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YE SHALL LIVE ALSO

By JACOB C. REGIER

In the fourteenth chapter of John we learn that Jesus promised to build a mansion for His own. He promised that some day he would return and receive them unto himself. In the nineteenth verse of this chapter we read this: "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but

ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also." We would like to discuss in this article that wonderful mystery, "BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO."

"Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin



worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed in me." These words we read in the oldest book in the Bible, Job 19:23-27. Here we learn that God's servants have always had a hope of life beyond the grave. Job, the perfect man, knew that some day he would go the way of all flesh. He knew that some day the grave would receive his remains; he knew his body would decay; but he also knew of something greater than the grave and corruption. God had revealed a mysterious secret to him that the apostle explained nearly sixteen hundred years afterward in First Corinthians chapter fifteen: "Behold I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

In our time we can have the same faith and assurances that the servants of God had in ages past. We are like Job about the matter of life and death in this respect: Yes, we know we are alive today and may be dead tomorrow because just as surely as we are alive we know that death is appointed to us. We know not when death will come but we know that it is coming. How do we know it? Do we learn about death through faith? No! We learn about death by observation. We see our kind dieing around us every day. But how do we learn about life hereafter and about the resurrection from the dead? We learn about life and resurrection through the Word of God. We learn of it through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We learn that Christ was the Word that became flesh and dwelt among men and men beheld Him as the Only Begotten of the Father. We learn about Life and the Resurrection because

we believe the testimony of Christ and his disciples. We learn of Life and the Resurrection because Jesus, the Son of God, was the firstfruits of the resurrection. We remember he said, "I am the resurrection and the life" and, "Because I live ye shall live also."

Once in the life time of Elijah the prophet of God, a dead child was resurrected by the prayers of this prophet. Once in the life-time of Elisha a similar occasion occurred. We also read about the time a dead man was hurriedly laid on the bones of the departed prophet Elisha. When the dead body touched the bones of the prophet he was resurrected. These wonderful things happened at the command and works of Men of God. Even during the ministry of Jesus the dead were raised at His Command. In the ninth chapter of Acts we read that through Peter's prayers Dorcas was raised from the dead. These are wonderful events. Any event that would rob death of its victim would be wonderful! But these wonderful events were few and far between, one might say. Each of these wonderful events in the lifetime of the prophets; of Jesus; and also of the apostles; each of these resurrections occurred at the command of someone in God's divine command. God is the giver of life and all good things. God is the author and finisher of everything. The resurrection from the dead comes from Him. We can attain to it only through Jesus Christ the Son of God! So God has ordained it.

At Easter time each year we are reminded of the resurrection of our Lord. The story of His last days with the disciples is retold again and again. We hear afresh and anew how Jesus our Lord prayed in the garden of Gethsamane and how He willingly surrendered His all to God when He said, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt." We hear again how he was betrayed by an unfaithful disciple. We are reminded of the cruel mockery that he faced in the judgment hall. We learn again that perjured evidence condemned Him to die. We remember again how that Pilate could have spared the Son of God but washed his hands in water

and transferred the responsibility of Jesus's blood to the blood-thirsty crowd and their religious leaders. Again we hear of the purple robe and the scourging and the weary trek up the hill of execution. We read once more of the cruel hands that nailed Him to the cross and the spear that thrust His side. We read of Jesus's last words on the cross, "It Is Finished" and we bow and thank the living God that He loved mankind so much that He willed for His Only-Begotten to die in our stead. Truly the work of redemption was finished when Jesus gave up the ghost and died.

Oh yes, we know! We know that Judas could not have found the Lord to betray Him; The soldiers could not have arrested Him; The angry priests could not have stirred the violent mob against Him; Pilate could not have committed Him to the soldiers; They could not have forced Him to drag the cross up Calvary; They could not have nailed Him to the tree; They could not have pierced His side; and Christ Jesus would not have died but for the Will of the heavenly Father. God Willed it So for Mankind!

But this is not the complete story we hear at Easter time. We hear of the resurrection of our Lord and Master after he had spent three days and three nights in the sealed tomb. God not only willed that His Son should die but that He should also be the victor over death, hell and the grave. Praise His Holy Name forever!

Jesus wanted His disciples to know that He would raise from the dead. He tried to tell them so but they could not believe it because they could not understand it. I fear that many people today cannot believe the children of God will also be raised from the dead because they do not understand it.

Lazarus was dead. Jesus was notified. When He arrived at the home of Mary and Martha, four days had passed since his death. Let us read a few words of this account in John 11:21-23, "Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha

saith unto Him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"

Martha already believed in the resurrection in the last day. Jesus must have taught her this when she sat at His feet as a scholar. But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life". Jesus is the resurrection! Jesus is the Life! Jesus wants us also to know that we obtain the promise of the resurrection through Jesus. When the stone was rolled away from the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth." It was as Jesus commanded, Lazarus came forth. Jesus is the resurrection!

At Easter time we will hear again of Jesus being laid in a borrowed tomb. We'll learn how the women came and found the tomb empty on the first day of the week. We'll hear how the angel rolled the stone away and the watchers became as dead men. We'll hear of anxious Peter and doubting Thomas talking about the resurrection. Then we'll hear of Cleopas and another disciple walking along the Emmaus road and Jesus walking with them but they know Him not. We'll hear how Jesus begun with Moses and the prophets and explained the scriptures to them and made them to understand the mystery of Christ's suffering and the mystery of His resurrection. And with the two disciples we can say, "Did not our hearts burn within us when He walked with us by the way and expounded unto us the scriptures?"

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." (I Cor. 15:19-23.)

