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*“They received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many believed.”—Acts 17: 11.*

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**CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH**

## Ecclesial News

**ESPERANCE** 6450, West Australia—2 Emily Streets-Memorial 11 am; Class Thursday 7:30 pm—Bro. Ray Hodges (same address).

DEAR brethren and sisters in Christ Jesus: Loving Greetings.

It is our joyful privilege to announce that by the grace and mercy of God, PHILIP STEPHEN QUENBY, son of sis. Hazel Quenby, after a convincing answer to those things concerning the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ, was baptized June 27, 1972. His address is: PO Box 492, Esperance 6450, West Australia.

Our new brother, at 19 years of age, has manifested that true wisdom of remembering his Creator in the days of his youth, May he, with us all, determinedly strive to live unto God, helping and encouraging each other in the pathway of Truth as we patiently await the return of our Lord to establish his glorious Kingdom on earth. With love in the Truth from the Esperance ecclesia, —bro. Ray Hodges

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**NEWPORT**, Mon. NPT7DB—3 Constance St.—Memorial 11 am—Bro. Ken Williams

WE sorrow, yet not without hope, in having to report the death of brother Ivor Morgan of Pengam, after 50 years service in the Truth. We shall miss his words of comfort and discernment during the time of our association in the Master's work. Our sympathy is extended to his sister-wife and family. Our brother was laid to rest at Brithdir cemetery on July 25, to await the return of the Master. —bro. Ken Williams

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**WORKSOP**—Bro. Eric Moore, 15 Lincoln Street, Worksop, Notts. S80 2NA, England.

IT IS with great joy that I report that I have had the honour this day, July 15, of assisting our new brother HARRY LAVER to put on the Saving Name of our Lord Jesus the Christ. He had earlier in the day given a good confession of the Faith, after studying with us for the past 6 years. He was formerly associated with "The Assemblies of God," one of the Pentecostal group of churches.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we have received help in this work. The following assisted by letters in preparing our brother: bro. & sis. Mark Russell, Boston, Mass., USA; bro. Wm. Pickford, Lethbridge, Alta, Canada; and our late bro. R. Roberts of Portland, Ore., USA. Our new brother's address is: 10 Menton Dale, Worksop, Notts. S80 2WA, England.

We have received the sad news that our brother Ivor Morgan of Pengam has fallen asleep, leaving our sister Morgan alone. We pray that in her loss she will be strengthened and comforted in our glorious mutual Hope of resurrection from the dead and fellowship with Christ at his return, which we hope and believe will come very soon.

With sorrow we report our former bro. S. Benneworth has renounced the Truth concerning the nature of Christ, and has left our fellowship.

We would like also to take this opportunity of sending our love begotten of Israel's Glorious Hope, to all of like precious Faith wherever they sojourn. Your brother in the patient waiting for the Lord, —Eric Moore

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**BOSTON**, Mass. 02115—Hastings Hall, 320 Huntington, phone (617) 536-7800—S.S. 10:30 am; Memorial 11:45am; Lecture 2 pm 1st & 3rd Suns.; Bible Class Tues. night south of Boston, Wed. night north of Boston. Bro. Kenneth MacKellar, 86 Walnut, Reading, Mass. 01867, phone (617) 944-9094.

WE send greetings to our brethren and sisters, and share with them the good news. We have been blessed with the addition of a new brother and sister of Christ, proving that God is still calling out from the Gentiles a people for His Name. This young married couple, in searching for the opportunity to speak to others about the Word of God, were led to a contact at work with one of our young brethren who by letting his light shine, displayed to them the way of life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the start they were enthusiastic at finding the better way, and after a good confession of their faith our new brother and sister RICHARD and JUDITH DINEEN were immersed into Christ, witnessed by the greater part of the ecclesia, July 22, 1972. May they continue in the enthusiasm of their first love "until he come."

In April our Sunday School prize-giving was held in the Waltham YMCA, and on July 4 a Sunday School picnic in Reading. Both affairs were attended by most of the Worcester ecclesia.

In April bro., Wesley Prentice lectured for us, and in June bro. Edgar Sargent did the same (both of Worcester). Our attendance of strangers has been poor, though we labour to let our light shine,

—bro. Kenneth MacKellar

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## **Balance**

*"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God"—James 1:19-20*

*"Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?"—Romans 2:21*

IN my dictionary, there are 25 definitions for the word "balance." The one we have in mind for this month's message is "Mental steadiness, or habit of calm judgment." This has been selected because it is one of the chief attributes that every believer should maintain, not only in everything relating to our walk in the Truth, but especially during times of stress or trial.

