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## Dear Son—

This morning at the station I couldn't say much to you as I took your hand and said good-bye. I was glad your train was on time. You must have known why my heart was pounding when I said, "Well, take good care of yourself." It hardly seems possible your six months' training period in the Navy is over, and you are ready for assignment.

Well, I boarded a train in another direction. My heart was heavy. Across the aisle from me sat two soldiers. They too were going somewhere—perhaps they had already received their orders. I thought "Why, millions of other dads and mothers are having this same experience. They feel just as I feel now."

Half of the seat I occupied was vacant, and I wished for someone beside me. I tried to read, but could not concentrate very well, so just closed my eyes.

Soon I felt the presence of One in the other half of the seat. I saw his scars almost immediately, and said, "Why, you have been wounded!"

He spoke softly, and my heart was warmed by his presence. "I know how you feel. My father must have felt the same way when I left his house. My mission was to free men—to free them from bondage. They opposed me. My enemies were strong. They thought they had conquered me, but I live today. My spirit lives in the hearts of men. It brings comfort and courage to men everywhere. It brings peace and strength to men of every race and creed."

Then, son, I felt much better. I felt akin to all fathers and mothers who send their sons out to fight for our cause.

I thought of those of us who will stay at home. We will not sit idly by. We will cooperate in every way and make every possible sacrifice. We will pray without ceasing that soon the noises of battle may be dimmed, and our sons will return. Together then, we will construct a new world—a world of peace and good will, a world dominated by love.

What I am trying to say to you, son, I would say to all sons in the armed service. Wherever you may go in the battle for freedom, be assured that the One who sat with me today will be by your side. He has said, "*Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*"

*This communication was originally addressed to Ensign Edwin L. Stetler, U.S.N.R., by his father, Roy H. Stetler, of Harrisburg, Pa. It expresses the thought of all of us.*



## The Millenium

By GAIL W. SCHULTZ, *Evangelist.*

The MILLENNIUM is a one thousand year period. The word is of Latin origin. Mille meaning thousand and annus meaning year. There are many scriptures that refer to the reign of Christ on this earth. God cannot lie. Titus 1:2. The Bible is the inspired word of God, written by inspired men, and probably interpreted in the same manner. II Tim. 3:16. II Pet. 1:20. The word of God comes together with a line here and precept there, a thought here and a little there. Isa. 28:10.

God has set the time for the millennium. In Exodus 31:12-17 God commanded men to work six days and rest the seventh, even as He had done in the creation. The duration of one of God's days is one thousand years. II Pet. 3:8. So no doubt, creation was a work of six thousand years, and a rest day of one thousand years, known as the Sabbath. In the same manner, men shall labor six days or six thousand years and rest in the seventh day or one thousand years. That rest is clearly spoken of in Heb. 4:8-11. At present there are the cares of this life, spiritual battles to win, with the enemy of our souls on every hand to watch. II Tim. 4:7. But in the future is the millennium, a day of rest, let every Christian labor to enter into that rest. The evening of six thousand years from Adam is here, and the return of Jesus just as He went away, is not far off. Acts 1:11. Two thousand years from creation and the flood came, two thousand years more and Jesus came into the world to bear the sins of many. Two thousand years more, which are about over, and Jesus will return, that returning will bring about the millennium. Prophecy is being rapidly fulfilled. Acts 3:20-21. Hos. 6:2 informs us that after two days (or two thousand years) the Lord will raise us up and in the third day (or third thousand years) we shall live in His sight.

From Dan. 2:31-45 another time table is given by means of the progress of the nations, with reference to Gentile powers. Compared to the image of a man the

following is given. Babylon was the head of gold. The Meads and Persians were the breasts and arms of silver. Greece and Macedonia under the He goat, or Alexander the Great was the third kingdom of brass. The legs of iron were the Eastern and Western Roman Empires. After the fall of the Roman Empires there arose the present nations. They are the feet of the image, some of iron are strong and some of clay are weak. There will shortly be formed a United States of Europe, with ten kings, or the ten toes of the image. The little horn of Rev. 13, which is the Anti-christ will come up out of this system to rule. The stone cut without hands, rejected by the builders, will become the head of the corner, and fill the earth as a mountain, and reign as the kingdoms of this earth, become the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior.

The Anti-christ, a ruler, greatly loved by a blinded world, will rule in the time of the end, as a result of the ten toes or ten kingdoms. He is the man of sin, the Son of Perdition and the little horn. II Thess. 2:1-14. Rev. 13 chp. He will confirm a covenant with the Jewish Nation. Dan. 9:24-27. The King of the North, or Magog, as Russia will come against the Anti-christ to take a spoil. Ezek. 38:10-23. Many armies shall be with him. They come in an unguarded moment and take one-half of Jerusalem, but the mighty victory is soon turned into a surprise. For at this time Jesus descends. Zech. 14:14. All forces are united to fight Jesus, but He destroys them with the brightness of His coming. II Thess. 2:8.

The nations are preparing for war and will do so until this last great battle. Joel 3:9-14. This is the Battle of Armageddon fought on the plains of Esdraelon, near Jerusalem and is described in many scriptures. Rev. 11:11-21. Jesus as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS comes to smite the nations of sin and tread the winepress of God, so that the flesh of kings and servants and beasts are consumed. The Anti-christ and false prophet, and all of his recog-

nized powers are destroyed. Flesh consumes away, eyes and tongues melt, and consternation seize them. The gold and riches of all shall be left. Zech. 14:12-15. Ezek. 39:1-8 continues the battle scene, in all its fury. This is the end of Gentile power. The disciples of Christ wanted to know when His kingdom would be established, just before He ascended. Acts 1:6. So at that time the millennium was still a future event. The Gentile times must come first and Jerusalem be trodden down. Luke 21:24. Blindness is over Israel until the Gentile age is finished. But when it is ended a Spirit of Grace and supplication shall be poured out upon Judah and in their spirit of mourning Jerusalem shall be delivered. Zech. 12:8-11.

Satan has great power today. He is the god of this world. II Cor. 4:4. Also referred to as the prince of the power of the air. Eph. 2:2. He goes about seeking whom he may destroy. I Pet. 5:8. But sin and sickness and suffering will come to an end during the millennium, for the Devil will be bound, and cast into the bottomless pit, where he can deceive the nations no longer. Here he must remain until the thousand years are expired. Rev. 20:1-3.

The Battle of Armageddon is the end of war. On earth peace was proclaimed, by the angels. Luke 2:14. That everlasting peace shall be more clearly realized when Jesus sets up His kingdom of righteousness. Isa. 9:7. The roar of cannon, the march of armies and the fear that they bring will be gone forever. Mic. 4:1-7. The House of the Lord is going to be established and many people come to it. There will be no more war and the nations will not raise up against one another any more. After the Battle of Armageddon the land will have to be cleaned. Men will have jobs of picking up and buying bones.\* The wood burned or used up and put in order, so that there will be no trees cut out of the forests for seven years. Ezek. 39:9-16.

There are spiritual and literal classes that will live during the millennium. The spiritual classes are those born of the spirit of God. They are chosen by grace and not race. Gal. 3:26. There are the man-child class of Christian, the



Bride class, the martyred class, and the blessed and holy dead or saints of the first resurrection are all in this reign to live with Christ for one thousand years. It is blessed to be led of the spirit of God to become the heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ. Rom. 8:1-17. Often poor in this world but rich in faith, so that the kingdom is promised unto them. Jam. 2:5. Here there is suffering with Christ, but later to reign with Him. II Tim. 2:12. The Man-child class of Christians, Rev. 12:1-5 and Rev. 14:1-5, is a glorious body of redemptive saints caught up to God and His throne seven years before Jesus returns. This body of believers is made ready for this event by the receiving of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with evidence of speaking in other tongues or languages. Acts 2:4. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4:3. Eph. 1:13-14. The Holy Spirit of promise, the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, is proof of the sealing power of the Holy Ghost. Redemption is the hope of the Christian world. Luke 21:28. In Matt. 24:40-41 Jesus tells of this class that are caught away. This class is to rule over five and ten cities. Luke 19:15-19. Just as individuals sow, so shall they reap and the greater the spiritual attainment, the greater the reward in the Kingdom of Christ. Gal. 6:7-18.