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we

GALENA, KANSAS—

The Lord has been great in pouring out his blessings upon us. Recently there has been four saved in the regular services. Our hearts overflow with praise and thanksgiving unto Him each time a soul is born into the kingdom of God. He especially meets with us in Sunday morning services, where it is not a bit unusual to hear shouts ring forth as His presence is felt in the hearts of His people. We are expecting a great day on Easter. The Sunday School will conduct a special Easter program that morning. Then there will be a basket dinner. That night will be the beginning of a revival conducted by Bro. Jack Barker and party. We're trusting the Lord for great times of refreshing in this revival meeting.—Bro. and Sis. M. D. Methvin, pastors.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

Best of Wishes and "May God bless you" are in order for Sis. Viola Modrick and Bro. Carl Hutson who were married March 13th, in Amarillo. We do not have further details, but for them we wish the finest of life's blessings.

The important thing about a problem is not its solution, but the strength we gain in finding the solution.—Highways of Happiness.

which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thess. 4:14-18.)

The secret of the mystery of our resurrection is found in Romans chapter 8, verse 11: "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you."

May the Lord Bless you.

OBITUARY Charles L. Holden

Charles L. Holden of Flagler, Colo., was born Sept. 26, 1878 in Iowa County, Iowa. He departed this life on Jan. 1, 1958, at the age of 79 years, 3 months, and 5 days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Crain in Kit Carson, Colo. His wife and daughter had cared for him during his illness since April, 1957.

He was united in marriage to Iva Van Syoc on March 8, 1911, at Arriba, Colo. The couple made their home on her homestead north of Flagler. He was engaged in farming and made this his home the rest of his life. To this union was born nine children, five daughters and four sons. Besides his wife and children he is survived by 23 grandchildren, 4 great-granddaughters, and many other relatives and friends.

His funeral was held at the Flagler Baptist church Jan. 7, 1958. Interment was in the Flagler cemetery.

Mr. Holden first heard of the Apostolic Faith Movement in 1930, brought to eastern Colorado by Sister Ostrander, and he accepted the teachings. He attended camp meetings at Meade, Kans., and Laverne, Okla., several times. He was a devoted Christian who loved to attend church and Sunday School. The last years he attended the Assembly of God church at Cope, Colo.

EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA—

The blessings of the Lord are still abiding with this new work. A few Sundays ago they had 61 out to Sunday School. The average is not that high, but there is a steady growth. The people of the church are doing their best to see their own souls grow strong, and are asking the Lord for a place of their own for worship. Let us all pray that God will undertake, the One who owns the cattle of a thousand hills can and will provide. Bro. Bill Allen is the pastor and he writes that they thank all the movement for holding them up in prayer when they needed it so badly. Bro. Homer Allen will be assisting in this work now. They are looking forward to some special services the last part of March with Bro. Olen Bachler.

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz
(EDITORIAL)

Greetings:

Here we are again with you for another month, and so filled with the joy and power of the Lord that He does all things well. The Katy revival is now history. Mainly it was for the church and we are leaving the results with the Lord. He knows how to encourage and strengthen all of us for the present and give us courage for days that lie ahead. We are now here with the "Wayside" county church, where Bro. and Sis. Regier are pastoring. We are to be here only for the week-end, that is Wed. over Sun. Two of those services are past. The Lord wonderfully blessed as the Word went forth. I feel that this is the beginning of a good revival that will be conducted by Bro. Jimmy Wallis and family beginning March 30th.

On that date (March 30th) we are to begin a revival with Bro. and Sis. Faries at Center Point, Tex. As soon as we can get to it we will go from there to Rockdale, Texas, for a revival there. We are asking you to please take a burden for these meet-

ings and ask the Lord to help us so that souls will be saved, bodies healed and each church blessed. We are to preach the Word, the Lord is to give the increase. I do not ask for the vain glory of men, nor the praise of self appointed judges of what is good or bad, but I do want the approval of the Lord in every move, for the Bible teaches us plainly that, "with out Jesus we can do nothing." Lately I expressed my desire to have a large wording in chart form of a Bible Scripture, Bro. and Sis. Elkins made that possible, and now I can display in each revival the words, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6. Last night I used the above for a text and it proved its worth. I am greatly encouraged to seek the Lord more, much more.

Any one can follow the Lord afar off, but it is not so easy to obey every command and seek Him until the necessary faith of the hour is given. We are all in need of more power with the Lord, power to meet each foe of the gospel in His Name. Let us also seek to have a God given unity with in our ranks and a confidence that each soldier of the Cross is doing their very best for the Master and for the cause. Let us be busy, working and praying until we see each task accomplished to the glory of the Lord.

Are you sending in the funds that you feel led of the Lord to do? Can you spare some more, we are short of funds, and yet it is only because somebody is not obeying the Lord in giving as they should. Please send in your offering small or large, so that we can soon come to you again with this publication.

May God bless you and give you victory. I enjoy this season of the year so much, because it is the time of rebirth, and all that the resurrection affords. I know that I cannot know all of its worth until that day of a new body, but I can thank God for all that is mine to understand. Pray for us, for the meetings that we must conduct. Pray for the coming youth camps, for the many daily vacation Bible Schools and for the Movement in general, for we do seek the will of the Lord and the growth that is due any active group of Believers.

Lines From The Co-Editor

We are thankful to once again have the privilege of coming to you with the Report. We pray that your lives are progressing in the things of God, and his rich blessings are upon all of you. God has been wonderful to all of us and by living daily for him we can only in a small way repay him for what he has done for us.

We would surely appreciate you readers carrying a burden for Report. We need your prayers very much. So each day in your hour of prayer, remember this paper. Thank you for all of your offerings and letters of appreciation and encouragement. Especially for your response to the children's page, and the news items you have sent. This is your paper and we want it to please you.

