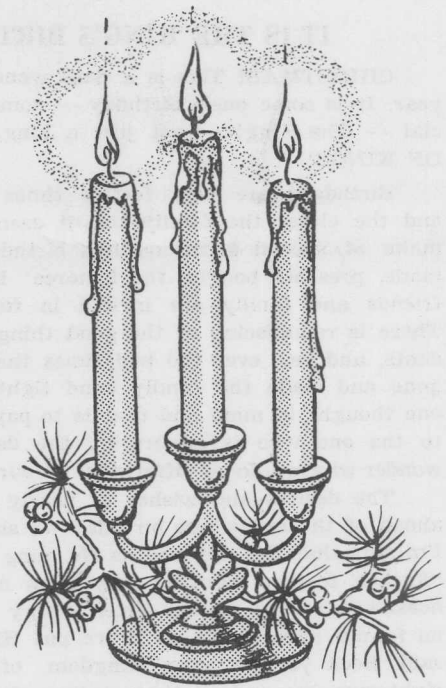
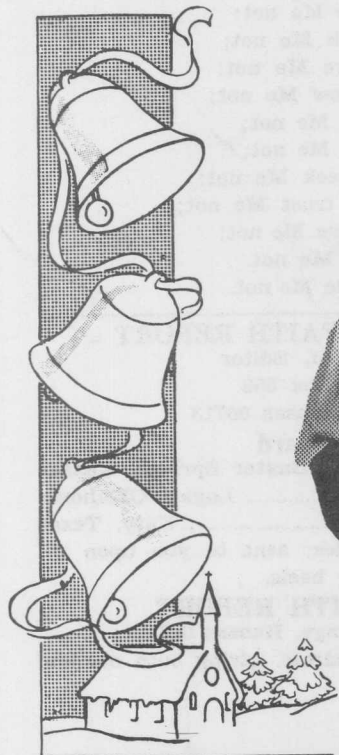
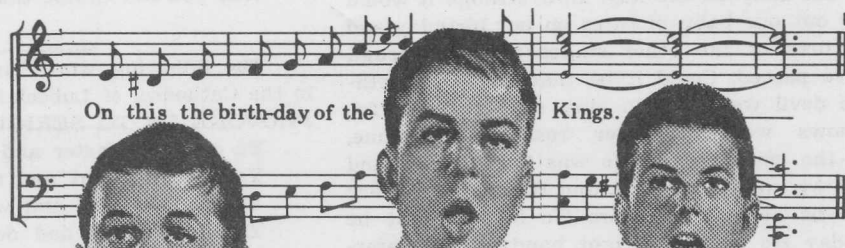


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The Birthday of the King of Kings



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## IT IS THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

CHRISTMAS! This is a most wonderful time of the year. It is some one's birthday — someone so very special — The King! — not just a king, but THE KING OF KINGS!

Birthdays are very festive times in most families and the closer the family ties it seems the more they make of special occasions like birthdays. Cakes are made, presents bought, the honoree is sung to and friends and family are invited in for a special meal. There is reminiscing of the good things, the funny incidents, and yes, even the bad times that have come and gone and made the family bond tighter. Everyone has one thought in mind and that is to pay special attention to the one who is celebrating the day of his birth. I wonder why we do so differently on our King's birthday?

The desires and wishes of nearly everyone are put ahead of the one whose birthday we should be honoring. I'm sure that the one who as He hung on the cross said "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" doesn't begrudge us the time, energy and money spent on family and friends — if we put Him first. For He said "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

I have wondered for several years why some people, the majority it seems, never think of the manger scene till Christmas and at Christmas they seem to think no further than the baby on the hay. How strange it would seem to drag out our baby pictures on our birthday and no other pictures of the other stages of life through which we have passed. Could it be that on Jesus birthday that the devil wants us to stay at Bethlehem, for then he knows we will never reach Gethsemane, Calvary, and the empty tomb. He was born to die, and He arose that we might have life, and He is coming very soon to take us home that where He is we might be also. And today He is at the right hand of God interceding for you and me that our faith fail not. Having the baby Jesus in our Christmas is better than no Christ at all, but let us know Him, worship Him in all His glory. He is the Risen Savior, the Healer, the Sea Walker, the Sin Forgiver, our Baptizer, our Intercessor, and our soon coming King. The day that God robbed heaven of His Only Son, (as my husband often says — Not just one of the boys — but the Only Begotten of Our Father) to send Him to a sin-cursed world to redeem you and me from all our unrighteousness was the greatest day the world has known; for it opened the way for the cross, the empty tomb, the ascension, and His soon return. Let us worship Him in ALL His Glory this season and put His desires above our own and those we love.

Have you been caught in the Christmas whirl? — Baking, cooking, decorating, sending cards, attending parties, shopping, worrying about what to get each one on your list and how to pay for it all? There is a better way for the angels sang on that night so long ago, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men". And I believe we can have it if we put Christ in His proper place, then these other things will fall into place and take

their true perspective. They need not be abolished but done in moderation and not at the expense of the One whose birthday we celebrate. It is THE KING'S BIRTHDAY!! — THE KING OF ALL KINGS!!

"Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah."

Psalms 24: 8-10

## THEY MISSED CHRISTMAS

The world missed its first Christmas. Only a few — perhaps 12 or 15 — even knew it was Christmas. The rest slept through that marvelous event.

The scribes and Pharisees missed the coming of Jesus because they were not looking for Him — they did not feel the need of a Saviour. A mercenary spirit kept the innkeeper from recognizing his opportunity. Herod missed finding Christ because of insincerity.

On the other hand, Simeon and Anna found the Christchild because they were looking for Him. The shepherds found Him because of their humility; the Wise Men because they were willing to follow the star.

Perfect submission to God's will and purpose exposed Mary to the true meaning of this holy day, and Joseph found the situation "blessed" through divine revelation.

Will you see Christ this Christmas?

— Mel J. DeVries

The following words are seen warning the faithful in the Cathedral of Lubeck in Germany; THEY SHOULD PROVOKE US TO SERIOUS THOUGHT.

Ye call Me Master and obey Me not;  
Ye call Me Light and see Me not;  
Ye call Me Way and walk Me not;  
Ye call Me Life and desire Me not;  
Ye call Me Wise and follow Me not;  
Ye call Me Fair and love Me not;  
Ye call Me Rich and ask Me not;  
Ye call Me Eternal and seek Me not;  
Ye call Me Gracious and trust Me not;  
Ye call Me Noble and serve Me not;  
Ye call Me God and fear Me not.  
If I condemn you — blame Me not.

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# Let's Make Christmas Truly Meaning FULL

■ ONLY GOD could have thought of Christmas! Christmas is uninventable! No man would ever think to do such a phenomenal thing in such an obscure way. The greatest single event in human history—(paling into oblivion the rise and fall of empires) . . . holding eternal import—ushered in with embarrassing simplicity: Stable — manger — lowing oxen — shepherds.

It certainly was not a fabrication of man. Man can't do big things in little ways. He is far more inclined to puff up little things . . . over-do them — build them up out of all proportion to their worth.

This is evident in what man tries to make of Christmas. He can't leave this Divine event alone in its quiet, unassuming eloquence. He must dress it up — deck it out with tinsel, lights, ribbon, ornaments, frills . . .

And more often than not, the central fact of Christmas is lost in trappings!

This is the danger we all face at Christmas time. It seems almost to get worse year by year. We find ourselves under the weight of the paraphernalia man has invented to clutter up the birthday of the Saviour.