Jesus suffered without the camp that His people might be sanctified. Heb. 13:12. He gave Himself to the church that He might cleanse and sanctify it. Eph. 5:25-26. Count not the sanctifying Blood of Jesus unholy. Heb. 1:29. A definite consecration will bring a definite work, with a definite witness. This selected body of Christians make up the Bride of Christ. He does not marry the church, but the Bride, this chosen company of holy people. No man-made organizations have the right to claim certain places in the Kingdom, saying they are the Bride, man-child class and so on, for rights are granted to people of Christ, by His grace and each one must work out their own salvation. The Bride flees out of Jerusalem, to the wilderness, because

of the Anti-christ reign. After three and one-half years in this protected place of God, they raise to meet the Lord, as He returns to earth. The blessed and holy dead or fruits of the first resurrection will be raised. The martyrs are raised too. Rev. 20:6. All spiritual classes are now gathered for the marriage of the Lamb right here on this earth. Rev. 20:4. Rev. 5:10. Enoch prophesied of the return of the Lord with His thousands of saints. Jude 14. Jesus foretold it by parable. Matt. 24:28. The saints will be camped about Jerusalem. Rev. 20:9.

Jesus ascended to heaven from Mt. Olives, and to this mountain shall He return again, just as He went away. Acts 1:11. The mountain shall break and a great valley made by this act. Zech. 14:4. Here the redeemed shall stay while Jesus goes to the Battle of Armageddon. The garments of the Lord shall be sprinkled with Blood in that battle. Isa. 63:1-6.

There is a literal side of the Kingdom too. The government of the Lord shall be the authority of the millennium. The Christ is King. Psalms 2:6. In a new temple, as an ever-living priest He shall bless all. Zech. 6:12-13. This throne will be in Jerusalem, and all people must obey Him. Joel 3:16-17. This is not now, for the city is then holy and no strangers ever enter its gates. For in that day the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Isa. 11:9. The day of preaching and teaching will be over, for all shall know the Lord in that day. Jer. 31:34. A new covenant of the mercy of God, with His laws in the hearts of the people shall be given. Heb. 8:10-13. Now the righteous are cast down, but then shall they be in power. The desire to kill and feast on meat shall be taken away from every living thing. The wolf and the lamb, the calf and the lion shall eat straw and lie down together. Children can play with all animals and creeping things unharmed. Isa. 11:1-10.

Israel shall be gathered again, not as two nations but as one nation. Ezek. 37:21-28. They will be the people of the Lord, walking in His law, under King David. For generations shall they dwell, with the tabernacle of God in their

midst. As there are a 144,000 sealed for redemption, with the Holy Ghost, a spiritual work, so there is a 144,000 sealed in a natural way. 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes. Rev. 7:1-8 describes the sealing, a work that protects a natural chosen people, by race, against the great time of trouble, known as Jacob's trouble. Jer. 30:7.

In Ezek. 9:1-11 there is a picture of a time of trouble. There are many to be slain, but a man with an ink horn is to seal certain people. The sealed will be delivered. This is the literal numbers that are kept and given to the Lord for the millennium. The regathering of the Jews is a Bible truth and prophecy that they themselves cherish. The time for the Jews to go to their home land Palestine is at hand. For them the tilled fields shall yield abundantly. The cities shall be full and not ruined. The new estates of the redeemed Israelites will be far greater than any old estate. No nation or people shall fall again. In that day Israel shall be given a new heart and spirit and gladly walk in the laws of the Lord. The sins of former days shall be remembered, so that they loathe themselves. With the curse lifted, the earth shall be like the Garden of Eden. Ezek. 36:8-38.

A strong nation shall be made of them that were a cast-out people. Mic. 4:6-7. The Lord will reign over them. Israel is called to come to their King David, to the LORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, not to the one that called them out of Egypt, but the Lord that called them out of the north country, and out of all countries. Jer. 23:1-8. Even the boundary lines of the tribes are given in Ezek. 47:13-22. Also in Ezek. 48:1-8. The location of Jerusalem is laid, suburbs and all. There are to be twelve gates to the city named after the twelve tribes.

Isa. 60:8 asks us the question, "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows?" This is the returning of the scattered people. The ships of Tarsish or long distant vessels will take Judah back, with gold and silver, and all the glory of the Gentiles. Their gates can be open always and any nation that will



not serve them shall be destroyed. Isa. 60:1-12.

Some of the heathen shall be given to the Lord for an inheritance. Psalms 2:8. Many nations shall be joined to the Lord, as He rules out of Jerusalem. Zech. 2:10-12. Mic. 4:6-13. God promises to regather a scattered people, and to cause them to rule with iron horns. All nations shall come to Jerusalem to see the glory of the Lord. His name shall be declared among the Gentiles. All people must come with a peace offering at the appointed time. If they fail to come they shall die a terrible death. Isa. 66:18-24. There shall be children born to the literal families, they shall live through the reign and not become old, except if they will not obey, then shall they be cut off at a hundred years of age. The obedient will build, and inhabit and tenderness shall reign supreme. Isa. 65:17-25. A great praise is given to God for His goodness in Isa. 12:1-6. This will be a great time of worship, even a reign of HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD. If some fail to come up to Jerusalem to worship the Lord, no rain shall fall on them, and they shall be cut off. Zech. 14:16-21. Waste places shall be rebuilt, no doubt the heathen, and such classes shall work for Israel in many manners mentioned in Isa. 61:4-7, as feeders of flocks, plowmen and vine-dressers.

The highest ruling power of the millennium is Jesus. Luke 1:32. He is KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev. 17:14. Rev. 19:16. He is the King of Israel. John 1:49. He is the blessed King of Israel. John 12:13. He is King of the Jews. Luke 23:2-3. The appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ shall reveal this kingship. I Tim. 6:14-15.

Israel was to be as fat cattle, not lean or disowned. For Jesus will be a Shepherd over them. David shall be a prince among them. A covenant of peace shall be given so nothing shall hurt or destroy. (Isa. 11:9 Isa. 65:25). Showers shall fall in the right season. The fields and orchards produce fulls. Israel shall dwell safely and be a people of renown. Ezek. 34:20-31. David, the prince, shall be in authority under Jesus and after Him the twelve apostles, or twelve

thrones, judging the twelve tribes. Matt. 19:28. The same promise was given to the apostles in Luke 22:29-30. Here Jesus told them they would eat and drink with Him in His kingdom. The spiritual 144,000 are next in ruling power, acting in position as the helpers of Moses did.

During the millennium Jerusalem shall be the head of nations, the capital of the world, a holy city and Christ shall speak for them. Throughout many generations shall this be. Sickness shall be taken away, for the blood of all people shall be cleansed. Joel 3:16-21. From city to city, from all nations and languages shall the people come to worship before the Lord, at the city of the Jew. Zech. 8:20-23.

The tabernacle shall be rebuilt and the land of Palestine made like a garden to be destroyed no more. Amos 9:11-15. There shall be no more sweat shops or undue work. But the knowledge of the

Lord shall cover the entire earth. Heb. 2:14. It pays to serve the Lord now and speak often of Him, for God shall remember and reward. Mal. 3:16-17. From Jerusalem LIVING waters shall flow, and it seems that the day is not so light or the night so dark, neither is the winter so cold, or the summer so hot. Zech. 14:6-8.

At the close of this reign, Satan is loosed from his prison, to go out to try many. Not the already proven saints, but that literal world, who has not been tried. God will have a tried people. From every part of the globe people come under the tempting of Satan, they gather to make war on Jerusalem, and fire from heaven devours them. Satan is cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:7-10. Jesus now steps to the judgment of the GREAT WHITE THRONE. The unsaved and resurrected are judged according to the books. Rev. 20:5. Rev. 20:11-15.

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The weight of my added responsibilities has begun to bear heavily upon me, but the Lord has undertaken in so many ways. He has made me to know He is leading the way. As I continue the publishing of the Paper my need of Him, as my guide and strength, is becoming greater every day, and I want to trust Him more as the days goes by. It seemed life had stopped and I couldn't go on, but the realization has come that Life does go on, I must go on with it, to finish my work God has given me until He says, it is enough. The Paper isn't a new work for me, as I have worked side by side with Robert for many years, but trusting the Lord for the financial means is indeed a new responsibility, but I know God will supply and that you will stand by in this.

It has been hard to take up the broken threads of life and go on, but with the help of the Lord I want to do my very best for my children, Roberta and Charles, and not get so busy that I neglect them, so I am trusting the Lord to help me with my lovely family and too, be my very best for Him.

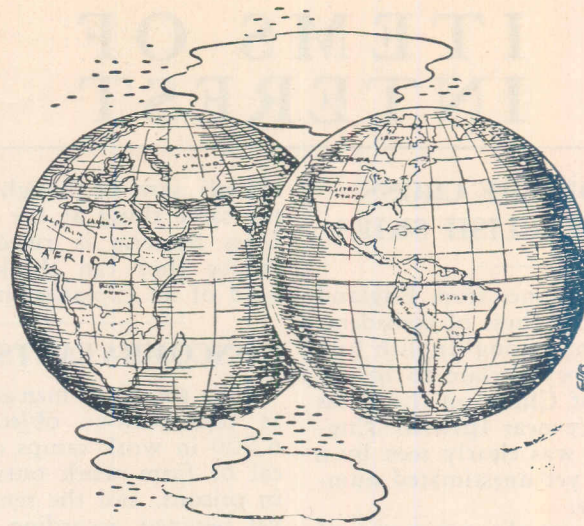
Lord willing, Sister Lula, the children and I plan to be at the Camp Meeting at Meridian, Miss., and as the Lord permits would like to also attend the Texas Camp Meeting at Rockdale. We need the fellowship of God's children, so we do hope to see many of our friends at one of the Camp Meetings this summer. We have made arrangements to have the Paper printed regularly and promptly with the best service and workmanship we have ever had, and by fall we expect to have a paper that will commend your support.