We have now come to the Easter season, when anew is brought to our memory the death, burial and resurrection of our wonderful Lord. Because of His resurrection we now have a hope beyond this earthly life. Let us meditate for just a moment—How far does our hope go? Is it just for a good life on earth; a good time; plenty of money; plenty of food; good cars and homes; or just a good moral life, taking good care of your family as far as temporal needs are concerned. Our HOPE MUST reach farther than an earthly hope. We MUST have a hope for eternity and the blessings of God. In I Cor. 15:19 "if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." We understand by this scripture we not only should have hope in Christ in this life, but we must have hope in Christ in the life to come. May God be real to each and all of you this Easter. If perhaps you don't know this resurrected Saviour, we pray you will become personally acquainted with Him and accept Him as your Lord and Saviour.

Yours in Christ's Service,
M. D. METHVIN

—: Please Send News :—

CHILDREN'S PAGE

GOD SENDS A CHAIR A Problem In Addition

By LOIS ALLEN

Michael was a young boy about eight years of age. He would have been like any other American boy except for one thing, Michael couldn't walk. This was because he had polio when he was four years old, and this disease left his legs paralyzed, he would never walk again.

Michael lived alone with his widowed mother, he was never privileged to go anywhere, he stayed home alone all day while his mother worked. Michael longed very much to have two special prayers answered. One was that he could go to Sunday School and the other was that he could have a wheel chair. Michael had prayed these two prayers very often in the past few years and it seemed to him that God would never answer.

One day a man moved into the neighborhood where Michael lived, and every day he passed the boy's house on the way to work. Each day he would see the little boy sitting by his bedroom window. Since it was summer and the window was always open, Michael and the man started saying hello to each other and before long they were good friends and the man would stop awhile and visit with Michael on his way home from work.

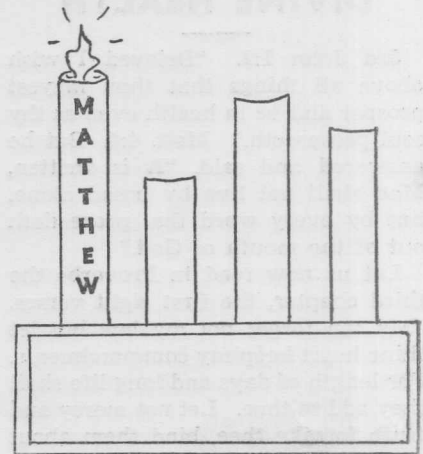
As the man came down the sidewalk one evening he heard Michael praying to the Heavenly Father to please give him a wheel chair so that he could go to Sunday School. As the man listened to the prayer of the small boy it seemed as if God spoke to him and said, "I HAVE HEARD MICHAEL'S PRAYER; AND YOU CAN HELP ANSWER IT FOR ME IF YOU WILL." God then made the man remember the large sum of money he had in the bank. God said, "Why don't you use some of it to buy a wheel chair for Michael?" This started the man to thinking, Yes, he did have more money in the bank than he needed. The man also knew that it was because God had

Would you like to know the number given the mark of the beast? Add this . . .

No. Saved in Noah's Ark.—I Pet. 3:20.
No. Seen in Fiery Furnace.—Dan. 3:25.
No. of Sauls sons hanged.—II Sam. 21:9.
No. of people who lapped water and delivered Midianites to Gideon.—Judges 7:6.
No. of elders Moses set in Tabernacle Ex. 24:9.
No. of days Jesus fasted.—Matt. 4:2.
No. of years Solomon reigned.—I Kings 11:42.
No. of years David reigned.—I Kings 2:11.
No. of children of Job's after afflictions.—Job 42:13.
No. of children of Job's before affliction.—Job 1:2.
No. Jesus appointed to go out by twos.—Luke 10:1.
No. of chapters in Isaiah.
No. of the one we should not worship.—Add all these together and you will have the answer.

been so generous with him that he had been able to save this money. The man told God he would be glad to buy the chair for Michael since God had always provided his every need. So the very next Saturday the man bought the wheel chair and took it to Michael. When Michael saw the chair he asked the man where he had got it, and the man said, "God sent the chair in answer to your prayer, because you haven't become discouraged or angry when your prayers weren't answered the very first time you prayed." The man said, "Michael, God has given me the privilege of bringing this chair to you."

That night two prayers were prayed, these were both prayers of thanksgiving. Michael said, "Thank you God for answering my prayer." The man said, "Thank you God for letting me work for you, and letting me share in bringing happiness to a little boy."



Light the Gospel Candles

The Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament. If you do not know the names of them, look them up now. There is one candle for each Gospel. I have printed the name of Matthew on the first candle. You print the names of the other three, in the right order. Notice that Matthew is the tallest candle because the book of Matthew has more chapters than the others. Have I made the other three the right size? Is the second Gospel the shortest? Now draw a flame on the three candles. If you have water colors, you could paint an orange flame on all four. The candles should be left white.

In the ruled panel under the candles write "Jesus said" and copy John 8:12 (7 words).

Dear Bros. Schultz and Methvin,

We enjoyed the Children's Page very much and would like for you to put it in the paper each month.

The Junior S. S. Class
Lovington, New Mexico.

(Mike Sheffield, Steven Carter, Joyce Caudill, Retta Fay Moore, Linda Lee Carter, Anita Sheffield, Mrs. Stephen Welsh, teacher.)

The answer to the Bible Problem is Number 666.

Divine Healing Is Of The Lord

DIVINE HEALTH

3rd John 1:2. "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." Matt. 4:4. But he answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Let us now read in Proverbs the third chapter, the first eight verses. "My son forget not my law but let thine heart keep my commandments. For length of days and long life shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck: write them upon the tables of thine heart: So shall thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones."

