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The Risen Lord

With broken heart, from sorrow torn
Came Mary on that Easter Morn
The Lord to see.
The stone was gone the tomb was bare,
Just the grave clothes lying there
Where could he be?

She stood outside the tomb and wept
Then peered within where He had slept
But Lo, instead
Of empty tomb where He had lain
Arrayed in white were Angels twain
To guard His bed.

Why weepst thou? the Angel said
Or seek the living 'mongst the dead
He is not here.
Come see the place where once He lay
And with the message speed away
To friends so dear.

Yes, Jesus stayed within the tomb
Held prisoner in death's dark room
The debt to pay.
Three days and nights had come and gone
Ere could be heard the victor's song
On that great day.

Oh, Easter morn, this wondrous day
Once more we bow and homage pay
To Christ the Lord.
Dead once, 'tis true, but living still
To draw a who so ever will
With love's strong chord.

Oh, Lord, Oh Christ, our Saviour, Friend
Into our hearts thy glories send
This Easter Morn.
Help us each day to walk with Thee
When thou shalt call, we'll worthy be
Thy likeness to adorn.

—EDNA MAE SCHULTZ

SERMON OF THE MONTH

BORN TO DIE

By REV. O. A. BUSCH

Luke 2:34,35 "And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

With their first child Mary and Joseph had gone to the temple to present Him unto the Lord. The first time to take Him out, what joy must have filled their hearts. The joy reached the height of glory as Simeon moved by the Spirit took the child in his arms and magnified God—"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."

There was another purpose of this child and he turns to Mary and says this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel. We ourselves want to see people rise by us and be blessed and benefited from our walk of life, but here comes the first shadow that because of this one many should fall.

I Peter 2:6 — "Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.—but unto them which be disobedient—a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

Then we read and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Could it be that the glory of that day might now be marred? This their child by miraculous birth, forty-one days old. Helpless as any other baby should be spoken against and undoubtedly for evil? (Simeon still speaking to Mary)—the hour shall come when the sorrow of your heart shall be so great it shall be as a sword pierced through thy soul; that the thoughts of many hearts shall be revealed.

We have plans, hopes and aspirations for our children, to live and have friends and get along in this

world; but this child was "Born to Die"—and from His first days here began to face the cross. Soon after this because of this one child's birth many homes in and around Bethlehem were saddened, as King Herod had all the children of two years and under slain because he desired the life of Jesus. But this Holy child must be slain, until He would have brought to the world the message of God, the Father, direct from the heart of God.

I see Him as He makes His way to the wilderness to find John and desires to be baptised. John, recognizing His superior, confessed "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" The next day John confessed Him the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Note he said **sin**. We separate the different sins and place them in different categories, but John wrapped them all in one bundle and called them **sin**. This is the reason Christ came—to take care of **sin**. But in order to do that, He had to die.

I remember John sending the disciples to ask Him, "Art Thou He that should come or do we look for another?" And Jesus told them to go tell John the things you see, the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the Gospel preached unto them. Don't you know there was great rejoicing in the prison when these things were told to John. Though the crowds agreed, that never a man spake as this one speaks, yet there is a greater reason for His coming to this earth and that was to become the Saviour and Redeemer for all mankind, to deliver the Father's message to man, and to seal it with His own precious blood.

In His word we have a few of the miracles recorded that He did, surely not all. I see Him on one occasion in the wilderness and five thousand men besides women and children followed Him. I know not how many of this multitude needed His healing, but the scripture in plain words states He healed their sick.

Our souls thrill, our hearts rejoice at all the things He did, but as

far as the world would measure the success of a preacher, He could not be called a successful preacher. In the later part of His ministry the masses that thronged Him thinned out, the loaves and fishes were no more, and the Scribes and Chief Priests turned on Him. This way became a perilous way. John 6:66 "From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." How many people today have left the Church, Gospel tent, School houses, Court houses, Brush arbors, where ever the Gospel has been preached and walked no more with Him. Was there a doubt about His own twelve, that He should ask, "Will ye also leave me?" It was prophesied—"I will smite the Shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered." Surely now He is facing the cross.

John 12:27 "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say; Father, save me from this hour: But for this cause came I unto this hour." With the burden of humanity heavy upon His soul, could it be that He stops just a moment to consider? He feels the weight of the load He has to carry and He says to His disciples "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?" Should I say, Father, save me from this hour? Oh, No! Father but for this cause came I unto this hour. I was sent for this reason. This is why I left the Father's house and the Courts of Glory. Could it be that the Father weighed the matter carefully?—Save the Son— and Lose he world—or let Him die, that redemption's price might be payed for all who will come unto Him?

