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The Last Days

It seems to me the time has come

To talk of many things.

What about the rise and fall of
nations

And the actions of their kings?

Will mortal time go on forever

Or will Jesus soon appear?

Should we live just as we have
been?

What's our purpose for being
here?

The whole world stands in wonder
and awe

Beholding a nation so very small,

Victoriously gain their Promised
Land—

Triumphant, for God had
promised it all.

I read the news — my mind goes
back

Three thousand years or more,

To Moses and Joshua and Gideon
too

And other leaders that God
fought for,

In the light of Bible prophecy,

Does not the Bible tell

The restoration of Jerusalem

To God's people — Israel.

As I behold the hand of God

That directs the affairs of men,

I feel, through Bible prophecy,

We are very near the end.

This is indeed a wonderful day

For those who love the Lord.

I long for His glorious appearing

Revealed to us by His Word.

Our eyes shall behold the glory

Of the greatest event of all time—

Our Lord and our Savior descend-
ing,

Causing the heavens and earth to
shine.

Oh, Brother, Sister, does your heart
rejoice?

Near bursting with joy, mine
sings a tune—

I want to see my Jesus

I know He's coming soon.

Yes, it seems to me the time has
come

To do some vital things.

Proclaim the Word! prepare our
hearts

To meet the king of kings.

—Alvin Lee Barker

SERMON OF THE MONTH

I AM THAT I AM

by Howard Whiteley

For our text we would like to turn to Exodus 3:14 and we read, "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

This is an interesting verse. God told Moses I am hath sent you. This great "I AM" meant a lot to Moses. He stood by Moses when it seemed all others had forsaken. This I AM opened the Red Sea. He protected them in times of great peril. This I AM sent manna from heaven. This I AM gave them water to drink. There are many more things God did for the children of Israel.

We find not only was this I AM a source of great strength to the children of Israel but we see where this I AM means much to us.

Let us look at a few of them recorded in the Word of God. In John 6:35 we read, "And Jesus said unto them, I AM the bread of LIFE, he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." We find in this I AM the Bread of Life. Christ is our satisfying portion. When God made man in the beginning, He left a longing in the heart of man. This is one reason man goes so deep in sin, he is trying to satisfy the longing that can only be satisfied as we eat of the only Bread of Life which is Christ. I am so glad there is that place in Him we can find the deep settled peace.

In John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." In this verse He is the Light. We find in I John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." What wonderful verses on light. I am the Light. There is no reason for us to walk in darkness. He has shined the light of His blessings and glory on our path. We who are of the Apostolic Faith know the

gospel. Let us walk in the light thereof.

I feel the reason there are so many that are weak and sick and asleep among us is because we are walking against the Light of the gospel. We know to walk in a life of holiness. We know to walk in a life of the wonderful Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We know the teachings of tithing, Divine Healing, and many others. If we walk against these things we know to be TRUTHS we will fall.

All around Alvin, Texas, they have the gas lights in the oil fields. They are very bright at night. As long as a person walks with the light behind, he can see the holes and pitfalls in the ground; but when a person turns around and faces the light he is blinded. So it is with the things of the Lord. Let us walk in the Light and not against it.

In John 10:7 and 9 we find another great I AM. "Then said Jesus unto them again Verily, verily I say unto you, I AM THE DOOR of the sheep. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." We find in the book of the Revelation Jesus said Behold I stand at the door and knock. He is the Door. Will we walk in that door and find peace? Will we find the Saviour of the World in the door? He wants us to come in. He pleads with man to come in at the door and be saved. Here is where we find protection as we abide in Him. Little did the Roman soldier know when they pierced the side of our wonderful Lord that they opened the door for us. He said I AM the DOOR. Will you come in and find rest?

In John 15:1,2, "I AM THE TRUE VINE and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." I AM THE VINE. We are the branches. Are we doing anything for the Lord? Oh! but pastor, I can't do anything. I can't teach a Sunday School class, I can't sing. When the Lord saved

you He gave you a job to do. One of the greatest ministries we can have and need today is the ministry of prayer. We can all pray. We can all hold each other and the church up before the Lord in prayer. Oh you might say, "no one sees me do that." If the Lord has called you to a ministry of prayer you are required to be just as faithful to that as the Pastor is to His work. In this verse the Lord said we were the branches, all have a job to do, if we don't do it we are cut off. Let us be faithful to the task set before us. The vine gives the branches food. We can draw life from the vine and if we fail to be faithful, we die. We are cut off.

John 10:11 tells us, "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." He leads us. He goes before us. We find He was tested in all points as we yet was He found faithful. Let us not be weary in the Call of God. Don't let us become over anxious in the leadings of the Lord. He will make a way. He will not put us where He himself has not already been. Let us remember He is a Good Shepherd and He will go before us.

John 14:5,6, "Thomas said unto him, Lord we know not whether thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus said unto him, I AM the WAY, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." He said I AM THE WAY. This goes along with our shepherd verse. Jesus said I AM the Way. Thomas ask the question that many ask today, "how can we know the Way?"

There are many times we do not know which way to turn. Let us hold on to Him, He will never leave us. He will lead us if we will let Him. I wonder sometimes if we don't already have our minds made up and expect the Lord to follow us. This is the reason so many of us get into trouble. Let us FOLLOW the Lord. He knows the future and what is best. We may question and make excuses as did Moses but still let us follow, He knows the best for us.