As in sin our mother conceived us so also at birth did we have the impure blood of our mother, thus we have diseases transmitted from parent's besides those acquired. Sometimes sickness is caused by a transgression of God's laws or omitting to do something we feel or know to be required of us, the latter I feel to be more prevalent.

Broken vows bring disappointments. No doubt we at sometime may have to go through a test or trial in body, but not month after month or over and over again for the Lord knows what is in us and whether or not our trust is fully in Him.

As the scripture hath said, He needeth not that any should testify of man for He knew what was in man. St. John 2:25.

In Psalms 105:37 we read among the children of Israel there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Isa. 52:11. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." Jer. 17:14. "Heal me O Lord and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved:

for thou art my praise." So beyond a doubt if the Lord can keep us saved he can also keep us healed.

In Joel 3:21 we read, "For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed, for the Lord dwelleth in Zion."

We will now go to New Testament scriptures again. St. John 17:19. (This is Jesus speaking.) "And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

I Thess. 5:23. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the following verse we are assured that faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it."

II Cor. 7:1 "Having therefore these promises dearly beloved let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Consumption, cancer, catarrh, yes many diseases we might mention are filthy. How can we cleanse ourselves? By going to the cleanser, Jesus Christ.

Rom. 12:1. "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."

If the Lord promised to persevere blameless, spirit, soul and body we must let Him sanctify or cleanse us wholly to be acceptable unto Him.

I Cor. 6:19,20. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." We certainly should want Him to dwell in a body free from filth.

I Cor. 12:27. "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular."

I'm sure with the price Christ paid He would see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied if His body was sanctified instead of being full of wounds and sores. Hear the precious promise found in Rom. 8:11. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal

bodies (not corruptible) by his spirit that dwelleth in you."

I Cor. 11:28,29,30. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body: For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep."

May God help you and I to discern or understand the value of the stripes placed upon the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we seek earnestly all that was purchased for us through the sacrifice of God's dear son having an experience as recorded in the 91st Psalm. Instead of waiting for a cleansing of our blood when Christ returns, let him do it now.

The following is a testimony I feel the Lord would have me make known to all. In Sept., 1956, I became so ill, and found little relief for a few months, in fact my health was very poor for a year; but with all that was in me, the marvelous grace of God and the prayers of loved one far and near God was merciful to me in sparing my life. I was fighting for life, didn't feel my work for the Lord was finished and according to his word if it was, through faith I wouldn't have to be destroyed by the Devil, for Jesus came to destroy his works.

Redemption has been my goal since hearing this glorious news about thirty-six years ago. Through these years I have loathed sin and disease.

In the beginning disobedience brought sin and this was followed by sickness and death. Thank God for deliverance through his son Jesus Christ. When I was so sick the folk from the church would come and pray for me and I did appreciate it so much and to all who have prayed for me I thank you from the depth of my heart. But I was so ashamed all this time knowing the Lord had sanctified my body years ago, and I was failing to glorify him, and I asked the loved ones who were praying for me to ask the Lord to continue to whip me in line if it was a chastening from Him.

Sometimes a friend would say, you must remember you are no longer young, but that sympathy did not

TANEYVILLE, MISSOURI—

Surely the Lord is blessing in the work here. If you remember Bro. and Sis. V. E. Blythe took this church to pastor last fall and there has been a steady growth every since. Right after the first of the year God gave a gracious revival, wherein seventeen were saved, and many encouraged in their fight for the Lord. Bro. and Sis. Allen Long were the evangelists. Bro. Long and family are staying on for a few weeks while their daughter is in school. They have the Thursday night services. Bro. Blythe has the Sunday services. Last report there was 80 in Sunday School as it usually the case several of the regular attendance was absent. Bro. Long has been preaching some at the "Community Church" near Branson where Bro. and Sis. Bob Grady pastor. O praise the Lord for every open door and every good gift that comes down from the Heavenly Father.

satisfy or comfort the longing in my heart for in Matt. 8:17 I had read "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." So as years creep upon us and in the natural one could or does become feeble and frail, I felt the spirit abiding within would quicken and our strength shall be as the day.

At the beginning of this new year I have been praying and asked others to pray that I might have more power with God and man. I'm not speaking of fame or a great name with great headlines in the newspapers or magazines, but more like Jesus, His word fulfilled in me and able to lift Him up.

After one month of this sincere desire it was revealed to me that the message of Divine Health was a part of God's Word that for sometime I had been failing to preach as I once did. A burden has fallen upon me for this message so I'm sending it to the readers of the Apostolic Faith Report and I covet your prayers that the experience be mine for a sermon lived means more than one preached.

So if there are those who have fallen asleep and others who are weak and sickly because of me not giving them God's holy word, my prayer is dear Lord forgive!

—MRS. E. A. GREEVER

DECKER'S PRAIRIE—

Following the Rockdale revival, that is in the last part of April or the first part of May it is our plans to conduct a short revival for these folk. (Evang. Gail Schultz and wife in charge). This church is near Houston and we ask our many friends to come worship with us. Bro. and Sis. A. B. Corl are the pastors. About this time Bro. Corl will have finished his work with the Texas Co. and plans to have much more time for the Lord's work.

ROCKDALE, TEXAS—

The exact date has not been set for the beginning of a revival here, but it will be shortly after Easter, perhaps the following Sunday with Evangelist Gail Schultz and wife in charge. They will have other Gospel workers all the time and over the week ends. Do set aside time to come to this meeting. Ask the Lord to make this a time of searching out the deep things of the Lord. Bro. and Sis. Morgan as the pastors are working to see the Glory of the Lord revealed.