We get victimized by it . . . even in the church. We catch ourselves doing everything, not in terms of honoring Christ, but in terms of customs and pressure of advertising propaganda . . . and often out of sheer selfishness and pride.

Gifts, cards, remembrances are given . . . not for the sake of giving, but in order to escape the humiliation one feels when he receives from one to whom he gives nothing. What a farce! Yet how easily we succumb!

The way out of this caricature of Christmas is not a negative one! It's not a matter of fighting the status quo. It is a matter of giving Christ His proper place in Christmas! When He is exalted — these trappings melt into insignificance. His glory transcends everything else!

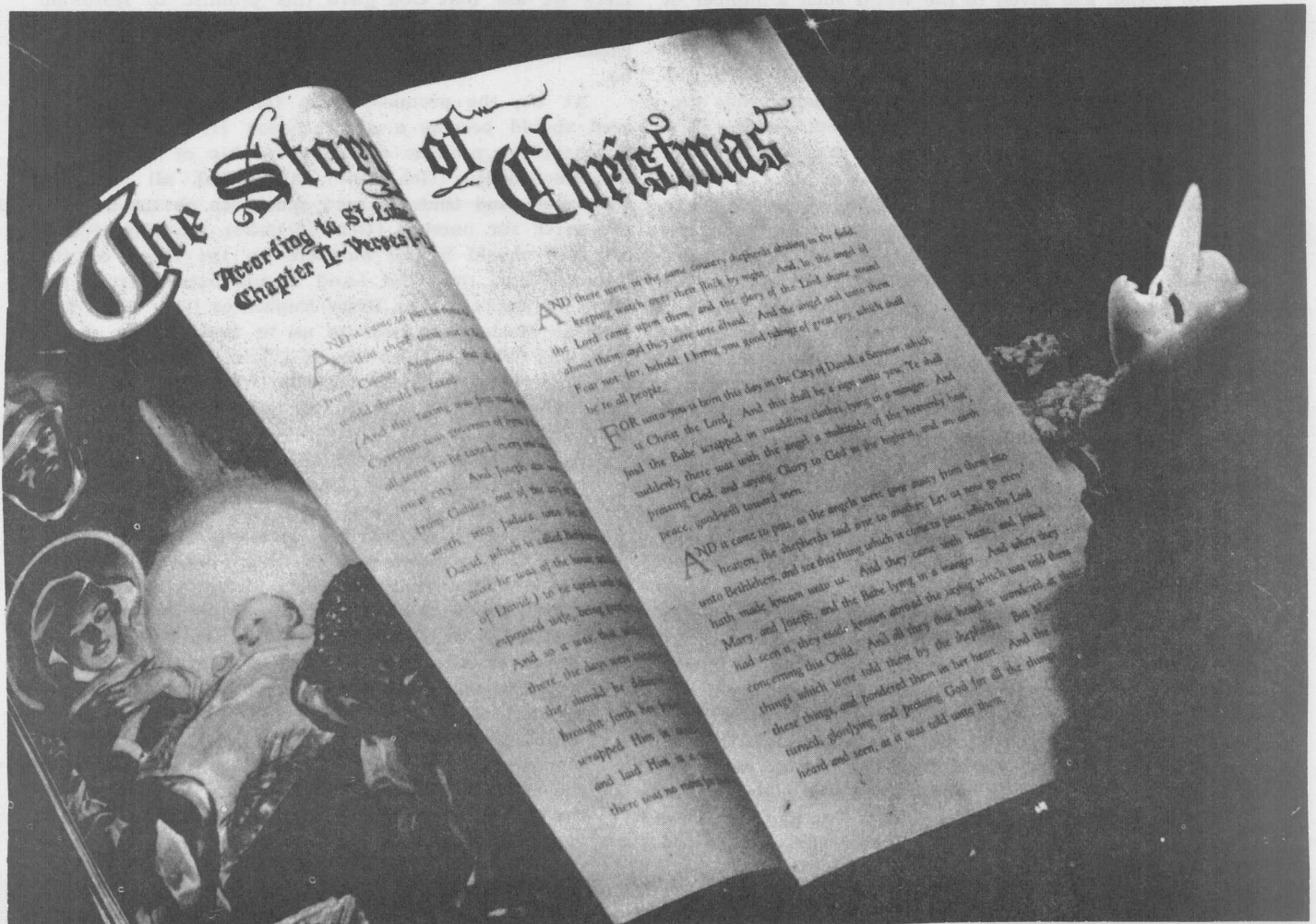
Try this emphasis this year in heart and home! These other things will be a part of Christmas to be sure . . . but don't allow them to crowd out Christ from the center of your celebration!

Make room for Him this Christmas, even though there was no room for Him when He came the first time. Don't relegate Christ to a stable . . . let your heart be His throne room. Give Him the place of honor at your business and family functions. Adore Him! Worship Him!

This can be your most splendid Christmas ever—when you make room for Christ in your plans. He will transform your Christmas and make it glow with His radiance! Let Christ be central!

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

—Richard C. Halverson



# ISRAEL

## Dispersion

## Regathering

By AUSTIN SUTTON

A BIBLE SCHOOL PROPHECY THEME

Assyria has perished, Babylon is in heaps, Rome has tottered and fallen, Egypt has become a "Base" kingdom, but the Jews have outlived all their conquerors and walk unscathed amid the general wreck. Dispersed for centuries among all nations, without a national centre, capital, government, flag, or rallying point, secular or religious, they had never been absorbed by the nations, nor lost their identity or national peculiarities and characteristics, and we have the unique spectacle of a nation without a king, government, or land, retaining its national existence, and a land that seems to be under a curse, awaiting the return of its legal owners.

No nation has given to the world such a number of great men. Such a man of faith as Abraham; such a great leader and lawgiver as Moses; such statesmen as Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon; such a king as David, and wise man as Solomon. No nation has produced such seers as the Hebrew prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezeckiel and Daniel and no such man as their man above all men, the "Man of Galilee".

How can we imagine that the Jewish people could remain through all the persecution and the rule of all of the kingdoms that they were under that hated them? The only answer that is known to my mind is that God has a part for them still to do. The day of their favoritism is not over they are still God's chosen people and today we can see that God's handwork is still happening in the land of Israel. But one day God's favor will turn to them out in the open and they will accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah. One statement I like that has been stated before is "We believe that God raises up individuals for special ministries. Why not a Nation? So why not Israel!!! Praise the Lord His coming is not far away and the Jews are the ones that we better have our eyes on lest the day of the Lord should over take us as a thief in the night. The Bible was written by Jews and they watched that no one would tamper with the scriptures and change the meaning of the scriptures. They believed in "Unity" and taught only one God. They were the only People of their day that taught only one God. They were the only one that opened the way for the Gentile group of people to hear the Word of God and a universal God for all men. We also find that through the Jews there was a promise of a Saviour and that was Jesus Christ. Through the Jews a Saviour was born to bear the sins of the whole world that we might inherit eternal life.

### THEIR PAST HISTORY

In B.C. 1936, 412 years after the Flood, God called Abraham, a Shemite, from Ur of the Caldees, to be the father of a new nation. Now the Lord had said unto Abraham, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's House, unto a land that I will show 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." (Gen. 12:1-3)

Here we see that God gave this promise to Abraham and that God never can be called an Indian Giver because this promise is still true today and will always be.