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Men reap what they sow. I know that God understands the heart, and the motive. He knows the deeds of righteousness that fall by the way and lifts some down trodden soul to life and hope again. There are other kinds of seed too, that of hate and evil and discord that mar and scar and live on, long after the sower wishes they were dead. Some have had a harsh saying resurrected and used cunningly as a dart to hurt. But if it were our sowing all that we can do is accept the harvest. The fact that I might have been discouraged, or that you have been discouraged and maybe hurt by the actions of another does not lessen the blow that Satan will give.

It is with blessedness that we can say, Forgive me Lord, or if that is not enough person to person can make contact. There is a right way to approach all people, kings, free men and slaves... We must be sure that judgement day honesty is observed, because to each of us the heart is most deceitful. Jer.17: 9. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?—Which shall know every man the plague of his own heart—I Kings 8:38—give to every man according to his ways, whose

We are so glad to report victory in our lives. The Lord is blessing this work for Him.

When we stop and take a look at the conditions of the world, it makes our hearts to rejoice, and also we are saddened when we read scriptures such as the one in II Thess. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there comes a falling away first...". We see our own people every day falling away. Some have gone down that a few years ago you wouldn't have thought anything could shake their faith.

We see men who have been strong for our teachings going after lesser gospels. These things Paul said would have to come to pass first before the return of the Lord.

I am glad there is a place in the Lord where you and I can be, not in our own strength but in the Lord, where we can stand the tests of time.

In Matthew 26:38 Jesus told Peter, James, and John "...Tarry ye here, and watch with me." Jesus said tarry. What does this word indicate to us? In Luke 24:49, "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but TARRY ye in

heart thou knowest—I Kings 8:39.

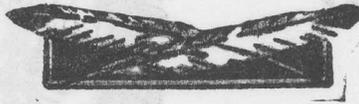
There is no better way than to trust the Lord fully in all ways for all things, let us prove our faith in God. There is so much to do, why couldn't we make this a revival fall in all of our churches? Surely there is some soul that needs the Master and there is not some body to relate the story?

Bible School time is here again. Pray for us, that we may all study together of His Word.

In Christian Love,
Gail Schultz

Pens

of the Editors



the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." We are admonished to tarry for power.

I believe these two words are the key to our standing. I like one definition that Webster gives for the word tarry, "to irritate, hinder". I feel this is where our victory comes as we earnestly wait on the Lord. We need in a sense of the word to irritate the Lord with our needs for grace, for that power we need today.

May the Lord help us to see where we stand and may we stand strong unmoveable in the things of the Lord.

Dear friends, we are not going to be judged by man but by the Lord. Let us do all we can to please Him in all we do. There are none of us who are exempt from the Devil. Our Lord was tried. We are also going to be tried.

May we always be watching and praying. Let us look up for our redemption is drawing very close to hand. Will you continue to keep us in your prayers and this work of the Report that all work will be in accordance with His will.

Howard Whiteley



Answer To Last

Month's Puzzle

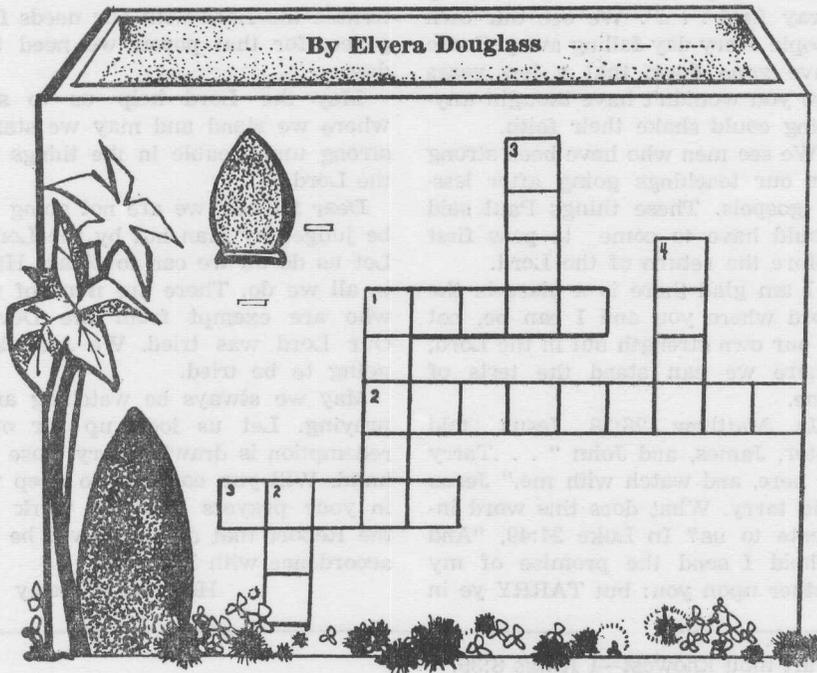
Children's Hour . . .

- Kathryn Cornell



Talk On A Housetop

By Elvera Douglass



John 3:1 - -16

ACROSS:

- 1. Nicodemus, a _____ of the Jews, came to Jesus (verse 1)
- 2. Whosoever _____ in him should not perish (verse 15).
- 3. Except a man be born _____ he cannot see the kingdom of God (verse 3).

come from God (verse 2).