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.—

We are glad to report that God has been blessing in our services with one man being saved recently. The harvest truly is white and we are praying that the church here may be able to reach souls for Jesus. We have appreciated the new churches in Spring Valley and El Centro and the fellowship of the youth rallies and other services we have had together. We are looking forward to some special services by Bro. Glen Bachler the past part of March.—Bro. and Sis. Doyle Wiles, pastors.

GRAVETTE, AKANSAS—**Mt. Olive Church**

Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long and family are the new pastors here. They have moved in to the parsonage and are busy working getting things in order. Their first Sunday here the Sunday School attendance was 31 and last Sunday they had 29. There is a wonderful prospect for a thriving church at this place. They desire the prayers of the movement for this place and especially for a revival in the near future.

EDNA, TEXAS—

The Wayside Chapel on Star Rt. where Bro. and Sis. J. C. Regier are pastoring still proclaims a Full Redeeming Gospel to all that come their way. March 19-23 Bro. and Sis. Gail Schultz conducted special week-end services. Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Wallis will conduct an Easter Revival here March 30th thru April 6th. The youth of the Chapel will put on a special program for the Easter Sunrise Service. Every Sunday morning at 8:15 to 8:30 this group is broadcasting from Station K.U.L.P., El Campo, Tex. The name of their program is "Gospel Echoes". Tune in, it will do you good.

ALVIN, TEXAS—

March 23 was the beginning date for a revival in the Apostolic Faith church, Fourth and Adoue Sts., where Bro. and Sis. Winston Barker are pastoring. Bro. J. D. Ray is the evangelist. He is assisted by the Glad Tidings Quartet composed of Bros. Elbert Pool, Jackie Cornell, Truman Summerford and J. D. Ray. Sis. Lamoyne Barker is the pianist.

On March 16th, special services were conducted by Gail Schultz and wife. In the afternoon we went to the Mohawk Camp for a great afternoon service. Many souls are blessed when we give out the Word, so let us give it out everywhere.

ALIEF, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Olen Bachlers are the pastors of the Alief church. We were permitted to be with them one service and enjoyed the giving out of the Word. Bro. and Sis. Eugene Waterbury will be taking care of the work while Bro. Bachler is out in some revival meetings.

BALKO, OKLAHOMA—

The church here is growing in attendance. They are looking forward to a revival soon. Recent visiting preachers here were Bro. Bill Allen and Bro. J. D. Ray.—Bro. and Sis. A. W. Ferguson, pastors.

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA—

This church is still progressing. They've been having very spiritual services. They, too, are looking for a revival soon, with more blessings from the Lord.—Bro. and Sis. E. K. Cornell, pastors.

THE HOLY LAND AND PROPHECY

The words "Holy Land" brings immediate thought to Christians and Bible scholars of Patriarchs, Prophets, Kings and great leaders in a land connected with Bible lore. However the geographical setting is often taken lightly with little thought given to the fact that the very LAND was divinely given. It is the local point where God would deal both spiritually and physically with the Nations and Kingdoms of the world. This small territory has been the battlefield of centuries, and within its boundaries the last great battle will take place. This land was the birthplace of our Saviour from heaven. It is also going to be this sacred land that Jesus will come back to as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

God formed man out of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. What elevates man above the other creatures which God made is the fact that He gave man a soul. The greatest attribute of the soul of man was the ability to reason or to make his own choice. Adam and Eve, in yielding to temptation of satan, sold out the human family to the curse of death.

In Genesis 3:15 we find a covenant God made with mankind which was the promise of a Redeemer through the seed of woman. For 4,000 years each generation brought a new link to the golden chain which was completed in the birth of Jesus. The "Father" of the Holy Land, Abram, was of this regal line through Seth, Noah, and Shem.

First mention of a special land grant was given in connection with the call of Abram, Genesis 12:1-3, "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a LAND that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." This land is further described in verses 6 and 7, "And

Abram passed though the LAND unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the LAND. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this LAND."

It was a land directed to Abram's posterity only. Genesis 13:14-17, "And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the LAND in the length of it and in the breadth of it! for I will give it unto thee." Genesis 15:7, "And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it". This was to be established through the promised son Isaac, Genesis 17:19 "And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

Abram desired a sign or confirmation of this land gift from God. (Genesis 15) The ceremony which took place was the slaying of a three year old heifer, a three year old she goat, a three year old ram and a young pigeon which was consumed with fire from God. This ratified the covenant made with Abram. "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" Genesis 15:18. This warranty deed has never been revoked, but is on record in the courts of Heaven yet today.

There are two ways of locating geographically this small portion of this earth's surface designated to Abram and his descendants. First, it is the land of the Canaanites. These were tribes or small nations situated in the Old Testament world with the Great Sea as its Western boundary, the wilderness of Paran to the South, the Great Syrian Desert to the East, the mountains of Southern

Asia as its Northern boundaries. Second, its land lay between the River of Egypt and the Euphrates River. The river of Egypt here is not the Nile, but the river called Sichor, which was before or on the border of Egypt, near the isthmus of Suez. The Euphrates runs from the Northeast section of the Mediterranean Sea to the Persian Gulf. It could be that during the Empire of David and Solomon all of the promised land could have been in possession of Abraham's descendants. II Samuel 8:3, II Chronicles 9:26. This however would depend on what degree of angle you would draw their Eastern boundary. From the River of Egypt to the mouth of the Euphrates or Persian Gulf you would take in a territory many times in size than that which has ever been controlled by Israel. This waste desert country could be utilized during the restoration to take care of the overflow of both Jew and Gentile. Zech. 8:23, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you."