At Ur, the promises were the land, and that his seed should become a great nation (Gen. 12:1-2). At Shechem the promise of the ownership of the land to his descendants (Gen. 12:7). At Bethel, all the land thou seest and that his seed should be as the dust of the earth for number (Gen. 12:15-26). At Mamre that his seed should be for numbers as the stars of the heavens, and that the Land should extend from the River of Egypt to the River Euphrates (Gen. 15:5, 18). And at Moriah the promise as to the number of his seed was repeated (Gen 22: 16-17). All of these promises that were made to Abraham were confirmed with Isaac (Gen. 26:1-4) and to his grandson, Jacob (Gen. 28:10-15).

Gen. 15:13 And he said unto Abraham, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and shall afflict them four hundred years;

The next great event in their history was the Exodus. When the time for their deliverance from Egypt came. God broke them off and hardness fell their lot and they cried to God for deliverance. At this time God sent Moses to help them (Gen. 3:14-25).

And God said unto Moses, I am THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shall thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM, hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel. The Lord God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name forever, and this is a memorial unto all generations.

Within a year after their escape from Egypt the Law was given, the Tabernacle built, a sacrificial system of worship was brought in effect. When they had ended their journey and had reached Kadesh Barnea and refused to go up and take possession of the land, God punished them by commnading them to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. There as the Bible relates so miraculously, clothed and fed, and were divinely guided by the "Pillar of Cloud and Fire". Exo. 16:4-36. Then we find that the ten commandments were given to Moses in the 20th chapter of Exodus. Also the last of the 19 chapter on Mount Sinai. At the end of the forty years, under the leadership of Joshua, they crossed the Jordan and entered the Promised Land and took possession of it. (Deut. 31:14-15)

Now begins the third period of their history, the "Times of the Judges" which lasted about 450 years according to history books. The people were not satisfied with being ruled by an invisible King, they wanted a king like the other nations around them had, so they went to Samuel the Prophet and asked him for a king. (I Sam. 8). Samuel was displeased and felt it was aimed at him but when he took the matter to God, God said

Hearken unto the voice of the people in all they say unto thee: For they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them." I Samuel 8:7.

Samuel then warned the people of what the king they would choose would do to them, but the warning did not avail and Saul was chosen. This was the beginning of the fourth period of their history.

Saul reigned for 40 years and was succeeded by David, a man of God's choice, who also reigned 40 years, and was succeeded by his son, Solomon, who in turn reigned 40 years. During the reign of Solomon the First Temple was built. His reign was most glorious, but its weak feature was that he married so many heathen wives, and permitted them to introduce at Jerusalem idolatrous worship. This was the beginning of the downfall of the Jewish nation.

After the death of Solomon, B. C. 975, the Kingdom was divided, his son Rehoboam retaining possession of two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, and with them Jerusalem and the Temple; and Jeroboam, a person that got it without popular authority, as ruler over the remaining ten tribes, set up his capital at Samaria. This division of the Kingdom, known as "Israel," rapidly declined, and in B.C. 721 the Ten Tribes were carried captive to Assyria. The two Tribes, known as "Judah" survived over 100 years longer, but in B.C. 606 they were carried in Captivity to Babylon, and Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in B.C. 587.

#### **THIS (606) IS WHERE THE GENTILE TIME STARTS**

The fifth period of Jewish history begins but remember from the time of Nebuchadnezzar the Jews never again secured supremacy but were always under captivity until May 14, 1948. After seventy years of captivity ended in B.C. 536 the Jews, some 40,000, returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple and the City. The Temple was not finished and dedicated until 20 years

later, and the walls of the city were not rebuilt until 70 more years had passed by B.C. 445.

In B.C. 168 Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria, took Palestine from Egypt. Twice under his reign the town was sacked and the Temple was desecrated and closed and great cruelty placed on the Jews. The Maccabees rebellion lasted from B.C. 166 to B.C. 40 under the Antiochus Epiphanes reign.

In B.C. 63 Judea became subject to Rome, and during the next 60 years the Roman Empire tightened its grip on the Holy Land. About this time, B.C. 4 Jesus was born at Bethlehem. The claim of the Messiah being rejected by His own people was at hand. They joined hands with the Gentiles in Crucifying the "Lord of Heaven" and in A.D. 70 the Roman armies came, Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed by Titus and the Jews were scattered among the nations of the earth. The Romans believed that the way to get rid of a culture of people was to move them away from their home land in different directions and for them to inter-marry with a different race and their blood would not be pure and therefore their heritage would be marred.

With the Crucifixion of Christ the sorrows of the Jewish race began. Their cry — HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN, (Matt. 27:25) has been with them and has just about been fulfilled.

Here are some of the things that happened to the Jews under the rule of different empires.

A.D. 50 30,000 Jews were killed in Jerusalem under Gessius Florus.

A.D. 66 40,000 Jews were killed under order of Nero.

A.D. 70 1,000,000 Jews were killed in Jerusalem under order of Titus and 97,000 were led away captive.

Then under the bloody hand of Germany many of the Jews were killed.

#### **THE RETURN OF THE JEWS**

Once again the Jews will return unto God and they will be the leading nation and all other nations will be jealous of the richness of Israel.

Hosea 3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days; without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim.

Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Romans 11: 1-2 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid, For I am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

God hath not cast away his people which he forknew. Wot ye not what the scriptures saith of Elias? How he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying. Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek by life.

Romans 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Here we find that the Jews have fallen to give the

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## ISRAEL (Continued)

Gentiles a chance to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Also we see that the Gentiles have been grafted in to make the Jews jealous and provoke them in to believing the Lord Jesus Christ when God's favor is once again poured out on them. Also in Romans 11 we have the story of the good olive tree and the wild olive tree and that some of the branches were broken off and some of the wild olive tree branches were grafted in in their place. Those branches that were broken off were the people of the Jews that rejected the Messiah and the ones that were remaining of the tree are the ones that have accepted Christ and His plan of Salvation. The Wild Olive Branches that were grafted in were the Gentiles that God has given a chance since some of the Jews wouldn't accept Christ. Verse 24 says "For if thou were cut out of the Olive tree which is Wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good Olive Tree; how much more shall these, which be the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?" Verse 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest we should be wise in your own concepts; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. Verse 26. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27. For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Here we see that if the Jews repent and turn from their unbelief, God will restore them to their old time place among the nations. **LOOK AT ISRAEL TODAY AND THEN ASK HOW LONG UNTIL WE THE GENTILES ARE CUT OFF AND THE NATURAL OLIVE BRANCHES ARE GRAFTED BACK IN?**

In Jeremiah 16:14-15 Therefore, behold the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whether he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Jeremiah 24:6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them and not pull them down: and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7. And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

In Ezekiel 37:1-14 The bones that are dry and the nation of Israel that is dead as a country spiritually and now we see this prophecy coming to pass. In the 11th verse "Then he said unto me, Son of Man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are cut off for our part." Their inheritance had been cut off and one day they will inherit it once again and the "whole house" of Israel will once again return to their country as the whole Twelve Tribes. And then they will be restored to their right to worship.

As for a certain date of time I could not set a date. But according to scriptures I could set a date. The date that I would give to someone is found in Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

The most of them will be gathered back as unconverted Jews. "I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I **sprinkle clean water upon you**, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A New Heart also will I give you, and a New Spirit will I put within you: and I will give you an Heart of Flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes; and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them". Ezek. 36:24-27.