- 2. Jesus said, "For _____ so loved the world . . . (verse 16)
- 3. He _____ His only begotten Son . . . (verse 16)
- 4. Whosoever believeth . . . shall have everlasting _____" (verse 16).

DOWN:

- 1. Nicodemus said unto him, _____ . . . thou art a teacher

ANSWER

Down: 1. Rabbi 2. God 3. gave 4. life
Across: 1. ruler 2. believeth 3. again

Birthday Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 7 SCOTT FORBES
- 8 BRENT MOREHEAD
- 9 KEVIN BARTEL
- 11 RICKEY GRITTON
- 12 KATHERINE TUCKER
- 15 LISA WATERBURY
- 15 PATTIE WATERBURY
- 17 DAVID REYNOLDS
- 19 JAN WELSH
- 21 DALE HINSHAW
- 24 BARBARA HANLEY
- 25 WANDA HELMS
- 27 SARA LYNNE DEWEES
- 28 CARLA ALLEN
- 29 CHERI ALLEN

Nicodemus: Comes To Jesus

John 3:1-21

One man who believed in Jesus was a ruler among the Jews. He was Nicodemus, a rich Pharisee. Most of the Pharisees were very proud. They did not believe that either John the Baptist or Jesus were teachers sent from God.

Nicodemus was not like the other Pharisees. He heard Jesus teach the people who had come to worship at the Passover. "Surely Jesus is very great," Nicodemus thought.

While other Pharisees were finding fault with Jesus, Nicodemus wanted to hear more of his teachings. One night he went to the place where Jesus stayed to talk with him.

Nicodemus said, "Master, we know you are a teacher from God.

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OBJECT LESSON

Objects needed for Lesson; a peanut in a shell.

Today, boys and girls, I have something in my hand that no man has ever seen. Yes, it is something material and real hard and brownish in color—and yet it has never been seen by anyone, and never will be again.

How many of you believe what I've told you about this object which I have in my hand? It sounds hard to believe, doesn't it? Are you willing to believe it even though you can't understand how it can be true, but because I have told you that it IS true? (Have them raise their hands if they believe it)

I'm sure none of you can ever guess what it is, so I will show you. (Open peanut, show kernel). See this kernel of the peanut! Didn't I tell you the truth? It is hard, brownish in color and no man has ever seen it before! And will anyone ever see it again? (Put in mouth and eat) No!

Some of you believed what I said about this peanut, though you didn't know what it was, and though you hadn't seen it. This was an example of FAITH.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen according to Heb. 11:1. When you believe God's Word, though you can't understand, nor see, nor feel, but believe it because God says so, you are exercising faith. Belief in a statement depends upon who said it.

God is author of the Bible (II Tim. 3:16). It is His Word, so you can safely exercise your

faith by believing every word of it.

"Have faith in God," we are told in Mark 11: 22. We are obeying in this respect, when we believe what He has said in His Word, as some of you did regarding what I had in my hand.

"So, then, FAITH cometh by HEARING, and hearing by the

Word of God." Rom. 10:17. If you would increase your faith, boys and girls, HEAR God's Word and BELIEVE it. Let us be known as boys and girls . . . men and women of faith!

How Others Do It

BASEBALL CONTEST—

Call it a World Series Game. Each class may take the name of some baseball team or make up its own. Cut out construction paper banners for each team, and letter the names of the teams on them. A large diamond drawn on cardboard with a score board beside it will make the project very realistic. Scoring could be as follows:

Attend church . . . base hit; Bring Bible . . . base hit; Bring offering . . . base hit; Being present . . . base hit; Bring visitor . . . Home Run.

It is possible for each pupil to bring in a run himself by doing all four points, and to get additional runs for each visitor brought to class.

Use this song sung to the tune of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game", Let's all rally as Christians
Let's all rally today.

We'll study the Bible and then we'll pray,

We'll work hard in a real Christian way.

For it's root, root, root for the Lord's team,

If we don't win it's a shame,

For it's one, two, three strikes you're out

If you don't play our game.

COOK of the MONTH



We're glad to have Bro. Roy Wooster with us, cook of the month. You'll remember him by the many good meals you've enjoyed at camp meetings and Convocations, as well as Revivals, For He's A veteran of all.

It's a great relief from the pressures of duty to have Bro. Wooster in charge of the kitchen this month.

Remember us in your prayers for a great school this year.

Teacher's Notebook

NEWS from the CHURCHES

UNION CHAPEL, MISSOURI—

God has been with us, and blessed in many ways since we have been at the Union Chapel Church. We have seen a number of people saved, healed, and blessed of God. We just lacked two months being with these good people fourteen years, and with God and the people working with us, many improvements have been made. Four new class rooms, an entrance room, two furnaces, seats, attic fan, piano, hard wood floors, and rugs laid in the church and happy to say all is debt free. So we thank and praise God for his blessings. We also thank the people of Union Chapel Church; you have been wonderful to us in the time we have been with you, so we say God bless you all. We felt it was God's will for us to leave the church, so our last service was August the 13th and we will be pastoring the church at Joplin, Mo. beginning August the 27th. We are happy to be called to pastor this church, and our desire is to be a help and a blessing to them. We invite the ministers of the Faith to visit us whenever they can.

Pray for us.

