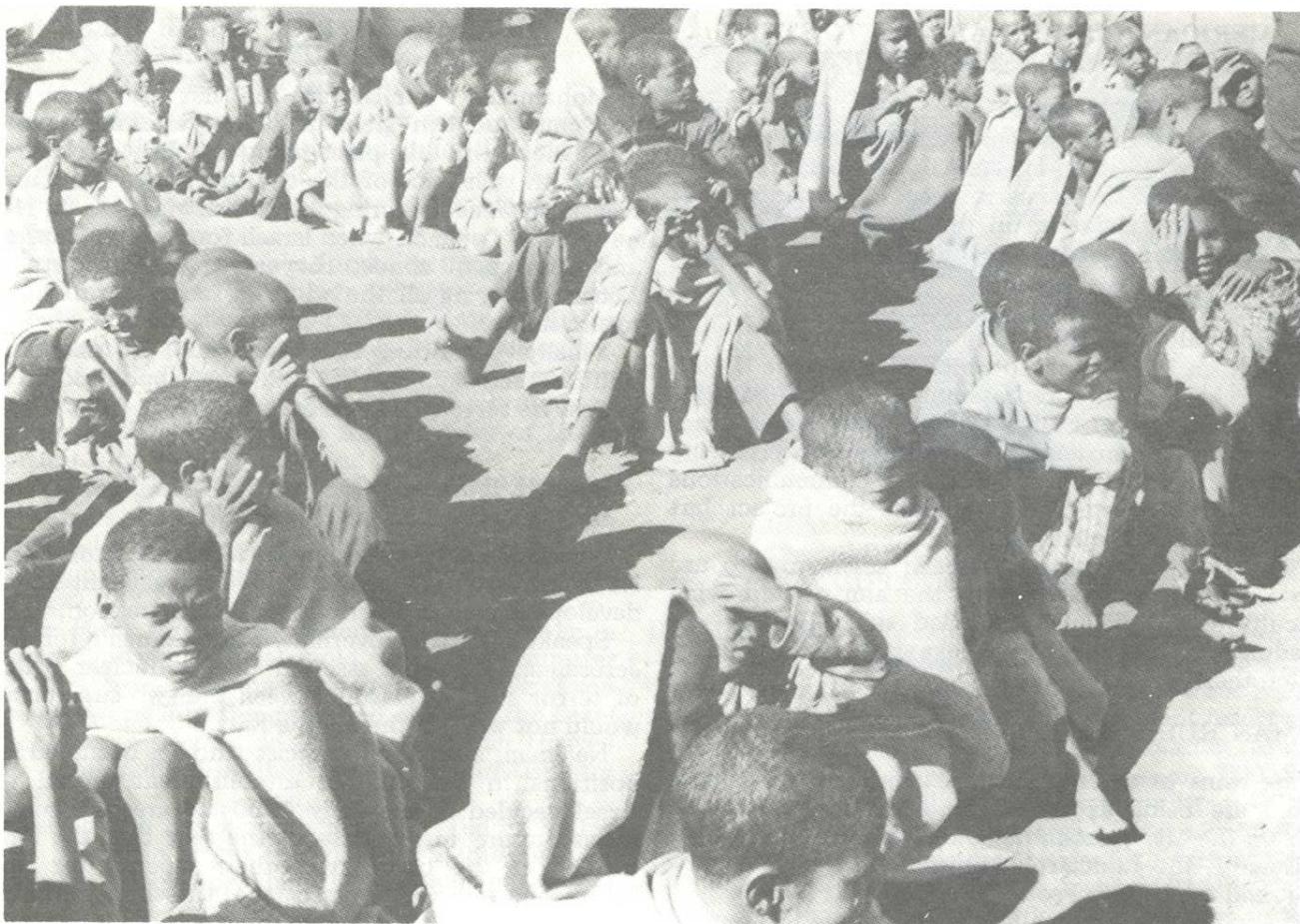
A group of more than 50 Orthodox rabbis from the U.S. yesterday condemned violence against Christians in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of Bar-Ilan University, said that fanaticism and intolerance lead to violence, which contravenes the Tora.

It is irrelevant, he said, whether this violence is directed against Christians or archeological excavations. The meeting of rabbis was held at the Israel Centre in Jerusalem.

RUST PROOF

A "revolutionary" material, which dissolves rust, and protects metals from rusting by covering them with a protective layer, has been developed at Kibbutz Sasa in the Upper Galilee. The material has been tested at the Haifa Technion.