John 18:37 "Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art Thou a King then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I unto the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." Pilate asks Jesus "Art Thou a King?" Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a King." The people accuse me of this. The new sentence starts like this. "To this end was I born—." This is the end I was born for and for this cause came I unto the world. Sent by the Father to the human family with its sin, its sham, pretense and unbelief; I have come to witness of the Truth, now to this end I was born. Luke 23:23 "And when they were

EVANGELISM THE GREAT COMMISSION

By EDNA SCHULTZ

Evangelism is the promulgation of the gospel of Christ. We are charged with the responsibility of evangelizing the world. For in Mark 16:15, 16 the Lord Himself gives us this charge. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

GO YE—The personal pronoun, Ye includes everyone of us. It is easy to send someone else, or expect the ministry alone to go, but the Lord included every child of God when He said "Go Ye."

INTO ALL THE WORLD—Not each individual, to go to all the world, but you to your portion and me to mine. It may be to the next door neighbor, or it may be to the farther most parts of the globe, but where ever the Lord sends us, there we must serve. For the Lord said, "Go ye into all the world."

AND PREACH THE GOSPEL — Paul told Timothy to preach the word. The word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway. Hence it will lighten the pathway of life. The word is the sword of the Spirit. With it we fight against the powers of darkness. The word

come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him." There was a place that had its dread, a place that was for the accursed. Calvary was that place. We now have many beautiful songs of Calvary but it wasn't a beautiful place. Let us not forego the price nor the shame of that place. Here is where He became sin, Here is where He took our blame. Oh, may we not forget the suffering, agony and cruel death of Jesus. There He shed all of His blood that the fountain might be opened up where sinners can come and wash themselves free of all sin.

At this season of the year and always let us remember Him who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.



The above picture is a part of the congregation of the Mill Creek church located near Doniphan, Mo., where Bro. and Sis. Geo. Hintergardt are now pastoring. Bro. Harold Bollinger first brought the Gospel here and a gradual growth of the work has brought it to this stage.

testifys of Jesus who takes away the sin of the world. How very necessary it is for us to preach the gospel.

TO EVERY CREATURE — How marvelous that everyone is included in this glorious gospel. Not to the rich alone, nor is the rich excluded. Not to the good moral person alone but to the high and low alike. There is no respect of persons with God. Yes, this gospel is for every creature that will believe.

FOR HE THAT BELIEVETH SHALL BE SAVED — How important it is to believe the gospel. Paul said He was not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Again he that believeth hath the witness in himself.

With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. If we are going to receive the benefits of this gospel we must believe.

FOR HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED — How terrible to hear such a verdict. "Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but he has left the gospel in the hands of men, and we stand in Christ's stead, bidding the world be reconciled to Him. All who fail to accept and believe the gospel leave him no alternative, but to cast them into outer darkness. Surely there is a great responsibility resting upon all who name the name of Christ to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

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For the Movement as a whole, it seems proper and fitting for the above named camp, so in the will of the Lord action has been taken accordingly.

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz

(EDITORIAL)

Here we are again at your door for an April visit with you. Sometimes we are asked, "Why does not the Report come out on the same date?" The main reason is that we try to arrange the paper to meet the needs of the Movement, that is if we have to wait a little while for some information we do, if we have to hurry up a little to get something before the people a little early we do that, this is not for revivals, but for camp meetings, youth camps, Bible School and convocations. I cannot give you the exact date when the May Report will come to you, but we will do our best to meet the most urgent requests and mail out as the Lord provides the need and time permits.

It has been quite difficult for us to know the will of the Lord this time, but as plans are now, we will be leaving here (Baxter Springs) right after Easter for California. While this is a visiting trip, we will also be glad to hold a few services as the Lord leads. You may address us here at any time, or contact us at 9778 Austin Rd., % John

BEAVER, OKLA.—

Sister Ermal Barker writes us in regards to some of the older one of the Faith, for she reads with interest about the ones that have been in the Faith so many years. She recalls the first revival that your editor attended on the western plains of Oklahoma. I think that was in 1925. At least it was conducted by Bro. and Sis. S. W. Ditto. Bro. and Sis. Higbee took me out for a few services. This meeting was of might importance to me. Many of the people of that day now rest from their labors, but the work of the Lord goes on.

KINGMAN, KANSAS—

We have word that the Lord blessed in a two weeks revival that was conducted recently by Bro. John Modrick. Sis. Modrick stays with the Amarillo church on these occasions when Bro. Modrick feels led of the Lord for revivals, so both of these ministers are on full duty. Let us pray for a special strength from the Lord for them and for complete healing for Bro. Modrick.

Scharnhorst, Spring Valley, Calif. This town is close to San Diego.

It has been slower and a little more tedious than we thought to get the mailing list recopied for the addressing machine. However we are getting lots of it set up and it will be so helpful when completed. Thanks to all that are helping with this work.

We are having 2600 copies of the Apostolic Faith Report printed this time. We never dreamed of such a growth. Now it is only natural that we reach out for a 3000 names mailing list. Help us gain this goal.

In closing may we repeat the blessings to you of Easter, of Jesus the Risen Saviour of men and the Coming King, as rightful heir to all the kingdoms of this world. Live close to Him, linger near His side, so that you know of His will and follow on to that light of an eternal perfect day.