So with your continued prayers, support and cooperation, we march out into fields of labor, going forth in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and King.

Pauline E. Parham, Editor.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Crouse announce the marriage of their daughter, Priscilla Izeta Crouse to P.F.C. Marvin Gannon on April 13th, at Anthony, Kansas.



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**WRITE—AND WRITE OFTEN TO THE BOYS**

Dear Friends of like faith:

The church at Center Point, Texas, is progressing nicely. Through all the trials and temptations we still feel it pays to serve God. Our crowds are increasing during the summer months. God is blessing.

The Chitwood Sisters and Lucille Robinson, Bro. and Sister Janzen, Brother and Sister Sherman Sutton, Bro. Paul Harbin, Bro. and Sister Sidney Rees, Bro. Joe Lilly and Bro. Murphy Barnes are among the visiting ministers that have given us special services since the first of the year. They all have been a blessing to the church.

Bro. and Sister Darrell Sutton conducted a revival in our church in June.

We have recently accepted an appointment for services, twice each month, at Vanderpool, Texas. We enjoy the services very much.

Yours in the Faith,

Jacob C. Regier, Pastor.

**TUNE IN**

KOAM—Pittsburg, Kansas to the Fellowship Hour every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. Different churches of the Tri-State District having program each Sunday. Secretary, Rev. Olen Bachelor, Box 336, Webb City, Mo.

KANS — Wichita, Kansas, to the "Lights of Home" program every Sunday morning, 9:15 to 9:30 A. M. Rev. Albert L. Durham in charge.

KPDN—Pampa, Texas, to the "Gospel of the Kingdom" program every Tuesday 2:00 to 2:30 P. M. Rev. Ralph A. Durham, director.


**LITTLE RAINDROPS**

Make the grass grow, the potatoes sprout, the trees leave, the corn mature, the flowers bloom, the apples ripen, the wheat—but !!! make a prosperous Church look like less than thirty cents on a Sunday morning. Isn't it queer?





# ITEMS OF INTEREST



## CHRIST ON THE CROSS SEEN IN ENGLISH SKIES

The story comes from England via the United Press of considerable excitement among English folk over what they declare to be the appearance of Christ on the Cross in a clear sky near Ipswich, England, which was clearly seen by a large but as yet unestimated number of people.

According to the testimony of hundreds who on April 27 witnessed the, to say the least, remarkable occurrence, during an air raid alert there suddenly appeared, with a background of the clear blue sky a clearly and sharply defined cross, and a moment later the figure of Christ nailed to cross sprang into view, and as the people gazed in awe and wonder, the whole scene instantly vanished leaving them gazing into a blue and empty sky.

The vicar of St. Nicholas church at Ipswich told his congregation that while he did not see the vision himself hundreds of people in all walks of life told him they did, and there could be no doubt of its appearance, as the stories of all who claimed to have witnessed the miracle agreed to the least detail. He said he believed the appearance of the Savior to be a good omen.

This remarkable story is reminiscent of the battle of Mons in World War I, one of the fiercest and bloodiest battles of the war, not long before the Armistice, when upward of 30,000 Allied soldiers declared that in the heat of the battle the form of Christ with hands out-stretched as in pity or blessing suddenly appeared in the battle-smoked sky above them and then faded away. Scientists explained the phenomenon as mass hysteria, a figment of the delirious mind of some desperately wounded soldier who cried out what he thought he saw, but which never occurred.

How they will explain this later occasion is hard to figure out, as widely separated groups and indi-

viduals, saw, or thought they saw, the same thing at the same time. Mass hysteria is ruled out, but maybe they can think up some kind of an explanation.

## NONCOMBATANTS

Ten thousand men are registered as conscientious objectors, with 6,000 in work camps or in medical or farm work outside, 1,500 in prisons, and the remainder not yet assigned, according to a report submitted by the American Civil Liberties Union to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey. In addition, there are estimated to be about 6,000 conscientious objectors giving noncombatant service in medical units of the Army.

## PRISONERS OF WAR

Tracy Strong of Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary of the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A., says that there are now some 6,000,000 prisoners of war in the world. The Y. M. C. A. and the International Red Cross, says Strong, are the only two agencies authorized to carry on humanitarian and welfare work among the prisoners of war.

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

According to the *Statesman's Year Book* for 1942, there were, at the beginning of the war, 43,000 churches, chapels, and synagogues in Great Britain and 244,000 in the United States.

## VICTIMS OF NEGLECT

In an appeal to help solve the problem of "latchkey" children, those bereft of adequate guidance and care because of wartime work of mothers, Miss Beth Muller of the United States Children's Bureau cites estimates that from 1,200,000 to 1,700,000 women with children were in war work at the end of 1943, and that the number of children affected was nearly 3,000,000.

## TODAY ALONE IS THINE

The past is gone; the future yet unknown;  
They both belong to God.  
Waste not thy time in vain regret  
nor fearful dread;  
Let doubt give place to hope.  
Instead of gloom, let sun in radi-  
ance shine.  
Guard well this priceless gift, O  
Man!

Today alone is thine.

—Helen Laughton.

## RECOGNITION IN HEAVEN

There is an English church where a box hangs in the porch. It is used for communications for the pastor. Cranks put their notes in it, but occasionally it does fulfill its purpose. Recently the minister preached, by request, a sermon on "Recognition of Friends in Heaven," and during the week the following note was found in the box: "Dear Sir—I should be much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your congregation on 'The Recognition of Friends on Earth,' as I have been coming to your church for nearly six months, and nobody has taken any notice of me yet."

## LOCATING JONAH

Once while addressing an open air meeting, an atheist asked Bishop Carpenter if he believed that Jonah was swallowed by the whale. "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah," said the Bishop. "But supposing," the other persisted, "he is not there." "Then you will have to ask him," was the quick retort.

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## Twenty-five Prophecies Fulfilled in 24 Hours

"But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Matthew 26:56. In one day of twenty-four hours, the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled twenty-five specific Old Testament prophecies.

(1) He was to be sold for thirty pieces of silver. Prophecy: Zechariah 11:12. Fulfilment: Matthew 26:14, 15.

(2) He was to be betrayed by a friend. Prophecy: Psalms 55:12-14; 41:9. Fulfilment: Matthew 26:47-50; John 13:18.

(3) The money obtained was to be cast to the potter: (a) silver, (b) 30 pieces, (c) thrown down, (d) in the House of the Lord, (e) used to purchase field. Prophecy: Zechariah 11:12-13. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:3-10.

(4) His disciples would forsake Him. Prophecy: Zechariah 13:7. Fulfilment: Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:27.

(5) He was to be accused by false witnesses. Prophecy: Psalm 35:11; 109:2. Fulfilment: Matthew 26:59, 60.

(6) He was to be smitten and spat upon: (a) smitten, (b) on the face, (c) spat upon, (d) upon the face. Prophecy: Isaiah 50:4-6. Fulfilment: Luke 22:64; Matthew 26:67, 68.

(7) He was to be silent before His accusers. Prophecy: Isaiah 53:7. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:12-14; I Peter 2:23.

(8) He was to be wounded and bruised. Prophecy: Isaiah 53:5. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:26, 29.

(9) He was to fall under the Cross. Prophecy: Psalm 19:24. Fulfilment: John 19:17; Luke 23:26.

(10) His hands and feet were to be pierced. Prophecy: Psalm 22:16. Fulfilment: Luke 23:33; John 20:25-27.

(11) He was to be crucified with thieves. Prophecy: Isaiah 53:12. Fulfilment: Mark 15:27, 28.

(12) He was to pray for His persecutors. Prophecy: Isaiah 53:12; Psalm 109:4. Fulfilment: Luke 23:34.

(13) The people were to shake their heads. Prophecy: Psalm

109:25; 22:7. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:39.

(14) The people were to ridicule Him. Prophecy: Psalm 22:8. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:41, 43.

(15) The people were to be astonished. Prophecy: Psalm 22:17; Isaiah 52:14. Fulfilment: Luke 23:35.

(16) His garments were to be parted and lots cast for them. Prophecy: Psalm 22:18. Fulfilment: John 19:23, 24.

(17) He was to cry: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Prophecy: Psalm 22:1. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:46.