Among the things written for our instruction, we will find many where habit of calm judgment was not employed. An excellent example came to our attention in Josh. 22. When the wars of conquest were over, those who had received inheritance on the east side of Jordan were commanded to return to their possessions.

On the way to their homes, they determined to build an altar of witness by which, in the days to come, it would show their loyalty to those who had received possession on the west side of Jordan. But the latter, upon hearing of it, gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them. But someone at least had the wisdom to send Phinehas, and ten princes to interview them.

These men carried with them a list of accusations that were made before any investigation had taken place, and it was all done on the basis of a rumour. If they had employed calm judgment, they would have sent these men to enquire for what purpose the altar was being built. However, when the explanation of the purpose was received, war was prevented.

It is unquestionable that the most fantastic extreme case of imbalance is found in the last 3 chapters of Judges. As a result of the ill-treatment and death of one woman, 90,000 men lost their lives; the city of Gibeah was destroyed, and, with the exception of 400 virgins, all the men, women and children of Jabesh-gilead lost their lives, and the whole tribe of Benjamin was almost completely killed.

It would appear that the basic reason for all this destruction is revealed in the last verse of the Book of Judges—

*"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."*

In the New Testament we have several illustrations, but the one we will use is found in Acts 19, where is recorded the riot that took place in Ephesus over the preaching of Paul. In v. 29, it is stated that "the whole city was filled with confusion," and in v. 32 we read—

*"Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together."*

That is characteristic of many cases of imbalance. But what do we learn? To lead up to our answer, we make two quotations from the writings of Paul. In Gal. 5:19-21, we find an important statement that many overlook—

*"Now the WORKS OF THE FLESH are manifest, which are these:*

*ADULTERY*

*FORNICATION*

*UNCLEANNES—physically or morally.*

*LASCIVIOUSNESS—filthiness or wantonness.*

*IDOLATRY—this takes many forms, including covetousness.*

*WITCHCRAFT—sorcery, superstition of any kind.*

*HATRED—enmity, ill feeling toward another.*

*VARIANCE—wrangling, contention, debate and strife.*

*EMULATIONS—envy and jealousy, "cruel as the grave."*

*WRATH—fierceness or indignation.*

*STRIFE—intrigue, factions and contention.*

*SEDITION—disunion or division.*

*ENVYINGS—jealousy, spite and envy.*

*MURDERS—"He that hateth his brother is a murderer."*

*DRUNKENNESS—intoxication, natural or, spiritual.*

*REVELLINGS—a letting loose, any unseemly conduct.*

Concerning all or any of the above works, Paul says in Gal. 5:21—

*"Of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."*

It should be carefully noted that enmity, wrangling, debate, strife, intrigue, factions and disunion are grouped with adultery and murder, so that any one of these evils will bar us from the Kingdom of God. In my long experience, I have seen some of the most glaring cases of imbalance, involving several of these evils Paul cites.

One case comes to mind when a brother, in a certain ecclesia, was accused of committing one of the evils listed. Some brethren rose up in righteous indignation, and demanded that he be disfellowshipped at once. Others desired to investigate before taking any action. The former would not wait, & as time went on wrangling, enmity, strife, disunion, and even hatred developed. At one time, it appeared that the ecclesia would be broken up. However, a few brethren had the wisdom of applying some of the Fruits of the Spirit, and peace was soon established. But it took a long time before the effects of the strife had disappeared.

**If we look carefully at the list of the Works of the Flesh, we will discover that those who were stirring up the trouble were guilty of sins that, in the sight of God, were as evil as the one they were condemning.**

There are many impressive lessons that come before us as we read the Word of God. One of them is that once we come to a knowledge of the Truth, and obey the requirements of the Gospel, we are no longer individuals. Paul shows this clearly in 1 Cor. 12, where he compares the body of Christ to the human body. He says—

*"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."*

And in vs. 25 to 27, Paul reminds us—

*"That there should be no division in the Body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.*

*"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the Body of Christ, and members in particular."*

Therefore, when we plan any action whatever it may be, let us first consider what effect it will have on our brother.

