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Bible School Achievements and Perspective

The Apostolic Faith Bible School is nearing the close of another term. This has certainly been a blessed time of enjoying the good things of the Lord.

The Term of 1949 has had the largest enrollment that the school has had for two years. The enrollment has been made up mostly of new people so far as being familiar with the teachings of the Apostolic Faith is concerned.

All have applied themselves to the school and have progressed in a wonderful way. There has been a representation from eight states and Puerto Rico.

Visitors that have been in the school from time to time have commented on the splendid job the teachers have done this year. Brother Robert Girouard, who is teacher of Prophecy, has brought to all some wonderful truths concerning the past and future in prophecy. Many have stated that Brother Amos Watkins has done an outstanding job of bringing the marvelous truths of the Gospel in Doctrine class.

Brother Jacob Regier, who is the teacher of Evangelism, has enlightened the entire student body of the fact that there is a work for all to do in carrying the Gospel, whether it be in preaching or working in the local church.

Brother Paul Harbin and Sister Anna Ruth Scott have labored several hours every day in teaching piano to the largest number of students ever enrolled in this subject since we have had a Bible School.

Brother Bentson Bowen, though not a minister, has proved himself to be an able worker for the Lord during this term of school. He not only has done a splendid job of teaching two classes of English, but has been very faithful in praying and carrying a burden for the spiritual part of the School.

The Music class has made great progress under the supervision of their able teacher, Sister Grace Lamunyon. The class feels that they are better equipped to sing the Gospel story of Christ.

Those that have attended this term of school will never forget the untiring efforts of Brother and Sister Scott, who have been so faithful in discharging their duties as Assistant Dean and House Mother of the School. Brother Scott, with the assistance of Patsy Peterson, Eula Mae Taylor, and Ruby Peterson, has prepared the delicious meals so immensely enjoyed by everyone each day.

As we near the close of another term, all those connected with the school are sharing the same opinion—that it is very needful for the Movement to do more building before another term. All involved realize that this is going to mean the purchasing of more land. But if the Lord's work is growing, and He has proven beyond all doubt it is growing; then we that can do something about it will be held responsible if we hold back in any way.

Larger Chapel Needed

A larger chapel is definitely needed as the present building is

inadequate for the needs of the student body. When visitors come to the class room, the students do not have enough room to write. Not only that, but we are expecting the enrollment to be entirely too large for the building next year.

Teachers' Quarters

Teachers' quarters are needed that we might be able to have a permanent place to house the teachers and their families. We have had to rent apartments some distance from the school; therefore the teachers have not been able to be at the school as much as it needful for them to be.

Boys' Dormitory

A boys' dormitory is needed. If we had a new dormitory for the boys, the present building could be used to better accommodate the girls and would also accommodate some of the faculty.

Nursery

There is a growing need for a nursery where the children could be properly cared for during class periods when the parents are busily engaged in teaching or attending classes. Only by being in the school can one properly appreciate this need, but nevertheless it is a very pressing need.

Longer Term

I sincerely believe that we need not only to do more building but to use what we have in a longer term. We have money in buildings and equipment that should be in use a much longer period of time each year.

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The Soul That Sinneth

Amos Watkins

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Jn. 10:10. Had not death been pronounced upon the human race, Jesus' coming would not have been necessary. If everyone could see the great contrast between life in Christ and death outside of Christ, the plan of God would be much plainer to us all.

To further understand the scriptures, please note that God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and man became a living soul. Adam was not the possessor of immortality, but was a living soul. He had no spiritual life, therefore, he did not die a spiritual death. Neither was his soul immortal. Ezekiel 18:4 tells us, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Thus, we judge that no man's soul is immortal. "Incline your ear and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live." Isa. 55:3. So God makes a provision for the saving of our souls. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20.

We are constantly confronted with the teaching of eternal torment; and because this false doctrine has been used so many years as a weapon to frighten people into church joining, it is difficult to persuade them to search the scriptures with an open mind and a teachable heart. The protestant churches often boast of their protest against the old Roman Church's teaching of purgatory, idol worship, confession to men, and tradition; but have, themselves, further distorted the truth by their teaching of everlasting life for the wicked in the lake of fire.

This teaching of error is a definite challenge to all of us who have come to the knowledge of the truth. We should not fail to teach it for fear of criticism. A

hungry-hearted world cries for the TRUTH. We may never convert the whole world to our faith and teaching, but there are many who will receive the truth.

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23. And again: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing." Deut. 30:19. We are given the right of choice: to serve God and live, or to reject him and die. Life comes through Jesus Christ, and outside of Christ there is no life. To teach and believe in eternal life outside of Christ is to make His sacrifice of none effect. If life does not come through the blood of Jesus; His coming was in vain, and He died in vain. God's plan is in vain and has failed. The Bible is worthless and our preaching is to no avail.

It is high time to awake out of sleep and meet the challenge by exposing these false teachings. Though we may have neglected to stress these truths and to teach in our churches and Sunday Schools that life is in Christ, there is a greater need than ever before to bring this truth to light.

Many have said, "This is a non-essential point of doctrine." But Life Through Christ is the most important teaching in the Bible. Therefore, it becomes very necessary to know the truth in this matter and to recognize our obligation of teaching our fellowman. Let us assume this obligation.

The soul that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE. May it ring in our hearts; may it be taught in our Sunday Schools; may it be preached from the pulpits, and may we all see the great need of exalting the name of Jesus, the Son of God, as the way of life and truth. "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. I Cor. 15:22. We are told by the Master, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but

rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28.

"For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, sayeth the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Mal. 4:1. This scripture alone should be convincing enough to remove doubt from our minds. It teaches us conclusively that the wicked will be destroyed completely. They shall be left neither root nor branch.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus has long been used as a crutch to support the teaching of everlasting torment, but in reality, it is given to describe the rejection of Christ by the Jews and His turning to the Gentiles. There is nothing more repulsive than the picture given of the poor, wretched beggar at the rich man's gate begging for the things the rich man enjoyed. The dogs came and licked his sores. This pictures poverty in its worst form. But some would like us to believe that this filthy wretch represents the holy church of our Lord. **SUCH A TEACHING IS AN INSULT TO THE CHURCH AND TO JESUS.** The true church does not beg, neither is it to be compared with poverty and filth. God forbid. I can't, by stretching my imagination, see all the saints of God in Abraham's bosom.

These are just a few of the host of Bible truths that will point the way to a better understanding of God's word. May we be faithful and diligent in converting the sinner from the error of his way; teaching of Life in Christ to all who repent, and giving this solemn warning to all who reject Him: **THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE.**

If others sin, you need not mention it.