Pray for us that our desires in the Lord may be granted. That every need for spirit and soul and body may be granted, so that we will come behind in no gift, waiting for His Coming. I Thess. 5:23. I Cor. 1:7.

Lines From The Co-Editor

By M. D. METHVIN

We are glad to come again to you through the medium of the Report, and greet you in the name of the Lord.

As we enter into the Easter season, we are surely glad to serve a risen Lord. Not only did he give his life for the world, but he was risen for our justification. Rom. 4:25. Certainly it is good to know we are serving a living Saviour.

We hope you all will serve this risen Lord with a new courage and zeal, looking for his soon return back to earth again.

We want to wish all the churches a wonderful Easter and may the blessings of God be over each and everyone.

CHIVINGTON, COLO.—

The work is growing from this point, as Bro. and Sis. Charles Mahan continue to minister the Word. They have their Sunday School and morning worship—also on Sunday night. Bro. Lawrence Brian is the Sunday School Superintendent. Each Tuesday night there is a mid-week Bible study and prayer service. Although the attendance fluxuates we are encouraged for new homes are being opened up for a Thursday evening Bible study and prayer. We are looking forward to a real breaking through for God one of these days. Bro. Mahan further writes: "A week ago last Thursday, I took very painfully ill with what we supposed was appendix or it could have been a violent attack of virus intestinal flu. Anyway after I battled through the night Bro. Claude Bowen, his son and wife prayed for me Friday morning, and the Lord wonderfully stopped the pain. It took a few days to get over the soreness but, Praise the Lord, He did it. It is indeed a privilege to trust Him wherever we are.

It would be a most welcome sight to see anyone of the Faith coming our way. For a visit or some services. We are forty miles due north of Lamar, Colo." Yours in the Master's service, Bro. and Sis. Charles Mahan.

Israel In The World Today

By RAYMOND BARKER

The events in the last three months of time have caused the small country of Israel to step briskly into the spotlight of nations and is the focal point of all middle east activities at the present time. The United States foreign policy has been very vague in the past with the State Department and the president trying to carry a middle of the road roll as far as Middle East affairs are concerned. President Eisenhower in a recent press conference stated that as soon as the present Middle East crisis is over he intends to intensify efforts to bring about closer trade contacts and relationship between Israel and the Arab states. He said, their economies are mutually dependent, which brings us back to the same middle of the road policy as far as Israel is concerned.

However, for the first time in many years, a Jew has been named U. S. Ambassador to a major country. President Eisenhower appointed James D. Zellerbach as Ambassador to Italy, to succeed Mrs. Clare Booth Luce. Mr. Zellerbach, an industrialist from San Francisco, is a national vice chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Several important factors have emerged from the recent conflict with Egypt: First, Israel accomplished its primary objective of wiping out the nests of Egyptian night fighters which had been crossing into Israel and spreading death and destruction vigorously for the past six or seven years. Second, the Israeli Army has won new respect as an efficient fighting force, and the Israel Army has won new respect as a source of confidence among the Arab states which could have important consequences. Third, Israel captured enormous quantities of first-class Russian armaments from Egypt, including scores of heavy tanks, hundreds of heavy guns and mortars, untold quantities of small arms and vast supplies of ammunition. Closely estimated reports claimed the booty to be well worth \$50,000,000.00, but as against all this there are 50,000 Jews in Egypt that

are in great danger. The Egyptian dictatorship has already resorted to Nazi-like tactics, seizing hostages from Jewish families and ordering the others either to leave Egypt at once or go to concentration camps. Hundreds have already fled according to the news reports and thousands have been arrested at this date.

However, two main threats stand before Israel at this moment. The disunity of the Western World over the Arab-Israel situation with the United States, the deciding factor in Western powers, lacking in clarity and consistency and firmness on essential questions of settlement between Israel and the Arab states; and, Russia's great desire for control of many of the middle east countries. Russia has supplied Egypt with every thing needed in all out warfare, except man-power and would have done that, save for quick action by the UN in mobilizing a UN force. Russia has also supplied Syria, an Arab state to the North of Israel, with unknown quantities of material for war.

Israel strengthened its position in the United Nations by forwarding to the UN Security Council copies of captured top secret Egyptian documents that proved Egypt was planning a war of annihilation against Israel. The introduction statement to the documents declared: "Every commander is to prepare himself for the inevitable campaign with Israel for the purpose of fulfilling our exalted aim, which is the annihilation of Israel and her destruction in the shortest possible time in the most brutal and cruel battles. Our aim is always: The destruction of Israel. Remember it, work for its fulfillment." The captured material clearly indicated that Egypt was preparing bases for a much larger army than the 40,000 men encountered by Israel when it attacked. Many items captured indicated a much larger Egyptian army was in the making by the quantity of each of the items. One item alone consisted of 1,000,000 blankets.