(18) The persecutors were to give Him gall and vinegar. Prophecy: Psalm 69:21. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:34; John 19:28, 29.

(19) He was to commit Himself to God. Prophecy: Psalm 31:5. Fulfilment: Luke 23:46.

(20) His friends were to stand afar off. Prophecy: Psalm 38:11. Fulfilment: Luke 23:49.

(21) His bones were not to be broken. Prophecy: Psalm 34:20; Exodus 12:46. Yet they were to be "out of joint" (crucifixion pangs). "I may tell all my bones." Psalm 22:14, 17. Fulfilment: John 19:31-36.

(22) His side was to be pierced. Prophecy: Zechariah 12:10. Fulfilment: John 19:34-37.

(23) His heart was to be broken. Prophecy: Psalm 22:14. Fulfilment: John 19:34.

(24) Darkness was to cover the land. Prophecy: Amos 8:9. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:45.

(25) He was to be buried in a rich man's tomb. Prophecy: Isaiah 53:9. Fulfilment: Matthew 27:57-60.

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These events were fulfilled in twenty-four hours in the experience of Jesus of Nazareth. According to the law of compound probabilities, the chance that they all "happened by accident" is one in 33,000,000. The conclusion is inevitable . . . that the Bible is what it claims to be, the supernaturally inspired Word of God, and that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of sinners.

## HELPING OUR PASTOR

Here are five points, if practiced, will increase your respect for your Pastor, increase his respect for you, and in the end win souls for Christ.

First—Show him hospitality. Perhaps he comes into your community more or less a stranger. You put forth the effort to get acquainted, and invite him into your home.

Second—Be present at the services. Nothing discourages a Pastor much more than to have his congregation make a practice of being somewhere else on Sunday morning, besides at the service. And when you come, practice being on time. If company comes bring them along. Let your kinsfolk and friends know that YOU go to Sunday School and church on Sunday morning. Who knows but the gospel message may touch their hearts.

Third—If sick, CALL your Pastor to pray for you. It is an acknowledged fact that the Pastor should visit the sick. But God will think you really want healing, and the Pastor will be inspired by your earnestness if you do as James says, "Is any sick among you? Let HIM call for the elders of the church."

Fourth—Suggest to your Pastor those in the community he can visit. Introduce him into the homes of your friends, and take him to those who are in trouble and distressed. In this way many will be reached with friendliness.

Fifth—Last, but by no means least, don't let your Pastor and his family go hungry. Don't be like the lady that gave the wonderful testimony that she had been in this Gospel 2 years, and it had only cost her two dollars. Visit your Pastor and inquire after his welfare. Obey God's promptings in what you might do for him. Encourage the brethren in the church to have a systematic grocery shower. Think what your church would be like if all members were like you, and remember that Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Viola Modrick.



## "Pilate's Wife Writes a Friend"

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter supposed to have been written by Pilate's wife to a friend. This is a translation from an old manuscript which had been unnoticed for centuries in a convent at Bragge. Some early churches had the custom to read this letter every Good Friday. Madame de Maintenon had it read in the court of Louis XIV every Good Friday. The Empress of Russia had a copy of this letter in her private papers. I know of no reason at all why this would not be considered absolutely authentic.*

You ask me, dear friend, whether I am willing to relate the experience which Pontius and I have passed through and you seem especially concerned about the secrecy which surrounds us. Read therefore this scroll, my dear Fulvia, and give me a bit of sympathy; for I am the wife of the man who condemned Jesus Christ to death.

If even this small Galilean mountain village, where Pontius and I have found refuge—he from the pangs of a wounded conscience, I in my detestation of both Rome and Jerusalem—if even here children run away from us and the women draw their veils closely about their faces when they catch sight of us, let me still hope that some woman will try to understand me as that woman who was the mother of Jesus would have done.

You remember my childhood days in Narbonne. And I am sure you remember that I was hardly fifteen years of age when I was betrothed to Pontius who at that time filled a very important position in Illyria. I had never met Pontius before our wedding nor did I know love or how it might be lighted in a human heart. Pontius admired me for my beauty, and I know that he also valued my dowry, for he was a very ambitious man. Since he was a philosopher he regarded love as a womanly weakness, not worthy of a man.

Flute-players made music all night outside of my bridal chamber. They did not know that I was alone—for Pontius had left me saying, "I seek truth, the truth of life." Often times he would arise from his deep studies, stretch

forth his arms and say, "What is truth?" In this fashion five years passed before I became a mother. After that I lived anew in the love of my child.

My dear Fulvia, only love can create love with all that it involves. My son Pilo radiated beauty and possessed a smile so bright that even the slaves were filled with admiration for him. But he had a lame, withered foot. Still he learned very soon to walk with the aid of a little crutch. Pontius was divided between his disappointment at having a son who could not become a soldier and his satisfaction in having an heir who was to carry on his name which was as old as that of Rome itself.

His ambition drove him into the political arena. Through the friendship of the Emperor he was appointed consul in Jerusalem, a step toward Egypt. In this way we came to Jerusalem. None of the extensive realms which made up the Roman Empire was fairer than those purple hills and mountains which sloped down toward the yellow wastes of sand. Roses and fragrant myrtles climbed toward the roofs of every house and the palms, more beautiful than those of Delos, waved their fronds over the gnarled old olive trees. Here and there you might see an orange grove or a pomegranate orchard, their scarlet fruit—glorified in the songs of Solomon—glowing through the green foliage.

The mighty temple of Jerusalem raised its marble walls over all of this—even above our Roman halls of justice—and its sacrificial smoke rose ever in dense clouds toward the sky.

But in spite of the pomp and splendor which greeted us on our arrival in Jerusalem we were possessed by an undefined uneasiness, a feeling that there was a lack of cordiality in the splendid reception. The Hebrews hated us and our pagan worship, as they put it. The Jews are a passionate and unquiet people. All of their thousands of sects have only one and only one thing in common: their hatred toward Rome. Some of the Jews felt that the time had

come for their long hoped-for Messiah to come and make himself king, and deliver them from the supremacy of Rome. On this account they were carefully watched by Herod—not because he had a cousin whom he would like to make the successor of Pontius. By such an occurrence he wanted to prove that Pontius was incapable of ruling the people.

Herod was interested in fishing, and so was the Emperor, and they frequently wrote each other concerning this sport.

We were given an apartment in the palace of Herod and we were received kindly by our host. When Herod was subjected to the contempt and hatred of the Sadducees, he sought to get himself back in their good graces by arranging great banquets with dancing girls entertaining the guests and wine flowing freely.

Pontius also fell out of the good graces of the Pharisees whom he often troubled with his constantly recurring question, "What is truth?"

Stern and just in his judgment my husband could not understand the secret sorrows of my heart, nor did he ever turn to me as to a faithful and trusted friend. Had it not been for my son Pilo I should have died from loneliness in Jerusalem in spite of the sumptuous luxury that surrounded us. My son became my all, my very life.

Although his foot was almost useless he was very brave, and soon dispensed with his crutch, suffering without a sound of complaint the torture which fell to his lot as his foot was created by the leech who exhausted all skill in his endeavor to make it strong and serviceable.

At this time we had become acquainted with Jairus, the chief of the synagogue. When Pontius sometimes argued with him on philosophical matters I would sit in the place of women at the fountain, emroidering veils, accompanied by his wife Salome. She had only one daughter, Smedia. She was just twelve years of age and as beautiful as one of those wonderful roses which you find only in Jerusalem. Often I would sit there and listen to Salome. Sometimes we also sat on her roof while she told of one Jesus, a car-



penter of Nazareth who went about among men, healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, giving hearing to the deaf and sight to the blind. And quite recently he had healed a lame boy. A lame boy! O Fulvia!

Others, too, began to talk about him—his enemies, politicians, the Pharisees. Herod told how he had taken a tax coin out of the jaws of a fish, and he laughed heartily at the story, as did others who heard it. Then it was told that he had raised up from the dead a man in Bethany. Now all of Jerusalem began to talk of him. There was something special in his manner as he told simple truths quietly but with wonderful wisdom.

Salome told how he had said, "You must become a child in order to know God." But Pontius forbade everyone in our house to go near this Jesus, for Pontius was a learned man and did not want to become like a child.

Once when I spoke to Pontius about him he said, "Yes, I know that this Jesus has changed water into wine and that he has fed great throngs of people with just a few loaves of bread and a few fishes. Once he disappeared from a great mob of people, but magicians of the East have done likewise. Let him show me how it is done in order that I too may do it. Then shall I believe. I want the truth—no tricks. Hold yourself very high, Claudia Procula. You are the wife of a Roman."

Sometimes I was very sorry for Pontius. His work demanded much of him, and he sometimes looked weak and wan.

His official duties took him away from us much of the time. He did not seem to get much joy out of life, but appeared almost to waste away among the parchment scrolls. His spirit was evidently disturbed. Many learned men suffer in that manner, my Fulvia.