Israel's history and future as a nation, has the greatest text book, which is the Bible itself. The spiritual and human side is stressed above the physical, yet there is woven among the history given by Moses and Israel's Kings and Prophets, to let us see their irregular boundaries from Abram to the Earth's renovation by fire.

God's conditional blessings promised to Israel was responsible for their up and down condition. Note the word IF here in the first verse of blessing, Deut. 28:1-14 "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.—And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail: and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them." Also

notice the IF in the first verse of cursing for disobedience, Deut. 28: 15-21, "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it." Verse 25, "The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out on way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into ALL the kingdoms of the earth". Verse 63 "And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you: so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and **ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.**

It is very important to keep clearly in mind that while the gift of LAND to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to their seed was complete and absolute, Israel's actual occupation of the deeded territory was entirely on conditional basis.

God dealt accordingly to Israel as He had promised them. Nebuchadnezzar, spoken of by Jeremiah as "God's servant", was given power as the king of Babylon to take Judah captive. Israel had gone into captivity by the Assyrian Kingdom 130 years before this time. For 70 years as was prophesied by Jeremiah 25:11 Judah was under bondage to the rule of Babylon and Medo-Persia power. Artaxerxes reaffirmed the commandment which had been given earlier by Cyrus to not only restore Jeru-

salem but also build the walls which had been torn down by Nebuzaradan, a general under Nebuchadnezzar. Israel not only suffered the occupation of her country to these powers but also suffered greatly under the Roman Empire. All of this was caused by the sins of the priest and the great idolatrous folly of Solomon, their last king.

During the reign of Herod, the temple which Zerubbabel had rebuilt was repaired and decorated and named Herod's Temple. This temple was greatly beloved by the Children of Israel. Matt. 24:1. Jesus prophesied that once again the temple would be torn down leaving not one stone upon another. This was fulfilled when Nero was king at Rome. He sent Titus to lay a siege upon the city to destroy not only the city but the temple also. Their own choosing brought swift judgment upon them, when they chose Barabbas rather than their promised Messiah, Jesus Christ whom they crucified. The judgments of God have been upon them, for they have been driven by various purges from country to country and have become a hiss and a by word among all nations. Ps. 44:13,14, Deut. 28:37.

Final Restoration Promised

Amos 9:14,15, "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their lands, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God."

The eyes of the world have been focused on the little country of Israel for the past decade. In the year 1917 General Allenby of the British Army recovered Israel from the hands of the Turks. This started their last pilgrimage which they shall ever have to make. These years are truly the "set time for her favor", as spoken of by David, Ps. 102:13. For ten years now Israel has been an independent nation. If we read the prophetic scripture aright, we can see why the rapid increase of Israel in world affairs nears us to the fateful and cataclysmic denouement of the age.

We hear and read about their strides of progress, however, if we were privileged to see with our own eyes we would be much more convinced the prophets were inspired of God. Ezek. 36:33,34,35, "And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited." The orchards, vineyards, truck-farms, grain fields, and even flowers and shrubbery would beyond doubt, cause one to know that God was with them, for truly this is "Beulah" Land. Isa. 62:4, Ezek. 36:8,9.

Nationally, the breach caused by Solomon, which resulted in the dividing of Judah and Israel, has been healed. The grudge of centuries is never spoken of, or remembered in Israel today. Ezekiel tells us of this union, 37:15-21, "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: and join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, **and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.** And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land." God is doing the dividing as it pleaseth Him, Ezek. 36:11, "And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: **and I will settle you** after your old estates, and will do better unto you
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THE THREE PHASES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

By LARRY WELSH

"As for him who is sown 'on good soil', that is the man who hears the word and understands it; he bears fruit, producing now a hundredfold, now sixty, and now thirtyfold." Matthew 13:23, Moffatt translation.

Thirty Fold

The entrance into the saved state can only take place after the Holy Spirit has opened the eyes of the spiritual understanding to the truth. After this it is man's place to repent. (Matt. 1:15) with a Godly sorrow and believe the Lord for salvation, after which God's promise of forgiveness to him will be in effect. (Acts 2:38) Repent and be baptised for the remission of sins.

The depth of height of this experience is such that the saved individual is to win souls to the Lord, but at best can bring forth only half as many fruits as the sanctified of the Lord, or a third as many as the Spirit filled. (Matthew 13:23).

The exit of the thirtyfold Christians may be with a normal death, or he may have, and shall go, to the martyr's route. But death is the only exit from this life for the thirtyfold Christian.

(Revelation 12:11) If he dies a martyr's death, he will come up in the first resurrection with the blessed and hold dead to dwell with Christ through the millenium, whose final reward will be that of the sixtyfold or the sanctified class.

If he dies other than a martyr's death, he will come up on the second resurrection of the end of the millennial age to appear before the Great White Throne Judgment and live in the new earth, without the privilege of entering the New Jerusalem.

The reward will be star glory in value, differing as each star differeth one from another.

Sixty Fold

The entrance into the life of holiness is through the door of Sanctification which is God's work on a life fully consecrated to Him. The depth of his experience will bring him into joint heirship with Christ (Romans 8:17) and the service he can

render will not exceed sixty per cent of being fully used of God.

The exit from this present state can either be of life of death, and a consecration unto death is necessary. If through life, then, the Christian represented by the Woman of Revelation 12 will flee into the wilderness to a place prepared of God for three and one half years, then is given in symbolical nature, two wings of a great eagle, with which they fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is kept of God from the "face of the serpent" (Satan) for the last three and one half years of the seven year tribulation period, until Christ returns and then is changed in a "moment and twinkling of an eye" (I Corinthians 5:52) from mortality to immortality to reign with the Lord.