Despite the historic phase through which Israel has been passing, life goes on there. A total of 8,500 immigrants entered the country in October, 1956. During all of 1955 only 37,000 entered the country.

Jews throughout the world ex-

OBITUARY

Dorah A. Wene

Sis. Dorah A. Wene, the mother of Sis. Lula Parham of Baxter Springs, died March 12. She was born October 3, 1877, in Marian, Indiana. She was the widow of Bro. W. L. Wene. Both of these folks were firm believers of the Apostolic Faith and were faithful to their God in their convictions. Other members of the family, besides Mrs. Lula Parham are four other daughters: Mrs. Maude Olinger, Mrs. Lela Wall and Mrs. Edna Vanghn of Baxter Springs, Kansas and Mrs. Norah Smith of Springfield, Mo. Also a son, Mr. J. Lance Wene of Baxter Springs, Kansas. She had other relatives and many friends and loved ones of the Church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Apostolic Faith School Chapel on March 15. Bro. Floyd LaMunyon was in charge assisted by Bro. Roy Wooster. Sis. Grace LaMunyon presided at the organ.

Pallbearers were Eugene Raney, Harold Wills, Otis Wade, Nathaniel Lindsey, Fred Saulters and Floyd Richardson.

SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.—

Word has just been received from Bro. and Sis. Bob Taylor, that they have accepted the pastorate of the Spring Valley Church and begin their duties March the First. They are asking a interest in our prayers that God will help them, concerning a permanent location for a new church building, and that they may be granted Godly wisdom in guiding this work. All ministers of the Faith will find an open door with these people. Address them at 3424 Edgemere, Chula Vista, California.

press great concern over the 120,000 Jews who live in Hungary. Jews of the United States have arranged for entry into the U. S. more than one hundred Jewish families who fled to Austria during the recent crushing blow to Hungary.

Finally, for the first time in history. Israel's flag flew—at least temporarily—from Mt. Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments after the original Exodus from Egypt.

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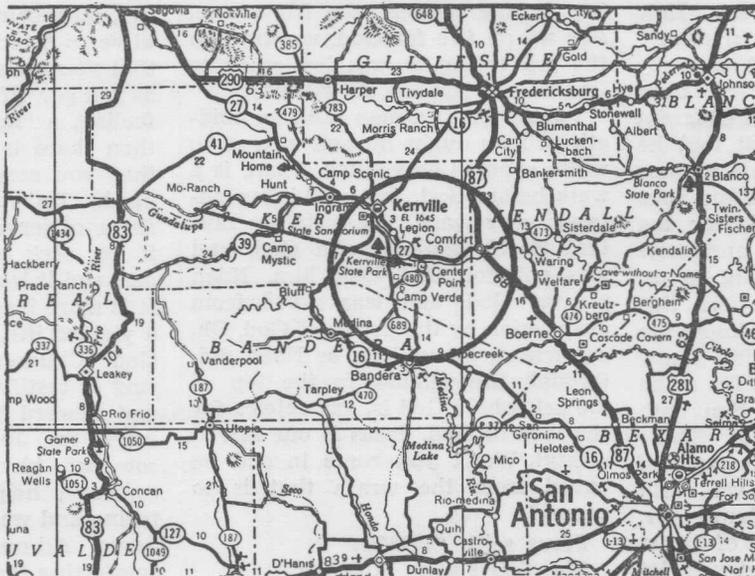
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How To Be A Christian

By REV. W. O. NUNN

Romans 8:9,—But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of this.

We see by this verse that we are not to be in the flesh; for we read where Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." By this we see that there is a change in the **Nature** of man, making him a spiritual vessel; a dwelling place for the Spirit of God.

The flesh is at war continually with the Spirit. The ways of the flesh are the ways of death. The ways of the Spirit are the ways of **LIFE**. We have people in the world today who say that there is no pleasure in the flesh, but my dear friend, I declare there is a fleshly pleasure that a man may enjoy, but this definitely is a temporary pleasure and leads a man to **DEATH!** To mortify the deeds of the body, and let the Spirit of God lead is the only hope for man today. We must be in a place of personal contact with God, for there is no one who can direct our ways but the Spirit of God.

To think that we are Christians is not good enough. You may say, "How am I to **know** that I am a Christian?"

The Scriptures say that we may know that we have passed from death unto **LIFE** in several different ways. One is by His spirit that he has given unto us that bears witness with our spirit that we are the Sons of God. Oh, Thank God, for the privilege to believe in God and know the reality of Christ, living in us. The world cannot understand this today, because it does not know the Truth. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the **TRUTH**, and the **TRUTH** make you free. He whom the Son hath made free, is **FREE** indeed!" There should be rejoicing in the heart of every child of God, that we could evangelize the world. Remember, "He that hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of his." Dearly beloved, let us examine our hearts and see where we stand before Him." By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye have love one for another. Do we love God first, then our neighbor as ourself?? Or do we be-

stow all of our affection on our own family and ourselves?