Starving Ethiopian children wait to be fed.

NATHAN BACK FROM ETHIOPIA WITH STORIES OF HORROR

One million children in Ethiopia's drought-stricken areas are expected to die either of famine and disease, or of digestive complications from the food they receive. This was stated by Peace Ship owner Abie Nathan on his return from a week's visit to northern Ethiopia.

While millions in the north are suffering from hunger, disease, and exposure, Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa has luxury hotels and shops bursting with food, delicacies and expensive drinks and items for tourists, Nathan said.

Nathan announced he is creating a foundation to raise funds for Ethiopian children. The foundation will seek help from Jews throughout the world.

Nathan said he believes only part of the food and other aid pouring into Ethiopia will reach the needy. Much will find its way to other countries for political reasons, and some aid money will be spent on alcoholic beverages and jewelry for the ruling classes, he claimed.

Nathan, who donated \$5,000 to the Ethiopian Relief Rehabilitation Commission, was allotted a small airplane and a photographer by the authorities to visit the afflicted areas. Nathan reached Ala Mate, a town where 50,000 hungry people had assembled in the hope of getting food.

Some had walked for several days without eating or drinking, Nathan said. Tens of thousands sat waiting for food, and the streets were full of bodies of those who died of starvation. Children had swollen stomachs and sores on their heads. Some suffered from typhoid, Nathan said.

"These people could sit for days without moving, getting up, some of them with children in their laps,

too weak even to stretch their hand out for food, when it did come," he said. "Near the post office, where I went to telex, I heard a low, almost inhuman wail. A little girl was lying on the ground, calling out for food. I ran to the jeep and gave her a sandwich," he said.

Nathan arrived at Ala Mate equipped with thousands of dollars' worth of lollipops "to make the children smile."

This Thursday, Nathan is to leave for Washington to continue negotiations with U.S. aid administrator Peter McPherson over coordinating aid to Ethiopia.

Nathan suggested that some of the aid funds be transferred to Israel and used to purchase urgent medicines and supplies which would then be shipped to Addis Ababa from Eilat, a three-day voyage.

Nathan is also organizing a medical team, headed by Dr. Ya'akov Adler, to go to Ethiopia, and has opened a Discount Bank account, number 988898, for donations from the public for Ethiopian children.

Magan David Adom, at the request of the International Red Cross, last week, launched a fund-raising drive for starving Ethiopians.

ISRAEL IS ISLAND OF CONSERVATION, SAYS HERZOG

Species which have become extinct in neighbouring countries have survived in Israel because of local conservation efforts, President Chaim Herzog told representatives of the country's environmental bodies at Beit Hanassi yesterday.

One such species is the leopard, which is currently flourishing in the Judean Desert.

Speaking in advance to next week's Nature Protection Week, Herzog called Israel an island of conservation in the Middle East.

AMERICAN INDIANS ARRIVE TO STUDY IRRIGATION TECHNIQUES

BEERSHEBA.— Six American Indians from South Dakota, five of them students and the sixth an agricultural expert, arrived in Israel on Thursday night to study Israeli drip irrigation methods. They will stay at two kibbutzim, Hatzerim in the Negev and Yiftah in the Galilee, both of which manufacture drip irrigation equipment.

The coordinator of the project, Gideon Elad from Hatzerim, said the study tour is being funded by the U.S. Reform Movement (to which Elad was the United Kibbutz Movement's representative in 1977-1979), ABC Television and South Dakota businessman Stanford Adelestein, who conceived the idea. Accompanying the group is Adelestein's son Jim, a communications graduate who wanted to document the project but could not find sufficient funding.

"The two kibbutzim will teach them how to use drip irrigation technique with the aim of improving agriculture in arid zones," Elad said. The six are scheduled to work for three weeks and tour the country for another.

ROMAN RUINS BARED NEAR MOUNT HERMON

The ruins of a temple and a village of the Roman period are being excavated on a hilltop near Neveh Ativ on the Mt. Hermon range by a team from Bar-Ilan University, the Education Ministry antiquities department and the Nature Protection Society.

The excavation, which has just completed its second season, is being carried out on Mt. Snaim, which overlooks Neve Ativ on the Golan Heights. The site has turned up numerous ancient ritual objects from the Hellenistic and Roman periods, including several pairs of round, stone slabs.