Rev. and Mrs. Onal Nunn,

FOLLETT, TEXAS—

God has been very gracious to us and blessed in our midst during our pastorate here. We desire your prayers as we continue to work with the people here again for another year that God will shower His blessings upon us and that we will continue to see a growth in number and see God's people deepen their lives.

Jack Cornell, Pastor

WAYSIDE CHAPEL, EDNA, TEX.

We enjoyed Camp Meeting very much. The preaching, praying, and the presence of the Lord was wonderful. Seeing our friends in the Lord was also enjoyable.

We have just closed a DVBS here which was conducted at night. Bro. Roy Wooster taught the Adult class. We certainly enjoyed each lesson and each one was uplifted in the services. Bro. Roy also preached for us the Sunday before and after Bible School and the Lord anointed and blessed. We had a total of 53 attendance and an average of 40 throughout the school.

We are looking forward to another year as pastors here and expecting God to move in mighty ways.

Danny Robinson, pastor

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA—

The Lord is blessing the work here in Beaver and we feel very thankful for His mercy to His people.

Our average Sunday School attendance for the month of July has been about fifty. July 23 was the first service in our new sanctuary. It is very beautiful with the carpeting and new furniture. We are so grateful to the Lord that He has made it possible for us to have such a nice place to worship.

A number from our congregation as well as our pastors attended Camp Meeting. Sister Lela McKeever had services for us while the Longs were gone. Bro. Jack Barker preached for us both services, August 6.

Leona Woodson, Reporter

Lowell Long, Pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—

We want to express our appreciation for the Report. May God Bless those who have their part in sending it to each of us. Thank you.

Four of our youth attended the Four State Youth Camp. It was a wonderful experience for all, and not soon to be forgotten. Let's really hold our Young people up in Prayer.

Three families moved from our Church. We miss them, but our loss is the gain of Arkansas and Texas. May God use them there.

We are most happy to have Eugene and Elise Raney back home with us. Ginger Huff is here staying with them. They are wonderful workers for the Lord.

Recently the Paul Wilkerson family stopped by on their way to Spring Valley, Calif. to Pastor.

Leona Winkler, reporter
Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor

HUDSON WYOMING—

We arrived here on the 12th of August and have enjoyed it ever since. The VBS was just over when we arrived. There was a total enrollment of 39 of which 30 had perfect attendance. We are almost settled in our new home and are looking forward to the year ahead with expectation in the things of God. The people here are a wonderful group with a great desire to work for the Lord.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation and welcome to all Ministers of the Faith and all other people coming our way to stop and visit with us.

Gene Webster, pastor

Copy Deadline 20th of Each Month

SNYDER, TEXAS—

God has been good to us these past months. Five or six have been saved in regular services, several have been sanctified and two or three have received the Holy Spirit. God's wonderful Spirit has stirred our hearts from service to service.

We had young people in the South Texas Youth Camp and six teenagers in the Laverne Camp. A good number of our people attended the Camp Meeting at Baxter Springs. It was a wonderful blessing to all of us. We are praying for a revival in the near future.

Louise Sutton, Pastor

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—

We were very fortunate to have with us in our church Bros. Ronnie Martin, Dewey Flock, and Keith Barker. They held a revival that started August 9 and ended the 16th. The Lord blessed in this revival and two received the Holy Spirit.

Dianna Pfeffer, reporter
George Polvado, pastor

**MIDWAY COUNTRY CHURCH,
LOGAN, OKLAHOMA—**

Our church and community have been deeply saddened by the tragic death of our pastor's wife, Sis. Mary Wiles. We know that the Lord is more than able to help us in times like this. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will continue to help Bro. Wiles and son, Delvin, as they endeavor to continue to work for the Lord.

We are so thankful for the tent revival that is being held at Elmwood, Okla., again. It helps those who were unable to go to Camp Meeting. Please remember our pastor and church in prayer that we might all draw closer to God each day.

Mrs. Deryl LaMunyon, reporter
Doyle Wiles, pastor

DICKINSON, TEXAS—

God has certainly been blessing in our services recently. We have had some miraculous healings. God healed my father of bleeding ulcers, and many have reported victory over illnesses. Our altar services

have been outstanding, and new members have been added to the congregation.

Pray for us that we may be in the center of God's will at all times. We extend a hearty welcome to any wishing to visit.

Debbie Boles, reporter
Robert Potts, pastor

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—

Greetings in the name of our Lord. It has been some time since we have made any report of our progress here in Las Vegas. Over the last few months we have seen several of our young people grow in the depths of the Blessings of God. New souls have been added to the Kingdom of God and others have found the joys of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Our Daily Vacation Bible School in June saw an average of 26 children a day attend. For this good number we Praise God.

We were greatly saddened at the decision of Rev. and Mrs. Whaley to leave our midst. They felt their calling of God to take them back to Texas for now, so we certainly wish them God speed and pray always that they will find the Blessings of our Lord real in their lives and that they will always know and do the will of God. Also, Brother James Orange has left to return to Bible School. We thank them all earnestly for their labors here. We will miss their Shepherding us.