To round out our message, let us look at another list that Paul gives in Gal. 5:22-23. He calls it the Fruit of the Spirit, and it is a brilliant contrast to the Works of the Flesh,—

*"The fruit of the Spirit is:*

*LOVE—universal benevolence, fervent desire to help all.*

*JOY—calm delight and gladness under every circumstance.*

*PEACE—quietness or set at one again, "The Peace of God."*

*LONGSUFFERING—fornbearance and patience.*

*GENTLENESS—kindness and courtesy to everyone, always.*

*GOODNESS—purity of heart and motive, thinking evil of none.*

*FAITH—absolute trust and obedience, even unto death.*

*MEEKNESS—toward all, even "those who oppose themselves."*

*TEMPERANCE—self control, making no provision for the flesh.*

Concerning these fruits, Paul says, "Against such there is no law." If problems should arise at any time, they can soon be healed by applying some of the Fruits of the Spirit. —Editor

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**"HE THAT SEEKETH MISCHIEF, IT SHALL COME TO HIM"—Prov. 11:27**

The Revised Version says, "He that searcheth after evil." The warning is against the natural tendency to impute evil, to stir up trouble and sow dissension. That which is evil cannot be ignored, but we are never on more dangerous ground than when we are absorbed in the pleasant task of putting someone else right. It is then that we need all the care and caution and spiritual wisdom can muster. Let us be very sure our motives are love and kindness and

true concern for the welfare of all involved. Here, above all other times, Divine instruction, BOTH in spirit and in letter, must be rigidly obeyed.

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## **Yahweh Shall Smite Egypt ... & Heal It**

*"Yahweh rideth on a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the vanities of Egypt shall be moved at His presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt"—Isaiah 19:1*

**BY BROTHER JOHN THOMAS**

NOW, reader, ascend with me into the Mount of the Elohim, and from the top of the rocks look into the open spaces of this elevated region of the (Sinai) peninsula. What seest thou outspread before thee? What but the goodly tents and tabernacles of the "Holy Nation," the "Chosen Generation," the Royal Priesthood," the "Purchased People," the "Israel of God" (1 Pet. 2:9; Gal. 6:16).

*"As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign-aloes which Yahweh hath planted, as cedar trees beside the waters . . .*

*"Whose King shall be higher than Agag (Gog), and his Kingdom shall be exalted" (Num. 24:6-7).*

Behold them "abiding according to their tribes"—those tribes apocalyptically (Rev. 7:4-7)—  
*"Sealed in their foreheads with the seal of the Deity."*

How beautiful are they in their encampment who, as the Four Living Ones, lie 4-square, and as broad as their length, being 144 cubits, which is—

*"The measure of a Man, that is, of the Angel.."*

—even of the Rainbowed Angel (Rev. 21:16-17), whose altitude is equal to his breadth—an altitude by which his relationship to "the Light which no man can approach unto" is established.

But why do they lie there in their encampment? What is their angelism (messengership)? Why are they thus marshalled?—

*"Looking forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners"*

(Song 6:10).

Are they to remain here permanently encamped in the elevated region of the peninsula? No, the wilderness of Sinai is only the place of gathering where the Saints are organized, and developed into this Mighty Angel. They are the SWIFT CLOUD upon which the Spirit rides. In their camp, they are but waiting for "judgment to be given to them" that they may go forth and "take possession of the Kingdom under the whole heaven" (Dan. 7:18,27)—

*"HE STOOD, AND MEASURED THE EARTH" (Hab. 3:6).*

The wings of their flight upon the prey are not yet expanded. Though they had been gathered by the angels of his power into the presence of Israel's King, preparation for action upon the outer world was not complete. Israel after the flesh has to be "made willing" to move in obedience to the commands of Jesus, as the "Leader and Commander of the people" (Psa. 110:3; Isa. 55:4). This may be also the mission of the angels.

But this work of the Spirit (however executed: by the angels or by the Saints) would seem to be a necessary preliminary to a general movement for their deliverance. This is after the order of the type. The Spirit's Messenger in the Bush sent Moses and Aaron to the elders of Israel to make the people willing to remove from Egypt under their leadership, before any communication was opened with the court of Pharaoh, or any judgment had been inflicted upon their enemies and oppressors.

But all things being prepared, the quietude of the camp of Sinai is changed for "the noise of great waters." The scene becomes tempestuous. When they stood inactive, they let down their wings. But judgment having been given to them, they extend their wings, and the noise thereof is the noise of a host marching against the foe. Habakkuk saw this angelic multitudinous Unity in full career.