So what are the Jews to us. Are they as the pictures that the Catholic placed on them in 1215 a rag peddler or a hangling pawnbroker, a marked man with no feelings about the way people treat them. No this is a nationality of man that has been chosen of God for a work. This is a country that is warning us of the shortness of time and of the Grace dispensation for the Gentile people. We are the Wild Olive Branch and they are the Natural or True Olive Branch. We the christian race are crucifying Christ again in not accepting all the beliefs of Christ. We are the ones that are the Doubting Thomas' and saying "Where is the coming of the Son of Man." The Jews are the ones that are going to have God's favor and are going to recognize Christ as their Messiah. Zechariah 14.

## EVERY SOME ANY NO BODY

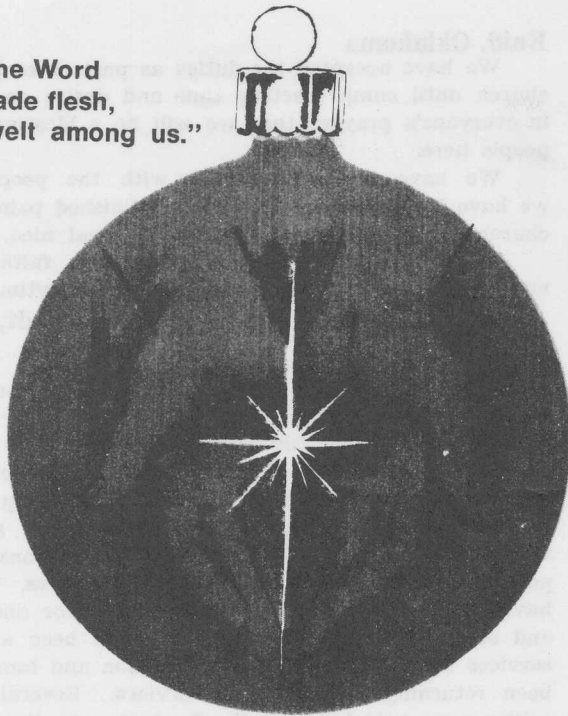
John Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Pete Anybody and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not people like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All four belonged to the same church, but you could not have enjoyed worshipping with them. Everybody went fishing on Sunday or stayed home to visit with friends, Anybody wanted to worship but was afraid Somebody wouldn't speak to him; so Nobody went to church.

Really Nobody was the only decent one of the four, Nobody did the visitation, Nobody worked on the church. Once they needed a Sunday School teacher, Everybody thought Anybody would do it and Somebody thought Everybody should do it; so, guess who did it? — That's right — Nobody.

It happened a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) came to live among them, Everybody felt that Somebody should try to win him to Christ, Anybody could have at least made an effort. But guess who finally won him? Right again, Nobody.

P. S. And who are we looking for at worship on Sunday? Everybody, Somebody, Anybody — including YOU!

**"And the Word  
was made flesh,  
and dwelt among us."**



### GIFTS THAT REMAIN

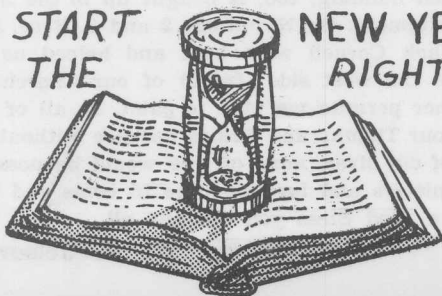
The toy truck may soon be broken. And the doll forgotten. Even roses will fade. But certain gifts remain. Give regularly, they brighten the home and add a gracious touch to family living. Here are several, ready for you to unwrap and spread their joy around:

1. **Time.** A precious thing, your very own. To take time for each other, to give time, is simply to give yourself. There is no substitute.
2. **Smiles.** So inexpensive, yet how they warm the heart! They melt the tiny icicles of doubt and fear and aloneness. The ready smile wraps love around the spirit and seals it snugly. Give smiles this week. Next week too.
3. **Appreciation.** A quick thank you, a kind word — both give assurance of being noticed and wanted. Don't let this gift stay locked within your inner mind. Bring it out. Tear away the wrappings.
4. **Understanding.** A gentle, tender gift. Not all of us have it to give in great measure. But wonder of wonders, to give the little you have uncovers a hidden spring.

You can't really buy these gifts anywhere. They are simply a reflection of the spirit of Christ, His life in you.

— Concord Associates

**START  
THE  
NEW YEAR  
RIGHT**



by Joseph Bayly  
 Praise God for Christmas.  
 Praise him for the incarnation  
 for the Word made flesh.  
 I will not sing  
 of shepherds watching flocks  
 on frosty night  
 or angel choristers.  
 I will not sing  
 of stable bare in Bethlehem  
 or lowing oxen  
 wise men  
 trailing distant star  
 with gold and frankincense and myrrh.  
 Tonight I will sing  
 praise to the Father  
 who stood on heaven's threshold  
 and said farewell to his Son  
 as he stepped across the stars  
 to Bethlehem  
 and Jerusalem.  
 And I will sing  
 praise to the infinite eternal Son  
 who became most finite  
 a Baby  
 who would one day be executed  
 for my crimes.  
 Praise him in the heavens.  
 Praise him in the stable.  
 Praise him in my heart.

### CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

by Martha Snell Nicholson

Suppose that Christ had not been born  
 That far away Judean morn.  
 Suppose that God, Whose mighty hand  
 Created worlds, had never planned  
 A way for man to be redeemed.  
 Suppose the wise-men only dreamed  
 That guiding star whose light still glows  
 Down through the centuries, Suppose  
 Christ never walked here in men's sight,  
 Our blessed Way, and Truth, and Light.  
 Suppose He counted all the cost,  
 And never cared that we were lost,  
 And never died for you and me,  
 Nor shed His blood on Calvary  
 Upon a shameful cross. Suppose  
 That having died, He never rose,  
 And there was none with power to save  
 Our souls from death beyond the grave!  
 As far as piteous heathen know,  
 These things that I've supposed are so.  
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There is such eloquence in stars.  
 God knows their worth,  
 For on that night of Holy Birth  
 He lit a path from Heaven to earth  
 With one clear star!

— Helga Skogsbergh



### Baxter Springs, Kansas

It has been a real good year at our church here in Baxter Springs. In every service we have been able to see the hand of God manifest in one way or another. The attendance has been real good, because the people have been faithful.

We have enjoyed the Bible School students being with us and the help they have been in our services for the past four months.

We also want to express our thanks to the Whiteleys for their unselfish labors for the past years in bringing to us the Report. Our prayers are with Sis. Busch as she assumes the duties as editor.

We have been privileged to have Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Wallis and Bro. Harrol Waterbury for special services in our church the past few weeks. They were a real blessing.

Sincerely,  
**Ted Barker, Pastor**

### Taneyville, Missouri

Apostolic Faith Report:

The Lord has been good to me. Both Edna and I have a long ways to go to have normal health. She has phlebitis, which is an inflammation of a vein, in her limb. This has caused her lots of misery. My heart is weak, I suffer no pain, but have such severe limitations and regulations that I'm often annoyed. I went to Sunday School today. We had 81 present. Then I took up the prayer requests in the 11:00 a. m. service and had a rich anointing and spoke about 20 minutes. I'm not to preach at all according to the medical world. Edna has consulted no doctor in any form.

Thank you for your prayers. We plan a January revival with Bro. Otto Busch as the evangelist.

Please come by and see us, laymen and ministers alike. Services are at 10:00 Sunday School, 11:00 Morning Worship, 7:00 Sunday night, 6:00 Youth service and Wednesday night 7:30 p. m.