Then during the heat of the summer a strange malady began to afflict the people. Most frequently it found its victims among the children, bringing with it a feeling of weariness and lassitude, almost unto death. Our son, too, fell victim to that malady. He lost flesh, grew wan and pale, and had to take to his pallet. Pontius grew very sad. He sent messengers to

Athens, to Alexandria and to Rome seeking aid for our son. But the boy's weakness grew apace. He hardly seemed to belong to this world. I grew exceedingly anxious.

Then I learned that the wife and daughter of Jarius also lay dying. The night when the daughter of Jarius died the physicians said that they could do nothing for my son. Pontius locked himself in his room in order to be undisturbed. I was left alone with my dying son and his teacher, Mata, one of my husband's Greek slaves. Then Mata handed me a tablet which came from Jarius, and this is what it said, "Jesus is coming to Smedia even though she die. Come with your son."

A ray of hope shone into my soul. Everything else had been in vain. The spark of life in my son's body was almost quenched. Perhaps this Jesus could save him. Hardly recognizing my own voice, hardly conscious of myself I followed Mata. He carried Pilo with great care, with infinite tenderness, but quickly and surely like a shadow following its own shadow. I understood then that Mata was one of those whom Jesus had gained for His disciple.

When we reached the street where Jarius lived we could not get through the throng of people which had gathered in front of the house. Mata did not wish anyone to know that we belonged to the household of Herod, so he urged me to pull my veil in front of my face as one does in times of great sorrow. In this way I finally succeeded in making my way through the throng of professional mourners, flute players and crowds of poor folk, the fishermen who followed Jesus, Pharisees and scribes who were eager to engage in conversation with Jesus in order that they might find something of which to accuse him. These sought to keep us from entering the hallway, for they wanted no witnesses to what was being done and said.

But imagine, dear Fulvia, what it must have meant to have come so far—to be so close to Him and still be unable to come near enough to ask Him to save our dying son! Then I caught sight of Jarius standing on the top-most step of the entry. He waved the crowd aside with his hand and called me

to his side. When I came to the door of the room where Jesus was to be found, Jarius suddenly drew aside and I could move neither one way nor another in the dense crowd. All I could do was to stand still in my sorrow and grief. Then I caught a glimpse of the interior of the room and through heavy clouds of incense I saw Smedia lying on her bed—dead. At her side bending over her knelt her mother. About the pallet were innumerable lighted candles.

Just then I saw Jesus for the first time. At first glance He hardly looked like a human being. His garments were of the kind worn by those about Him, but His entire being was transformed. He was the very picture of love itself. The whole room seemed as if it were filled with this deep love which poured from Him. Like an empty vessel which is suddenly filled with precious, fragrant spices, I felt my soul all at once filled with His warming, life-giving love. There was no longer a trace of bitterness toward Him, but I was possessed with a feeling of supreme happiness.

Suddenly I saw Jarius kneel before Him. He cried out, "Lord, my daughter is dead, but say only a word and she will be restored to life." A shuddering movement passed over me as I waited breathlessly for His answer. Then Jesus took Smedia by the hand and said, "Arise!"

And, Fulvia, she did just that. She arose. She opened her eyes and looked about herself. The color of health returned to her cheeks as she looked at Jesus. Then she stretched forth her hands to her mother and said, "Mother."

I did not notice that I had knelt until I felt the trampling about me; I heard cries, but strange enough, hardly any expressing joy or admiration. What there was of that nature came from those of Jarius' household. But most of them expressed hatred and indignation. I tried in every way to come close to Jesus, but the crowd carried me farther and farther away until finally I began to weep from despair. Now I was almost pushed down the stairs. I knew it was impossible to come near enough to Jesus to ask Him to heal my son. Then I was carried along through the snarling and



cursing crowd where I heard on all sides the Pharisees calling Him a defamer of the Emperor.

I found myself standing in a narrow corner which was covered with vines. Then I heard a cry which will continue to echo through my soul as long as I live, "Mother, Mother!" Through the throng I saw my son Pilo come bounding and leaping and throwing himself into my arms. Pilo, whole and sound, free from his physical handicap. No longer did he drag his foot. He jumped and ran, and his face radiated health. My son was healed. Before I cried He had answered. He had given more than I had hoped for, O Fulvia!

But there is sorrow in my heart as I proceed to tell you what followed. It is terribly hard to write of it. Although Pontius was proud that his son had been relieved of his sickness and physical troubles, he would not admit the reality of what had happened, nor that a miracle had taken place. "This must be some trick," he said. "This man is only a carpenter without an education, and I am a learned man. I shall have to investigate thoroughly what all this is about before you and Pilo see the Jesus again." In addition to his doubts he also had some strange suspicion that this man in some manner might crowd him aside: "Be careful of this Nazarene. He is dangerous. It is rumored that He wants to make Himself king."

Pilate desired to be promoted to a higher office in Egypt; hence he was anxious to stand well with the Emperor.

In the spring we accompanied Herod on a journey and we did not return until the Passover of the Jews was at hand. This great feast attracted annually vast crowds of people from all the tribes of Israel, who wanted to join in the sacrifices. The day before the feast Pontius said to me, "The fates are against this Jesus of Nazareth. A prize has been offered for His capture and before evening He will be in the hands of the High Priest." "But, my Father, you will surely save Him?" said Pilo. His father immediately sent him away with Mata, his teacher, for he dared not face his son. Nor did he permit me to talk to any-

body but asked me to remain in my room for the time being. His appearance was shy, desperate and questioning.

The following night I could not sleep but again and again, I saw Jesus before my eyes. When the last trumpet blast had sounded from the temple I seemed to have a waking dream. And this was my dream:

I saw a hill, on which there walked about all the children whom Jesus had healed. Pilo and Smedia were there, and many, many others. By their side were their parents, men and women from every social class, but all united in their love for Jesus. There were those whose souls Jesus had healed, and others who had been healed of physical ills. All of them had been given a new courage to live and serve. No one was idle. All of them labored, each in his own way, and all were singing and radiant with joy. They all seemed to enjoy their labors, for they had found something worth while to live for. They seemed to be a new people. Young and old—in their love for Jesus they were like children without fear or troubles. They seemed almost transfigured and the revelation of their new life was to them all a source of happiness and joy.

But far away, hidden in a dark, heavy cloud, there was another throng, drifting about aimlessly. They were not like the first company, but appeared aged and weary, laboring and tiling about themselves, weeping and cursing, as in the throes of death. Their cries were terrible and their pains awful. Pontius, the philosopher, was among these. His arms seemed as if they were worn off, because he had been compelled to stretch them out toward Pilo who was far away—begging him for help. Then it seemed to me that Pontius cried out to me, and in my anxiety for him—who in spite of everything was an honorable and learned man, I awoke.

I ran to his sleeping chamber and cried, "Pontius, Pontius! You must forsake your philosophy. Become a child and believe in Jesus."

But my servant maids smiled at me and said, "The Governor is in the judgment hall. Something is happening there." Suddenly there

was a violent clamor and loud shouting. My heart beat until it seemed ready to burst. I heard the tread of many feet, different from those of the iron shod soldiers, on the marble floor outside the entryway to the hall of justice. I hurried to Pontius. He was seated in the judgment seat. I drew aside the purple draperies, and I saw, O Fulvia—I saw Jesus—Pilo's Jesus! His hands were bound. The cords bit into His flesh and blood was streaming from His face.

But amidst all that suffering and pain—for His whole body had been beaten and torn—His eyes still gleamed forth His love. He looked kindly toward Pontius who seemed to be mad with indecision. The Pharisees, drunks and rabble. Not a friend of Jesus did I see. On the way to Herod's palace the priests had kicked Him and beaten Him and tortured Him in every way. And this was He who had healed so many. The faces of the men were those of demons, and Pontius had a hard time to make a decision in the case. Sometimes he turned to the people to ask about Jesus, and sometimes he turned to his prisoner with his questions. Pontius' face was white with anxiety.

Then I heard him saying to them, "What do you want with this Man? What evil has He done?" Then he suddenly turned to them and said, "Has He ever helped any of you?" But at the same time he did not dare look Jesus in the face.

Then said Caiaphas, the High Priest, "We want this Man to be punished with death, for He was sought to make Himself king in place of the Emperor."

Then Pontius turned directly to Jesus and asked, "Art thou the king of the Jews?" Jesus turned on him His penetrating eye. O Fulvia, what a look from that bleeding and harrassed Man! In it there was no petition for aid, although at that time it appeared that He had not a single friend. Instead it was He that appeared to desire to help Pontius out of his terrible dilemma. Jesus asked, "Do you inquire this of yourself, or have others spoken thus to you about Me?"