The slabs — about 70 centimeters in diameter and 1.5 cm. thick — are arranged so that the light of the rising sun falls between them. The archeologists conclude that they played a part in some rite of ancient sun worship.

Nearby the archeologists uncovered the ruins of a classic temple from the Roman period. The area of the temple covers some 80 square meters and it is located inside a temple compound measuring about 1,200 square meters. Although the temple walls have collapsed, enough architectural indications remain to enable its complete reconstruction.

Among the temple finds are a Greek inscription mentioning two emperors connected with its construction and three stone altars. One of these altars bears an image of Helios, the Greek sun god.

FALL IN IMMIGRATION FORECAST FOR 1980s

A new booklet published by the Government Information Centre on immigration and absorption predicts that immigration to Israel will decline in the 1980s, with only 150,000 immigrants expected to arrive in this decade. The 48-page publication, part of a series called "Know Israel," also summarizes aliya since 1882.

According to the booklet, it is unlikely that in the near future a mass immigration to Israel will take place "unless dramatic changes take place in the economic, social and political spheres in the western countries in which the majority of the Jews live." It goes on to say that little movement of the Jewish population of the world is expected in this decade.

This booklet is available at Government Information Center offices.

1st ARAB DISTRICT JUDGE DIES IN NAZARETH AT 75

Mohammed Nimr Hawari, the first Arab to be a district court judge in Israel, died here yesterday, aged 75. The funeral will take place today at 4 P.M. in Nazareth.

Hawari was one of the country's most prominent Palestinian leaders during the British Mandate. In 1948, he left for Lebanon when Israeli forces took Nazareth, and then spent almost 15 years in Syria, Egypt and Lebanon, trying all the while to secure permission to return home.

Finally permitted to come back, he abandoned political activity, and in 1968 was appointed to the bench. He served 10 years before retiring.

NE'EMAN: DON'T JOIN 'NUCLEAR WEAPONS CLUB'

Science and Development Minister Prof. Yuval Ne'eman yesterday said it is not in Israel's interests to develop a nuclear deterrent to Arab aggression.

Speaking to the government spokesmen's forum in Jerusalem, Ne'eman asserted that a nuclear balance of terror such as exists between the two superpowers would not work in the Middle East.

Ne'eman, a nuclear physicist who has occupied high positions in the defence establishment, noted that Israel decided in the early 1950s to create a nuclear infrastructure in response to the fear that the Arabs would get the bomb from their super-power allies. "But we've never crossed the threshold into the nuclear weapons club," he said.

He said that a balance of terror would not work in the Middle East because any one of Israel's 20 adversaries — especially "irrational regimes like Gaddafi's Libya" — could destabilize it and push the others into war, as Syria did in 1967. Furthermore, Israel could be wiped out with a few atom bombs, whereas the Arabs are much less vulnerable.

A nuclear deterrent would not be effective for situations in which the military threat is less than total, he said. Thus Israel will still have to maintain full conventional preparedness. The bomb would not be tactically useful, either, against large invading forces close to our borders.

Ne'eman said that Israel should not sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. "We would have international inspectors crawling all over us, while the Arab countries would be free to do what they want, as Iraq did."

He favours a pact to make the Middle East a nuclear-free zone that would include mutual inspection by the signatories.

\$1.5m. SHIPMENT FOR CALIFORNIA SOLAR STATION

HAIFA. — The final shipment of Israeli-made equipment for the world's largest solar power station left the port here last night on board the container ship *Zim New York*.

The components, worth \$1.5 million, have been manufactured by Luz Industries (Israel), which also designed the power station, currently under construction in Southern California.

The solar plant will have a 14 Megawatt capacity output, making it the largest of its kind in the world. It is due to become operational by the end of this year.

A spokesman for the Jerusalem-based Luz firm said Israel stands to gain \$40m. in exports from the project, which is costing a total of \$62 million.

PERES WELCOMES PILGRIMS AS CITY PREPARES FOR MARCH

Prime Minister Shimon Peres last night addressed the Feast of Tabernacles celebration under the auspices of the International Christian Embassy, at the Sultan's Pool when he extended greetings and the blessings of peace from Jerusalem.

"It is a moving experience for me to see you among us — thousands of inspired pilgrims from five continents and 40 countries. There is no more fitting place for such a humanistic assembly than Jerusalem. Since we reunited the city in 1967 we have been firm in our resolve to allow all followers of the faith of Mohammed, the faith of Jesus and the faith of Moses to worship without restriction and in safety."

