

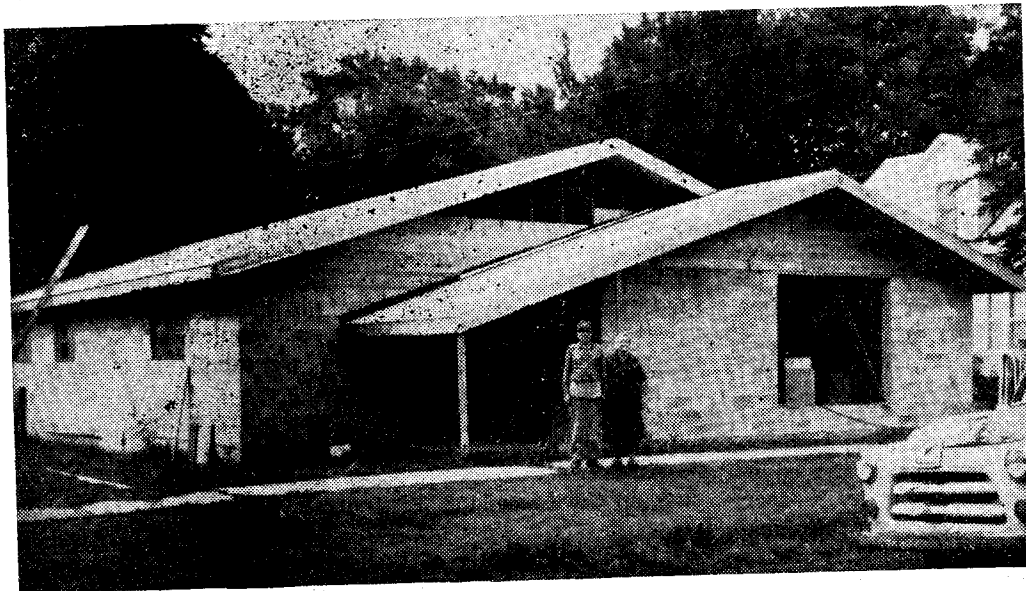
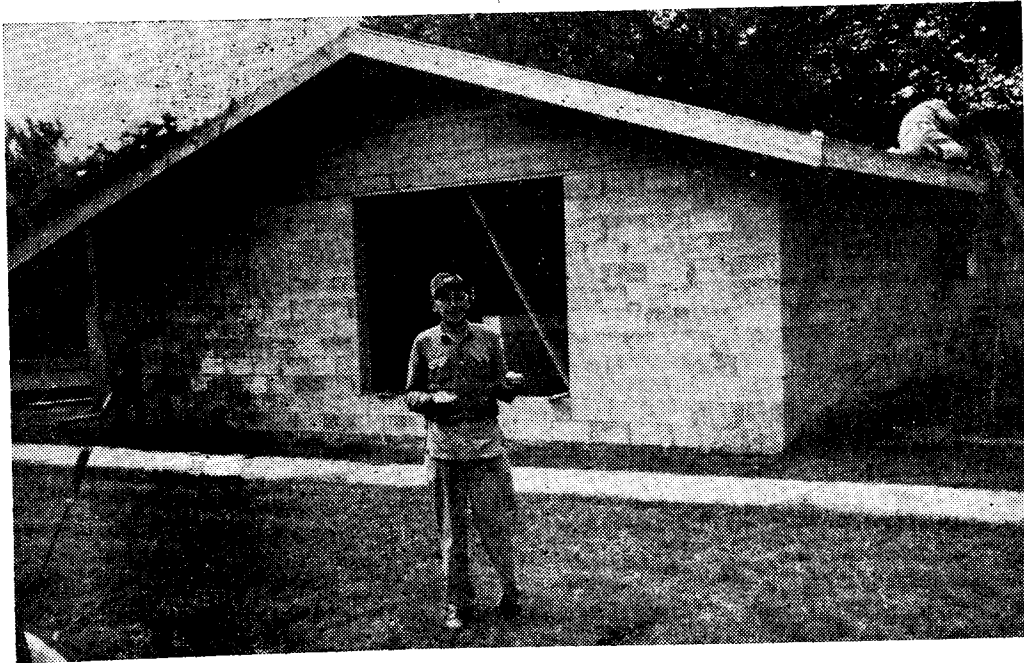
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The Cry Of The New Testament

by Fred Huff

Jesus Christ is coming again! This is the glorious theme of the Bible that pulsates with ever-increasing vigor through the New Testament. Because it offers the basics of this climactic event that is so fastly approaching, the 24th chapter of Matthew is one of the most exciting of the Bible. Verse by verse, this chapter gives Jesus' own thrilling prophecy of the things to come.

The first two verses tell of Jesus' disciples showing Him the temple buildings. The temple was naturally one of the most permanent fixtures of Hebrew life. In Christ's time, the temple in use was built by Herod the Great on the basis of the old temple. It was largely just a re-decoration, not done merely to please the Jews, but this temple was the most costly of all temples. Built on the foundations of the temple reconstructed by Zerubbabel and on the same site as Solomon's temple of Israel's golden age, this was the structure Christ prophesied would be so utterly destroyed. And in 70 A. D., Titus, a Roman general, besieged Jerusalem in the most horrid 134 days of Israel's history. Over one million Hebrews died in the siege that ended with the temple being burned and virtually the whole city being destroyed. In order to plunder the gold that had melted and run between the huge stones of the temple, the soldiers actually broke every stone apart so that Christ's prophecy of "not one stone upon another" was literally fulfilled.

But the destruction of this relic of the days of the Mosaic Law is probably the least important message of Matthew 24. The key to the chapter comes in verse three when the disciples ask Jesus when He would be coming back, what would be the sign of His coming, and what about the end of the world or the age. Christ's answers to these questions through the rest of the chapter have a relevance to modern times that is probably not fully realized in any one person's mind.