Pontius returned no answer. His soul was in agony, and he did



not know what to do. The clamor from the mob was deafening. Then Jesus said to Pontius, "My kingdom is not of this world, I have come to the world to bear witness of the truth." Pontius bent forward. Then I thought, "Now he will liberate Him." But just then there was a shout from the mob, "He sets Himself up against the Emperor. Whoever is His friend cannot be the friend of the Emperor." With despair in his countenance Pontius turned everywhere — to the Roman legionnaires, to the raging mob, to the priests—and said, "What is the truth?" But he never paused for an answer. I fell on my knees before Pontius and cried:

"Pontius, this is Jesus, The Christ, The Son of God. And Pontius, this is Pilo's beloved Jesus, He Who healed our son. Have no share or part in His death. This night I have suffered much for Him in my dreams. For your sake, for the sake of all who hereafter shall pronounce judgment in His name, for the sake of your son, for my own, your wife Claudia's sake, Pontius, save Jesus, the Christ."

Perspiration was diffusing his face. He did not know what to do. He could not decide on his course of action. A shuddering went through his frame. He said, "This is fearful. I am suffering the agonies of the accursed. I am unable to take a stand against the priests. They are too many. And Herod has bidden me to make an example of Him. If I fail to do it, I will not stand well with the Emperor. And yet, if Jesus has the truth—I cannot pronounce judgment against Him. I cannot understand what there is about this Man, just a common carpenter. And yet—" He stretched forth his hands and a deep sigh escaped from his bosom.—"I feel, I feel!"

Pontius reeled, and took his seat, mumbling almost beside himself, "I find no fault with this Man." Then he washed his hands in the gilt silver basin. He still endeavored to set Jesus free, but the people would not hear of it. Because it was a custom among them to liberate a prisoner at the feast of the Passover, Pontius offered to liberate Jesus, but they would have none of Him, but chose rather a robber whose name

I have now forgotten.

Now a messenger arrived from Herod with a papyrus scroll which bore a secret seal. It said, "Get done with the prisoners tonight, for in the morning I start for Rome, and I shall say a good word for you before the Emperor. And follow me some distance when I set out, for I have found a beautiful little lake where there is splendid trout." For Pontius and Herod had become friends, on that day and had agreed to further each other's interests.

Then asked Pontius of that screaming mob, "What then shall I do with this man?" "Crucify Him if you are the friend of the Emperor! Crucify Him!" was the answer from the throng. Then he delivered Jesus up to them.

Now the Roman soldiers came marching along, singing a gay tune. To them a scourging was fine sport. A deep-throated roar passed through the mob, "Crucify Him!" I heard the sound of the scourge beating against His naked body as I passed out through the outer prison court. Although I saw nothing, I could still vision in my mind's eye Jesus bound to a stake with blood streaming down His body.

And Pretorious, one of our own guards, whose crushed hand Jesus had once healed, his scourge it was that beat most deeply into the quivering flesh of Jesus.

Thereupon they placed a crown of thorns on His head, pressing it far down on His brow; and arrayed Him in a fine old robe which had once belonged to Pontius.

Before Pontius followed Herod on his way, he wrote the superscription and fastened it on the cross of Jesus, "Jesus of Nazareth, king of the Jews."

To you, O Fulvia, who are a Christian, I need not relate what followed. You know how Jesus Himself carried the cross to the hill of execution, how He suffered and died on the cross and how Mary, His mother, stood near Him to the end and looked on Him, this Son of hers, Who had healed my son and had been condemned to death by my own husband.

When Jesus died the earth shook and it grew quite dark, and many—even of those in high positions—said, "Surely this was the Son of God!"

Many more believed on Him

afterwards when He had rolled away the stone which had been placed in front of His grave, and walked out among His disciples. These men carried on His labors and did the same miracles that He had performed, and taught the people His teachings. And yet although I besought him with all my soul, Pontius never could learn to believe in Him, but continued to devote himself to his studies. He dragged through a miserable existence. My soul agonized as I witnessed his sufferings which came back to him, stroke by stroke, as the beating of the scourge which fell on the back of Jesus.

During the horrible sickness which struck down Pontius after these terrible things had happened, we passed through a series of sad experiences.

When Pilo returned and learned that his father had condemned Jesus to death, he fell down and died. I really could not wish him to live, for he could never have forgiven his father, since he loved Jesus with such a devoted love. And Herod, for whose sake Pontius had delivered Jesus to be slain, repaid him by speaking ill of him to the Emperor, because he wanted his cousin to have the position which Pontius occupied. Pontius was, therefore, unjustly condemned by the Roman Senate. False witnesses appeared against him and he suffered horribly at the news of this, for until he condemned Jesus he had never given an unjust judgment.

With his honor and position he also lost his friends. His country estates near Rome were taken away from him and finally he possessed nothing, but was compelled to live the life of a slave. Even his valuable library was taken from him.

Suffering from a bad conscience Pontius sees in me the witness to his crime. And everywhere we see the eyes of the Christians turned on us. In their congregation they speak of Jesus and in their hearts they have forever pronounced their judgment on Pilate: "He suffered under Pontius Pilate."

And Pontius is wise enough to understand how words abide through the ages. His own learning has given judgment against him. Now we have been banished from this little mountain village in Galilee from which Euphnius will bring you this scroll.



## Brief Mentions

*Pampa, Texas*—Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Russell and Bro. and Sister Floyd La Munyon have recently held a revival meeting in Pampa. Splendid crowds attended the revival and good interest was manifested. Several ministers attended and assisted during the meeting.

*Spearman, Texas*—The Union Church of Spearman has chosen Rev. and Mrs. John Modrick for their pastors for the coming year.

*Rockdale, Texas*—The work of the Lord is progressing with good attendance at every service. The interior of the church has been re-decorated and the outside has been painted and new screens have been put on. Everyone in Rockdale is working and cooperating and looking forward to the Camp Meeting. Rev. Roy Wooster, Pastor.

*Galena, Kansas*—Sister Lula A. Parham, pastor of the Spring Grove Mission is taking a few months leave of absence, and Brother C. O. Bard is filling the pulpit during her absence.

*Granby, Mo.* — The Gospel Tabernacle is looking forward to a tent meeting to be held the latter part of August with Evangelist Tica L. Tabor and party. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Neilson, pastors.

*Hiwasse, Ark.*—Evangelist Hal-lie and Leota Chitwood and Lucille Robinson are now in a revival meeting. The Lord is blessing their efforts in this place.

*Hugo, Colorado* — The Light-House Mission is going forward under the able leadership of Sister Susie Page.

*Olathe, Colo.* — Brother and Sister Orendorff and Sister Fidler were at the Olathe church in special services for a week recently, God blessed in every service and they were a blessing to all. Olathe is praying for a great revival spirit to sweep the countryside and touch every heart. Rev. Lloyd Schrimpf, Pastor.

*Webb City, Mo.*—The Lord is blessing and great progress is being made toward the Camp Meeting. A tent has been erected close by the church for Sunday Services for the summer. Rev. Olen Bachelor, Pastor.

*Meridian, Miss.*—When you receive this Paper the Camp Meeting will be in progress here. If it is not your privilege to come please remember the meeting in prayer.

*Galena, Kansas*—A tent meeting will be held at the Spring Grove Mission in Galena, Kansas, beginning July 20. Exangelist Otto Busch in charge.

NOTICE—All those desiring a copy of the book, "The Voice Crying in the Wilderness," please order at once as we are anxious to get them out as soon as possible.

*Laverne, Okla.*—Rev. Ben Barker, Pastor of the Full Gospel Church reports God is blessing, the work is progressing nicely and they have a Sunday School attendance of over one hundred.

*Joplin, Mo.* — Evangelist and Mrs. Gail W. Schultz recently held special week end services, ending July 2, at the Full Gospel Mission, 1314 S. Main St., Rev. Audley Hervey, Pastor.

*Alief, Texas* — Brother Claude Pruitt, Pastor, reports God is blessing, souls are being saved along. Prayer meetings are now being conducted in different homes, new homes have been opened to the gospel this way. Brother and Sister Darrell Sutton recently held a meeting in the church.

*Balko, Okla.*—A fine Revival meeting was recently held at the Olive School House near Balko, Okla., with Evangelist and Mrs. Elmer Russell in charge. A number were saved and sanctified. A Sunday School was organized and they are conducting regular services, and extend an invitation to all ministers.

*Good News Tabernacle, Los Angeles, Calif.*—The church here has recently been redecorated, painted and cleaned. New rugs have been purchased, making it very attractive and inviting. Rev. Alice Ann Parham, Pastor.

*Sultana, Calif.* — Brother and Sister J. Reuben Davis have been laboring faithfully at the Sultana church for several months, and on account of the long drive feel they will have to give up the work there. A number of ministers have been in special services there recently.