The crowd greeted Peres with a standing ovation, but observers noted that their response was far from the frenzied adulation with which similar gatherings had applauded former prime minister Menachem Begin in the past,

Before Peres spoke, Jan Willem van der Hoeven, a Christian Embassy official, told the prime minister that as they were standing there, van der Hoeven's son was being sworn into the armoured corps of the Israel Defence Forces on Masada. This was, van der Hoeven said, a small symbol of the support of Christians for Israel.

Earlier in the day Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek told an American group participating in the Feast of Tabernacles celebration that they should understand Jewish objections to missionary activities.

"There is great sensitivity concerning missionary or other activities whatever its motivation and you should know that it is especially justified in a generation in which the Jewish people were bereft of six million," he added.

Continuing the tradition of "Succat Shalom" which started last year the Netivot Shalom movement built and decorated a large succa in Liberty Bell park. A programme of lectures, symposia and children's activities are taking place in the succa.

The massive influx of visitors coupled with a series of special Succot events is expected to bring the capital to a standstill.

One of the main events is the Jerusalem March when several thousand stalwarts are expected to set out on either the 11 kilometre "easy" route or the 22km. "long" route to the city.

Marchers are expected to block the entry to Jerusalem during the morning — effectively cutting off the city from the coastal plain.

For those still with energy to burn the marchers will parade along Jaffa Road in the afternoon where they will be joined by 5,000 people taking part in the annual Christian Feast of Tabernacles celebration.

LEOPARD PATROL ENDS DUE TO KIBBUTZ APATHY

BEERSHEBA. — The Nature Reserves Authority recently halted nightly patrols aimed at scaring away a leopard from Kibbutz Ein Gedi, after the kibbutz failed to carry out the authority's recommendations.

The kibbutz, located on the Dead Sea shore, asked the authority's help two months ago, after a leopard entered its grounds and ate a duck. The authority suggested the kibbutz repair its fence, keep gates closed and prune trees near the fence.

The authority sent nightly patrols until it determined that the kibbutz did not implement the proposed safeguards.



Old Bethlehem Market

\$2m. AGRICULTURAL MARKET INAUGURATED IN BETHLEHEM

BETHELHEM. — Arab money sent through Jordan, American aid channelled through the Save the Children-Community Development Foundations and shekels provided by the military government have paid for a large steel, stone and concrete market which Mayor Elias Freij expects will serve some 500,000 people a year — as well as bargain-seeking Israelis. The total cost of the market, the largest privately funded aid project in the administered territories, is \$2 million, with the CDF providing the lion's share. The market, which Freij inaugurated yesterday, will be open to the public next month, when an estimated 30 vendors will be assigned shops here. It is the largest market of its kind in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Freij told reporters.

It is expected to replace the small cluster of shops in Bethlehem's old sector which had been difficult to reach and overcrowded. The new market is on Bethlehem's southern outskirts with ample parking space for 300 cars so it can be easily reached by the many residents who have cars. The municipality is planning to open a bus line from the center of the town, the mayor said.

Much of the money for this project appears to have come from Arab countries. Freij reported receiving some \$664,000 through Jordan. He would not say which countries contributed the money, but the military governor, Sgan-Aluf Haim Aviv, said the money came from countries such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait but not from the PLO.

But the municipality ran short of funds to complete the project so the U.S. Agency for International Development contributed some \$900,000 which was funnelled through the Save the Children-Community Development Foundation of Westport, Connecticut. Some of that money will go to providing refrigerators for meat and a Red Cross station. Israel, the mayor said, contributed a little less than \$100,000.

NUMEIRI: ARABS SHOULD NEGOTIATE

Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiri says that Israel is a fait accompli and it is impossible to throw the Israelis into the sea. He told the Kuwaiti journal *A-Nahda* that the military option was no longer viable, and the Arabs should conduct political negotiations with Israel.

Numeiri said that it was to be regretted that Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians had not joined the Camp David peace process along with the rest of the Arab world.

TO CONTAIN KAHANE MOVES FOR KNESSET ANTI-RACISM LAW

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is spearheading a drive against Kach leader and Knesset member-elect Meir Kahane with a personal appeal to all MKs to support an anti-racism law.