If through the death route them, the Sanctified class in the major part will go to the grave to await the first resurrection at the second coming of Christ at which time the "corruption shall put on incorruption" (I Corinthians 15:53) and in this glorified body the saints shall come out of their graves to rise and meet the Lord in the air, for the marriage of the Lamb and His bride (Revelation 19:7). After the meeting in the air (I Thess. 4:17) they will return to the earth (Jude 14) where Christ's foot shall touch the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4) and it will cleave into two parts forming a great valley (Zech. 14:4) where the saints will be kept while Christ goes out alone (Isiah 63:3) to fight the last battle (Rev. 16:16) after which He sets up His reign for the next one thousand years known as the Millenium (Rev. 20:4).

The reward of the sanctified ones will be as the moon's glory (I Cor. 15:41) in which they will dwell in the presence of Christ in the New City, Heavenly Jerusalem throughout eternity.

One Hundred Fold

The one hundred fold, or Holy Spirit filled class of Christians and also a group who follow Christ whithersoever He goeth (Rev. 14:4) enter into this experience through yielding their consecrated body wholly to the Lord at which time the Holy Spirit confirms His indwelling by anointing the recipient to speak in a new, and foreign lan-

MISSIONARY TO JAPAN

We have had in our few services here at the Wayside chapel, as guests, Bro. and Sis. Sanderholm. They were in our meeting here several years ago. They have spent five years in Japan as missionaries. One young man came to the classes to learn English and as a result was wonderfully saved, and now he is winning his family and friends to the Lord. Bro. Sanderholm plans to return in May to Japan. There he gives out tracts, makes house to house visitations, helps in street meetings and in all possible ways reaches the people of Japan with the Gospel. He works as an independent missionary, and goes forth by faith alone. These fine people desire an interest in your prayers. They appreciate all gifts and considerations. Their home address is Frank O. Sanderholm, 1910 Lake St., Glendale 1, Calif.

guage (Acts 2:4). This experience if maintained is a seal unto the day of Redemption (Eph. 1:13, 4:30).

The depth of the experience of the Holy Spirit filled Christians will be that of one hundred fold, in other words, God uses that individual in the greatest extent that He wants to. This group of people follow the gentle leading of the Holy Spirit wherever He would sway (Rev. 14:4, and are without fault before the throne of God.

At the beginning of the tribulation period, a seven year period just prior to Christ's second coming known as "Jacob's time of trouble", (Jer. 30:7) the rapture of catching away of the 144,000 Holy Spirit class occurs. This group represented as a man child in Rev. 12:5, shall escape the seven year tribulation period and return with Christ as He comes the second time (Zech. 14:4).

They shall rule as with a rod of iron (Rev. 12:5) with Christ during the following one thousand years or millenium (Rev. 20:4), and shall continue to dwell in the presence of God in the New City, Heavenly Jerusalem which is coming down from God out of heaven (Rev. 21:2).

This reward will be that of the sun glory in value. (I Cor. 15:41, Matt. 13:43).

SPENARD, ALASKA—

Bro. E. W. Dixon has been with Bro. and Sis. Palmer for several weeks of services. These meetings were not only conducted at Spenard, but at Northway, Cordova, Valdez and Kenai. Trips were made to Indian villages and trapper outposts. All of this by plane, and a one night forced stop caught them in 28 below zero weather. Bro. Palmer has also been with the Kodiak Christian Center of Kodiak. If plans materialize Bro. Palmer plans a summer's convocation at the Spenard Chapel and extends an invitation to all to attend. Bro. Donnie Bachler and family have returned to Anchorage, where Donnie is in the services. Each Sunday morning at 9:15-9:45 the Palmers are on the air from radio station KFQD in Anchorage. Their program is known as "The Shield of Faith."

CENTER POINT, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis Joe Faries are still working for the Lord from this point. Wife and I (your editor) plan to be in services with these good people from March 30 over Easter. Do pray that we may see a real breaking through, so that souls are refreshed, encouraged and new ones born into the Kingdom. I see a need of growth and expansion. A rekindling and seeking of the Lord with a joy and vision. Let us not give up, nor let go until the blessings come.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA—

Bro. Olen Bachler was chosen as the evangelist to go to Stockton for their spring revival that is to begin Easter. Bro. and Sis. Bill Patterson are holding forth the Word of Life as pastors and the Lord is blessing the efforts put forth. Bro. Bachler left Katy a few days early so that he could pay a visit to the churches at El Centro, Spring Valley and Palm City and Modesto, Calif. I know his message will be a blessing.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—

The pastors from here, that is Bro. and Sis. Jim Morris have a very special announcement, which is that they have a new arrival in their home, Miss Morris to whom they have given the name of Jerri June. She was born March 6th, with a weight of 9 pounds, 3 ozs.

Youth Camp Announcement

Plans have been made for a Youth Camp at the Laverne Camp grounds, located four miles south of Laverne, Okla. This will be the Midwest Youth Camp, July 6th to July 11th. Sunday, July 6th, will be enrollment day, and a closing service will be on Friday night. We are looking forward to a wonderful Youth Camp, and desire the prayers of all that the camp will be a blessing to everyone. With conditions in the world as they are today, our youth certainly need all the Spiritual guidance that we, as Christians can give them.

We, as a committee, extend an invitation to all who feel led our way, to come and enjoy Youth Camp with us.

A. W. Ferguson, Box 51, Balko, Oklahoma

Kay Kerr, Rt. 1, Logan, Okla.

Olen Bachler, Box 514, Katy, Texas.

KATY, TEXAS—

May we report a good time with this people, we feel that the Lord was present in every service as the Word went forth. Some of the best services were about Divine Healing. We have a sure word of promise that the Lord that we serve is our healer. Bro. and Sis. Dibbens as pastors are doing a nice work here. They plan a special service for Easter—a basket dinner and afternoon service—come if you can. Here is a church with a welcome to everybody.