Yesterday is gone; tomorrow is uncertain; today is here. **USE IT.**

Pastoral Work

Jacob C. Regier

In our Evangelism class it is our purpose to devote some time to the study of Pastoral Work. Pastoral work is very important. Without pastors, our churches will cease to thrive and to grow. Without pastors our evangelistic efforts will lag and fail; it will become more and more difficult to win the lost to Christ, and be almost impossible to get Christians to make spiritual growth.

There is little doubt that some of the members of this class will be called of God in the near future to fill the pulpits of pastorates. As preachers of righteousness and as ambassadors of God, we must consider some of the requirements, duties and problems of pastoral work. It is not our purpose to expose or intimidate individuals, but it is highly important that we know how to be on our guard against the powers of the enemy.

The pastor is a preacher. His first duty then is preaching. Paul spoke to a pastor (Paul's message indicates that Timothy was a pastor) in this wise, "Preach the Word—." Preaching, not doing 1000 other little things, is the supreme work of a pastor. I trust that we as pastors will feel a keen responsibility of preaching the WORD. Paul said that the time would come when men would not endure sound doctrine, but would heap unto themselves teachers, having itching ears. Might I ask the question, class, "Has that time come?" Indeed it has. Many people today are merely professed Christians and not really converted. The message against hand-shake, card-signing religion is out of date. The condemnation has reached to the modern formal altar-ism. I mean that an altar-religion is no better than a hand-shake religion unless it is genuine conversion.

Careless conduct has caused pastors in the past to lose a great deal of prestige. Some may not care for prestige, but we should to the extent that we desire the respect and confidence of honest citizens.

However, beware when all men speak well of you, especially since some of these men are evil-doers. Pray that we might live such lives as would befit a pastor. We probably will not be able to convert all people to our faith, but we at least can win their confidence.

When men of other faiths, especially officials and pastors, visit our services; it is wrong for us deliberately to choose a text or subject contrary to his belief and thereby intimidating him. However, it is also wrong to compromise and choose a subject to tickle his ears. Be sure to be led of God and preach the truth. When I visit other churches, I do not expect to hear Apostolic Faith doctrines but the doctrines of the church which I am visiting. They feel the same toward us; when they visit our churches, they really expect to hear Apostolic Faith doctrine. Let us preach it in the Spirit of Christ. Incidentally, to visit other churches, especially during their revival campaigns, will do no harm but will build good-feeling.

The word, pastor, originally meant shepherd. Jesus is the good shepherd. Peter referred to Him as the "shepherd and bishop of our souls." Jesus, then, is our pastor. The word, pastor, now is used to designate a preacher that is the shepherd of a group of people or congregation.

The parable of the shepherd and his 100 sheep bears a striking resemblance to our pastoral duty when some member of the flock goes astray. The shepherd left his ninety-nine sheep and sought the lost until he found it. Pastors, then, must bend their efforts to regain the backsliders.

The poorest method to use in winning the erring one back to the narrow way is to use him or his mistakes as the theme for our sermons. This method will most usually fail. Deal with such cases individually; do personal work; show him the right way in private; and deal with him in a gen-

tle charitable way. You will win his confidence; and, in that way, in most cases, you will win him back to the narrow way.

The pastor is a shepherd. He would indeed be a poor shepherd that would neglect to feed the sheep. Likewise he is a poor pastor that fails to feed the flock of God. The first responsibility of a pastor is to preach the word, to feed the people the bread of life. Yes, students, the first duty of a pastor is to see that the people are fed. Ladies and gentlemen, whenever we leave this Bible school and go our ways to pastor our churches, we will be tempted to neglect our flocks in this respect. We will have opportunity to do things other than preaching, but preaching is the supreme work of a pastor. To do justice to the job of preaching, the preacher must spend much time in prayer and study. Numerous occasions will arise in which the members of your congregations will desire you to do odd jobs for them. Pastors are often used as handy-men and jack-of-all-trades. Friends, please never take the attitude you are too good to do manual labor, but you must resist doing numerous odd jobs instead of tending to your pastoral duties.

The literal shepherd binds up and heals the wounds of his sick and wounded sheep. Likewise, a pastor is duty-bound to help his flock in times of heartache, misfortune, trial and sorrow. The scriptures instruct us to help those that are weak, to strengthen the feeble knees and lift up the hands that hang down. In many cases pastors have been very successful although they were not eloquent speakers. They were so faithful in their other pastoral duties: visiting the sick, praying the prayer of faith, showing kindly interest in the people and loving the members of their congregations.

Scripture tells us that we should be ensamples of the flock. In Phillipians 2:5-8 we read, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Apostolic Faith Bible School

CLASS OF 1949

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHAPEL

225 W. 12th St.

Baxter Springs, Kansas

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 10, 11, 12, 1949

Special Services each evening 7:30 p. m.
 Master of Ceremonies Members of Faculty
 Special Singing Members of Student-body
 Speakers Members of Student-body

Ordination Service—Sunday, March 13, 10:00 a. m.

Master of Ceremonies Rev. Amos Watkins
 Congregational Singing
 Song Mixed Quartet
 Prayer
 Song Music Class
 Song Ladies' Sextet
 Sermon Rev. Jacob Regier
 Benediction

Home-Coming Service—Sunday, March 13, 2:30 p. m.

Master of Ceremonies Former Dean Tica L. Tabor
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Special Singing Visiting Singers
 Speakers Former Students
 Benediction

Commencement—Sunday, March 13, 7:30 p. m.

Choir
 Congregation Sings "Onward Christian Soldiers"
 Invocation J. M. Scott
 Song Ladies' Octet
 Song Men's Octet
 Presentation of Speaker Dean Floyd LaMunyon
 Speaker Rev. Paul Bollinger
 Presentation of Diplomas Floyd LaMunyon
 Certificates of Award in Music Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon
 Benediction Bentson Bowen

BIBLE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY

1949



First row: Wyona Roosa, Dorothy Daugherty, Roberta Barker, Esther Barker; Faculty: Paul Harbin, Amos Watkins, Bentson Bowen, Grace LaMunyon, Floyd LaMunyon, Dean; J. M. Scott, Assistant Dean; Mrs. J. M. Scott, Jacob Regier, Robert Girouard, Anna Ruth Scott, Eula Owens, Myra Dickson, Quida Mae Pipkin, Imogene Graves.