The Church of Las Vegas is in need of the type of guidance that a consecrated young minister can give it. We would desire that anyone who feels the calling of God on their lives to minister the Word of God, and who is seeking a field to labor in to contact either Sister Gladys Russel, 5233 E. Bonanza, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89110 or Carl H. Jelsovsky, 1806 N. Maryland, Roswell, N. M. 88201, and we will be glad to send any information that you would desire. We wish that you ministers who are open for call earnestly pray about investigating the Las Vegas work. Sin abounds here but the Grace of God that much more abounds. This could be a fruitful field for one who will labor for God. Pray for us.

ENID, OKLA.—

We wish to report that we are now moved and settled here at Enid. We feel very much encouraged in the Lord and we are praying that we can be a blessing to this church and community. We wish to extend a very cordial invitation to ministers and gospel workers. Please come visit us in service and worship with us.

Ollie Kinser, pastor

Dear Bro. Whiteley,

Just a few words to let you know where we are and what we are doing. The Lord has been with us and we can testify He is good to us.

We came to Modesto to help Bro. Ross Briles with the carpenter work on the new church building. We have been delayed in starting the building due to some technicalities in financing. We trust that all will be straightened out soon and the building will begin.

We desire your prayers for us and for the work here.

Jake and Rosalie Regier
3218 N. 99 Hiway
Modesto, Calif. 95351

Memorial Gift

Dear Bro. & Sis. Whiteley,

Enclosed you'll find a small check for the Apostolic Faith Report in memory of Mother and Dad, Anna and Charles Mahan. They always enjoyed the paper so much and they loved the work of the Lord.

The Lord has been good to us in giving us parents who stood by the Gospel through thick and thin and "fought a good fight and kept the faith."

May the Lord help us that remain to be faithful to the Lord. The Lord bless your lives and work for Him.

The Mahan family

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dear Bro. & Sis. Whiteley,

We wanted to tell you all how much we enjoy the Report. We are having prayer meeting on Friday nights in different homes. We have 3 more families going. We are still praying that the Lord will burden someone to come and help us.

Marvin Bishop
Brownwood, Tex.



Crusaders for Christ

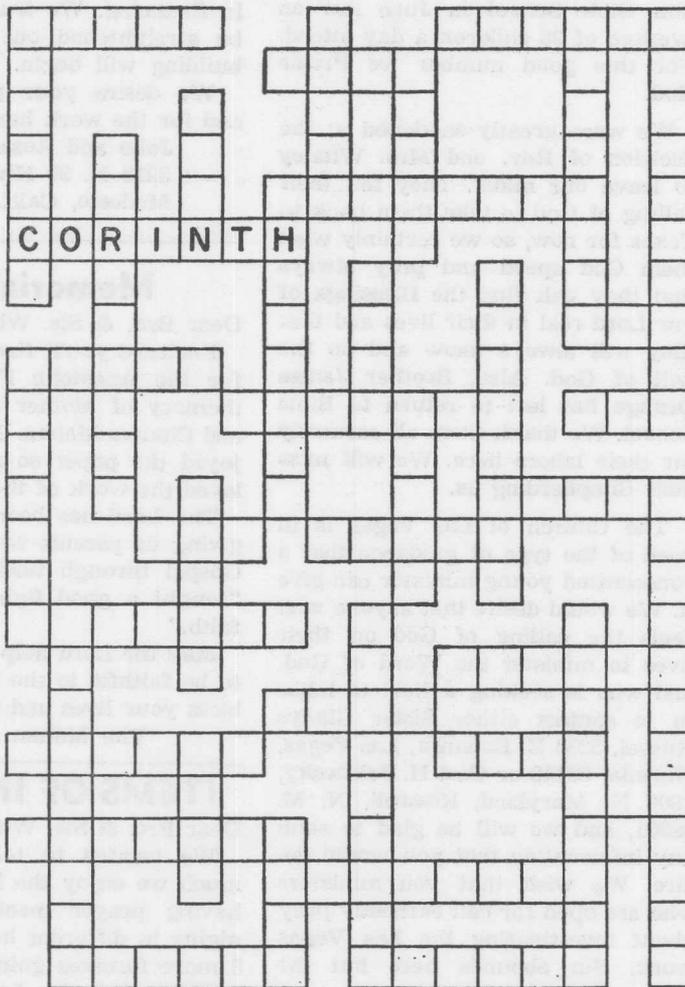
ISAIAH

by Linda Williams

JOURNEYS OF PAUL . . . ALL the words listed below are related to Paul and his journeys. Can you fit them into their right spaces in the puzzle pattern? CORINTH has been completed to get you started.



- 3 LETTERS
Die
Men
Sea
Way
- 4 LETTERS
Asia
Dion
Paul
Race
Rome
Trip
Tyre
- 5 LETTERS
Alive
Assos
Crete
Faith
Italy
Perga
Right
Syria
- 6 LETTERS
Athens
Lystra
Melita
Pontus
Rhodes
- 7 LETTERS
Antioch
Cilicia
Corinth
Ephesus
Iconium
Miletus
- 8 LETTERS
Caesarea
Damascus
Pergamos
Philippi
Seleucia
- 9 LETTERS
Illyricum
Jerusalem
Pamphylia
Ptolemais
- 10 LETTERS
Samothrace
- 12 LETTERS
Thessalonica



Answer in next month's issue.

Isaiah, the greatest of the prophets, was the son of Amos. He was not only a prophet, but also a statesman, reformer, poet, and orator. Unlike Amos and Micah, who were men of the soil, Isaiah always lived in the city. He was quite an aristocrat and friend of kings and the wealthy class. Isaiah spoke with dignity and moral authority. Indications are that he may have been a priest, and possibly even served as a physician.