It is the "High time," dear friends in Christ, that we awake ourselves. The virgins all slumbered and slept, when the midnight cry went forth, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." They all arose and began to trim their lamps, but the thing that was needed was **OIL**, the Spirit of the living God. Oh, What a wonderful thing, that God should look upon us in such a way, as to give us the privilege to be His children. The cry is **NOW** going out, "The Bridegroom Cometh." Are you buying oil on that spiritual market which is opened in heaven; or are you still slumbering and sleeping. Oh God of heaven, Awaken your people! I believe that we are fast approaching the time of the perfection of the church in our day. This does not mean that we are going to be so good, that God will just move in with us, but this will be a church that will be cleansed and set apart; a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; a church sanctified through the blood and by the Word, cleansed and made **HOLY**; the Bride of Christ. Oh, Praise God! We have a chance to be in this church.

If a man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Do you belong to Christ? Or are you just drifting, letting nature take it's course. Are we on fire for God, working on the job trying to win lost souls to Christ, and for His Kingdom??

1 John 2:6. If a man saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. There is a walk before God, that will bring unto us our reward. The scripture says that Enoch walked with God, and was not, for God took him. Noah pleased God, and was saved from destruction by the power of God, Oh, my friend, let us look as Noah did, through the window in the top of the ark where God is, and rejoice for the love of God. Jesus is our ark of safety! Won't you come in and be saved from the wrath that is to come??

Jesus saith "COME!"

The Spirit saith "COME!"

Let us believe all things are possible. Amen!

A little thing will keep them away from the house of God who have no desire to go to it.—Aughey.

Radio Broadcasting Services

The Apostolic Faith Message is still being broadcast over Radio Station **X E G**, out of Monterey, Mex., under the title of "Haven of Rest." You will find this at 1050 kc. on your dial. The time is at 6:45 to 7:00 every Sunday Morning. Bro. A. B. Stanberry is in charge. Please tune in and advise others to do the same. Write Bro. Stanberry at Katy, Texas, Box 4200.

PALM CITY, CALIFORNIA—

Palm City Church, located in Imperial Beach, Calif., at 1726 Donax St., is now in a revival conducted by Bro. Homer Allen. This is Bro. Allen's first revival. This is his home church, and they are proud of his calling and work. The revival began April 12th. Let us pray for its success. Bro. and Sis. Doyle Wiles are the pastors.

An Anointed Life

1 John 2:27. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. Do you have an anointed life, an inspired life? Do you seem alive to your self and to others so that you spread good cheer and joy as you go? If you have a not needed feeling, a "no place for me" spirit, then there is a lack, and the Lord that you serve is able to fill that need. Do you have a life whose flame of service is burning brightly, if not seek one. It does not take age, and it is not altogether training. It is more than human agencies, it is a yielded life, it is a life pleasing to God. Children are often anointed to sing or testify. It is a sure promise and reward that each of us may work for Jesus. You can reach someone, bless someone, encourage someone, help someone, just keep trying and walking and talking with Jesus. All our winning of souls and comforting the flock cannot be done in our strength or will, it takes the sanction and direction of the Lord and an anointing life. Let your daily life speak out for you, be anointed, a flame that burns brightly from a fully replenished oil supply.

PROPHECY II THE REGATHERING ACCORD- ING TO ISAIAH By LOWELL LONG

Rolling back the curtain of time some 26 hundred years we find in Israel a prophet. No ordinary individual but a holy, dedicated man of God through whom the Lord manifested His works, in, wonderful ways.

Isaiah's ministry covered the period from 745 B. C. to 695 B. C. It was during the time when Israel, the northern kingdom, was carried away captive, and in the later part of his work Judah to was invaded, 712 B. C. II Kings 18:13.

The major part of Isaiahs prophecies cover Judah, Jerusalem, the restoration of Israel, the end of the age and the Millinium.

It is with prophecies from Isaiah concerning the restoration that we will briefly deal.

A large portion of Isaiah's prophecies are concerning Judah, and the subject we are discussing is the end or conumation of his prophecies involving this people.

We realize that one of the greatest signs of the closing of the age will be the regathering, rebuilding, and reclaiming of Israel.

This period began in earnest in 1917 when Gen. Allenby, no doubt led by God, marched into Jerusalem with out a shot, fulfilling Isa. 31:5.

Then in 1948 the nation of Israel again raised her national emblem, and since that time has grown and prospered and her people are returning just as Isaiah said that they would. Isa. 11:11-12.

Only God's hand could have preserved a nation as Israel has been kept. Persecuted, slain by thousands, still, God has saved His people that from these, the remnant should come, to be God's own. Isa. 10:21-22. Without a doubt the Jew is being drawn by a force more powerful than just the fact that Israel is his homeland. Though many do not realize it the very God of heaven is working, unknown to the rushing grasping mass of this earths peoples, to bring His chosen back to the land of their beginning.