DES ARC, ARKANSAS—

Bro. and Sis. S. B. Echols are still busy from this point. They have had two short meetings conducted by a relative from Indiana, Bro. Clanton, and each time some good has been done with some saved. Bro. Echols and family not only carry a heavy burden for the work there, but at other points they labor as evangelists, seeking the lost wherever they may be found.

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—**Mid-Way Church**

Bro. R. D. Wooster will conduct a revival here beginning April 2. Pray for this revival and attend it if you can.—Bro. and Sis. K. Kerr, pastors.

ARTESIA, NEW MEX.—

There is a new work springing up here, almost as a root out of dry ground. Sis. Odessa Summerford is the pastor. They have a Sunday School and Bro. Ed Ditto is the superintendent. Sisters Hanna, Ola Crane and Summerford are the teachers. They feel they have a good foundation, lots of interest and a good spirit within the church. Bro. and Sis. Alfred Moses paid this church a visit not to long back which was enjoyed by all attending. These people want to build a church, let us pray that this desire may be realized.

BOOKER, TEXAS—

Bro. and Sis. Bob Russell keep quite busy working for the Lord, they have some church to minister to almost every Sunday and the Lord has been gracious to bless in these meetings. A few weeks ago, Bro. and Sis. E. K. Cornell made a trip to South Texas. They visited the Big Springs, Tex., church and the Alvin church and were with us in the Katy revival. During this time Bro. Russell had charge of the Hardesty church. Let us remember both Bro. and Sis. Russell in prayer for healing something of which they stand in need.

PERRYTON, TEXAS—

From Wednesday preceeding Easter until Easter Bro. and Sis. Bob Russell will be in special services with the Perryton church. God can do great things in these four services and we hope that it will be of such interest that a revival will result. Some say that revivals can be too long (that may be true) but it is also true that most meetings are far too short. Not only at Perryton, but let us in every church double our efforts to stay and pray and wait until the victory comes.

Bro. and Sis. Leon Smith desire to work for the Lord in an evangelistic measure this summer. They are open for calls to hold revivals. If you desire to contact them, their address is Pine Hill, Ala.

REMEMBER the Tri-State Youth Camp June 25-July 2, eight miles south of Joplin, Missouri. Everyone is welcome. Come if you can. Pray for the camp.

The Holy Land And Prophecy—

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than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

This last gathering is not brought about by reformation to the "Law" which brings blessing. This is not a merited gathering but is by special divine mercy and grace. Ezek. 36:21-30 "Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went." When God has fully completed this in Israel, "Then shall they remember their own evil ways, and their doings that were not good, and shall loathe themselves in their own sight, for their iniquities, and for their abominations", Ezek. 36:31. This could bring about the lamentations spoken of by Zechariah 12:10-13, "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. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart".

Who Owns the Land?

Signs of prosperity brought on a land grabbing struggle which is still in dispute today. The Arab peoples claim it belongs to them, through more or less "squatters rights", since Israel has not had possession for so long a period. Through Abraham they also claim heir to the land. Even though they are sons of Abram through Ishmael and the bond-woman, the irrevocable deed given to Abraham, Issac, and Jacob still stands. However there was a promise given these sons of Ishmael, they

were to be a nation. Gen. 21:13. Also they would dwell in the presence of all his brethren. Gen. 16:12.

They were to be a group of people bound together by a common heritage dwelling in or around the land of Israel. The holdings in Israels promised territory today are by Arab countries, the family dispute between Issac and Ishmael in these last days has brought world wide attention. U. N. intervention has hindered Israel's progress as a nation.

In God's set time, either by treaty or by force all the land of the covenant shall be theirs, even if it means defeating all nations of the world. Zec. 12:3,9. "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces **though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it!** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

Two Arab countries, Syris and Jordan, control much of Israel today. In Jerusalem the old sector which contains the temple site, is the most important uncontrolled territory today because it plays an important part in the restoration. Their temple is also in existance piror to the anti-christ reign, II Thess. 2:4, Their temple is in existance at the beginning of the Millenium Kingdom of Christ, for religious ceremonies. Zech. 14:16, Micah 4:2.

The fighting forces of the nations of the world are going to be gathered together for the last great battle, which is called Armageddon. It will be fought on Israelite soil on the

plains of Esdraelon. Joel 3:9-14, Rev. 16:16. Christs return to the Mount of Olives will bring an end to all wars. The armies shall be consumed by the brightness of his coming. II Thess. 2:8, Rev. 19:11-21, Zech. 14:3-16.

There will be a cleansing of the land after the great slaughter. Men will be hired to pick up and bury all bones, a burning of all refuse without cutting any trees of the forest for 7 years. Ezek. 39:9-16..

A boundary change during this thousand year reign is found in Ezek. 47:13-22 also in Ezek. 48-1-8. Jerusalem, it's suburbs and the land of Israel will be situated and divided to the twelve tribes, King David, and King of Kings, Jesus Christ for the peaceful duration of God's second rest day.

We who are privileged to live during this age, and see the budding of the fig tree can say it is truly the Lord's doing, and is marvelous in our sight!

CROSSES, ARKANSAS—

The church here is progressing fine. Bro. J. D. Ray was a recent visitor for mid-week service. Sister Lois Allen has been here since the close of Bible School to help work in the church. They are looking forward to a revival in April.—Bro. and Sis. Eugene Webster, pastors.

DONIPHAN, MISSOURI—

Mill Creek Church

Bro. G. K. Kerr recently held a very good revival here. Ten souls were saved. Sister Edna Neff assisted in this meeting.—Bro. and Sis. Geo. Hintergardt, pastors.

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