First of all, Jesus warned against the deception that was surely to come. This deception began to bud

even in the day of the early church, as evidenced by the many exhortations in the epistles, but has only begun to attain its zenith in the 20th century, with the time of the antichrist so swiftly rushing upon the world. This century has seen the instigation of men like Adolf Hitler, who developed modern mass media as a means of influencing the minds of whole nations and races. It has witnessed Darwin's theory of evolution and philosophic theories like "God is Dead" that are designed to discount even the idea that there is a God. In this century also, false religions range from the followers of men like Father Divine to the new "turned-on" religions like the one begun by Timothy Leary and based on LSD. Surely deception is terrific and vastly on the increase, even as prophesied by Jesus.

Verses six through eight are Christ's summary of the events immediately preceding the end time. Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century, the wars Jesus foretold have greatly increased both in number and intensity. But only in the 20th century has man witnessed the nations and kingdoms rising against each other. Since the first world war, there has been active military engagement somewhere in the world every year. But, in addition to the wars, it is interesting to note that the number of serious earthquakes has been constantly on the rise in recent years, the last 100 years have held some of the most serious famines in history, including a worldwide famine after the first world war, and "pestilences" like heart failure, cancer, and especially mental illness seem to be gripping humanity as never before. All these things Christ said would come upon the world as a "beginning of the end."

In verses nine through 13, Jesus describes the effect of these last days on the Christians. First of all, persecution will be world-wide and involve the slaughter of thousands. The persecution will be so severe that many Christians will deny their faith and betray their friends. False

prophets, or false religions, will play a big role in this time. Becoming confused as to their beliefs and a lack of popularity of the true gospel will result in many losing their love for Christ and denying the faith. But, after presenting this seemingly dark picture of Christians who will not be willing to pay the price, Christ offers the great consolation that all those who will endure till the end will have the sure promise of being saved unto eternal life.

One of the significant signs of the end was prophesied by Jesus in verse 14. He said that the "gospel of the kingdom" would be preached in every country of the world. In spite of the apathy of many, this has actually taken place in this century. Every nation has heard the message of Christ's salvation. Even the mass media has been utilized by men like Billy Graham in making televised broadcasts to the millions in the U. S., England, and Canada at once. One Indiana man, well-established in the television industry, recently said that the public has responded so positively to these broadcasts that, were it not for the industry's flat refusal to carry more of this type program, the gospel would have a major portion of T.V. time.

The abomination of desolation spoken of in verse 15 will be the turning point of the Jews' "70th week." Daniel 9:27 gives the basic prophecy of the covenant being renewed with the Jews for one week of years, or seven years. But, in the middle of the last seven years before Christ's coming in all His glory, the antichrist will break the covenant which will have allowed the Jews to carry on their worship in the temple and offer sacrifice to God. When the abomination of the antichrist's placing his image in the temple is complete, it will be time for the Jews and Christians to make their flight into the wilderness.

Verses 16 through 20 tell of the flight of the bride into the wilderness. This will be the group of sanctified people who will be gathered in Israel at that time because it will be the last place of free wor-

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ship. When it is time for the flight, they will have to leave immediately, stopping to take nothing. Since the flight will be made in their natural bodies, Christ was concerned that they shouldn't have to make it in winter, on a sabbath day (because the Jews will still be practicing the law), and that young mothers wouldn't be hindered. Revelation 12: 6 prophesies that this "woman," the bride of Christ, will be cared for in the wilderness for three and one half years, or the second half of the seven years of trouble.

The tribulation foretold by Christ in verse 21 is probably more than one can visualize. Jeremiah 30:7 says the time of Jacob's trouble will be so severe "that none is like it;" the writer could compare it with nothing of familiarity. The world's constant sin will have finally received a part of God's judgment in the form of terrific persecution, unprecedented pestilence, and horrors that even the Bible can only describe as "tribulation and anguish" in Romans 2:9.

The shortening of days Jesus tells of in verse 22 probably refers to the time immediately before Jacob's

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of the
Editors

EDITORIAL

For what does the Apostolic Faith Church stand? Do I believe it? Why do I believe the doctrine of the Apostolic Faith Church? Can I prove by and through the Word of God what I believe?

In Hebrews 13:9 the Bible says, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profitted them that have been occupied therein."

I don't know when I have found so many people as of late who can NOT prove this glorious gospel of ours. Some of these people have sat in our churches for many years. Yes, I believe in Sanctification as the second definite work of grace. Can I prove it by scripture to the man who feels it comes in salvation or when we are filled with the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts 2, but can I prove it through the Word of God? I believe in the Destruction of the Wicked, the Rapture of the 144,000 not the whole church and many other doctrines that many other churches do not teach. Can I back up my belief with scripture?

If some one comes to me and says, "Prove it!", Can I? Paul told young Timothy in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." I believe there are enough scriptures to prove our Doctrines without any doubt. We need to study and as the Bible tells us, "To hide these things in our hearts."

Paul in I Cor. 15:58 tells us to be established, unmoveable. If there was a time we should be established in the Word of God, it is today. There are so many, many teachings in the world today; let us know what we believe

and why and then STAND.

Let us remember our churches and pastors in prayer during these days of decision as the pastors for the coming year are decided. Again may we remind each of us that the PERFECT will of God needs to be fulfilled, not just the desires of man. Only as God's Perfect Will is done will our churches be blessed by God and able to be the Soul-Winning Stations which they should be. To find this Perfect Will of God will mean more than just spending 5 minutes at the altar at the end of a service. Tarry before God and see His Rewarding Hand upon your church.

Don't forget to pray for our coming Youth Camps and camp meetings. Pray that God will especially bless this year and that many hearts will be drawn close to Him and filled with His Divine Spirit.

May the Lord bless each of you, our readers. Remember us in prayer that God will lead and direct our labors for Him. Don't forget the Work of the Lord and His House during these summer months.