Isaiah's prophetic career extended through the reign of four kings of Judah—Uzziah, Jotham, Akaz, and Hezekiah, and dates from approximately 742 to 701 B.C. During this time Isaiah often expressed his convictions concerning morality and the necessity of recognizing God the Almighty. He realized that the sacrifice and ceremonial purifications of that day were insufficient.

Isaiah's writings contained the purity of the Hebrew tongue. The principal objectives of his prophecies were the captivity of Babylon, the return of the Jews from that captivity, and the reign of the Messiah. Living in Judah, much of Isaiah's prophecy concerned Judah and Jerusalem. Yet Isaiah was called the "Messianic Prophet" because of his many prophecies concerning Christ. He is quoted more in the New Testament than any other prophet.

Contrast: Isaiah's message to the people of Judah was the same as

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ARTICLE VI

THE DREAM OF HISTORY

Daniel 2:31-45

By Robert Girouard

The coming Anti-Christ appears in the book of Daniel as a "little horn" with eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things. Daniel 7:8, 24-26; Daniel 8:9. He next appears as "the prince that shall come." He will arise out of a country that was once in the Roman empire. This is indicated by the fact that he will come from the people who destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. Daniel 9:26, 27. This is a reference to the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus the Roman general in 70 A.D.

The coming Prince or future Anti-Christ will "make a firm covenant with many for one week." Revised Version. He will make this covenant with the nation of Isreal for a period of seven years. This week of years coincides with the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy. It seems that this treaty will give the Jews religious freedom and military protection from their enemies. It is a well known fact that the Arab nations would like to destroy the nation of Isreal.

For some reason unknown to us the Anti-Christ will break his covenant with Isreal after three and one half years. At that time the Jews will be forbidden to continue to offer their sacrifices. We believe that it will be at this time that the Anti-Christ will receive a deadly wound inflicted perhaps by a fanatically patriotic Jew out of resentment for the breaking of the covenant. Revelation 13:3, 12, 14.

One of the heads of the beast empire will receive a deadly wound, and this political head of the ten toed ten horn kingdom who will receive the deadly wound and yet survive will be none other than the Beast Emperor himself—the Anti-Christ. There is something about the recovery of the beast after he receives the deadly wound which will arouse the wonder and amazement of the world. The deadly wound from which he will recover is mentioned three times in the chapter referred to above. There is an element of the supernatural in this incident.

The Beast will in one sense be a supernatural personage. He will ascend from the bottomless pit. Revelation 11:7; Revelation 17:8. We are told that the Beast "was," and at the time that John on the Isle of Patmos received the revelation he had ceased to be (and is not) but that he was yet to come. Revelation 17:8. Weymouth's translation. In other words at one time the Beast had lived here on earth, then he ceased to be here but he will return and when he does he will come from the bottomless pit. Can we find a person who at one time lived on earth who can throw light on this scripture? We believe so. Judas Iscariot was said by Jesus to be a devil. John 6:70; John 13:27. Jesus also called him the son of perdition. John 17:12. It is also said in scripture that Judas went to "his own place." Acts 11:25. Since Judas was a devil, the son of perdition, is it not likely that the demon who took possession of him went to the bottomless pit when he died? And in the midst of the week when the beast receives a deadly wound, and is either dead or at the point of death, the Satanic spirit from the bottomless pit will enter into him and from that time he will be Satanically energized.

The dragon (the devil, Revelation 12:9) is the one who will give power to both the beast empire and the beast emperor. Revelation 13:1-4; II Thessalonians 2:9; In Revelation 12:13-17 the dragon is represented as seeking the destruction of the woman. He will do this by working through the Anti-Christ or the Beast emperor, in whom he will be incarnated.

At first it seems that the Beast emperor will be a benevolent dictator. This is indicated by the fact that he will give the Jews religious freedom. But after he receives his deadly wound his character will be changed. He will be an oppressor and a persecutor of anyone who worships God. Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:7. He will claim to be God and will demand human worship. II The-

ssalonians 2; 3-9; Revelation 13:11-15.

For some reason not known to us the method of reckoning time will be changed by the Anti-Christ at the end of this age. Daniel 7:25. The last seven years of this age will naturally fall into two divisions of twelve hundred and sixty days each. Or forty-two months of thirty days each. The first forty-two months will begin from the time Anti-Christ will make his covenant with Isreal and will end in the midst of the week when he will cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. The last forty-two months will begin in the midst of the week and will end at the return of Jesus in Power and great glory.

The forty-two months reign of Anti-Christ will correspond with the time of the prophesying of God's two witnesses. Revelation 13:5; Revelation 11:1-12. Also the duration of the reign of the Anti Christ will correspond with the duration of the time the "woman" will be protected and fed in the wilderness. Revelation 12:3-6; 13-16; Daniel 7:25.

The reign of Anti-Christ will represent the most distressing time this world has ever known. Matthew 24:15-21. God's people who have not made the rapture will be persecuted, starved and killed in various ways. The time of the great tribulation will be a time of Great famine, war, pestilences, civil strife and the judgments of God as shown in the book of Revelation. The judgments of God will be poured out without mixture on a God and a Christ rejecting world in a manner never before experienced in God's dealing with man. "God has a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh. The slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." Jeremiah 25:30-33.