Second row, seated: Norene Watkins, Atrel Ferguson, Mabel Hintergardt, Leola Hintergardt, Romona Kerr, Lola Bell Barnes, Lois Pruitt, Irene Humphries, Doris Bingham, Ina Marie Sanders, Ruby Decker, Jo Girouard, Clydean Echols, Anita Davids, Madeline Briles, Grace Bushman.

Third row, standing: Margie Shallenberger, Sarah Bushman, Madelyn Handley, George Decker, Ralph Denton, Earl Mansee, Gilbert Cowart, Richard Barker, Alvin Lee Barker, George Gregory, Jr., Bobby Taylor, Max Pennington, Alfred Decker, Neil Ragan, Wallace Bingham, Jesse Conley, Orville Fullbright, George Hintergardt, Malolah Fullbright, Hazel Taylor.

Fourth row: Earl Sanders, Paul Gregory, Winston Denker, Raymond Christenson, Bill Handley, The Cooks: Patsy Peterson, Eula Mae Taylor, Ruby Peterson; Hap Watkins, Waple Ferguson, Greene Kerr, Silas Echols, Jr., Leon Pugh.



ITEMS OF INTEREST



BIBLE SCHOOL

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Work Should Be Done Now

Let us seriously consider this and make it a matter of earnest prayer. Many that are here now attending and teaching in the school have offered their service toward building as soon as this term closes. (March 13).

They do not feel that we should wait until next fall, but that we should begin to do something NOW. Several have said not only would they talk, but would also contribute in a financial way as well.

Let us not only pray but begin to work on the project to further promote the Gospel of Christ that is more than life to us.

Your Bible School Dean,

Floyd LaMunyon.

Baptism, to some; is a process of dunking, to others, a process of dousing, and then still others it is a process of sprinkling; which if the blessing is in proportion to the water used, I would prefer to be dunked.—Max Pennington.

A Gospel Worker is to a preacher what air is to a tire.—Marcus Adair.

A Gospel Worker is to a preacher what a nurse is to a Doctor.—Jacob Regier.

He who controls not his youth will not enjoy his old age.

To thine own self be true, and it follows as the night the day; thou canst not be false to any man.

WORD OF THANKS

The Apostolic Faith Bible School faculty and student body of 1949 wish to express their deep gratitude and appreciation to all who have helped to make this term of school possible.

Floyd LaMunyon, Dean.

PASTORAL WORK

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But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man; And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Jesus, our pastor, set us an example; we then as pastors should also be examples.

We will be happy, friends, if at the close of our pastoral work in a community, we can look back over our work in that pastorate and say, "We have consistently lived the life before the people." Jesus, our pastor, humiliated himself and suffered for us to be our ensample. We will be glad if we have been abused or mistreated, or if we have borne our cross patiently as did the Lord Jesus. Possibly in our experiences as pastors, times will come when our elders, our deacons, or our trustees will be lax spiritually; probably they will not live consistently for God; and they may even attempt to hinder us when we try to do the work of God. Due to the fact that we are human, there will be instances when we will be in the wrong. We will be glad when the work is over and we can look back knowing that we have suffered for righteousness sake.

Radio Programs

TUNE IN

to

"SUNLIGHT OF LOVE"

Over

KSCB
DIAL 1270

LIBERAL, KANSAS

Tuesday and Thursday

1:00 to 1:30 p. m.

REV. MARCUS L. ADAIR

"The Country Preacher"

Box 97

Logan, Okla.

GOSPEL BROADCAST

K W H I

1280 on Dial

Brenham, Texas

3:00 p. m.—3:30 p. m.

SUNDAY

MR. and MRS. ED STORK

Ministers

K E Y E

1400 on Dial

2:30 to 3:00 p. m.

Sunday

Perryton, Texas

LENARD CARLSON

Director

BALKO, OKLA.

Christians not only stand FOR something, but they stand BY.

Jesus came to save the Lost, the Last, and the Least.

Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

NOTICE

In response to the many requests of the visitors to the Bible School, the teachers of the Bible classes have consented to prepare a number of pamphlets containing all the subject material and lesson assignments used in the 1949 term of school. These booklets will be completed at the end of the school term. Anyone desiring them may write for them in care of the Bible School. These subjects include: Doctrine, Evangelism and Prophecy.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ORPHANAGE

On the 20th of February, the Reuben Davis' celebrated their first anniversary of opening their "Home for Children." During this time 15 children have been in the home. At the present time 9 are in the home. Several of the children have had birthdays of late, and every one of the children had a nice birthday cake with candles.

Regular services are now being held in the "Chapel Room" in one of the barracks. The Sunday School bus brings a number to Sunday School, and they have been having an attendance of 93. Several have been seeking the Lord for deeper experiences.

The men have been building side walks, painting inside, and making new cesspool, etc. They hope to have the new dormitory ready for occupancy before too long. They are in dire need of another lady to help with the work. Sister Midge Perkins and Sister Davis are using all their strength to care for the children and they cannot stand up under it always.

They certainly appreciate the clothing sent by different people. It has been through the faithful ones that have given that they have been able to clothe the children.

The Orphanage is located at the Ranch Home of Brother and Sister Reuben Davis, 8 miles southwest of Madera, California, on Route 2, Box 70.

PROPHECY BIBLE LESSON

By Robert Girouard

DISPERSION, REPENTANCE, RESTORATION, CONVERSION, AND PROSPERITY OF ISRAEL

Deut. 30:1-10.

Verse 1. Prediction dispersion. Also see Lev. 26:33; Deut. 28:63-67.

Verse 2. The future repentance of Israel while in the dispersion.

Verse 3. The Return of the Lord. Acts 15:14-17; Amos 9:9-14.
The Lord must return before the Davidic Monarchy is set up.

Verse 4. Restoration to the land of Palestine.

Jer. 23:3-8; Ezek. 37:21-25.

Isa. 11:11-12. It is to be a second restoration of Israel and Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Amos 9:14-15. It is to be a restoration permanent in its character.

Verse 6. National Conversion.

Rom. 11:26-27; Ezek. 20:33-40; Ezek. 36:24-28.

Verse 9. National Prosperity. Ezek. 36:8-11, 30.

From these studies we arrive at the conclusion that Israel is not to be fully restored to Palestine until after the second coming of Jesus. However, large numbers are in the land before the return of the Lord.

Ezek. 38:8-16; Dan. 9:24-27; Zech. 13:8-9.



The children at the Orphanage on their Christmas roller skates.