Howard Whiteley

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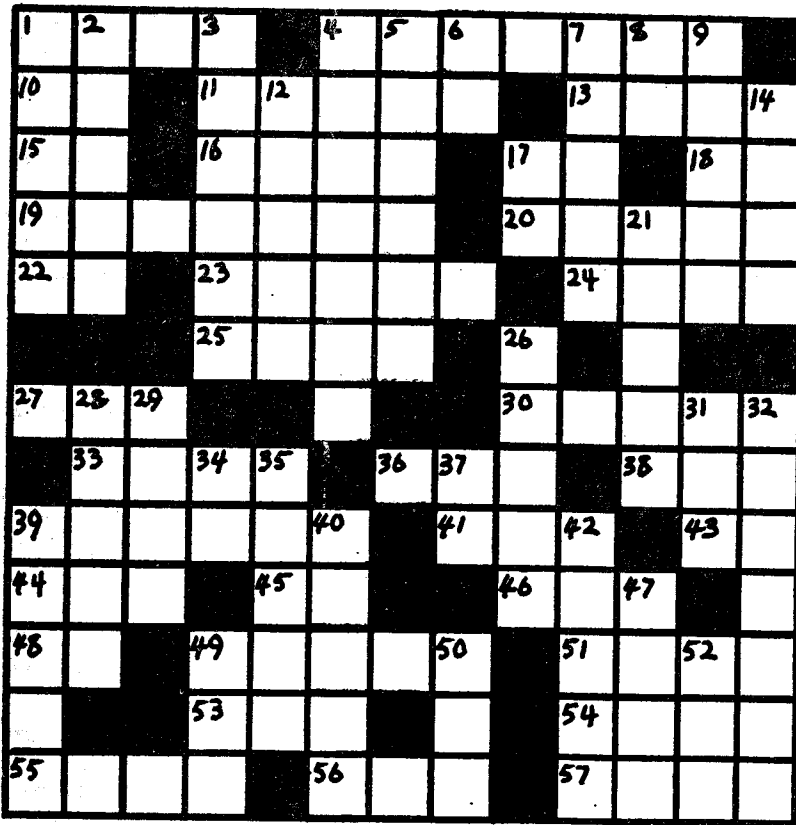
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Warnings To A Local Church

TITUS 1



Answer in next month's issue.

Clues Across

- 1 "teaching things which _____ ought not, for filthy lucre's sake"
- 4, 33, 55 "they _____ that they _____ God but in works they _____ him"
- 10 initials of Jacob's second wife and Jacob's brother (Gen. 29:29; 25:26)
- 11 the father of Moses (Ex. 6:20)
- 13 man who condemned the world by his faith (Heb. 11:7)
- 15 a city on the border of Moab (Num. 21:15)
- 16 "lest any _____ of bitterness springing up trouble you" Heb. 12
- 17 initials of two Old Testament countries still in existence today (Esther 1:1; II Chron. 9:14)
- 18 initials of the husband and sons of Ruth (Ruth 4:13, 17)
- 19 "Let no _____ communication proceed out of your mouth" Eph. 4

- 20 "This is the law for all manner of plague of leprosy and _____" Lev. 14:54
- 22 an altar (Josh. 22:34)
- 23 "_____ one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor" Job 16 (two words)
- 24 "vain talkers and deceivers, specially _____ of the circumcision"
- 25 "_____ he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" John 16
- 27 "Of whom the world _____ not worthy" Heb. 11:8
- 30 "The Cretians are alway _____"
- 33 See 4 across
- 36 "Paul, a servant of _____ and an apostle of Jesus Christ"
- 38 "_____ a lover of hospitality, lover of good men"
- 39 see 41 down
- 41, 39 "they verily for _____ days chas-

tened us after their own pleasure; but he for our _____" Heb. 12

- 43 son of Shuah (Gen. 38:3)
- 44 "With three rows of great stones, and a _____ of new timber" Ezra 6
- 45 "let us not sleep, as _____ others" I Thess. 5
- 46 a small rodent
- 48 "For this cause left I thee _____ Crete"
- 49 "Not by _____ of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy" Titus 3
- 51 "That _____ may teach the young women to be sober" Titus 2
- 53 initials of (Gen. 12:4): man who left Ur of the Chaldees: direction he went land to which he came
- 54 wrap in wax cloth
- 55 see 4 across
- 56 "Who gave _____ self for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity" Titus 2
- 57 "Not giving _____ to Jewish fables"

Clues Down

- 1 a mark left by something that passed
- 2 king who killed James (Acts 12:1)
- 3 a common American herb with small white flowers
- 4 "One of themselves, even a _____ of their own"
- 5 a climbing palm
- 6 initials of two young friends of Paul (Philen. 10, 24)
- 7 to make into a law
- 8 "if God _____ loved us, we ought also to love one another" I John 4
- 9 a small fur-bearing animal
- 12 "Whose _____(s) must be stopped, who subvert whole houses"
- 14 "a lover of good men sober, just, _____, temperate"
- 17 "unto them that are defiled and unbelieving _____ nothing pure"
- 21 a city whose inhabitants were not driven out by Asher (Judges 1:31)
- 26 "that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain _____(s)"
- 28 a rubber-producing city in Ohio
- 29 "wash me, and I shall be whiter than _____" Psa. 51
- 31 a small herb the Pharisees tithed (Luke 11:42)
- 32 wandered away like the sheep of

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ONE OF THREE HUNDRED

by Onal Nunn

- Isiah 53:6
 34 "the acknowledging — the truth which is after godliness"
 35 "this poor — hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury" Mark 12
 37 "the commandments — men, that turn from the truth"
 39 forced open —
 40 "will I make the governors of Judah . . . like a — of fire in a sheaf" Zech. 12
 42 "But — thou in all things, endure afflictions" II Tim. 4:5
 47 "For this cause left I — in Crete"
 49 "By a new and living — which he hath consecrated for us" Heb 10
 50 "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me O God! How great is the —" Psa. 139
 52 "Sir, come down — my child die" John 4

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The family of Paul A. Ross would like to thank all of you for your prayers, letters, cards, phone calls visits, beautiful flowers, kindness, and wonderful Christian love and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved Paul A. Ross. Thanks to every one and may God greatly bless you.