**Gail and Edna Shultz, pastors**

### Enid, Oklahoma

We have accepted the duties as pastors of the Enid church until camp meeting time and desire an interest in everyone's prayers that we will be a blessing to the people here.

We have enjoyed working with the people since we have been here. They have just finished painting the church and parsonage and they look real nice.

Preachers and gospel workers of the faith are invited to come by and be in the services anytime.

**George Hintergardt, pastor**

### Roswell, New Mexico

The people of the Roswell church have been favored recently with the service of Brother Hosler and his wife, from Laverne, Oklahoma. Our thanks to him for coming our way. The youth redecorated the back rooms of our church. The youth painted and antiqued the woodwork, podium, and doors. If not earlier reported, we made curtains for the platform and cushions for the pews that match the stained glass windows. We also have purchased new song books. Our pastor and family and some members of the church have been attending services in Lovington. Rev. Christianson and family have been returning visits to our services. Several youth rallies were held between the Lovington youths and the Roswell youths. May God richly bless and keep you.

**Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor**  
**Kathy Judd, Reporter**

### Kingman, Kansas

The Blessedness of a Heaven sent Revival. Here in Kingman we have been experiencing the "mercy drops" of God and now we desire the fulness of "showers of blessings". For several weeks now our Sunday morning messages have been on Revival. We have studied the Bible definitions of Revival, looked at some examples of it (in Acts), seen how Prayer is essential to it, and even had a message on the parable of the talents and how they fit with Revival. But what we truly desire is an experience from God that would bring lasting results as well as have a continuing effect within our souls. And God has promised that these things can be ours with Faith and a willingness to work for them. Pray with us, that the realities of Revival can be ours.

New faces continue to appear in our continuing growth. October yielded us an average attendance of twenty-five over twenty-two for September. And thus far in November we have kept pace. In addition, visitation by our people has given us new promise of more growth as we find parents that know they and their children need to be in Church.

The Church building, too, is caught up in the midst of all this excitement. On November 2 and 3, Bros. Jack Barker and Jack Cornell were here and helped us put a new face on the west side (front) of our Church. As soon as weather permits we plan to paint. In all of this we give God our Thanks and Praise because without His Hand in all of our lives, none of this would be possible. We invite ministers and laymen alike to come and visit us in Kingman. God Bless you one and all.

**Rev. Carl H. Jelsovsky**



## PINE HILL, ALABAMA PARSONAGE



### Dear Report,

Dedication services for the new parsonage at Pine Hill, Alabama was held, September 4, 1971 at the close of the morning worship service. The dedication was conducted by Bro. Jack Hopson, Bro. Bill Lawler and Bro. Jim Arnall.

The 60 x 28 structure was built by the men of the church and fellow ministers of the area. We are grateful for all the labor that was donated and we are most grateful to the Lord for His goodness to provide our needs as we trust Him.

The space used for the old parsonage in the lower-level of the church has been converted into Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall and kitchen.

### In His Service

**Jim and Mary Lou Arnall, Pastors**

### Laverne, Oklahoma

The church here at Laverne has enjoyed a revival "November 14 through the 23", with Brother Edwin Modrick as Evangelist, with Brother and Sister Ollie Kinser as helpers. God met with us and we feel the church was drawn closer to the Lord. We have been burdened for several unsaved and some who have drifted from the fold, we desire to see brought back.

We were sorry to lose the Larry Wolf Family from our church, "they have moved to Guymon, Okla." The Lord has been gracious in sending along some more help to fill the vacancy.

We have enjoyed having several visitors lately and welcome all who can come at any time.

We desire the prayers of all, that we might continue to see God move and that the church may continue to grow spiritually.

**Jack Cornell, Pastor  
Lois Daniel, Reporter**

### Vanderpool, Texas

Bro. George Polvado is pastoring the church now and wrote a nice letter to the report. These good people would enjoy having visitors stop by for their services and earnestly desire our prayers.

### Shattuck, Oklahoma

We are very happy to have Rev. and Sis. Bill Briles as our pastors, and we're glad to report we are still serving a Big God, who hears and answers prayer. We feel God's presence in each service.

We had the area youth rally at the church Nov. 6. The service was very inspirational with Bro. Ollie Kinser in charge. Representatives from Arnett, Laverne, Midway, and Woodward were here along with our Shattuck group.

We are praying for a revival and that God will send just the right one, and we can see souls saved. The harvest is white and TIME is running out.

We are always glad for visitors so come to see us anytime.

**Rev. Bill Briles, pastor  
Mrs. Cecil Fields, reporter**

### Amarillo, Texas

Evangelist O. A. Busch conducted a revival here during the month of October. The inspiring sermons went forth with power and authority from God and they were a great blessing to the people. It is wonderful, in this evil time, to hear the word of God presented and to have His spirit dwell in our hearts. This revival was certainly an encouragement and help to the church.

The blessings of the Lord have been bountiful in every way. Our prayer is, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

**Lavonna Mitchell, reporter  
Neil Ragan, Pastor**

### Guymon, Oklahoma

(News items are taken from their weekly bulletin which is sent to the Report)

We had a nice crowd in church Sunday, November 14. There were 115 in Sunday School.

Bill and Vicki Patterson's ministry in song is enjoyed by all. They have been heard on the Apostolic Radio Hour on Sunday mornings. Vicki and the Royal Heirs were at the Guymon church Saturday, November 27.

The ladies of the church have a prayer meeting Tuesday mornings and the men's prayer meeting is Saturday afternoons.

Bro. Modrick has been in revival services in Laverne, Oklahoma.

Saturday, November 27 was also the Thanksgiving banquet for the Panhandle area Apostolic Youth. 125 attended and enjoyed the fine program.

**Edwin Modrick, Pastor**

### Letters from Evangelists:

We can gladly say that we have been enjoying the blessings of God. We were privileged to work with Bro. Jim Morris in a revival at Midway Country Church. Then we worked with Bro. O. A. Busch in a revival at Follett Chapel. We have also been able to fill in some at Midway and Spearman. We just appreciate the privilege to work for the Lord. We are at present open for calls. We just pray that God shall use and make us a blessing wherever we are.

**Yours in Christ,  
Ollie and Anna Kinser**



# TESTIMONIES

FROM

## The Apostolic Faith Bible College

As Bible School quickly comes to a close I can truly say it has been a rewarding experience. It seems that we just got here and now it is almost time to say "good-bye." Bible School is a wonderful place to have fellowship with other Christians, to learn more about the Bible and most important to gain more spiritually. It is so great to feel the presence of the Lord and to know He is always there in time of need. I have found Him so real and since I put Him "first" in my life He has repaid me greatly. My desire is to always KNOW and DO the will of the Lord.

I would also like to show my appreciation to Brother and Sister Ted Barker. They have done a marvelous work here and they mean so much to me. I know it can't be easy being parents to 60 kids!

Remember them and the Bible School in your prayers.

**Glowanda Quesenbury  
Hardesty, Oklahoma**

God has promised us blessings untold if we only follow him. Matthew 6:33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

Bible School has really meant a lot to me. It is truly wonderful with the fellowship and unity we can have when we all work together for the cause of Christ.

I'm thankful for each teacher and the effort which they have put forth to teach us what "Thus saith the Lord."

We have not only learned by sitting in the classes, but also from watching other lives and outside experiences.

Most of all I'm thankful for God's great love and his wonderful plan for our lives.

Our textbook for each class has been **THE BIBLE**. Through our search of God's word we have found what many are looking for, we have found Christ as the one and only answer for everything.