Kollek's appeal is one of several efforts to block Kahane. At least two groups are planning a nationwide petition for the Knesset to enact an anti-racism law.

Kollek's appeal to MKs says that they must not allow small but dangerous groups like Kach to act according to "dark passions and ideas" that "undermine the basic moral tenets of the state."

Ariel Dulzin, World Zionist Executive chairman, said in reference to Kach: "We are witnessing a serious phenomenon of verbal and physical violence, shameful occurrences that are clearly racist, aimed against Arabs living in Israel. A law against racism will be the clear response to all anti-Semites who claim that Zionism and the State of Israel are racist."

A first move towards enacting such legislation was undertaken by Mapam Knesset members Dov Zakin and Elazar Granot. The two called on the chairman of the Knesset Law Committee in the outgoing Knesset to convene a meeting of the committee to prepare a first reading of an anti-racism law proposed by Mapam MK Mohammad Wattad.

Arab trade unionists told a news conference yesterday that Kahane's actions were causing "serious damage" to the relations that the unionists have been trying to foster between Jews and Arabs "for decades."

The unionists appeared less concerned with Kahane himself — "a person who is not normal and whom the Israeli public will leave when he is sent to a mental asylum," Yousif Khamis of the Histadrut central committee said. They appeared more concerned with Kahane's success in winning the votes of more than 22,000 people.

"What worries me most as a resident of the Western Galilee is that in a place like Kfar Ata — which is in an area with an Arab majority — Kahane won 5 per cent of the votes," one official said. "This is a place where Jews and Arabs meet daily, work together, drink together and play together," he added.

Mapam MK Elazar Granot, a member of Kibbutz Shoval in the Negev, has asked Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg to investigate an incident in which followers of Kahane in Netivot allegedly attacked Beduin yesterday morning.

Kahane himself said yesterday in Tel Aviv that he plans to start a nationwide campaign for the expulsion of Arabs and banning sexual relations between Jews and non-Jews.

He also said that in the drive, which he plans to launch on Wednesday in poor neighbourhoods and development towns, where he had received most of his support, he would say: "You and I against the mass media and the reds. That includes the liberals and the centrist Shinui and the Citizens Rights Movement."

ASHKELON SUMMER CAMP TO INTEGRATE ETHIOPIANS

ASHKELON. — Ethiopian immigrants' children will attend summer camps run by the local community centre here, director Meir Abergel said yesterday.

"We're trying to integrate these children of the neighbourhoods," he said. "The emphasis will be on helping immigrants in general and Ethiopian Jews in particular to feel at home in Israel."

BANK OF ISRAEL PLANS IS100,000 NOTE

Inflation is outpacing the Bank of Israel's schedule for introducing higher denomination bank notes. Bank officials are now discussing the possible introduction of a IS10,000 note by the end of the year, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Some time next year, a IS50,000 note, which the bank had intended to be the highest denomination in circulation, will be introduced. But the pace of inflation is so high, that the bank fears that a IS100,000 bill will be necessary.

'400,000 JEWS WANT TO LEAVE SOVIET UNION'

TEL AVIV. — Some 400,000 Soviet Jews who have taken the first steps leading to emigration are suffering economic and psychological hardship now that the authorities there have virtually closed the gates.

This was stated yesterday by a spokesman for the Public Committee for Soviet Jews, which is to hold its convention here today.

Last month, only a handful of Jews left the USSR. Last year, only 1,315 left, the lowest number since 1970.

The committee spokesman also reported that government-sponsored anti-Semitism is on the rise in the USSR. He said that some observers believe it may portend severe persecution of Soviet Jews if the Soviet Union's international position should deteriorate.

SHLOMO MINTZ RECEIVES ITALIAN MUSICAL PRIZE

SIENA, Italy. — Israeli violinist Shlomo Mintz on Friday received an award for "outstanding artistic achievement" from Chigiana musical academy of Siena.

A panel of judges consisting of musicians and critics from western Europe and the U.S. awarded Mintz the \$6,000 prize.

He made his debut at age 11 with the Israel Philharmonic and has since established himself as one of the world's major violinists.

NEW ISRAEL PISTOL 'BETTER THAN MANY RIFLES'

HAIFA. — The Desert Eagle, a new high-powered magnum pistol developed by the Israel Military Industries, was described yesterday at the 18th congress on mechanical engineering in the Technion.