Mrs. Paul A. Ross,
 Daughters: Elaine and Janelle Ross, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Allen Pletcher,
 Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Schrimpf

We read in the Bible the wonderful account of faith and valor prompted by the Spirit of God and it inspires our hearts to press just a little harder for the cause of Christ. But, how often before the opportunity comes to use the faith that God gives at these times of refreshing, does the devil step in and discourage our hearts?

God wants to inspire our hearts today to a new effort, but we fail to respond. And the work that would have been ours to do fails to get done for many times God wants to use us for a special work and that work is ours and ours alone to do.

Romans 11:29 says that the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. This simply means that God gives a gift, sends a call and we are to answer. When God calls us He means business, He very definitely is not playing or just fooling around, but intends for us to do something about it.

When He calls someone from a life of sin, He is not sorry that He called but it does grieve His heart when we refuse.

In the book of Judges the 6th chapter we read of a man who received such a call in the midst of a time when Israel had lost national recognition and there was no one to do anything for them. God picked out a man that no doubt no one else thought anything about and told him to go and deliver Israel from the hand of the Midianites, and that man was startled at that call.

Many times, we like Gideon and so many others in the Bible, begin to say I can't. But one thing he was willing to do was to try. Wait Lord till I get an offering ready, and the angel said I'll wait. There is a need for immediate service but the Lord is merciful and is willing to wait on us if we are trying. Gideon got the offering ready and was told what to do with it. Put it on a rock, pour out the broth, and then the angel put forth his staff, touched the rock and flame came up and consumed the offering and the angel disappeared.

How many times have we been called and failed to offer anything to God? My friend, let us offer our lives, let

the fire of the Lord purge our lives from sin, wickedness, and uncleanness.

He slew his father's oxen and offered an offering to the Lord on an altar built for the purpose. Let us build an altar to God, tear down the old altars that have been used to worship baal; build a new altar to God.

You will probably disturb a lot of people as Gideon did when he began to disturb their lives. O today, to be able to disturb some lives. The devil lets us sleep just so long as we don't bother him, but Brother, Sister, you get into his territory and you are liable to find some good old saint (so called) on the warpath.

Gideon was trying to save Israel but they wanted to kill him. Christ wanted to save the Jews and they did kill Him. Paul many times was near death because he disturbed some people. Brother, when we get on fire for God I am convinced we are going to disturb some people.

Would to God I could be a Gideon, even if he did try God twice with a fleece.

The call went out; 32,000 men answered. Then the test: all that are afraid, go home. Are we afraid? Are we quitters? Twenty thousand left. Then there was another test and all but 300 were unfit for service. Thirty-two thousand began and only 300 finished. Many are called but few are chosen. I thank God for the 300. I would still like to be a Gideon but my brother, it took the 300 also. It would be a wonderful experience to be one of the 300.

There are many exclusive clubs in America where only a few can become members, the rest are barred. But God is calling for Gideons' 300 today to stand in his place and declare the Word of God. My friend, this takes courage.

But I still believe God is calling for all to come and take their place. Will you answer the call? Will you accept the invitation to be one of the 300? May God bless you and strengthen you in His Word and in His faith.

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time of trouble rather than the actual seven year period. This must be true because the number of days in the time of trouble is definitely set by the Bible at seven years. (Daniel 9:27, Daniel 11:31). These days will be shortened for the sake of the redeemed class of people. Persecution will probably be very severe even before the rapture takes place. It is because of this that Christ prophesied that if the days were not shortened, even the elect would be deceived by Satan.

Verses 23 through 27 are another warning against the great deception of that day because of the number of false Christs, prophets, and doctrines that will then be present. Even today, the world is wallowing in such deception that the true gospel is rarely preached. These false Christs will even perform great miracles; it will take the discerning of the Holy Ghost to recognize them. The world will allow themselves to believe the false Christs to the point of accepting man as Christ Himself, although the Bible plainly says that, when He comes, it will be as the lightening, filling the world with the glory of His coming so that every man will know in an instant that the Lord has come.

In verse 28, Jesus tells of the great meeting in the air at His return. He speaks of Himself as the carcass to which all the eagles will gather. This is immediately before He descends to the Mount of Olives to conquer the world.

Disturbances in the heavens will be another instance of the end of the tribulation. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will fall. Whether or not man will bring some of these things upon himself is hard to predict, but these great disturbances in the heavens will take place.

Most of the Jews will not realize that Jesus is their Messiah until the middle of the tribulation week. Only then will they realize their great mistake, and, as Christ prophesied in verse 30, "all the tribes of the earth mourn." When, at the end of the week, the Jews go to

the wailing wall and cry for Christ's return, His coming will be at the very doors.

At His coming, Christ will immediately gather all those who are still living for Him, as He said in verse 31. Included in this "elect" that will be gathered is all those who will come up in the first resurrection to reign with Christ in the millennium. Isaiah 65:9,22 says that the elect will include many more people than just those living at Christ's return.

Verse 32 is a prophecy of the Jews returning to Isreal. The fig tree is always a symbol of the Jewish nation. This return of the Jews to Palestine is one of the greatest signs of Christ's soon return. Seeing all these things taking place, Christ prophesies in verses 33 and 34 that all things will be fulfilled in "this generation." It is not clear just how this term is to be understood, but one can surely say that these things definitely illustrated that Christ's coming is "even at the doors," or very, very near.