Bible School has been a success in the truest sense of the word. I wouldn't take anything for this time of learning of God's word and the blessings I've gained.

I'm thankful we serve a living God, big enough for every problem, yet small enough to live in our hearts.

**Lois Harper  
Logan, Oklahoma**

Hi, I'm Sue Thompson from Canyon, Texas and I'm glad I'm a Christian, especially glad since I've been at Bible School. I've met many friends here, but what's strange, the friend that I've grown the closest to — came with me. He understands all my problems and needs. He gave me a beautiful gift while we've been here — He gave me the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I was stubborn at first but my friend wouldn't give up. He wanted me to have this comfort. I praise his name for sticking with me.

I'm sure everyone knows who my friend is now. I hope you share Him with me and many others. He IS big enough. I have given him my life to do with as His Father wills. I have tried figuring my life out and I almost made a very big mistake. But my friend cares and knows what is best. If you don't know my precious friend who died for your sins, find him. He loves you and most of all He cares for YOU. If you have met him, confide in Him, trust Him and most of all yield and love Him. He's the best friend you will ever have. Christ is the Answer! I praise His name!

**Sue Thompson  
Canyon, Texas**

It is great to be a Christian in this day and time. God is so good to us if we'll just let him be. We see his mighty power and presence every where we turn. I praise God that he has allowed me to be a small part of his glorious body.

There are many things I have learned while staying here at Bible School, but the one that has impressed me most is the fact of going forth for Christ. In God's plan for us he intended for us to tell others of his love and grace. In the all familiar scriptures of Mark 16: 15-16, Jesus said to go forth and tell all nations of Christ's love. Truly this is the "Great Commission" of all times. Paul, who seems to be the greatest evangelist that ever lived, said in II Corinthians 5: 20 "Now, then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Then finally Paul said in Philippians 4: 13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me." So you see we can go and tell others of Christ. In fact we must go for it is our duty to Christ. Praise God for the strength he gives us so we can tell others.

**Randy Wallis Alvin, Texas**

The Lord has been so good to me, especially, since I've been here at Bible School, that I don't know where to start in my praise. First of all, I want to praise His name for smoothing the way for me to come to Bible School. It wasn't very easy to just take off for a semester from college, but I have found that when you follow God's will rather than your own, you are blessed so much and you enjoy life much more. I have received so many blessings during this semester that I wouldn't trade it for anything. Shortly after Bible School began, I was healed of an affliction I had been bothered with for over a year. Later I had a wonderful experience when I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Yes, the blessings, spiritual growth and the memories of all the fun (and work) are things I will treasure the rest of my life.

**Betty Stanberry, Katy, Texas**

When we think of the word, "priceless," we usually think of something that is very valuable and cannot be bought for any amount of money. In my experiences at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, I've come to consider my learning priceless.

Unlike many here, I had no problem whatsoever of coming. Upon arriving at the Bible School, I was disappointed at what I saw. The preceding term was explained to me earlier, by a close friend and from this my imagination ran wild. I was told of the fun that was had last year, and of the many activities of the day which didn't seem to be too hard. I was told of the classes that were taught and of the Room and Board that was free. I had dreamed that Bible College would be set out on a beautiful campus, but much to my surprise, it wasn't.

The campus consisted of the Church, the Girls dorm, and a large old house that was called "The Home."

After being here a week, I found out what made Bible School so great to many people. "FAITH."

This place was run on the Faith people had in God. It astounded me. People actually trusted in God to provide their needs. I had always known that he could do this, but I never realized that he could do this for me.

I've been following through with the things that are taught in the Bible, and have been blessed and blessed again by God's wonderful grace. This is why if you ask ME of my evaluation of Bible School, I'll probably look at you, smile, and simply say, "Priceless."

**Rick French**

The Bible College this year has been rewarding ever since it began. The reason I can say this is because, I have given God something, and he has returned everything abundantly. I gave him my life to plan and make the decisions to fit that plan.

Before I came, I had never really let God talk to me and, let him reveal to me what I needed most. I knew in my heart that I should let him do this, but my mind told me to do the things that I had planned. The more decisions I made the more I could feel the powers of Satan coming back and, overpowering the spirit of Christ in me. It was not until I put out a fleece and it was answered, that I gained victory over this.

This experience showed me how I must totally surrender my life, everyday, before God can work through me.

**Jo Nell Hibbs Liberal, Kansas**

## Apostolic Faith Report

By the time you receive this issue, Bible College 1971 will have been made history. In reviewing the past term I feel that it has been a great semester of education for some 60 students, who for the most of them, have invested their time and talents for the study of God's word.

They have been a wonderful group to work with. Only God can know the potential that these people possess and it is our sincere prayer that we the faculty and administration, have been able to polish these talents and help better prepare them for the future. They all seem to be rare jewels.

As Superintendent of the school, I want to express my humble thanks to the faculty who have served so well in their duties. I feel that every one of them gave their very best, so unselfishly, for one cause, and that was to help the students to be better, more knowledgeable, and above all, God fearing men and women.

My many thanks to the board of directors of the school for their backing and help to me in many fields.

My thanks to the entire movement who have supported this worthwhile work. I only wish everyone who gives money or supplies to this school could see the results as we are able to see. I feel the best investment you could ever make is in the welfare of young men and women. To see these students seeking God so earnestly on their knees in prayer, brings a tremendous satisfaction to me as I am sure it would to you.

Most of all, my thanks to God for His unspeakable gifts and help to our school,

Sincerely,

**Ted Barker, Supt.**

**Apostolic Faith Bible College**

I'm thankful to have Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I'm so glad that He took the time to speak to me. Even though I'm so small and insignificant, God loved me so much that He gave His only son to die that I could live.

All of my life, I had been going to a Methodist Church. We studied from printed lessons never from the Bible, and I didn't know a lot about the Bible. I didn't realize that I needed to accept Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. I always thought every thing was fine if you kept the Ten Commandments.

About three years ago, we had a tragedy in my family. If you have never experienced the loss of family members just praise God and thank Him for this blessing. If you have, you know as I do, that peace is only in Christ.

As a result of this, my family started attending the Apostolic Faith Church in Pine Hill, Alabama. Jesus spoke to me and showed me my needs. If it had not been for His speaking to me, I would not be in Bible School now. I don't really know where or what I would be doing. I don't see how anyone can live without Christ. I know I couldn't because I can share my joy and sorrow with him. He is always, near. I want to praise God for everything!

**Linda Huckabee  
Pine Hill, Alabama**

IT IS

# CHRISTMAS

GAIL W. SHULTZ

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It is Christmas. The season and day is kept in honor of the greatest Name that ever graced the pages of history. That Name is Jesus. Send the proclamation far and wide. A new day of liberty is here, because the Saviour is born. Sin and sickness vanishes into oblivion, the dread and terror of helplessness fades, for the weak are made strong, and captives of the strong-box of sin, hear the glad tidings of eternal emancipation. Christ, the Saviour, King of all ages is born!

The promise long ago was given. God had spoken to man when all hope was only ruin and despair. Devastating sin had destroyed his perfect state. Yet that victory over man in the garden was not beyond redemption, for God decreed, I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Gen. 3:15. Ages must pass for this fulfillment, but in its time and place the promise would be remembered and executed; for God never forgets. The Lord knows that man is of the dust, and that his frame is weak. Like the chaff of the summer threshing floor he is driven away. It is Christ that indeed must come to bring reconciliation and give life. The door of mercy must be opened up, and grace extended to all men. The bowed head, the bended knee, and the confessing tongue finds deliverance and comfort in Christ, and helps to shout the glad tidings anew: this is Christmas.