In Isa. 11:11-12, the Lord promises to gather the remnant of His people from every land, He shall gather the

outcasts of Israel from every nation, from the four corners of the earth. Isa. 43:5-6 also tells us that God will bring the seed of Jacob from the east and gather them from the west, the north or south shall not keep them back.

This is God's plan, it will, and is coming to pass. Even if the world today attempted to stop this human flow, it would fail because the hand of the almighty God is guiding this people that they might prepare themselves for the final act of the greatest drama of the ages.

Isa. 60-4-9, brings forcibly to our minds the importance of this great move. The power of commerce shall help this people, they shall return and bring their gold with them. It is a well known fact that an over balance of the riches of our nation is controlled by the Jew. When they move from us in greater numbers the effect on our economic set-up will be disasterous.

The power of the Gentiles, our wealth, our arms, have been used to protect Israel. Just as Isaiah prophecied, the force of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

We know that the dove of Israel is finally flying to the window of promise, and none shall stay her, for God is her motivating force.

Isa. 4:1-4, relates how Israel shall after her return, be purged from all filth and uncleanness.

The taking away of the daily sacrifice at the end of 3½ years, when the anti-christ shall break his covenant, will cause those of Zion who are actually concerned about this and the impending invasion of their city by the King of the north, to begin to wail and cry for the Messiah to come. This is the spirit of Judgment and burning, described in Zech. 12:10 as a spirit of grace and supplication.

In answer to this cry for help and deliverance from those who have so long rejected Him, Jesus will come to settle the controversy with the nations at Armageddon and deliver Zion forever.

Thus will come to fulfillment the prophecies of Isaiah concerning Israel, carried out before our eyes, testifying to the world that God's word is true, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ shall soon appear as a joy to those that long for His coming.

Ancient History In Bible Light

By JOHN BILLINGS

History or His Story or God's story of man is an important factor in the life and ministry of the modern preacher. It gives us a flowery background for sermons and does much toward flavoring them until we find it makes them a great deal more interesting. I feel that I personally have gained much by the divine guidance of God, from the History class this year.

We have studied about the first civilizations of which the primary one was Mesopotamia. Some Bible students believe that somewhere in this country lay the site of the "Garden of Eden." This civilization went down and others came up, went down, some great, some small. Nevertheless they all made mistakes and when they did, that was all. Babylon was no doubt the greatest of all civilizations but her rulers and peoples began to defy God and she met her waterloo. Then came Egypt who had almost anything luxury but she held God's children in bondage four-hundred and thirty years and so she fell never to rise again. When nations get to the place where they persecute God's chosen people no matter how great or small they seal their doom. There are many other reasons why great civilizations go down but we haven't time to go into detail. The above is the main one along with rejection of God outright.

Primitive man had a very high standard of living. Authorities try to tell us today that we are getting better all the time, but since the time of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, a steady line downward has been kept by the moral standards their languages and intelligence of man. Until we find ourselves today in the sunset of this grace dispensation with the coming of the Lord upon us history repeating itself time after time and poor men can't realize that Jesus is the only door to eternal life.

MT. OLIVE, ARK.—

Bro. and Sis. Harold Bollinger and Gospel Party have had a good meeting with these fine people. Bro. Bill Clevenger is the pastor.

Let's Face It

OUR CHURCH is "sorta" in the dumps. The pastor is doing about all he can. Maybe his interest is not just "tops," but in a way he cannot be blamed too severely. The invitation was given to see all the old faithful ones out Sunday to Sunday School and do our best to see new ones added. Well, it turned out this way. Bro. and Sis. A. (that seldom miss) had relatives in for the day and just could not come. Bro. B. had an extra hard Saturday and knew that he would not be missed (the rest of the family took the cue and did not offer resistance to his plan to stay home). O yes, they forgot about the new ones they were going to "pick up." Guess they will understand, it was just a regular service anyway. Sis. C. planned to invite her neighbor, but so many home duties, and the school and the club and so another week goes by. Course she will invite her next week or the next or sometime (if she thinks about it). At any rate the Sunday School made out somehow and the usual report was given. Wonder if anyone noticed the pain of disappointment written on the pastor's face, right out of a burdened heart. O he understands, you just can't expect people to come all the time.

Then the morning service, some just walked out, friendly enough, but its understood that they just can't stay for the morning sermon. (Can't they or won't they?) Then there was some that made the excuse that this time they would have to leave. Perfectly alright, the pastor said so, (sure if he didn't he would be the rough tough nonunderstanding type). Somehow to the remaining few, the pastor collected his thoughts the best he could and ministered to the few left out of the wreckage.

Evangelistic service. That will be good. Maybe some sinner will come. Does he have a chance? Have to make an excuse for the quartette—can't have it tonight. The lead had a slight cold. Besides with so much business Monday he would have to be in fit trim. There was a little restlessness, but the minister always outrides some interferences. Then Sis. D. just had to whisper to Sis. E.