Brief Mentions

WEBB CITY, MO. The Lord is blessing in the regular services at the Frisco Mission. In the past few months about 20 souls have been saved. Evangelist and Mrs. Glayron Rees, Missionaries from Alaska, held a special weekend service there and seven were saved. Harold Cooper, Pastor.

GALENA, KANSAS. Evangelist Billy Sparks and Earl Davidson recently closed a good Youth Revival in the Spring Grove Church. Attendance and interest was fine all through the meeting. Five souls were saved and many encouraged and blessed. George Clay, Pastor.

DUMAS, TEXAS. Evangelist and Mrs. Tica Tabor, assisted by Grant Hall and Mrs. Chet Melizza and Mrs. Junior McCorkle, just closed a wonderful revival in the church at Dumas. A number were saved and blessed of God. Attendance and interest was good and the entire congregation was blessed and encouraged. John Modrick, Pastor.

GRANBY, MO. Evangelist and Mrs. George Bollinger held a good revival in the Granby Tabernacle. Interest was good and God blessed throughout the meeting. Bill Patterson, Pastor.

TIPTON FORD, MO. The Lord is blessing in all the services at the Tipton Ford Church. Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Clanton, Pastors, of Roswell, New Mexico will begin a revival in March. C. O. Bard, Pastor.

PERRYTON, TEXAS. The Lord is blessing in the regular services at the Perryton church. Sunday School attendance is increasing and interest is good. Several have been saved of late in the regular services. Jack Barker, Pastor.

MISSISSIPPI CAMP MEETING

of

The Apostolic Faith

MERIDIAN, MISS.
SNELL COMMUNITY

July 21 - 31

For Information write
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eakens
Route 7
Meridian, Miss.

MT. STERLING, KY. Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Handley and gospel workers expect to launch a revival campaign in Mt. Sterling sometime in April.

STOCKTON, CALIF. Evangelist C. R. Dale just recently held a good revival in the church at Stockton. Wm. Yeakel and W. L. Trumbo have been preaching at the regular services until the church secures a pastor.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. The Lord is blessing in the regular services at the new church in Fayetteville. Evangelist and Mrs. George Bollinger are continuing on as Pastors.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANS. The church at Baxter Springs has greatly enjoyed the help and cooperation of the Bible School in the regular services. Sister Neola Moore has acted as pastor during the Bible School Term and has faithfully served the congregation. After the close of Bible School, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon will resume their duties as pastors of the church.

PALM CITY, CALIF. Brother James Davis recently held a good meeting at the Palm City church and several were saved. The meeting was a blessing and an encouragement to the church. Etta Mae Peters, Pastor.

KATY, TEX. Rev. and Mrs. Grady Adcock are filling the pulpit at the Katy church while the pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Hap Watkins attended the Bible School at Baxter Spring, Kansas.

SULPHUR, OKLA. Evangelist Billy Sparks and Earl Davidson will begin a Youth Revival in the church at Sulphur during the month of March. James Caldwell, Pastor.

HARDESTY, OKLA. Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Mahan and family are conducting the regular services at the Hardesty church during the illness of the pastor, Rev. Donald Dibbens. Brother Dibbens is improving and gaining in health and strength, but still needs complete deliverance. He desires the prayers of everyone.

MAGNOLIA, ARK. The Lord is blessing in all the services in Magnolia, interest is good and the entire church is progressing in the things of God. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dickson, Pastors.

ROCKDALE, TEXAS. The Lord is blessing in the regular services at the Rockdale Tabernacle. The entire congregation is moving forward in the things of God. Millard E. Brown, Pastor.

ARNETT, OKLA. Work is continuing on the new church building at Arnett. Textone has been put on the walls and ceiling and new light fixtures have been installed. The church work is progressing nicely and God is blessing. Frank Stimson, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS. Evangelist Hattie Jones and Evangelist Jennie Evans have just conducted a good meeting at the Heights Faith Tabernacle, 625 E. 20th St., in Houston. A radio program was conducted over KATL, at 12:15 noon, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, during the meeting. Claude Pruitt, Pastor.

LEAKEY, TEXAS. Evangelist Jack Shandley recently conducted a successful meeting in the church at Leakey. A number were saved and sanctified and four prayed through to the Holy Spirit. Eleven were baptized in water. Jake Pletcher, Pastor.

SULPHUR, OKLA. Rev. and Mrs. Jim Caldwell, pastors of the church at Sulphur, extend an invitation to all ministers to visit the church and be in services there. Regular services are on Sunday morning and night, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights. The Caldwells recently held a revival in a rural community near Sulphur, two were saved and one sanctified.

VICI, OKLA. God is richly blessing in every service at Vici. An invitation is extended to all ministers and workers to come for services at any time. Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Beers, Pastors.

ALIEF, TEXAS. Jennie Evans is now pastor of the church at Alief. The Lord is blessing in all the services.

PHELPS, TEXAS. Alexander Wisnoski has been elected pastor of the work at Phelps.

CAVE SPRINGS, ARK. The Lord is blessing the work at Cave Springs. Rev. Joe Faries is filling the pulpit at all the services.

BAYARD, NEBR. Victory is reported in the work at Bayard, the severe weather has hindered somewhat, but God's blessing is resting upon every service. Ted Jackson, pastor.

KINGSMILL, TEXAS. The Kingsmill church is looking forward to a revival soon. God is blessing in all departments of the church. Pearl Yeakley, Pastor.

OZARK CAMP MEETING

of
The Apostolic Faith

BENTONVILLE, ARK.

August 4-14

REV. C. R. DALE
REV. GEORGE BOLLINGER
Directors

NOTE

Everyone will be happy to know Brother Alford Whiteley of Fayetteville, Ark., is steadily improving. He has been able to walk around the house some the past few weeks. Please keep Brother Whiteley on your prayer list for complete deliverance.

SNELL, MISS. Evangelist and Mrs. Albert Janzen and family, assisted by Frances Taylor recently conducted a very successful revival in the Snell church. Bad weather hindered the meeting considerably but 12 were saved and some sanctified. The closing day of the revival a number were baptized.—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eaken, Pastors.

HINTON, ALA. The Lord is blessing in the regular services at Hinton. Several have been saved in the regular services and six were saved one night, one entire family saved. Sunday School has been organized and services will be held there on Sunday afternoon. The community desires to build a church, and a choice of four different locations have been given to build on. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eakens, Pastors.

CHALKTAN, ALA. Evangelist and Mrs. Otto Busch have just held a good revival in Chalktan, a new field for the gospel. Interest and crowds were good, and the blessing of the Lord was on every service.