God gave reassurance of this promise not only once, but many times; not to one person, but to many. To Abraham, the word of prophecy was reiterated. Isaac too knew that he had the guarantee of a Saviour for his people. Jacob knew that Jesus was coming to rule in righteousness when by inspiration he said: "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel." Num. 24:17. That star, that blessed star, I feel that I see it shining now. That literal star that guided the wise men from afar to the holy scene, when Christ was born, was a light that faded not. That star shines on in perfect keeping of every given promise, so that we stand amazed in the presence of that great Law Giver, who has in perfect precision made all the world to know that Christ is born. That is why we have Christmas. Again the promised word was given, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Gen. 49:10. A star, a crown, a sceptre, a King. Some day that One, Jesus, who is the rightful King of all the thrones of the world shall come back again, not as a babe in the manger, but to a position of authority, station and rank. The day star that has risen in our hearts, by faith and salvation, shall burst asunder to reveal Jesus as He returns with healing in His wings. II Pet. 1:10. Mal. 4:2.

The dream and vision of prophets was added to

this long line of promises when Isaiah spoke with authority about the coming Messiah, which literally means the Anointed One, the expected King and Deliverer of the Hebrews. Andrew, the Apostle made mention of this fact, in introducing Him to his brother Peter, for he said: "We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." John 1:41. Isaiah waxed bold in the spirit to acknowledge the Coming One of Israel when he spake saying: "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isa. 9:7. In this great promised Redeemer there was to rest the spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear, so that He should be the righteousness of His people, and the righteous Judge of all the earth. Isa. 11:1-5. Jeremiah also knew of this coming Christ, and declared Him to be the root and righteous branch of David. Jer. 23:5-8.

An innumerable hosts of righteous people have served the cause of God through all time. Some as the partakers of covenants, laws, and grace. They had power to live and walk and witness in humble abodes. Many others have known the special call of God to communicate His worship, as Patriarchs, Priests and Kings, or as Apostle or Minister they also served. But to One, and only One was given that rightful place; that He should be born, the Seed of woman, of a virgin, as a sign from God. Matt. 1:23. Let us all acknowledge Jesus and rejoice again, for it is Christmas.

Because the Jews had rebelled as the children of the Most High God, they were led away into captivity in Babylon. But in due season God permitted and ordained Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem. (Neh. 2) so that the time of the birth of Christ might be set forth. Dan. 9:25. Not only was the time in this manner given, but the very place; for by Micah the description was given. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of these shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Mic. 5:2.

It is Christmas, and all of these blessed promises, and a volume of information to guide us, we go back to the days when in the birth of Christ, they were fulfilled. Line upon line, thought upon thought, it had been given until now it is clear and plain, that She, A Virgin, Mary, should bring forth a Son. Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1: 21. To Mary it was revealed that Jesus should be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35. Now it is the angel of the Lord speaking, now she is called the Blessed among women.

Because Joseph was of the house and lineage of David, he had to go up to Bethlehem to be taxed, and Mary went up from Nazareth with him. It was at this time that Jesus was born, and laid in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn. Jesus came into the world thus in a lowly manner and is able and does reach all men with His arm of salvation; high and low, rich and poor, free and bond alike. They are made heirs to this excellent grace, the manifold gift of God. There was no room for Jesus in the inn, and there are many lives, too busy seeking riches, pleasure and worldly fame to have room for Him, but if by faith, they will open the door of their hearts He will come in.

Not only did the angels that night visit Mary, but they signified and verified the miraculous birth of Jesus by appearing unto shepherds as they watched their flocks by night. What a message! I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Then substantiating evidence followed from a heavenly host, praising God. Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. The shepherds then arose and went to Bethlehem, and found there the Christ child, in the manger, as they had been told by the angel. Every sign was fulfilled, so that without fear the shepherds went forth to tell the story, and we too, may tell it again, in the same faith; Christ the King is born, and it is Christmas.

The trip and visit of the wise men was more than just another witness. They read the sign from above, which no doubt others could have done, if they would have been in tune with heaven. Herod could have been a follower of this Christ and King, but he was driven by a nameless fear and jealous spirit. Chief Priests and scribes, who well knew the scriptures, read the event and let it pass. O foolish man, who art thou, that would pass this Christ by, for He comes not to destroy, but to save.

The just man Simeon was devout and waited for the consolation of Israel. He knew that he would not die until Christ was born. On that day when Jesus was eight days old and was brought to the Temple for Dedication, Simeon was moved by the Holy Ghost, and took up Jesus and blest God saying; Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Anna, the prophetess also glorified God because of the Child Jesus and spake of Him, to all of them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

So many have known of this Christ, the Lord and Master of heaven and earth, that beautiful Nazarene. Their voices and acts remind us to worship Him today as in the past. We can follow the trail of those old sages and Patriarchs, of prophets and priests and scribes. Joseph and Mary and Simeon and Anna, shepherds and wise men all understood. The undeniable wisdom of God, witnessed to by the angels, proclaimed Him Christ.

The light of that birth, that brought Christ to the world, shines like a sun that is never permitted to set. Now we are able to add our witness, that this is Christ, the very Christ, and the only Christ. In Him we live and move and have our being. Willingly we give the sacrifice

of lips, and worship Him again. The holy strain of prayer and praise and sermon and song are found in this: BECAUSE OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, IT IS CHRISTMAS.

### HEAVENS HARVEST CALL

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I walked the country road today,  
And noted as I passed that way,  
The golden grain in close set row,  
Was overripe and bending low.

And as I looked 'twas very plain,  
That someone ought to save the grain  
But there was no one there to tend,  
To cutting down and bringing in.

Ah what a shame I murmured low,  
For soon the storm and winds would blow,  
And dash the waving field with rain,  
And spoil each precious stalk of grain.

And as I mused my mind was steeled,  
Against the keeper of that field,  
For he had failed to gather in,  
The ripened crop into the bin.

I trod the city street today,  
But failed to notice on my way,  
A multitude of wayward men,  
Who walked the treacherous fields of sin,

And some like stalks of wheat bent low,  
Beneath their burdens traveled slow,  
Yet to my eyes it was concealed,  
This is a greater harvest field.

Ah then I heard the harvest call,  
To every reaper great and small,  
Don't worry o'er the natural grain,  
For its seed falls and grows again.

But seek to glean where sin is rife,  
With sharpened edge of gospel scythe,  
And bind each sheaf with cord of love,  
For storage in that bin above,

And do not say we've months to toil,  
Before the waiting grain will spoil,  
For now the thunder mutters low,  
And fretful winds of warning blow.

If you as I have stopped to heed,  
The value of the natural seed,  
Then pause to help 'ere you pass by,  
For heavens harvest time is nigh.

Lowell Long

THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL . . .

that they might know thee  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ,  
whom thou has sent.

The words of Jesus Christ recorded in St. John 17:3

# The Night That Love Came Down

This is the night that Love came down,  
Shedding its warmth on field and town;  
Hovel of workman, palace of king,  
Felt the joy that Love did bring.  
Shepherds, princes, and harlots sad  
Knew the wonder of hearts made glad;  
Knew the marvel of God's great plan,  
When Love divine came down to man.

*"Christ Jesus . . . being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. . . ."*

—Philippians 2:5-7

This is the night that Love stooped low,  
Lighting a manger with heavenly glow.  
This is the night a great star shone—  
God for man had giv'n His own!  
While angels, under the wond'rous spell  
Hastened abroad the news to tell  
The marv'lous grace of God's great plan,  
When Love divine came down to man.