Child Evangelism

By ELSIE RANEY

Child evangelism holds a very important place in the work of the Lord. Jesus was a child evangelist as well as adult. He said to suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 19:14. He also said that if we receive a child in His name, He would receive us. Matt. 18:5 The Bible teaches to train up a child in the way it should go, and he would not depart from it when he grew old. Proverbs 22:6. It is an opportunity for us to help train children the way of the Lord.

Children have many needs, and there are many needy children. Their needs may be classified under four headings: spiritual, social, mental, and physical. They have a spiritual need for salvation and faith in God. Their social need is to have a feeling of security, recognition, and getting

about some important matter. Could not wait until after church, although—O well it didn't amount to much. The young people was a little figgiety—guess that is part of the service too. In due season the service closed and everybody talked and visited and left with things "as usual."

Wednesday night anything special? Not at all, just the regular service. Time of prayer, isn't that important? Well, sure but a person can pray anytime, anyplace (but do they??) The Bible lesson. The leader did his best, but Bro. and Sis. H did not agree and showed their displeasure. It was such an old subject and Bro. J. was so well informed that he was just plain bored. Anyway it was another service.

Now next Sunday the people will do better, and they will all be there if they are not too busy, or too tired, or don't have too much company, or don't go see a friend and take a Sunday ride. If it is not too cold or too hot, too wet or too dry, if they are not too disturbed with world events—O lets face it, how can a church grow when all this devastating work fostered by the Devil continues to be patronized.

Is this your church Do you act a part in this play?

YOUTH RALLY MEETS

The Young Peoples Rally was held at the Midway Country Church, because of the Revival that had been going on there for, four weeks, by Rev. Homer Coberly from Lubbock, Texas. It was February 25.

There were groups from Arnett, Laverne, Midway, and Woodward, Okla., and Follet, Texas.

The program consisted of special songs or readings from each church. The sermon was brought by Homer Coberly. The topic of it was "Ask and You Shall Receive."

The next Young Peoples Rally will be held at Arnett, Okla., on March 25.

Yours truly,
J. D. Fields,
Reporter

along with others. The physical need is for developing strong muscles and healthy vitality. All these needs are very important, the spiritual need being the most important.

There is a great challenge to us today to meet, at least help meet these needs of children. We can help them by conducting children's services, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Clubs, and counsel. We can provide social and physical activities that are clean, wholesome and upbuilding. Children must have recreation and social entertainment, and if we can give them the right kind, it will help lead them to the Lord and help them live for the Lord.

A teacher or evangelist for children have a huge responsibility and should have consecration, training, and experience. There are many qualifications they should have but the most important is to be born again Christian and have a love and burden for children. A good teacher should be prepared, be prayerful, be on time, be wise, be interesting, and be a soul winner.

It is a wonderful thing to win a child for the Lord, as their whole life is before them. They can be saved from a lot of the worldly things, if we can get them to give their heart and life to the Lord while they are young. "To win a child to Christ is to save a soul and a life, while to win an adult is to save a soul."

Gems From Proverbs

Submitted by MAXINE LONG

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: He keepeth the paths of judgement, and preserveth the way of his saints. Trust in the Lord with all thine hearts; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He pondereth all his goings. These six things doth the Lord hate: yea seven are an abomination unto him:

1. A proud look.
2. A lying tongue.
3. Hands that shed innocent blood.
4. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.
5. Feet that be swift in running to mischief.
6. A false witness that speaketh lies.
7. And he that soweth discord among brethren.

Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. For whoso findeth me findeth life,

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA—

Bro. and Sis. A. L. Moses are assisting with the Oklahoma City Church at present. You may address them at Choctaw, Okla., Rt. 1, Box 263. They inform us that there is a sweet spirit in the church, and they find the people wonderful to work with.

The work on the church is progressing nicely. The inside is almost finished including the "Cry" room and rest rooms. "We are praising the Lord for the well pump and the rest room fixtures that were given to the church, amounting to about \$500.00."

Bro. Jim Caldwell of Perryton, Texas was in the Oklahoma City church for week-end services (March 10). We surely enjoyed his presence and message. We would like to invite all ministers of the Faith to visit here and have services.

Bro. C. O. Bard of Joplin, Mo., will begin a revival soon at this point. Let us pray for a harvest of souls.

EUDORA, ARKANSAS—

Bro. and Sis. Harold Wills have taken a gospel party with them to Eudora, Arkansas to hold a series of tent meetings and the Lord willing build a new church there. The boys going with them are Freddie Wiebe, Waka, Texas, Ben Phillipp, Richmond, Texas and O. J. Smith, Quitman, Mississippi. This is a new field as this gospel has never been taken there before. Do pray much for this work. Bro. and Sis. Wills and the gospel parties address is General Delivery, Eudora, Arkansas. They would enjoy hearing from you.