THANKS TO CHURCHES

An appreciative thanks to the following churches for their offering the past month to the Apostolic Faith Paper:

LOGAN, OKLA.
RANGE, OKLA.
HARDESTY, OKLA.
GUYMON, OKLA.
BALKO, OKLA.
RALLS, TEXAS
BIG SPRING, TEXAS
KATY, TEXAS
CHENEY, KANSAS
JOPLIN, MO.
JOPLIN, MO.
Bible Class
GRANBY, MO.
WEBB CITY, MO.
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO
MAGNOLIA, ARK.

PRAYER LIST

Your prayer request shall receive personal attention. Blest and anointed handkerchiefs will be sent on request. Whatever your need may be, trust in God, He is ready and willing to hear and answer prayer for you.

Ted Jackson
Mrs. Minerva Osborne
Patty Garrett
P. E. Woodford
Grace Whitehead
Lola Cook
Lewis Cook
Donald Dibbens
Mrs. Maxine Longley
Mrs. Esther Owens

SPEARMAN, TEXAS. The Lord is blessing in the services at Spearman and in spite of the very bad weather, services have been good. Three young men recently prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, some have been saved and reclaimed and sanctified. Albert L. Durham, Pastor.

"It is better to say, 'This one thing I do,' than to say, 'These forty things I dabble in.'"

—*Glac'den.*

Tithing

Doris Bingham

The paying of tithes and offerings is God's plan for financing the spread of the gospel and the support of the ministers, singers, and missionaries. God gave the commandment in detail for tithing. In Lev. 27:30, 32 we read, "And ALL the tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord. And concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock, even whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

The commandments of God are not optional. With every commandment God gives a reward for obedience and punishment for disobedience. Prov. 3:9, 10, "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." Mal. 3: 10, 11, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

If we fail to pay a tenth we *do not* tithe, and therefore we rob God. Mal. 3:8, 9, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In *tithes and offerings.*"

Offerings means sacrifice. It is something we give to the Lord after we have paid our tithes. David said he would not offer unto the Lord that which cost him nothing.

Though the law was given to the children of Israel under the law

it still holds for us. Abram was the first man to pay tithes. In the seventh chapter of Hebrews we read that Abram paid tithes to Melchizedek and that Christ was made priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. In Matt. 23:23 Jesus said, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith; these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." The Pharisees gave tithes of all they possessed but Jesus tells us in Matt. 5:20 "except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Let us do no less but rather keep the whole commandment.

Paul tells us in II Cor. 9:6, "He that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Let us give much and give it willingly for the "willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land."

Soul Winning

By Myra Dickson

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. We are saved to tell others of the way to salvation and eternal life. Regardless of where God sends us, the purpose of the call is to win lost souls. When the call comes, let us go right then. Do not wait until it is OUR will. If we have been called, God will always hold us responsible for the call. God's calling is without repentance.

A soul-winner should be saved, consecrated to God, led by the Holy Spirit, and should know the Word of God.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." Proverbs 29:18. There is a need for soul-winners to have a greater vision to see the Work of God go forward and souls saved. A vision is of

no value without a burden. Every preacher and gospel worker must have a burden for the place to which God calls him.

Gospel workers are a great asset to the work of God. They should know how to bear a burden in singing, prayer, and altar work.

The harvest is greater than ever before and the laborers are few. Souls are dying all around us, and it is up to us to help them find the way to salvation. So, if we have a call, we must obey and not let the blood of lost souls be on our hands because we did not lead them to Christ.

In soul-winning, a personal worker plays a great part. We are witnesses of Jesus, and should tell of His saving power every opportunity that may come our way. Jesus set a perfect example as a personal worker when He talked to the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:7-17.

To be a soul-winner, we need patience and contentment. James 1:4. "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." It is better for us to have little and be content in the Lord, than to have much of this world's goods and be troubled. Let us not be content to the extent that we are satisfied if only one soul is saved, but let us have a burning desire to reach others and see them brought to Christ.

No matter what our calling from God is or where it may be, the purpose of the call is to win lost souls for Christ.

Remember Your Missionaries

All Sermons, Articles and Poems in this issue were written by the faculty and students of the Bible School.

Poems by Bible School Students

DO YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

Alfred R. Decker

Do you ever stop to think, friend,
Of the blessings you receive,
From the great storehouse of Jesus
For all those that will believe.

Have you ever known this Jesus,
He who died upon the tree,
That He might purchase wondrous
blessings
For all of us, E'en you and me.

Do you think or do you know
How He purchased our salvation;
How He spilled His blood for sinners,
Regardless of their station?

When His eyes closed for a season,
The death angel hovered near,
He begged for our forgiveness,
And asked that His Father would hear.

Do you realize the cost, friend,
Of His life on calvary;
Do you realize the great price
That He paid for you and me?

Do you know of all the glory
He forsook that we may see
The Prince of life, so meek and mild
To give life so full and free?

Think of all the things before you
If you do not change your views
And be grateful for a Saviour
That gives you the right to choose

The way of His salvation,
For the price is paid, you see.
Take Jesus Christ into your heart
And taste of full salvation free.

Through our God is life eternal.
To serve satan is to die;
Think it over, friend and neighbor,
For the judgment draweth nigh.

When you make your heart's selection
And you wish to be quite sure,
Make the Lord your isle of refuge,
For His promise will endure.

JUST BUILD YOU AN ALTAR

Dorothy Mae Daugherty

'Twas on a lonely, rocky Mountain,
Out in a desert lone and bare,
That Jesus knelt in humble reverence,
And there to heaven raised His prayer.

He prayed for souls bowed down in
sorrow.
He prayed for souls lost deep in sin.
He prayed for all the world's creation.
He prayed for those He came to win.

After a busy day was over
He longed for a silent place of prayer
And so, somewhere, He built an altar,
Poured out His heart to God, out there.

His spirit soared beyond this world,
He saw the smile of His Father's face;
And felt the touch of God's hand on His,
And felt the sweetness of His grace.

Dear Friend, are you weary and lonely?
Does your path seem rugged and long?
Is it hard to keep cheerful and smiling?
Is it hard to keep singing a song?

Then my friend, what you need is Jesus
To strengthen and comfort your heart.
He's a friend who walks close beside you,
To never, no never depart.

So, somewhere, just build you an altar,
And give Christ your trouble and care.
I know He will hear you and bless you,
He has promised to answer your prayer.

Blest and anointed handkerchiefs will be sent on request. Your prayer request will receive personal attention. "God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." Acts 19:11-12.