They would, of course, attack the peoples first who were next to their encampment. These are "the tents of Cushan" and "the curtains of Midian," which are afflicted and made to tremble. This Cushan is east of the Tigris and north of the Persian Gulf. The Midianites are the Arabs of the desert, who are to "bow down before him" (Psa. 72:9). But it is written (Isa. 19:1)—

*"Yahweh rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the vanities of Egypt shall be moved at His presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it" (Isa. 19:1).*

In this invasion of Egypt (which is then in the hands of Gog, the King of the North, who hath power over its gold and silver and precious things—Dan. 11:43), the troops of Sinai would have to march around the head of the Gulf of Suez, or pass over the Sea, or through it. The last alternative seems to be the course to be adopted at some epoch of the enterprise, which will probably be on return from the conquest of Egypt, in the march to Zion—

*"I will BRING AGAIN from the depths of the sea."*

—saith the Spirit in Psa. 68:22. And these words were written in Jerusalem, implying that they were coming Zionward. In Ps. 66, after announcing the universal subjection of the nations, the reader is invited to contemplate the means by which conquest is affected—

*"Come and see the doings of Elohim, terrible of deed toward the sons of men. He turned the sea to dry land; they passed through the river on foot: there did we rejoice in Him."*

And Isaiah says (11:15-16)—

*"Yahweh shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian Sea, and with His mighty wind shall He shake His hand over the River (Euphrates) and shall smite it into 7 streams, and cause to go over in shoes . . . like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt."*

And yet again Isaiah, by the inspiration of the Spirit saith (51:9- 10) in relation to Israel's future redemption—

*"Awake, awake! Put on strength, O arm of Yahweh! Awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old.*

*"Art not Thou the same that cut in pieces Rahab (Egypt), and wounded the dragon?"*

*"Art not Thou the same that dried the sea, the waters of the great deep: that made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass?"*

These were the awakenings of ancient days. And by the prophet's petition (which was the word of the Spirit), the dividing of the sea and the river in a future exodus is indirectly foretold. V. 11—

*"Therefore the redeemed of Yahweh shall return, and come with singing unto ZION (not from Egypt to Sinai, as of old), and everlasting joy (joy of the future age) shall be upon their head."*

The Rainbowed Angel being constituted of individuals who are all like Jesus who descended to Sinai, and who in the days of his flesh even, walked upon the sea (showing thereby that he, and therefore they, are untrammelled by the natural laws), it will be unnecessary and superfluous to divide the sea on THEIR account. It is Israel according to the flesh (who are subject to the natural laws) that are to be 'brought AGAIN from the depths of the sea.'

Beside showing his power, and gaining praise and fame in the earth in drying up or destroying the Egyptian gulf, the passage of the sea by Israel in Egypt under the leadership of the "Prophet like Moses" is designed to serve for a national baptism into Christ by which—

*"All their sins will be cast into the depths of the sea."*

—according to the testimony of Mic. 7:19. When they passed through the sea under Moses (1 Cor. 10:2)—

*"They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea."*

So, when saved from their long captivity by Christ, they will be nationally baptized into him by a like marine investment, and thus be able, as "a people saved by Yahweh," to sing—

*"The Song of Moses, the servant of the Deity, and the Song of the Lamb, saying,*

*"Great and marvellous Thy works, Yahweh Elohim Almighty; just and true Thy ways, O King of the nations!*

*"Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name? For Thou only art holy, for all nations shall come and worship before Thee, for Thy judgments are made manifest" (Rev. 15:3-4).*

The testimony seems to indicate that, at the time of Yahweh's riding upon the swift cloud into Egypt, there will have collected there a considerable Jewish population, which will be grievously oppressed by the King of the North, or Russo-Assyrian Gog. This appears from Isa. 19:20, which says—

*"They shall cry unto Yahweh because of the oppressors, and He shall send them a Saviour, even a great one, and he shall deliver them."*

This Saviour is YAHWEH ELOHIM TZ'VAOTH, "He Who Shall Be the Mighty Ones of Hosts"—the Rainbowed Angel—"and he shall deliver them." This almighty organization having planted itself in Egypt, all the vanities or idols of Egypt—Greek and Latin images of saints, and those who worship them—

*".. . shall be moved at his presence" (Isa. 19:1).*

And what then?—

*"The heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it" (v. 1).*

But why? Because (Isa. 19:22 & 11:11)—

*"Yahweh shall smite Egypt" to "recover the remnant of His people from Egypt."*

In the process (Isaiah 27:12)—

*"Yahweh will beat off from the channel of the River (Euphrates) unto the stream of Egypt (the Nile)."*

—and thereby subdue the whole south of the grant to Abraham "from sea to sea"—from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Persia.