EDITOR'S NOTE—

We have been well pleased to have Bro. and Sis. Wills with us for the school term of 1957. She was wonderful with the little folks in the Tot nursery. Without her help several of our young couples could not have attended school. Bro. Wills was in school and took advantage of every opportunity to better himself for his fast growing ministry. If God be for us—We shall come again, bringing in the sheaves.

and shall obtain favour of the Lord. Gathered from the first 8 chapters of Proverbs by Maxine Long.

Child Evangelism

Child Evangelism is carrying the gospel to the children in a simplified form so they can understand it. Children today need the teaching of scriptures brought down to their level of understanding so they can be reached for Christ. The things a child is taught while young are never forgotten. Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Children's work is a very essential part of the work of God. There are those however, that don't realize it's need and importance; but we find Christ, while yet a child, realized that he must be up and about His Father's business. It is very important to win children for Christ. "To win a child to Christ is to save a soul and a life, while to win an adult is to save a soul."

Present things that are the truth and of interest to children. A child's heart is open and ready to receive instruction. They accept things as face value and believe everything you say, so be careful and prayerful, that the Lord will direct each word you speak. Instruct children to pray and read their Bible daily.

As instructors and workers with children, there are many problems that are met, but we should never become discouraged because the Lord has the answer to every problem. There is a real need of qualified religious children instructors and workers.

It is my aim as a worker for Christ to do my utmost to present things to children in their services; whether in Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, Children's Meeting, or whatever phase it might be; that will be of lasting benefit and meet their major needs—spiritual, social, mental, and physical. I want to go forth bearing the tidings and fulfill Christ's command, "FEED MY LAMBS." Marie Arnold.

PERRYTON, TEXAS—

A revival is scheduled to begin at the Full Gospel Church beginning Sunday, April the Seventh, and is to continue through Easter Sunday. Bro. and Sis. Stanberry of Katy, Texas are the evangelists in charge and the pastors are Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon.

PROPHECY II REVELATION

By HELEN ARNOLD

In Prophecy II class one of our main objectives is the study of Revelation. The book of Revelation is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him. The message was sent by an angel and given unto John. John wrote the book while a prisoner in exile on the Island of Patmos. The purpose of the book was to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass.

In our study of Revelation we have started with the first verse and are studying the Book chapter by chapter and verse by verse. Revelation is a book of symbols and comparisons. Many feel because the book is highly symbolic that it cannot be understood. It is true that some of the writings of Revelation are harder to decipher than others; however, we can link them with other scriptures and by the Lord's help obtain the correct meanings.

It is very important that we know the contents of this book. The prophecies that are contained are things that will come to pass in the near future, such as the reign of the Anti-Christ, etc. If we have a knowledge of God's word it won't be so easy for us to be lead astray by false spirits that will come into the world.

Perhaps one of the portions of Revelation that is most misunderstood is Chapters seven, twelve, and fourteen. Chapter Seven tells about the seating of the 144,000 of literal Israel. These are sealed with a natural seal by the man with the ink horn. These are sealed by race and not by grace. In chapters twelve and fourteen the 144,000 that are sealed are the people with the spiritual seal. They are sealed by the Holy Spirit and are sealed by grace and are a spiritual people. The people that are sealed in the seventh chapter should not be confused with the others because the ones in the other chapters are spiritual people while the seventh chapter sealing is to a literal people.

Revelation has been considered by many to be a closed book for a number of years but it is beginning to be understood more clearly today. Part of this may be that we see

prophecy more clearly as we near its fulfillment, also people have seen a need to search out more of the truths that this book contains.

It should be the desire of each one to understand Revelation because it tells us of the things that will shortly come to pass. It is equally important that we correctly interpret Revelation. "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

"If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life." Rev. 22:18,19.

Let each one of us study and ask the Lord to open up the book of Revelation unto us so that we may be able to know the things that will shortly come to pass and will be able to rightly divide its contents.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Oklahoma City church and the Enid church are now having fellowship meetings, visiting one point and then the other. More particulars will be given later.

PROSPERITY, MO.—

Bro. and Sis. Joe Owens of Hempstead, Tex., have just closed a very nice revival here. Bro. and Sis. James Arnce are the pastors.

QUITMAN, MISS.—

The Gospel work is progressing with due interest from this point under the fine leadership of Bro. and Sis. Ehrlich, and we give you their letter to us in part: Dear Bro. and Sis. Schultz. Greetings in the wonderful Name of the Lord Jesus! We are so thankful for the effort you fine consecrated people are putting forth to the glory of God. We are PROUD of our Bible School. We certainly do want it to continue till the end. It helps so many young people to get straight in their minds just what serving God is and the importance of serving God while they are young. I know, because I talk from my own experience. Your efforts and the amount of good that you people are doing will never be realized by you, yourself, but God knows Soon another new group of God's workers will be coming into the harvest, we hope that they will reap much. The Ehrlich's, all four of us. Editor's Note. Thank you O so much for your prayers and encouraging words. The Devil is defeated before such unity of purpose as this.

Faith is the daughter of revelation, the echo of the divine voice, the reflection of the manifestation of Christ to the soul.—Adolph Saphir.

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