After giving assurance in verse 35 that all His words will be completely fulfilled, Jesus says in 36 that only God the Father knows the day and hour of His coming. This should be sufficient warning and evidence to those who constantly try to determine exactly when He will return. But, one can know some of the conditions of the world prevailing at Jesus' coming. Verses 37-39 compare the day of Christ's return to the time of the flood. Men will be carrying business and their personal lives right up to the day of Christ's return, although they will be greatly disturbed by the tribulation. This continuance of sinful living until the end will no doubt be used by the Devil to keep the world's eyes blinded to the fact of Christ's soon return. They will not be aware of the hour until He comes, even as the people in the time of the flood were taken completely unaware.

The glorious redemption of those who will escape the time of trouble is foretold in verses 40-41. This will be done quietly, in the twinkling of an eye, and without warning. For reason of this glorious hope, every Christian should have a burning de-

sire to be worthy to be included in that great event of redemption.

With verse 42 begins Christ's admonishment to watch for His return. He is concerned that every Christian be aware of the time at hand. Even the example in verse 43 of the goodman of the house is another plea for preparedness. In Christ's time, there were four watches in every night, the Evening watch from six to nine, the Midnight watch from nine to twelve, the Cockcrowing watch from twelve to three, and the Morning watch from three to six. By looking at every watch as approximately 500 years, the world is presently nearing the end of the Morning watch. Surely it is time to be constantly prepared! Even as in verse 44, Jesus says to always be ready, for He may come at any time.

The rest of Matthew 24, (verses 45-51), is the example of the wise servant and the evil servant. Again, as at so many other times, Christ admonishes the church to be watching and always ready, for His coming will catch so many unaware. This is the great importance of fighting off the deception that so easily lulls the church to sleep in the assurance that Jesus won't return for a long time.

It will be these kind of Christians that will receive the reward of the evil servant at Christ's coming. "And he shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 24, then, is of great importance because it gives a complete picture of the end of the age and Christ's return. In these 51 verses, the Son of God foretells the climax of the age, of Christianity, and of the entire history of the world. In this one chapter rings clearly the message of the New Testament. Jesus is coming soon-

Gem of Truth

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein." Hebrews 13:9.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

CENTERTON, ARKANSAS—

We are still having services in our home west of Centerton. God has supplied us with a location, nice building fund, folding chairs and a piano. We are in need of a pastor that will come with a burden for a new Apostolic Faith work and stay with us long enough to see this work established and a new church built. If God lays a burden on your heart, please contact Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend, Route 3, Box 172, Bentonville, Ark., 72712. We covet the prayers of the entire movement.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend

GALENA, KANSAS—

We've enjoyed the blessings of the Lord in our midst and are thankful for each blessing. Our VBS was held the 1st week of June with 86 enrolled and 80 students had perfect attendance. We felt this spoke well for the teachings of God's Word. Sis. Whiteley directed our school again as in the past years.

Our new downstairs classrooms were used for the first time June 1st. We're so pleased with this addition to our church and are looking forward to having the rest of the rooms completed by next year. The carpet and heating and cooling unit will be installed soon. After this is in the clear of debt, the two rooms upstairs will be finished. We're grateful to the Lord for this building which was so needed, leaving only two classes in our auditoriums.

Sis. Edna Schultz and Bro. Carl Pitts filled in for some of our services recently when we had to be away. May God bless them in their labor for Him.

We will be staying as pastors another year and ask an interest in your prayers for the continuance of God's blessings and direction for our lives.

Let us all work together to see Christ lifted up and men drawn unto Him.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

GUYMON, OKLA.—

We are rejoicing in the Lord for His presence in our services and in our daily lives.

The work on our new church is progressing nicely and we should be able to move into it in a very short time. We will then conduct our Daily Vacation Bible school and hope to win new people, both wee ones and ones not so wee. We request an interest in your prayers that our outreach may be fruitful in the Lord. We desire more than anything else to see souls saved and believers renewed and growing daily in truth and righteousness.

Bro. Edwin Modrick has been laboring faithfully in both the physical and spiritual building of our church and we are deeply appreciative of his efforts. We are also thankful for the help received from our Bro. Bill Patterson for his help in the church building and for the good sermons in song and sermon.

May God Bless all of His workers and give souls for our hire!

Dela Tomlinson, reporter

Rev. Edwin Modrick, pastor

PERRYTON, TEXAS—

We are rejoicing in the Lord's blessings. Rev. Gail Schultz recently conducted a revival for us assisted by several young people. Four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in these services and God dealt with the unsaved. Sister Waterbury conducted the VBS here the last week of May. She was assisted by Delvin Wiles, Carolyn Quesenbery and Lavonda Russell as well as ones from the church. There were 117 enrolled with average daily attendance in the 90's. Several

gave their hearts to the Lord which made it worth all the effort expended. The young people are now looking forward to Youth Camp. May God bless each of you as He has us.

Mrs. Bill Cornell, reporter

Harrol Waterbury, pastor

LAVERNE, OKLA.—

We've been enjoying the many blessings of God upon our church. Our services have been very good with good attendance. We want to thank Miss Carolyn Quesenbery for her help in our church the past five months. During this time she has been in charge of our youth services and has done an outstanding job. Several visiting ministers have been with us in recent weeks and we appreciate their ministry in our midst.

Jack Cornell, pastor

WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA—

We have resigned the church here at Woodward and will be open for calls after the 1st of June. We have learned to love the people here and have enjoyed working with them. We have pastored the church for two years and feel it is the Lord's will that we leave. Pray for us.

Roland Haney

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BEAVER, OKLAHOMA—

"Jesus Leads Me" was the theme of V.B.S. conducted by Mrs. Lowell Long, May 21 through May 29.

There were forty pupils enrolled in vacation Bible school this year. Marilyn Lemmons and a number of ladies from the church taught classes and helped in every possible way they could.

We hope and pray that the children who came to V.B.S. will remember the

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ISRAEL – The Mini State

by Rev. Edwin Modrick

The state of Israel which came into existence on May 14, 1948, as a result of the authority of the United Nations and through the strength of its own infant arms, was in the process of becoming a nation for many, many years.