*Fayetteville, Ark.*—Brother and Sister Charles Dale, Pastors of the Mission, have taken a leave of absence. Brother Dale is in special services in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and Sister Dale will be in special services in and around Stockton, Calif. Brother and Sister Earl Morgan will look after the work.

Brother and Sister Ira Lanford of Brenham, Texas, write, that they have been having fine services at Sister Newsome's home in Racoon Bend, and they have had some wonderful street services in Hempstead with Sister Ada Butzke.

*Proctor, Okla.* — Brother and Sister C. E. Orendorff and Sister Idress Fidler are now in a revival meeting at Proctor, Okla. Their special music and chalk drawings are an added feature of the meeting. Good attendance and interest is manifested.

*Cave Springs, Ark.*—The Mission here is now without a Pastor and for the present, Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly are looking after the regular services. Sister Euteva Coberly attended the Stamps-Baxter School of Music in Dallas, Texas.

*San Francisco, Calif.* — Sister Pearl Thomas Yeakley, Pastor of Sunset Mission writes, "God bless you. How I thank God for your dear ones visit here. Only God will ever know how we appreciated and enjoyed it and how much it helped our little church. It seems we have grown ever since. Brother Ernst Hilliard is our new Sunday School Supt. and our Sunday School is growing. We have new chairs, have a nice sign up, new song books and God is blessing. So hurry back to see us. The church would be glad to have you any time."



*Leakey, Texas* — Sister Annie Boren has been elected Pastor of the church for the coming year.

Brother and Sister Virgil Peter of Pontiac, Mich., write that Sister Opal Ferry and Sister Miriam Schoenfeld were with them for special week end services. Sister Ferry brought some very good instructions to the church and Sister Schoenfeld led the song service very efficiently. Their solos and duets were enjoyed very much.

C. W. Tennant of Unionville, Conn., writes, "Your book, *The Voice Crying in the Wilderness*, duly at hand and read. It has a great spiritual message for the church at this hour and day. I shall be glad to lend my copy to those in need of this message. Enclosed is money for which kindly send a copy to the parties listed below."

Evangelist and Mrs. George Bollinger have recently closed a tent meeting at Prairie View, Ark. They will be in special services in the Tri-State District until the Camp Meeting at Rockdale, Texas, July 20-30.

Evangelist Virgil Nation writes that he and his family are now in special meetings in and around Des Moines, Iowa.

Sister Jennie Coffman of Fort Scott, Kansas, writes she enjoys the radio program every Sunday afternoon from Pittsburg, Kansas.

Brother and Sister Jackson of Webb City, Mo., have been in Revival services at Strickler, Ark. God is blessing their labors in that part of the country.

Sister Ollie Molton has been in some special Revival meetings lately, one at Thayer, Kansas, and one at Gore, Okla.

The 5th St. Church at Baxter Springs, Kansas, is writing to around a hundred soldier boys, the different members of the church draw names every week, so each boy gets a letter every week from a different person. This is proving to be a great ministry as well as a blessing to the boys. Keep it up.

**CAMP MEETINGS**

**Mississippi Camp Meeting**

July 6th to 16th

Snell Community, 20 miles south-east of Meridan, Miss. Rev. Otto Busch in charge.

**Texas Camp Meeting**

July 20th to 30th

Rockdale, Texas, Rev. Roy Wooster and Rev. Alfred Whitely in charge.

**TRI STATE CAMP MEETING**

Aug. 10th to 20th

Webb City, Missouri, Rev. Earl Neilson, Rev. Glayson Reese, Rev. Olen Bachler in charge.

Rev. Ben Barker, Pastor of the Full Gospel Church in Laverne, Okla., will be the Bible teacher at the Tri-State Camp Meeting to be held at Webb City, Mo., August 10-20.

Sister Boyce Tucker, Brother and Sister D. R. Stephens and Sister Catherine Trumps have been holding street meetings every Sat-

urday at Pattison, Waller, Hempstead, Bellville, Sealy and Brookshire, Texas.

Brother and Sister Sydney Rees are doing a good work for the Lord at Katy, Texas. They are winning the hearts of the people and their ministry is proving a blessing.

Many of the good folk of South Texas write encouragingly about the Camp Meeting at Rockdale, to be held July 20-30, and they are looking forward to a feast on the good things of the Lord.

Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Dickson looked after the regular services at Magnolia, Ark., during the absence of the Pastors Brother and Sister J. M. Scott. Myra Fern Dickson attended Stamps-Baxter Music School in Dallas, Texas.

Evangelists Hallie and Leota Chitwood and Lucille Robinson just closed a very successful Vacation Bible School at the Fifth Street Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

*Trust*

By RUTH WINNANT WHEELER

*Soldier boy! I hear the bugles blow,  
But where you are they say I may not know.  
I hear the war news on the thin blue air,  
But where you are, to ask I may not dare.  
Shame on me, shame! I sent you in God's care;  
He'll keep you safe, no matter when or where.*

*Sailor boy! I hear the whistles blare,  
Your ship sails on, I may not ask you where;  
Sails east or west, by dangers sore beset;  
The news is vague, I long to know, and yet  
To God's dear care who rules a stormy sea  
I gave you, son, and this thought comforts me.*

*Flying son! Your swift plane sweeps the skies,  
I may not know where you will land, or rise.  
Fierce clouds of white oft sail across the blue,  
It is so hard to trust—I wish I knew—  
Shame on me, shame! I gave you to His care  
Who marks a sparrow's fall through the thin air.*



## Our Boys in Service

### EGYPT

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus.

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and Easter Greetings blotter with your pictures on it.

I have enjoyed reading the Paper, although I haven't had as much time to read as I would like to have and like to spend a part of that time reading the Bible. I did especially enjoy reading of the Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Ghost in 1901, which came out in the December issue. I was glad to hear of the good work that has been done in the many different places. I was also glad to see Gail Schultz's picture in the Paper. I don't believe I have ever seen his wife, but have heard Gail preach some years back in a Court house at Lovington, New Mexico. I was saved in this same Court house in a meeting held by Mack Wyatte in December, 1925. I thank the Lord for that night when He took my sins away. I was sanctified about two years later, I believe it was at a Cottage prayer meeting at Horace Watkin's mother's house out in the country. I was not filled with the Holy Ghost until 1940. I do thank God for this wonderful blessing as well as the rest of them.

I came into the Army in April, 1942, and left for oversea duty in September of the same year. I have been stationed here for a little over eighteen months. I have spent two Easters at Jerusalem and Bethlehem. I was at Bethlehem Christmas Eve at the carol singing, and Christmas Evening I sang over world-wide broadcast from Bethlehem. I have made four trips to Palestine and visited the many places spoken of in the Bible where our blessed Saviour trod and the old Patriots trod as well. I, also went up into Syria. Visited Damascus, Baalbeck, Syria, where the remains of the temples of idolatry are; also went up through Lebanon mountains to Beirut, Lebanon and down through what used to be called Phoenicia, where in is Tyre, Sidon and Serephta and by Mount Carmel and plain

of Sharon and to Joppa, now called Jaffa. I, also have been through the Wilderness of Judeah to the plains of Jordan, Dead Sea, present Jericho and ruins of old Jericho, Sichem, Jacob's Well, Bethel, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Hebron, Beersheba, plains of Jezreel and other places of interest such as Mount of Olives, which is on the east side of the old walled city across Kedron or Valley of Jehoshaphat and on the brow is what is called the Garden of Gethsemene, where our blessed Saviour prayed in agony, "thy will be done." Also the place called Skull Hill, Golgotha and also called Gordans Calvary, where it is believed by many to be the place where Jesus was crucified. I was on top of this hill which is outside the old city wall near Damascus Gate and read the scripture of the crucifixion and then prayed facing the old city. Gordan's Calvary overlooks the Garden, which is a very ideal place. This tomb or sepulchre is hewn out of the rock and is in the Garden, called Joseph of Arimathaea's Garden. In this Garden is also a wine fat or wine press. I am thanking God for the privilege He has given me to see these places where so much of the Bible has been fulfilled.

I have heard your Father, Charles F. Parham preach at Lovington, New Mexico. I remember you and your wife at what was called the Hester Schoolhouse about four or five miles from Lovington, and heard you preach there a time or two. You may not remember it, but I do.

I am glad the Lord is able to keep us day by day wherever we may be in the Army and in Egypt called the land of Bondage. No matter where we are, if we will put our trust and confidence in the Lord, He will see us through thick and thin.

Do you remember Frank M. Miller at Jet, Oklahoma? His daughter, Minta May Miller, is a missionary here at the Mission, where I go to church. She said you and your wife have been in their home. Her father was saved in one of your father's meetings. May God bless you in your efforts

for Him and give you souls for your hire.

A brother in Christ,

Cpl. Jack V. Dean.