GOD'S ORDER

- 1.—God wants some folks for ministers of the Gospel; but none to be lords over His people.
- 2.—Some to be evangelists; but none for ease and financial gain.
- 3.—Some to be leaders in His Church; but none to be "bell-sheep".
- 4.—Some folks to pay the bills; but none to brag about it.
- 5.—Some folks to fight and win battles; but none to take the honor on themselves.
- 6.—Some to endure hardness, affliction and persecution and keep sweet; but none to look down on the one who failed and fell.
- 7.—He wants us to keep the fire burning in our souls; but not wild fire.
- 8.—He wants us to be tender and kind; never raspy and harsh.
- 9.—He wants us to be diggers; but not dirt diggers.
- 10.—God's Spirit will help us to prosper as a people if we observe his order.

STANDING BETWEEN

"The Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

A Christian worker in the mountains of Kentucky was visiting the penitentiary. There he found a man imprisoned on the charge of murder. He tried to reach his heart with the gospel story, but seemingly without avail. On one visit the man spoke of his little boy. The evangelist saw his opportunity. "My brother," said he, "what would you be willing to do for that child of yours?" The rugged mountaineer's eyes flashed. With tremendous intensity he answered, "Mister, I'd stand between that boy and hell!" "Well, my brother," quietly replied the other, "that is exactly what Jesus has done for you."

Do you want to know what salvation means — the mystery of Christ's substitution? There you have it. Let him be your Saviour. —H.

The Rise and Fall of Nations

Alvin Lee Barker

Perhaps the greatest prophetic document or article ever written concerning the rise and fall of nations, is recorded in the second chapter of the book of Daniel. In a very few verses, Daniel, the great prophet of God, tells us of all major world empires from his time till the coming of Christ in the clouds with power and great glory. This period of time covers approximately twenty-six hundred years.

To understand the second chapter of Daniel fully it is necessary to study the political aspects of some of the more powerful nations existing at this time. This study will be a good foundation for enlightenment on the prophetic Image which King Nebuchadnezzar saw in a dream.

In 625 B. C., Nabopolassar, Nebuchadnezzar's father, set up an independent Babylonian state. He had aspirations of Babylonia becoming the dominant power of that time. With the assistance of Nebuchadnezzar he overran Jerusalem in 606 B. C. This was the beginning of what is known as the Exile of the Kingdom of Judah which was to last seventy years as a judgment of God against the Kingdom of Judah.

Nebuchadnezzar commanded that children, skillful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and understanding in science, should be taken captives from Jerusalem and placed in his palace. One of these young men was Daniel, who was later to be a great prophet of God. These young men, figured to have been from eighteen to twenty years old, were to be as wise men in the King's palace. For three years they were given instruction and the best of care. The Lord gave them knowledge and understanding and at the end of their period of instruction they were found to be ten times better in matters of wisdom than the wise men and astrologers of that realm.

About this time Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that greatly trou-

bled him. He could not remember the dream and desired the dream and the interpretation, revealed unto him. He called in all the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans, to show unto him the dream. These men claimed to be able to reveal the unknown by superstitious rites, by the stars, by communication with the dead and by devinations. They were unable to tell the king the desired information, so the command went forth to slay all the wise men of the kingdom.

The executioners came for Daniel and thus he learned of the king's dream and the wise men's inability to interpret it. Daniel then went to the King and told him that if a little time would be granted he would shew unto him the interpretation. The request was granted and Daniel immediately began praying to God for the interpretation of the dream. The secret was revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Daniel praised God for the revelation of the secret.

Daniel went before the King and told him that no man was able to give interpretation to the dream, but God in Heaven had revealed it unto him. Daniel was very careful to give God the honor and glory.

Daniel revealed the secret to the king thus: (Dan. 2:31-33) Thou, O king, sawest, and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

The dream as interpreted by Daniel and as seen with a prophetic eye, is a very important part of prophecy and of the signs of the times. By careful study of this prophetic image it can be seen that we are living in the very last days of this dispensation of time.

The prophetic image interpreted, is on this manner. The

head of gold was the Babylonian kingdom existing at that time. The breast and arms of silver was the Medes and Persians, who under the leadership of Cyrus, gained control of the Babylonian kingdom at the feast of Belshazzar. The belly and thighs of brass was the Grecian kingdom under the leadership of Alexander the Great. The legs of iron was the great Roman Empire, later divided into the Eastern and Western Roman Empire. The feet, part of iron and part of clay are the twenty-four Nations and Republics existing before World War I. The ten toes, part of iron and part of clay are yet to exist as the ten-toed kingdom or ten king kingdom.

A closer historical study of the kingdoms represented by the image will bring a greater realization of the perfect unerring prophecy given nearly twenty-six hundred years ago.

As has already been stated, the kingdom of Babylon, representing the head of gold, became an independent state about 625 B. C. They then took possession of Jerusalem about 606 B. C. However, it was in 605 B. C., at the defeat of an Egyptian king, that the Babylonian kingdom became the dominant power of their day. The city of Babylon is known as the greatest city that has ever existed, as far as wealth, luxury, and power is concerned. This kingdom dominated successfully until the fall of Babylon in 538 B. C.

The Medo-Persian kingdom which represents the breast and arms of silver was set up in full power in 536 B. C. The fall of Babylon and the rise of Medo-Persia came about, of course, through the will of God, but was executed by a group of Median and Persian soldiers under the able leadership of a young Persian Prince named Cyrus. The city of Babylon was supposed to be an impregnable, defensive fortress, and no doubt they would not have fallen at that time save for the drunken party given by Belshazzar. No man was on guard, but all were reveling in sin while their foes overran them. The entrance into the city was made by

turning the water of the river flowing through the city into some old lakes below the city. Thus when the water receded the soldiers went under the walls along the river bed to capture the city and kill Belshazzar. The Medo-Persian kingdom reigned successfully until the year 331 B. C.

During this year Greece, under the leadership of Alexander defeated the Medes and Persians and became the dominating world power. The Grecian kingdom is represented by the belly and thighs of brass. Greece was the reigning world power until a Roman general, Pompey, captured Jerusalem in 63 B. C.

Thus began the rule of the fourth great world power, the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire is known in history as perhaps the strongest and largest Empire ever to exist. The power of the Romans is represented by the legs of iron. The Roman Empire was divided into the Eastern and Western Roman Empire, thus symbolizing the legs of the image. The Roman Empire began a dissolution period around 351 A. D. From then on they faded out of the world power group.