For centuries this dream and promise remained dormant until this great liberating impulse, of which our own American Revolution was part, gave them new life. On May 14, 1948, a few bold people proclaimed the establishment of the state of Israel and most other nations gasped with disbelief. Mankind's gaze is focused on the spectacle of history and seldom observes the tiny births, or in this case rebirth of a few thousand square miles. Yet, here it was at last, a living fact again after the innumerable ripples of two thousand years: a nation recreated within a little more than two generations, and a state that had re-emerged from the stormy weather of modern history with its confused pattern of political intrigue and deceit.

Language and culture which was indigenous to the same people living on the same land has now created and molded a national ethos which in turn makes a nation. The historical pattern, however, is radically different with regard to the citizens in the case of this little country called Israel. Relatively few of its inhabitants were born there. Most of its citizens came from all over the world. They brought with them much confusion concerning their customs, languages and cultures. They understood little about the sea and the desert. Only their Jewish identity gave them homogeneity. And only this land and their yearning to recreate themselves in it gave them this nation.

It is not always obvious what it is that makes a Jew. Some say a Jew is a member of an undefined fraternity. Others contend that it is constructed around racial similarities. Finally, some find a common history and the belief in one God, the fundamental roots of Jewish existence. There are Jews who do not observe the commandments, who are unfamiliar with the sacred literature, whose views of the nature of the universe differ from traditional Judaism. These differences have not kept the Jews from a peaceful so-existence in their fight for nationalism.

The nineteenth century pioneers who migrated to Palestine fervently repeated the old Biblical pledge; "If I forget thee O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." It was from this Holy city and this Holy land that hope and tradition streamed forth. And it was the same ethnological drive and courage that caused them to want to inhabit the same land with ideals that are now two thousand years old. Jewish memory goes back to the days when Moses led his people out of Egyptian bondage, and then pressed their way on into this promised land. The first two thousand years of Jewish history of kings and prophets, with the glory of two temples built to one God with the pang of war and sorrow and famine, with joy and prosperity, are vivid histories in the minds of all Jewish people. During those centuries the dignity and spirit of Israel began to take shape. The same force of spirit and dignity is now observed with the Jew in the twentieth century. It is even multiplied within the Jew of 1968.

The advent of the Roman Empire marked the beginning of the end of the national state. In 39 B. C., Herod was elevated to the throne of Palestine. Romans began to slay Jewish rebels. In an attempt to pacify the Jews, Herod built a glittering temple for them. Again and again the Jews rebelled against the Roman government. Finally Nero dispatched fifty thousand soldiers to subdue the Jewish effort. Titus, a Roman general, continued the siege to the city of Jerusalem in 69 A. D.. The Holy City was well fortified. Its crowded population vowed to resist until death. Roman troops began to use huge battering rams. They also used gigantic catapults from a distance of a quarter of a mile away. The stones used in the catapult were extremely large and some weighed more than 125 pounds. After months of siege, the city fell, but the determined Jews fought from the Temple. Then the Temple gate fell. The Roman soldiers then burned the Holy shrine to the ground and butchered the survivors.

By the second century Jewish exile had well begun. The hope of redeeming their beloved homeland really began in the first century and was a superficial dream for nearly two thousand years. The tattered remnants of a nation in exile were scattered from the east to

the west. In western Europe they settled in France and England. They also settled in the Germanic lands. While in Spain they achieved their greatest peak of cultural and material growth. During the Crusades the Jews fared poorly, and their peak was short lived. In the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth centuries the Jews were driven from France, England, and the Iberian Peninsula. Throughout the greater part of Europe no Jew was permitted to own land. The entire story of European Jewry is extremely sad. It is the story of the ghetto and humiliations and the story of RETURN and REBIRTH.

The beginning of the nineteenth century found the Jewish horizon bright and promising. History had been responsible for this people learning the meaning of survival as no other people have ever come close to knowing. To the Jew the answer seemed quite simple; in a place where he might worship unafraid; where he might earn a livelihood; rear a family and govern himself, there would the promise come true. Early efforts dating back to 1860 were attempted to unite Jewish population, entirely. Then after these early efforts came the lovers of Zion who openly declared that the only answer to the Jewish plight lay in the RETURN to the Holy Land.

The Zionist movement created by Theodor Herzl best embodied the new spirit of self-deliverance. The movement did not spring from selfish motives. Most of the early Zionists had never seen the Holy Land. Zionism insisted on self help. Once immigration to Palestine began (around 1900) it never stopped. Two great international wars, interference from occupying powers, hostility from jealous neighbors and physical threats have all failed to de-tour the spirit of the Jew. An inspired people redeemed a sick land, and in doing so, redeemed themselves.

Each wave of modern immigration is known as ALYIAH (return home). The modern return to Zion began in 1882, when 7000 Russian townfolk settled in Palestine. It would be impossible to carefully evaluate the story of modern Israel without great consideration of the movement of Zionism.

Theodore Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism, was the most important, as well as the most interesting Jewish personality of the nineteenth century. He was endowed with

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Israel-The Mini State—

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all the qualities which the leader must have — above all, the leader of a cause which seemed quixotic even in his quixotic era. He was born in Budapest in 1860, when Jewish hopes were highest for a complete identification with Magyar life. His education was thoroughly German with scarcely a Jewish note to make him conscious of any other heritage. Though he was prepared for the bar, he passed into journalism and became a correspondent and later literary editor of the *Neue Frie Presse* in Vienna. If he ever thought of Jews, it was as of another people.

He first thought, "The Jews will adapt themselves. They are like seals being driven into the sea. There they took on the appearance of fish, which they are not. If they return to dry land and are allowed to remain there for a few generations, they will do away with their finny feet." Once he even thought a mass conversion to Christianity might solve the problem. Yet, destined to inspire the most passionate hopes of all Jews since the Temple went up in flames, he was launched on a career of inspiring others.