When the South is thus freed from the domination of "the House of Esau" (Ob. 18-21), the healing of Egypt will commence (Is. 19:22)—

*"Yahweh shall smite Egypt, and heal it. And they shall return to Yahweh, and He shall be entreated of them, and He shall heal them."*

This healing will be curative of all the population, Gentile and Jewish, that survives the heart-melting judgments of the crisis. Egypt will no longer be proverbial for its darkness that can be felt, for in the day of the Rainbowed Angel (Isa. 19:18-20)—

*"Five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan, and swear (allegiance) to Yahweh Tz'vaoth (to 'Him Who Shall Be Hosts'): and one shall be called, The City of Destruction.*

*"In that day there shall be an altar to Yahweh in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to Yahweh. And it shall be for a sign and a witness unto Yahweh Tz'vaoth in Egypt."*

And this is the reason for the destruction which gives name to one of the 5 cities (vs. 20-22)—

*"For they shall cry unto Yahweh because of the oppressors.."*

—as they did in the days of Moses—

*". . . and He shall send them a Saviour, even a Great One (the Rainbowed Angel), and He shall deliver them.*

*"And Yahweh shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know Yahweh in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation: yea, they shall vow a vow and perform it..*

*"And they shall return even to Yahweh, and He shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them."*

Egypt appears to occupy a very important position in the restoration of Israel by the Rainbowed Angel.

Egypt, Cush and Seba are appointed for their ransom (Isa 43:3)—the wilderness and deserts of the south into which they are to be brought for discipline, to fit them for settlement in the land of Israel (Ezek. 20:33-44). In reference to this crisis, the Spirit saith—

*"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth: shall ye not know it?"*

*"I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. The beasts of the field shall honour Me, the dragons and the owls, because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen" (Isa. 43:18-21).*

This is all part of the work of the Rainbowed Angel, in which—

*"Adon (the Lord) adds His hand to redeem a second time the remnant of His people which shall be left from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea" (Isa. 11:11).*

This is an area of wide extent, stretching from the Nile to the east of the Tigris, and thence north to the Caspian, and then westward to the Mediterranean, in and beyond which are the islands.

It is not to be supposed that such a revolution in the south of Asia and north of Africa, developing a new Power of extraordinary might, could progress without making a powerful impression upon France, Turkey and Russia, which are so sensitive in regard to their supposed interests in Egypt, the Red Sea, and the East.

It will throw them all into a state of terrible belligerency. So great a danger will confederate them for a great effort to scatter it. All Europe will be moved and "rush forth as a whirlwind to scatter Me," saith the Spirit—

*"Their rejoicing was as to devour the poor in ambush" (Hab. 3:14).*

*"They will ascend and come like a storm, and like a cloud to cover the land that is (or that portion of it which is) brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, who are dwelling safely in the midst of it" (Ezek. 38:9-12).*

—under the protection of the Rainbowed Angel.

The conquest of Egypt will doubtless operate powerfully upon England, for nothing can affect Egypt without greatly disturbing the policy of Britain and deeply wounding her commercial interests.

The Russo-Assyrian King of the North will have inflicted this injury upon England previous to Yahweh riding into Egypt upon the swift Rainbowed Cloud. Hence, the invasion of Egypt, and the destruction of the power of the King of the North in Egypt, will doubtless be rejoiced in by the British government, and may lead to an alliance between England (the modern Tyre) and the New Power, as common enemies of Gog and the Papacy, after the type of Hiram and Solomon, or the Queen of Sheba and the King of Israel. In this event—

*"Her merchandise and her hire will be holiness to Yahweh: it shall not be treasured nor laid up.*

*"For her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before Yahweh, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing" (Isa. 23:18).*

And in Psa. 45 (which Paul endorses as a testimony for Jesus and his followers) the Spirit testifies that, in the day when "his right hand shall teach him terrible things"—

*"The daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: even the rich among the people shall entreat his favour"*

(v. 12).

And again (Psa. 72:10)—

*"The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: and the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts."*

And (Isa. 60:9)—

*"Surely the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish FIRST, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them unto the Name of Yahweh thine Elohim, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified thee, O Zion."*

These testimonies indicate a different relationship between the Regenerators of Egypt and the maritime powers of the world, from that with the continental powers. These latter are fiercely hostile; while maritime Tyre, Tarshish, Sheba and Seba are subservient to the angelic mission for the protection and regeneration of Israel. The riches of these countries, by some powerful influence in exercise at the time, are placed at the disposal of the Saints, who become thereby complete masters of the sea.