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SAUL OF TARUS — PAUL FOR CHRIST

ARTICLE III

By Marcus Adair

Saul arrived in Jerusalem to face a situation that few men ever face. His old enemies were now to be his friends and his old friends were to be enemies. All men treated Paul with suspicion and doubt. How could a man that was so devoted and strict in the way of the Pharisees make such an abrupt about face and join with the Christian heretics? Could this be the same man that held the coats of the murderers of Stephen? Many of his former foes were not ready to accept him into their fellowship until a time of proving.

It was Barnabas that took the lead in introducing Paul to Peter and other disciples. His visit with Peter was the most profitable. Here probably met the greatest mind and the greatest heart. Paul with his Jewish learning and background of Greek and Roman culture was a profound thinker and scholar. Peter, the man of the sea, had cast the net, faced the Galilean storms and called "fisher of men." The two met and for two weeks confessed, debated, and conferred. Peter had denied the Lord, Paul had persecuted the church, so they both knew of the forgiveness and mercy of God. Paul gained much from the time of fellowship with Peter.

Paul preached in Jerusalem and after a short stay, found his life threatened. His brethren again saved him by bringing him to Caesarea and on to Tarsus.

Some years before Paul had left Tarsus but now he was a changed man. His parents probably thought he had abandoned all they had held most dear. For some years he ministered in Syria and Cilicia.

The Gospel had taken root in Antioch. Gentiles had believed on the Lord. Here, separated from the apostles, the Greeks had a group of believers. Also in Samaria, Phillip had been successful in establishing a group of believers. The church at Jerusalem had sent Peter and John to check the results of Phillip's ministry among the Gentiles. After witnessing the effects of the Gospel on the house of Cornelius, Peter declared, "of a truth I perceive that

God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him.

The Door of the Gospel was being opened to the Gentiles. Jewish Christians were beginning to accept the fact that the Gospel and salvation were to "Whosoever will" and not to the Jews only.

Barnabas was laboring at Antioch and needing help. He went to Tarsus and prevailed upon Paul to come help in the ministry at Antioch. Paul had a background of preparation, no doubt ordained and planned by God, to be the man of the hour.

This church had a missionary zeal and desired to share the Gospel of salvation with other Gentiles.

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, 'Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.' And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.—Acts 13:3-4.

The beginning of Paul's first missionary journey was to the isle of Cyprus. This was the former home of Barnabas. He was acquainted with the country and probably had friends and relatives that would give him some sort of foothold to start their adventure.

They departed Seleucia, the port of Antioch, and came to the town of Salamis, a distance of one hundred and thirty miles. Here, in the Jewish synagogue, their zeal and eloquence made them welcome guests. After a short stay, they journeyed to the western end of the island to Paphos. Here the missionaries met the proconsul or governor of the isle, Sergius Paulus. From this time, Saul is known by his Roman name of Paul instead of his Hebrew Saul; also from this time he seems to take the leadership. He begins his travels now, not as a Jew but as a member of the empire.

The party left the isle of Cyprus after their ministry at Paphos and sailed to Pamphylia, a small country on the coast of Asia Minor. Here they landed at Perga. At this

point John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem.

The coast was plagued with malaria and other diseases and some scholars have believed that Mark and also Paul became ill while at Perga. We do know that Paul and Barnabas went from here to the highlands of Galatia.

Many hardships and perils mentioned in Paul's writings probably took place in this journey. This was a climb of almost four thousand feet above sea level, a treacherous, robber infested route. On foot for some weeks, the party forded the river torrents and surmounted the passes to reach Antioch in Pisidia.

In the synagogue at Antioch, Paul preached a great sermon that was the type that he often used to the Jewish brethren. In this discourse he rehearsed the history of Israel, of God's promise of a Messiah and Jesus the fulfillment of that promise. He stressed the resurrection of Jesus and that this Gospel was universal.

The Christian message was to the Jews first, but after they refused it, the door was opened for the Gentiles to become recipients of God's blessings and mercy. Many Jews believed on them but others stirred up the people and they left for Iconium, a prominent city in Lycaonia, about eighty miles east of Antioch.

Here again they began their message with the synagogue but after some believed, mob violence arose and they escaped being stoned by leaving the city. After six hours of journey, they came to Lystra. Here their sermons and prayers were profitable to the people. A cripple, lame from the mother's womb, was healed. This caused the people to look upon the missionaries as Greek gods. Barnabas was called Jupiter, and Paul was called Mercurius. Except for the beseeching of Paul, the people would have done homage and offered oxen as a sacrifice to them. This place of honor and esteem was to be short lived. In a few hours angered Jews from Antioch reached Lystra, stirred up a mob which stoned Paul and left him for dead outside the city.

The next morning found Paul raised up and on the road to Derbe,

about forty miles from Lystra. No doubt memories of the day that Stephen died at the hands of fanatical men came to Paul.

After some days of ministering in Derbe, Paul and Barnabas made an important decision. They must return to these same disturbed cities in order to establish the believers. So, leaving Derbe they retraced their steps to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch in order to organize and reassemble the believers into a working church group. This was done in good order and after coming to Perga, they returned by ship to Antioch in Syria.