He was quite stirred by the Dreyfus affair, and was in Paris at the time of the furious anti-Semitic campaign. Whether these and other incidents brought him closer to the attention of the problem is not known. Herzl was completely unaware of the work of Hess-Pinsker, and other Nationalist leaders. His ideas of the Jewish homeland was planned without any outside influence. He now began to build a new idea for the Jews and a native homeland. Many of his close friends thought him to be going out of his mind, but he continued on his work. The publication of "The Jewish State" in 1896, by Herzl caused a lot of discussion. In this book he devised many plans for the Jewish people, including the ideal of Zionism. He was so far encouraged that early in 1897, he called a meeting in Basel, Switzerland, and had a Jewish council, from all over the world.

It was the first time in more than 1800 years that Jewish people representing the diaspora had gathered for a meeting to discuss the future of Jewish people. At this meeting was drawn the famous Basel program: "The object of Zionism is to establish for the Jewish people a publicly and legally assured home in Palestine." The his-

toric movement was launched.

Zionism met much opposition at first and most of this came within the Jewish concept. "Zionism," said one cynic, "is a splendid idea, and practicable by any other people but the Jews."

What the Jews have achieved in their homeland by building the country, and of reforming their social structure has been the result of manifold, uncorrelated and hectic activities born of an accumulation of individual and group efforts, guided by an idea but not really schemed or planned in full detail. Until the outbreak of the war in 1939, there existed Zionist federations, societies and unions in 55 different countries, all of them concerned with a practical work in Palestine as a home for the Jews. Every Jew in the world would become a Zionist providing he accepts the Basel program of Zionism and annually pays a contribution of about one dollar per head, which would form the main source of income for the Zionist Executive. Each Zionist member is entitled to vote for a delegate, or to be elected as a delegate to the Congress that takes place every two years. At a meeting in 1946, about two million Zionists were represented by 400 delegates. Between Congress meetings there is a General Council, which meets to receive reports from the Executive branch and adopt resolutions. This council generally meets every six months.

Congress elects the Zionist Executive. When the Jewish Agency was established by the Palestine Mandate the members of the Zionist Executive also became members of the Agency. The President of the World Zionist Organization is also the President of the Jewish Agency. The Agency was acknowledged by the Mandate as the representative of the Jewish interest in the Holy Land.

There are two principle funds for financing the Jewish activity. These are: the Palestine Foundation and the Jewish National Fund, represented in the United States by the United Jewish Appeal. The funds are derived from voluntary contributions by Jews all over the world. The striking feature of the intricate Zionist system of activities is their unanimous drive towards one goal, irrespective of origin, religious or political background. This all fits into one big pattern: The building of a Jewish homeland.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

OBITUARIES**PAUL AUGUST ROSS**

Paul August Ross, son of Mrs. Hazel B. Ross and the late Robert A. Ross, was born July 23, 1918 at Harmon, Okla. and departed this life April 14, 1969 at the age of 50 years, 8 months, and 14 days at the Bataan Memorial Methodist Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Paul became a Christian at an early age when he was converted in a meeting that was held at the Blue Grass school house and was active in religious activities throughout his life.

He entered the army in 1942 during which service he received the Bronze Star and other medals.

After returning home he was united in marriage to Mary Helen Schrimpf on August 10, 1947 at Menard, Texas. To this union were born two daughters, Bonnie Elaine and Carol Janelle.

Paul attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School at Baxter Springs, Kansas where he made his life dedication. He attended John Brown University and Northeastern State College where he received his B.S. degree in Education and Masters of Teaching.

He spent the remainder of his life teaching and working with Indian children, and was a member of the NEA, NMEA, Lions Club, and Rho Theta Sigma Honorary Scholastic Fraternity. He was a friend to God and man.

Those mourning his passing are his devoted wife, Mary, and two daughters of the home, Elaine and Janelle; his mother, Mrs. Hazel Ross; five sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Iola Murlin and Mrs. Betty Griffith, Woodward; Mrs. Beulah Lynes, Vici; Mrs. Edna Cordell, Shattuck; and Irene Ross, Harmon; Olin Ross, Hazelton, Idaho; Silas Ross, Towanda, Kansas; Perry Ross, and Emery Ross, Harmon. His wife's parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Schrimpf, Pampa, Texas and a sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pletcher of Webb City, Mo. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted Friday, April 18, 1969, at 2:00 p.m. at the Apostolic Faith Church in Arnett, Okla. with Rev. Marcus Adair officiating. Music was furnished by Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell. Burial was in the Harmon cemetery.

Children's Hour . . .

—By Lois Riley



JO ANN'S WELCOME

IT WAS SPRINGTIME, and the world was beautiful. The roses were blooming and the birds were chirping merrily, but Jo Ann was not happy. She tried not to think about it, but for the first time in her life she felt shy and afraid. She was afraid of people and schools and everything. She wished she could run away — back to South America!

Jo Ann's daddy and mother used to be missionaries in South America. Jo Ann had not been afraid of people there, but that was the only home she had ever known. Now she could not go back to South America because her daddy's health was not good. The doctor had told him that he should not go back to South America for several years.

Jo Ann dreaded to go to Sunday School the next Sunday because she didn't know her teacher, and she didn't know a girl in her class - not a single one. And she dreaded to start school on Monday. She had never been to a real school where there were long rows of seats full of boys and girls and a teacher who sits up at the front of the room. Of course, she had learned lots of things from living in other countries, but on this morning she felt as if the world had been turned upside down.

Then the postman came and brought a tiny, yellow letter. It was just the color of sunshine, and Jo Ann's name was written on the front of the envelope. She opened it quickly and began to read:

"Dear Jo Ann:

Be ready at four o'clock this afternoon, for—

Sunshine we strew
Each day all through
The year. And now,
Don't you be blue;
Here's some for you.