### ITALY

Dear Friends:

This will be my last letter to you for a while. I wish I could tell you about it. It is the best news I have had in a long time, but I can't tell you what it is just now. It is an answer to many prayers and I am thankful to God.

As ever,

Earl Mansee.

### SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines in answer to your letter, because receiving letters is very important to one who is so far from no where.

I also want to thank you for the Paper that I received. Sure do thank the Lord for permitting you to do such a wonderful work in so many different places, that is what it is going to take to help win this war. I am sending you an offering to help carry on this gospel work.

May God bless you in your wonderful work.

Herman Silsbee.

### ENGLAND

Dear Parhams:

I am a very poor letter writer and outside of writing my own immediate family, my letters are very few. But I thought it my duty to write and let you know that the Paper has been reaching me regularly and I enjoy reading it a lot.

I also received the nice little Testament you sent me and I find it a great comfort when I feel a bit discouraged.

I just want to thank you folks for the interest you are taking in me, as well as all of the others in the service.

It is comforting to know that we have our families and friends at home giving us spiritual backing. I am a firm believer in prayer and I believe it is very essential if we are to obtain victory over the enemy.

Wishing you success in your services and undertakings, I close.

Fred H. Pettitt.



**ENGLAND**

Dear Friends:

Received your letter today, which was surprising and greatly appreciated.

The Testament came a few days ago it is a pleasure to say. I am glad to get it. Thanks to you, and those who made the Testament a gift.

Need I repeat that the Paper was enjoyed, and any book you care to send would be appreciated.

I reread the letter, and realize that all prayers are a help in life through days ahead. It is hard to express my feeling other than to say, "If God be with me, who can be against me. In Him I trust." May this bloody conflict soon end, is my hopeful prayers, and that of many others.

A Grateful Soldier,

P.F.C. F. H. Litzler.

Dear Friends:

Received the two Apostolic Faith Magazines. Thank you so much, and thank God for this wonderful little magazine. I want you to know how us boys really appreciate this. God's blessing on the little magazine. I read right through it. I like the space provided for our boys in service. You can be sure this little Copy, which means so much to all of us, will be in the Day Room for everyone to read. I will send in an offering sometime soon. Pray for me and my ill-stricken Mother, who is a God loving Christian. May God's great power help end this war soon. Let's all keep praying always.

Sincerely a friend in Christ,

Cpl. T-5 O'Dell Justice.

**SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA**

Dear Friends:

For sometime now my Mother has been sending me regularly your most wonderful little book, "The Apostolic Faith." I read it just as long as there is any of it left to read and I want you to know that I enjoy it very much and appreciate you taking trouble to send out all these letters and such. They are really needed by all. I hope Mother will continue to send me mine and I know she will. There isn't anything she wouldn't

do for me. She really knows how to pick her literature.

In reading this little book I find many a dark evening brighter and too, you can learn things that otherwise I wouldn't know. You see I am in the U. S. Navy and very happy to be here doing what I can to make this war get over just as soon as possible and if I am doing something to help then I am satisfied being here. No matter where you are or what you may be doing there comes a time when you need a few words of advice or encouragement and I for one can say that if you look for it in the right place you can always find it. The Bible and good books are all you need. I read them both just as much as I have time to and that is a couple of hours each day.

Keep the home fire burning until the boys come marching home again. Your prayers are greatly appreciated by all. Incidentally my best regards to P.F.C. Henry Hanson in the middle east. Keep the good work up, boy.

Just a sailor,

J. Robert Iler.

Dear Friends:

I just received your letter, was glad to hear from you.

I have been receiving the Apostolic Faith Paper. It has been a blessing to me. I enjoy reading it so much.

I have been able to attend services more the past month than I did all last year. The Lord has blessed my life in many ways.

It is encouraging to me to know that the Christian people are behind us boys with their prayers.

Enclosed is a card with my present address, and also a small offering. Remember us boys in your prayers.

Pvt. Delbert Taylor.

Dear Friends:

Your New Testament is certainly being well read. I read and re-read, and shall keep on as I'm in bed twenty-four hours a day and have much time to think of your good-doings.

I appreciate very much you leaving the book with me when you visited here, and thank you a great deal.

Yours Truly,

John C. Stewart.

**MIDDLE EAST IRAN**

Dear Friends:

Thought I would write to show how I appreciate the Apostolic Faith Paper. I like to read it and I pass it on when I read it. The boys like to read them, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate the books. My wife back home also enjoys your Paper. And I just want to say I'm glad I saw things the right way. I need your prayers, not only me but thousands of other boys in the service everywhere.

I thank you again for the books, also the Paper. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Your friend,

P.F.C. Henry T. Hanson.

Dear Ones in Christ:

We are glad you're still in the battle for the Lord and bringing the lost to Him.

The Paper is a blessing and we know it is appreciated everywhere it goes. We're glad for those who are willing to give all in the service of God.

The Lord is still good to us and we're thankful. We are facing the facts of maybe going overseas, but trust God to have His way. We covet your prayers.

May He richly bless you all as you labor on.

Christian Love,

Silas Clanton.

**LET'S WORK AND PRAY TOGETHER**

We are thankful for those who have the vision of putting the gospel in the printed page to our boys in service as well as those on the home front. They all need encouragement in these dark days with so many husbands, sons, fathers, brothers and sweethearts away from the home.

This issue of the paper represents hundreds of dollars and we sincerely thank every minister, layman and church group who have had a part in it. May God bless you. Your continued prayers and support will keep the gospel going to the front lines of home and battlefield. Let us hear from you!

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**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Memorial services were held June 4, at the Spring Grove Church in Galena, Kansas, in memory of Rev. and Mrs. Chas. F. Parham (Co-Founders of the Apostolic Faith Movement), also their sons, Claude W. Parham and Robert L. Parham and Sister Lillian Thistlethwaite. The morning service was in charge of Rev. Alice Ann Parham. She gave a wonderful message on, "The Priesthood." A basket dinner was served at noon. The afternoon service was given to ministers and many friends of the various churches, who gave testimonies that were stirring and uplifting and brought back many memories of former days. Rev. W. C. Parham gave a timely message in the afternoon service as well as the night service. The blessing and the presence of the Lord rested upon the services throughout the day. Rev. Lula A. Parham, Pastor.

**OBITUARIES**

Mrs. Effie Pattison age 63 passed away at her home in Brookshire, Texas, April 28, after two weeks illness.

She was a devout christian, a believer of The Apostolic Faith for many years. Loved and respected by all who knew her, and her life will be a pleasant memory to her friends.

Survived by one sister, Mrs. C. D. Jones of Pattison.

Services were held Sunday in the Methodist Church at Pattison by Rev. J. K. Seber, assisted by Rev. A. B. Stanberry and Rev. Tica Tabor.

Gordon Talton Methvin was born in Clawson, Texas, on December 31, 1888, and died in his home at Center Point, Texas, on May 8, 1944, after an illness of ten months. He lived to be 55 years, 4 months and seven days old.

Mr. Methvin was married to Miss Clara Dixon on April 4, 1909. To this union were born six sons and one daughter. One of these sons died in infancy. His son, Darrell, serving in the U. S. Army Air Corps overseas, was the only child not present at his passing.

He joined the Baptist Church in 1906. Since moving to Center Point, Texas, eighteen years ago, he became a believer of the Apostolic Faith.

As a devotional husband and a good father he will be mourned by his family; his widow, Mrs. Clara Methvin, five sons, one daughter, three daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, A. C. Clark with the U. S. Army; six grand children; one brother; and two sisters.

Jacob C. Regier assisted by Sidney Rees, Murphy Barnes and Rev. Bunton of the Center Point Baptist Church, were in charge of the funeral services. Interment in Center Point cemetery.

**"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE"**

"When, sin-stricken, burdened, and weary,  
From bondage I longed to be free,  
There came to my heart the sweet message:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Though tempted and sadly discouraged,  
My soul to this refuge will flee,  
And rest in the blessed assurance:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

My bark may be tossed by the tempest  
That sweeps o'er the turbulent sea—  
A rainbow illumines the darkness:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

O Lord, I would press on with courage,  
Though rugged the pathway may be,  
Sustained and upheld by the promise:  
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Soon, soon will the warfare be over,  
My Lord face to face I shall see,  
And prove, as I dwell in His presence:  
"His grace was sufficient to me."

**PRAYER LIST**

T. W. Flanagin	Evang. W. C. Gaskill
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Mrs. Pearl Sims	Mrs. W. A. Clugston
J. A. Douglas	Mrs. J. T. Adam's
Oma Morrison	Mother
William F. Mooney	Myrtle M. Walker
Sgt. Eugene C. Epperson	Virginia Hollan
Mrs. T. C. Grigg's	Miss Dorothy Whites
Daughter	Mrs. J. A. Gannon
Mrs. E. P. Knight	Fred Armstrong
and Daughter	Mrs. J. W. Brake
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