Reaching Antioch the missionaries appeared before the assembly of disciples to make a report of what God had done among the Gentiles. The first missionary journey had been one of success and many Gentiles and strangers had responded to the message of the Gospel. "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles."—Acts 14:27.

A great time of fellowship was enjoyed by the party at Antioch. This was home and headquarters for the missionary burden. After some days the Jewish Christians of Jerusalem came to Antioch to present the idea that Gentile converts must accept circumcision and virtually become Jews in order to be saved.

Paul did not feel that the Christian faith should be hampered by the Jewish law. He had been a Pharisee Jew, strict in keeping it to the letter, and he knew that he was now a free man in Christ.

The problem was presented to the church at Jerusalem. Paul told of their ministry among the Gentiles and their response in accepting Christ as Lord and Savior. After some harsh words, an agreement was reached. This was sent in letter form to the churches.

"And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia: Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with

words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

Paul had declared his great doctrine of salvation by faith and the brethren had believed and accepted. His ability of leadership, power of argument and tremendous conviction had again saved the day.

Paul of Tarsus had again been the "man of the hour."

At a later date the idea of Jewish entanglement arose again. Paul took issue with Peter and Barnabas. Some sharp rebukes followed, but Paul set the Gospel message in the right perspective by declaring salvation came by faith and faith alone.

After some months in Antioch,
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NICODEMUS COMES TO JESUS

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No man could do the miracles you do unless God was with him."

Jesus wanted Nicodemus to know about the kingdom of God. He said, "Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus was puzzled. He asked, "How can a man be born after he is grown up? Can he become a tiny baby again?"

Jesus did not mean that a man would be born again in body but in heart. He said, "Unless a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Do not be surprised when I say that you must be born again. The wind blows. You hear it and you see what it does. Yet you do not see the wind

itself. You cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. That is the way it is with those who are born again."

Nicodemus thought about Jesus' words. No one could see the Spirit. Yet a person whose heart was changed, born again, would act as if he had the Spirit of God in his heart.

Finally Jesus said tenderly, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

—ISAIAH—

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Jeremiah's—that the nation must repent and reform. Isaiah's style was more poetical and exalted than Jeremiah's. While Isaiah was somewhat an aristocrat, Jeremiah was timid and shrinking.

Ezekiel, a disciple of Jeremiah was also a patriot. His work dealt mainly with Babylon. His style is plainer than that of either Isaiah or Jeremiah.

The book of Isaiah has two main sections. The first 39 chapters contain prophecies and historical accounts written during the period of his active exertions in behalf of conditions in Judah. Chapters 40 through 66 were written in later years, and deal wholly with the future. Isaiah's works can also be divided into three sections, in that the first six chapters relate to the reign of Jotham, the next six chapters to the reign of Akaz, and the rest to the reign of Hezekiah, though his prophetic works may have extended in to the reign of Manasseh. It is believed that Manasseh had Isaiah put to death shortly after his ascension to the throne around 698 B.C.

When God puts a tear in your eye
It's because He wants to put a rainbow
in your heart.

GEM OF TRUTH

"For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal
life through Jesus Christ our
Lord."
Romans 6:23

I AM THAT I AM

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John 11:25 we find a very important I AM. "Jesus said unto her, I AM the RESURRECTION and the Life he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

We have all stood by the grave of loved ones and close friends many times for the last time. I am so glad that when we lay a close loved one or friend to rest in the Lord, we can know some day we shall see them if we stay true and faithful. Death to us as Christians has hope. It is not a "black monster". I love the words of Paul in I Cor. 15:51-55. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" These words of Paul here and in I Thess. 4:13-18 give us hope. "Praise the Lord!"

Then for our last I AM we turn to Revelation 21:6, "And he said to me It is done. I AM ALPHA and OMEGA the beginning and end. . ."

In these few verses we find the great I AM of the Bible. What is He to you? Is He your all and in all? Is He your life? To me everything we have or ever hope to have is in Christ. I feel all our lives, our home, our work . . . all should be centered around Him. . . the great I AM.

Paul—Saul—

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Paul proposed to Barnabas that they should revisit the churches they had established on their missionary journey.

"Some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where



"Our thanks to all who sent cards for our 45th anniversary. They are so gratefully appreciated. Thank You.

Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Lloyd

We are at a loss as how to express ourselves to the hundreds of friends who sent flowers, cards, offerings, and prayed for us since the loss of our wonderful wife and mother in the accident at Guymon. But Delvin, Katherine, and I want to say thank you so much, and may God richly bless and repay you for all you have done for us. We ask that you continue to remember us in prayer.

Doyle and Delvin Wiles
and Katherine Osborn



A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Garry Sherman Sutton of 2609 Ave. Y, Snyder, Texas, on Tuesday, June 27, 1967, at 8:33. She

weighed 4 pounds and 11½ ounces, and was 18 inches long. Her name is Angla Nolene. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sutton of Snyder, Texas.

we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do."

Barnabas was ready to make the journey and proposed to take Mark along. Paul declined to take him. After some sharp contention, Paul and Barnabas parted company. Barnabas took Mark and Paul found

a companion in Silas.

Leaving Antioch, Paul journeyed through Cilicia, arriving after some time at his home in Tarsus. Here at Tarsus he found a Christian group which welcomed him and his companion from Antioch.

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