Since the fall of the Roman Empire, no world empire has yet arisen. The image's feet of iron mixed with clay can represent the Nations and Republics existing prior to World War I. These Nations were not united as an Empire or Kingdom, but were as the feet of the image. That is to say, some of them were strong and some were weak just as the iron is strong and the clay is weak. Also the iron and clay will not mix; neither would these Nations and Republics, thus they soon entered in war against one another.

The toes of the image will represent a period of time or a kingdom yet to come. This kingdom will be made up of ten kings or nations which will rule during the very last days of this age. It is not known exactly how this ten-toed or ten-king kingdom will be set up but we read in the eighth chapter of Daniel, beginning with the seventh verse and reading through, and

especially, verse twenty-four, that ten kings would arise from one beast or ten kings ruling under some form of a kingdom. This can be said to be the ten toes of the image. These kings will arise in the very last days, approximately the time the Anti-Christ rises as a king. This system of kingdom will last until the stone that was cut out without hands breaks the image by falling on the feet.

We are living today, prophetically, in the feet of the prophetic image and will soon be ushered into the toes of the image. It is very necessary that we see the day in which we live, for shortly Christ will come and the image will be broken to pieces, and those who are not ready for this destruction of world empires and the setting up of the kingdom of Christ will be lost.

In the revealing of the last of the dream, Daniel spoke thus: Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

We can plainly see in these two verses of scripture, how Christ, the stone that was cut out without hands, comes back in power and great glory and destroys the nations and kingdoms of this world, and will set up His kingdom, thus becoming as a great mountain, filling the whole earth.

What a glorious time it will be when the earthly kingdoms are broken and carried away like the chaff of the threshing floor, and Christ will set up His kingdom here on earth. In the book of Isaiah 11:6-9 we find Isaiah telling of this kingdom. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling to-

gether; and a little child shall lead them. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

As we realize the unerring accuracy in which the Lord made known the rise and fall of nations through Daniel nearly twenty-six hundred years ago it helps us to see a little more clearly how great and perfect the plan of God is. We can see more clearly how close we are to seeing the fulfillment of this prophecy and the setting up of Christ's kingdom. Our heart is filled with exaltation and praise to the Lord for the way He reveals Himself and the hope we have of reigning with Christ in His Kingdom.

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the stations. More is accomplished by prayer than we realize. It would be impossible to see people saved in foreign countries unless the missionaries are backed by prayer at home.

People in this country must become more conscientious to their financial responsibilities to foreign Missionaries. Let us remember that we haven't done our best until we have given until it hurts.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The Young People's Rally of the Tri-State District met at the Apostolic Faith Chapel in Baxter Springs, Kansas, Sunday afternoon, February 13. Norma Jean Hervey, President, presided and presented an interesting program. Evangelist Billy Sparks brought the message. An election of officers was held and the following were elected: P. J. Hutchinson, Jr., President; Kathleen Arnce, Vice-President; Billy Majors, Secretary and Treasurer. The next Rally will be held at Keelville, Kansas, Monday night, March 14.

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Missionaries

By Miss Madeline Briles

Prof. Borden expresses the need of missionaries in this manner, "If 10 men are carrying a log, nine of them on the little end and one on the heavy end, if you want to help which end will you lift?"

If you have never seen the need of missionaries then give these statistics your careful consideration. Arabia has 50 openly professed Christians and a population of 7,000,000. If 1,000 missionaries were today to land in India each could have a parish all his own of 550 villages. Japan has one missionary to every 83,000 population. 30,000 people die every day in India that have never heard of Christ. In the heart of South America is the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world.

Surely everyone would agree that there are untold numbers that have never heard of Christ, but perhaps some may think that we should concentrate our efforts on people here in the United States of America first. All I can say is that people here have better opportunities than those across the ocean.

In feeling called to mission fields I think Paul's call to Macedonia Acts 16:9-10 could be used as our example: (1) Paul was prayed up and near to the Lord so that God could speak to him. (2) His calling to Macedonia was of God. (3) Paul saw the people as they were and their real need. It wasn't a glamorous vision appealing only to the emotions. (4) Paul went (not on an adventure tour) but to help a people. (5) After Paul was certain of the will of God then immediately they started making plans to go. How much time we waste waiting for the Lord to call us four or five times! We set

around waiting for the Lord to open the way instead of being sure of the calling then starting out on faith and asking the Lord to open the way a step at a time. Some people must have a clear "cut-and-dried" idea of everything before they try anything for God. After we are sure of the calling of God, in any capacity, and feel that now is the time, let us not waste time waiting for the Lord to call us again. Lives have been ruined because they were running from God and the calling He had placed on them. Paul's testimony to King Agrippa proved his obedience to God's calling. Acts 26.

The church at Jerusalem (Acts 8:14) sent two of their most capable workers, Peter and John, to Samaria as Missionaries. If we follow their example, we'll send our most talented and capable young people as missionaries. A person who has never been a soul-winner at home cannot become one simply because he changes location. This applies to any person who feels called in gospel work. If you aren't interested in seeing your own family and neighbors saved, then how can you be interested in people whom you don't know. In John 4:20 we find that it is impossible for us to love God (or people) we haven't seen; if we don't love those that we have seen.

A Missionary should, above all things, have a genuine experience in salvation and know the Bible. You can't impart to others things you do not possess.

It would be impossible for every person to be a Missionary but all should be interested in Missions.

Hudson Taylor relates an incident that shows the importance of prayer at home for those abroad. A couple were in charge of ten sta-



Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Denton and Gary

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Denton and Gary, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, feel their call to Missionary work in Hawaii, and expect to leave the first week in April to assist the Beydlers in their work in Honolulu.

REES' RETURN TO ALASKA

Evangelist and Mrs. Glayron Rees and Gary began their journey back to Anchorage, Alaska, around the first of March. Considerable damage was done to their car while in the states due to an accident on icy roads, they got it repaired enough to make the return trip. Their visit was greatly appreciated by every church they visited and their inspiring consecrated lives proved a blessing and encouragement and helped to broaden the Missionary vision of God's people.

tions and nothing was being accomplished in any of them. The couple requested that ten people be asked to pray and carry a burden for the stations. In a short time people's hearts were opened to the gospel in seven of the stations but the other three were unchanged. The reason for this was because just seven people had promised to carry a burden to pray for one of

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The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

Max Y. Pennington

Dan. 9:24-27

Before we enter the discussion of the seventy weeks of Daniel, let us first find out a little about Daniel himself. A closer study of Daniel brings out many interesting things that I believe we should know.