Ilan Shalev of the IMI told the standing-room audience of engineers that the semi-automatic handgun, "in fact a small rifle," uses standard 0.357-inch magnum ammunition.

The gun is designed for competitive shooting, for hunting and for use by the police. At 1.7 kilograms it is too heavy for foot patrolmen, though an aluminium frame that will reduce weight by 500 grams is being developed.

With its standard six-inch barrel, the Eagle is said to be accurate at 200 metres, and with a 14-inch barrel it is accurate at 300 metres.

After his lecture, Shalev told *The Jerusalem Post* that IMI already has orders from the U.S. for 10,000 Eagles and orders from Europe, with at least a similar quantity ordered for next year. In the U.S. the gun sells at \$700.

Its accuracy is described as greater than that of many rifles. It is also highly reliable.

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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 as we have them recorded in Matthew 6:19, 20.

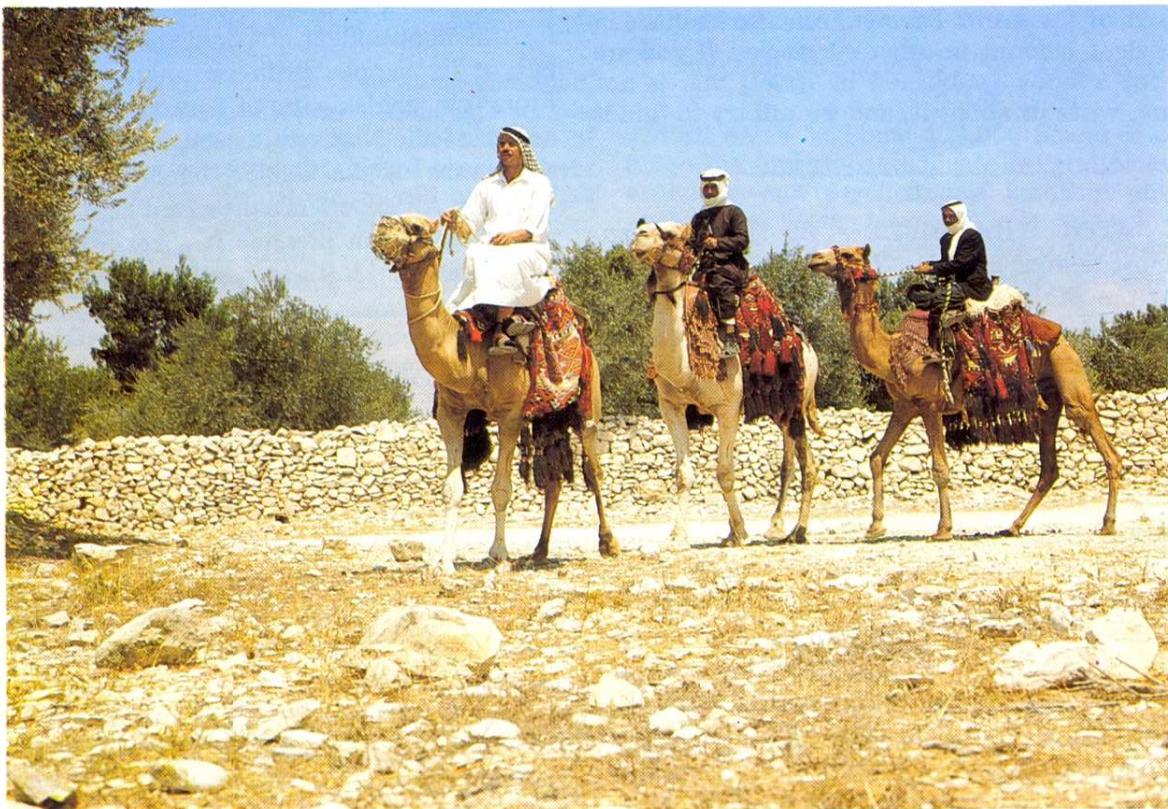


"CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS: FOR THOU SHALT FIND IT AFTER MANY DAYS."

(ECCLESIASTES 11:1)



"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.



Arab Bedouin with their camels. You still see quite a few camels in Israel (of the one-hump variety) especially in the desert areas of the country where the bedouin live.

MESSIAH – THE PRINCE OF PEACE

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." Micah 5:2

"There the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (interpretation – God with us)." Isaiah 7:14

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone

astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." Isaiah 53:1-9

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." Zechariah 12:10

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

PSALMS 122:6.