Love, from the Scatter Sunshine Class."

Jo Ann didn't understand just what the letter meant but she knew something real nice was going to happen. She could hardly wait for four o'clock to come.

Fifteen minutes before four o'clock, two little girls knocked on the door of Jo Ann's house. Their names were Patty and Jean, and they said they were from the Scatter Sunshine Class.

Jo Ann was all ready, so the girls ran down the steps, and on to Patty's home. There around a table were six other girls about Jo Ann's age. When Jo Ann came in the room, they called out, "Hello Jo Ann!" just as if they had always known her.

"We are going to hang Spring baskets," Patty told Jo Ann. "Won't that be fun?"

"I have never hung Spring baskets," Jo Ann smiled, "but I'd like to."

The girls had the Spring baskets all made, and soon they were ready to start. Then one of them remembered that they had forgotten to make baskets for Jim and Lucy.

Jim was a little crippled boy, and Lucy was a little girl who had just come home from the hospital. The girls wanted to give them real nice baskets

because they had to stay in the house all the time. There lay the fruit, candy, and nuts on the table, with flowers to lay on top, but no baskets.

"I'll get some baskets," Jo Ann said eagerly. And before anyone could say a word, she was out the door.

Soon she came running back in the door with two real Indian baskets that she had brought from South America.

"What beautiful ones! How glad Jim and Lucy will be!" cried the girls.

The girls had such fun as they went to the different homes hanging Spring baskets on the door knobs. They'd ring the door bell and then run quickly down the street.

Then the very nicest thing happened—a party for Jo Ann in the teacher's house! It was all planned from the start, of course. But what a grand party it was! They played games, and the

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MORNING PRAYER*

As the sunbeams peep through the window pane
And whisper, "Day is here,"
Dear God will you bless each boy and girl
In lands both far and near!

EVENING PRAYER*

As the stars in the heavens wink and blink
And say, "It is time for sleep,"
Dear God will you bless as we close our eyes,
And in love and safety keep!

*By Naomi A. Dallos

CHILDREN'S HOUR—

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teacher served them ice cream and cookies.

Before the party broke up, Jo Ann had promised to tell the Sunday School class next Sunday about the boys and girls in South America. She wanted her new friends in the United States to love her dear friends in South America, and to pray for them, too.

Most of all, Jo Ann wished to tell the class something she had just learned: Both her new and old friends were kind, because they all loved the Lord Jesus and they were trying to win other boys and girls for Him.

Do you think Jo Ann was shy and afraid of people and schools after that? This is what she wrote to the Scatter Sunshine Class that night:

"Dear Sunshiners:

Sunshine you strew
Each day all through
The year. And now
I won't be blue,
And I thank you.

Love, Jo Ann

New Arrival

Rev. and Mrs. Ollie Kinser announce the birth of a baby boy, June 12, 1969 at 7:45 a. m. The little lad weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and has been given the name Darrin Lynn.

NOTICE

In order to make the paper on a current basis, this issue will be dated June-July. The August issue will be published the middle of July the Lord providing.

SPECIAL NIGHT SERVICES

**August 18-24, '69
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Chairman: Rev. Jack Cornell
Laverne, Oklahoma

GIRL'S DORM PROGRESSES

Work on the new girl's dorm at the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas, is progressing very well. The roof is on and the bathroom fixtures are now being installed along with the wiring.

We would like to thank Bros. Edwin and Paul Simmons of Pampa, Texas, who donated all of the bathroom fixtures. The Reverends Olen Bachler, John Sruggs, and Ray Michener have worked hard to finish up this work this past week.

Also, a big thanks to Bro. Vester Clanton who has put in three weeks building chests of drawers for the dorm. He, with the help of Bro. Frank Wahl have done an outstanding job.

There is a need for several items for the dorm which we would like to mention so that maybe a church, church group, or individuals might be able to supply these items. There are six girls' rooms which will need new bunk beds and furnishings. Also new furnishings will be needed for the Dorm Mother's room and the lobby of the dorm. A new automatic washer and dryer are needed for the laundry room and carpet for the entire dorm. We trust that someone will feel the burden to help complete the dorm ready for use by fall.

A plaque will be placed on the door stating the names of those furnishing the rooms, etc.

Let us all pray for our Bible School as it meets the needs of many people who are not able to attend another school and most of all it instills in the hearts of people, both young and old, the Word of God in its fullness. It's not intended as a college but a place where people can attend classes and study God's Word along with many hours in prayer. In college so many activities fill the hours that there is not time for such concentrated study and prayer as you find in our Bible School. Those students who leave Bible School and enter college are often given credit for the hours spent in class applying toward the degree of their chosen field. We feel that indeed this speaks well of those teaching in our school and for all the efforts of you that have supported this work of faith.

May God richly bless each of you as you continue to stand behind our Bible School with your support and prayers.

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CHURCH NEWS

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gospel stories taught and in due time bring forth fruit in their own lives.

Bro. and Sis. Long and family were gone the first two weeks of June. Sis. Lela McKeever and Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon filled in for those services that our pastor was gone.

Leora Woodson, reporter
Lowell Long, Pastor

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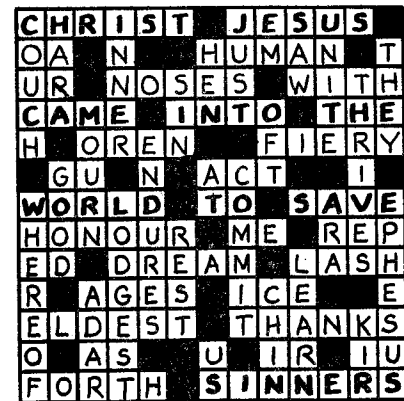
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Rev. Gail Schultz
Rev. Bob Taylor, Pastor

Gem Of Truth

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."

Col. 4:5

"Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Phil. 2:3



Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

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To

June 30, 1969

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