Daniel was born in Jerusalem (Dan. 1:3-6; 9:24) and he was of noble and perhaps royal descent (Dan. 1:3). In B. C. 606 he was carried captive into Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. In Babylon he was educated for royal service at the court (Dan. 1:1-4) and was given the name, "Beltechazzar," by the Chaldeans. He interpreted a dream for Nebuchadnezzar, and as a result was placed as ruler over the whole province of Babylon and was made chief of the governors over all the wise men. He held this position during the entire reign of Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 2). Under the reign of Darius, the Mede, Daniel was cast into a lions' den and was delivered by the hand of God (Dan. 6). According to Mohammedan tradition Daniel returned to Judea after the captivity and held the government of Syria. He died in Susa, and his tomb is still shown and visited today. He is mentioned by Ezekiel as a pattern of wisdom (Eze. 28:3) and of righteousness (Eze. 14:14, 20).

Now that we know a little of Daniel's life, let us proceed with our study of the seventy weeks. Daniel had been praying to God when Gabriel, the angel of God, informed him of the following seventy weeks.

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy" (v. 24).

Here Daniel is told that seventy weeks of seven years each are determined upon his people, the

Jews, and upon Jerusalem, the holy city. First, the closing of the seventieth week is to finish the transgression of the people and to make an end of sin. Secondly, it is to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness. Thirdly, it is to close or finish the vision of prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. We know that all of these accomplishments are yet future.

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the streets shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times" (v. 25).

Daniel is told here that it would be seven weeks and sixty two weeks from the time the commandment was given to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the time that Christ would manifest himself as "Messiah the Prince." During the first seven weeks the streets and walls were to be built.

We will find in history that Jerusalem was spoiled by the Babylonians in B. C. 605. In B. C. 587 after a siege of three years, it was taken by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The walls of the city were razed and the Temple and palaces were destroyed by fire (II Ki. 25; II Chron. 36; Jer. 39). The Babylonians slew many and had no compassion upon the young or old, man or maiden. Nearly all of the inhabitants were carried captive to Babylon; and Jerusalem was left to lay deserted, a mere heap of ruins for the next fifty years.

Cyrus the Great, king of Persia, overthrew the Babylon empire, in B. C. 538. He allowed part of the Jews to return to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel in B. C. 536. A second group left under the leadership of Ezra in B. C. 458. The last group to return to Jerusalem was led by Nehemiah in B. C. 445.

Nehemiah had secured a decree from Artaxerxes, the king of Persia, to restore Jerusalem and to build the walls, the streets, and the Temple (Neh. 2:1-8). This decree was given on March 14, 445 B. C.

We find that exactly 483 years (69 weeks of years) after this decree was given, Christ manifested himself on April 6, 32 A. D. as "Messiah the Prince" (Luke 19:28-44).

"And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined" (v. 26).

Gabriel has informed Daniel in this verse, that some time after the sixty-nine weeks have been fulfilled, Jesus Christ would be crucified. Then the people of the "prince that shall come" (this prince is better known as the anti-christ) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. From then on war and desolation are determined.

We know that shortly after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that he was cut off, or crucified. Then in A. D. 66 the Jews brought upon themselves the great siege and final destruction by an attempt to throw off the Roman control. 1,100,000 of the Jews were killed and 97,000 were taken captive after the fall of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, to Titus. After this fall Jerusalem lay for over half a century in desolation.

Since we know that the Romans destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the temple, we know that this "prince that shall come" must come from the Roman Empire. This prince is also known as: the beast, the little horn, the king of fierce countenance, and that wicked one.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall

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Roena Ulrich was born at Lawrence, Kansas, December 16, 1873, and departed this life at Arnett, Oklahoma, January 25, 1949, at the age of 75 years, 1 month and 9 days.

On December 17, 1893, she was united in marriage to Miles Milroy Mitchell and to this union eleven children were born. Four children preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband and seven children: Alva T. Mitchell, Eureka, Kansas; Marvin C. Mitchell, Peek, Okla.; Pearl E. Holbert, Peek, Okla.; Vera B. Baldwin, Arnett, Okla.; Henry J. Mitchell, Costa Mesa, Calif.; Lester L. Mitchell, Janitura, Oregon; and Hattie Ann Huxley of Blackwell, Okla. Also, 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. One sister of Tucson, Ariz., and two brothers, one of Phoenix, Ariz., and one of Quinter, Kansas.

She was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She professed faith in Christ while yet in her youth and remained true to her faith until her passing.

Rev. Frank Stimson conducted the funeral service, assisted by others.

Charles P. Gilbert, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gilbert was born at Scierville, Tennessee, on Oct. 28, 1880, and departed this life at his home in May, Oklahoma, February 3, 1949, at the age of 68 years, 3 months and 13 days.

He served with Company K-4th regiment of Tennessee Volunteers in Cuba in the Spanish American War and received an honorable discharge after two years of service.

He married Miss Izora Schultz of Pigeon Forge, Tenn., on August 15, 1900. To this union five children were born, two having passed away in infancy.

In August of 1929 he was converted at Laverne, Oklahoma and became identified with the Full Gospel Church at Laverne. He lived a consistent Christian life until the end. He was in poor health for several months, but always manifested the same humble spirit that was so true to his character and he has left his family and friends a priceless heritage that cannot be bought with silver or gold. He was indeed a loving companion and father, a kind neighbor and a true friend.

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make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate" (v. 27).

This "Roman prince" is to confirm a covenant for one week or seven years with the Jews. Then in the midst of the week he shall break the covenant and cause the sacrifice to cease. He will set himself up as God in the temple at Jerusalem and demand human worship, which will be an over-spreading of abomination. He will make war with the saints and the people of God, and cause everyone that does not have their name written in the Lamb's Book of Life to receive the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:15-17). He shall continue in power for 42 months or 3½ years (Rev. 13:5). At this time Jesus returns to the earth with his saints and angels (I Thes. 3:13; II Thes. 1:7), and casts the beast or the antichrist into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20).

We can deduct from the foregoing paragraphs that the sixty-nine weeks are in the past and the seventieth week is yet in the future. There is a great parentheses of time between the sixty-ninth week and the seventieth week. The church age fills this gap.

We read in Matt. 24:15, 21 the words spoken by Jesus: "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (who so readeth, let him understand);—For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

We have the warning from Jesus, and we also know that at the beginning of the seventieth week the church age ceases and it will be too late to be saved. If we do not know the Christ as our saviour, we should repent and be baptized and thus be prepared for the last week.