This is the night that Love came down;  
Since then, what home, village, or town  
Has not its presence recognized  
In glad song and dancing eyes?  
In hearts made pure and minds made clean?  
Sad the eyes that never have seen  
The marv'lous grace of God's great plan,  
When Love divine came down to man!

*"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."*

—11 Corinthians 8:9

—Paul J. Lightle

## ATTENTION!!

Please notify us if for any reason you failed to get your November issue of the Report. It wasn't intentional, but since all the equipment is new to us and we used inexperienced volunteer help in mailing the paper we could have missed a few people. We have extra copies if you didn't get your Report.

In the next issue which will be the one for February we plan on putting out a new ministers list, which will also include the board members of each church and their addresses. We will need the cooperation of each one of you on this project. Please start sending in changes of address and telephone numbers now. The dead line of each paper is the 20th of the month preceding the month the paper is dated.

We need articles of all kinds. If you find anything

that you think would be of interest to the movement we would be glad if you would send it to us. Sometimes articles can't be printed at once but are saved for future use. Much prayer is put into the putting together of each issue and we try our best to be lead by the spirit of the Lord.

Churches please send in your reports. We hear over and over again that the people want more of this type of thing. It is your communication link with the rest of the movement.

Please type (double spaced) all material to be printed. This saves us the time needed to retype your articles.

Thank You,  
The Editor

## Faith Chapel, Wichita, Kansas

We are enjoying our new church. We've just closed a revival, with Bro. George Bollinger as Evangelist. There were several definite healings, a number of Christians deepened their consecrations to God. Some received the Holy Spirit and two were saved.

The Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir had a concert for us on Friday, December 3. It was a blessing to all. We appreciate this choir very much and the good work Bro. Ted Barker has done with them. After the concert they were served tacos, pie, and ice tea in the basement of the church. A good time of fellowship was had by all.

**Rev. Paul Bailey, pastor**

### TIPS FOR YOUTH

"Time cannot be saved; it can only be spent, and if not spent wisely and well, it is wasted."

"Live the gospel first! Tell about it afterward!"

"Not your responsibility, but your response to God's ability counts."

"Jesus lived that He might die, and died that we might live."

"If Christ stays, sin goes; if sin stays, Christ goes."

"Let the Bible fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet."

"It is not what we think but what God says that is important."

"How terrible it would be if God really gave us everything we asked for."

"God does not always choose great people to accomplish what He wishes, but He chooses a person who is wholly yielded to Him."

"Specialize in doing what you can't."

"Christ did not bear the cross — He used it."

"Some people grow under responsibility; others swell."

"What you are is God's gift to you. What you can become is your gift to Him."

"If you haven't learned to follow, you can't lead."

"You teach a little by what you say. You teach most by what you are."

"The purposes of God are sometimes delayed; but never abandoned."

"A man who walks with God always gets to his destination."

"You can't give what you don't have anymore than you can come back from where you haven't been."

"Be sure — be sure — be sure your sin will find you out."

It is never right to do wrong!"

"A Christian is always on duty!"

"Labor at prayer, then watch God work."

"Unless what's above you controls what's within you; that which is around you will."

Take the following quotes from a dedicated Christian, print them on pieces of paper and fold and number them then let the young people draw them and find a scripture to go with the thought and talk about it when their number is called. It makes an interesting different type of lesson for a Young people's group and you'll

be surprised what they'll come up with. It also works real well for a devotional for a ladies' group.

**Marsena Mahan, reporter**

There were in the same country shepherds, staying in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they feared with a great fear.

And the angel said to them, "Have no fear, for behold, I announce to you the good news of great joy that shall be for all people; for today there was born for you in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this is a token for you: You will find the Baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of His favor!"

As the angels went from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem and let us view this event that the Lord has made known to us." And hastily they arrived and found both Mary and Joseph, also the babe lying in the manger. After seeing it, they made others know the remarks that had been made to them regarding the child, and every one who heard it, marveled at the things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary retained those reports and thought them over in her heart. And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

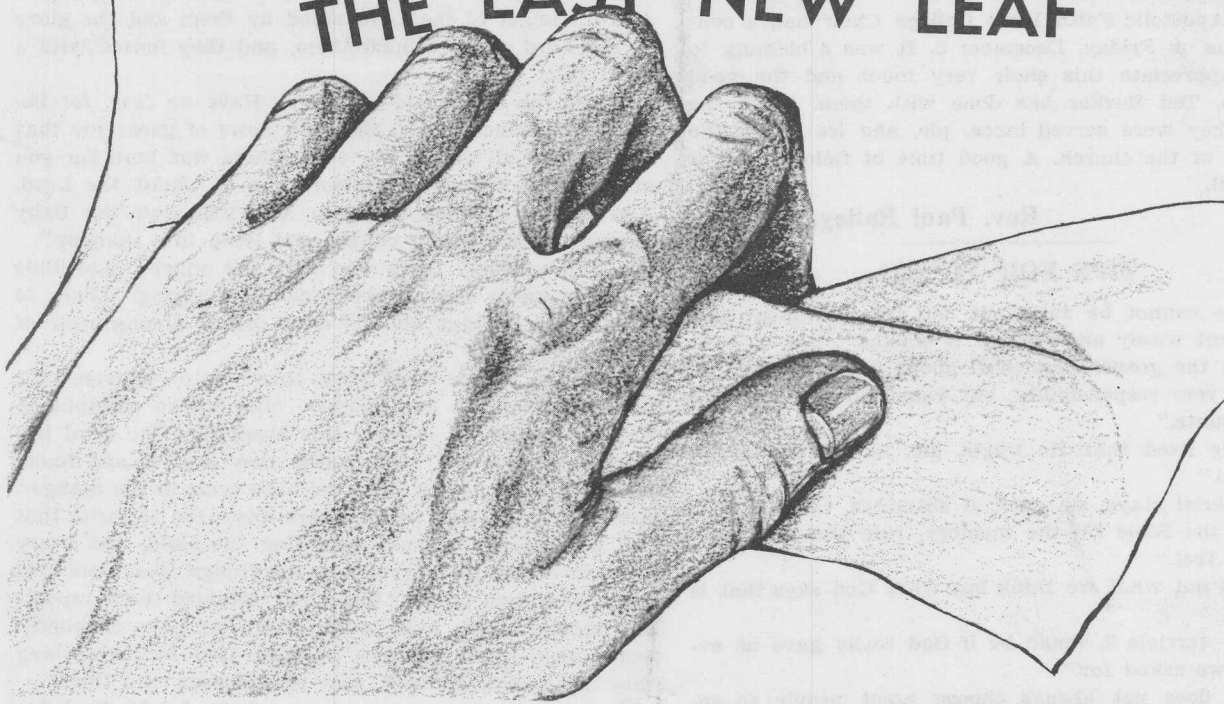
Luke 2:8-20, Berkeley



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In the home it is kindness.  
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In society it is helpfulness.  
In work it is fairness.  
Toward the unfortunate it is a helpful hand.  
Toward the weak it is burden-bearing.  
Toward the wicked it is evangelism.  
Toward the strong it is trust.  
Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.  
Toward the fortunate it is joy.  
Toward ourselves it is self-control.  
Toward God it is reverence, worship, and love.  
And the foundation, the undergirding motive in  
all of these, is the Spirit of Christ.

— Trinity Tract

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