The present tendency of Britain to insulation is then perfected, and her destiny is identified with the New Power of the East. In this cooperation, she becomes (Isa. 18:1; 16:3-5)—

*"The land shadowing wide with wings, extending from beyond to the rivers of Cush . . ."*

—the Tigris and Euphrates; the land whose shadow shall be as the night in the midst of the noonday for the hiding of the outcasts in the land of Moab (Isa. 18:1; 16:3-5). At this epoch, the land of Israel becomes prosperous—

*"A land of uncalled villages, whose inhabitants are at rest, and dwelling safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates."*

The desolate places of central Palestine are then inhabited by a gathering out of the nations, which has become wealthy in cattle and goods (Ezek. 38:8,1,12).

But this prosperity becomes an irresistible temptation to the King of the North to invade the land, and if possible to annex it to his dominion bordering on it, by Hamath, Armenia & Assyria. He will—

*".. ascend like a storm, like a cloud to cover the land," for*

*"Tidings out of the East and out of the North shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.*

*"And he shall pitch the tent of his camp between the seas . . ."*

—the Mediterranean and sea of Tiberias, which camp will extend—

*"..to the Mountain of the Glory of the Holy" (Dan. 11:44-45).*

Thus all the nations of this Northern Confederacy are gathered by Yahweh against Jerusalem, AFTER his descent to Sinai, and BEFORE his own entrance into the city. He permits it to be taken, and rifled by the spoiler, and its inhabitants to be partly expelled and sent into exile (Zech. 14:2). Their hope would now seem to be lost, and themselves finally "cut off from their parts" (Ezek. 37:11).



They had, doubtless, thought that the long-expected rest had been established beyond the possibility of disturbance. They were at rest in the midst of the land; but the "whole house of Israel" was not there, and the nations were not yet acquainted with the omnipotence of the "Kings of the Sun's Risings."

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## Second Voyage to Australia

BY BROTHER ROBERT ROBERTS

*"As every man hath received the gift, so let him minister, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"*  
—1 Peter 4:10

### PART TWENTY TUES., MAY 10, 1898: A PROFITABLE SOCIAL ASSEMBLY

WE had a pleasant gathering at Orient House on Tuesday, May 10. A similar gathering took place 4 or 5 months previously. The object was to afford a momentary resting place to the Lord's weary pilgrims as they trudge their way through the desert to the land of promise, and to afford an opportunity of social contact on the basis of the Truth—a little of which is profitable.

On the first occasion, one half of the better-known members of the ecclesia were invited, and on the second occasion, the other half. I told the ecclesia that only accommodation limited the invitations, and that if circumstances admitted of it, I would put up a marquee on such occasions, that would hold them all. Things being as they were, we did the best we could. I did not feel at liberty to confine the use of so large and handsome a house to ourselves. Therefore, we proposed as occasion allowed, to share the goodness of God with fellow-servants in this small way.

*"As every man hath received the gift, so let him minister, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*  
*"Ye are not your own."*

—are practical mottoes with the servants of Christ.

Orient House is 2 miles from the terminus of the Melbourne tram; and as the intervening distance is rather heavy walking, we arranged to meet the guests at the terminus with conveyances at an appointed hour. Bro. Adair lent us his large cab, holding nine. This, with the 2 smaller affairs of our own—(one of which, with a diminutive pony, was made a present of to our remaining daughter on the occasion of her sister's marriage, till she also should disappear in a change of name)—enabled us to bring them all comfortably, with the exception of one or two who chose to walk.

After this, and a little promiscuous conversation round the fire in the large front room—(they call it "the drawing-room," but this sounds too pretentious, though the room itself is grander than many rooms I have heard called "drawing rooms." Why do they call it "drawing-room"? It is not used for drawing; perhaps it is the room for showing off the drawings. At any rate, "Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate")—rather a long parenthesis; I will have to begin again.

After a little talk in the said "drawing room," we were summoned by bell into another room, equally large, where the banquet was spread on 2 large tables. Being seated and the room quite full (literally "to the door") I said a word or two before giving thanks.

I said sis. Roberts and I made them cordially welcome to our house and table, only regretting it was not a welcome to something better. The time was not far off when we all hoped to receive a welcome that would mean something truly good—an invitation to sit down to eat and drink with the Lord at his table in his Kingdom, in the company of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets. Till then, it was our part to do the best we could in little things, redeeming the time, because the days were evil.

I also said that as much of the comfort and profitableness of such an occasion depended upon due order, and upon their knowledge of it, I would read them a brief program of the proceedings of the evening—which I did. Thanks were then given, after which, an animated repast ensued—all talking freely and heartily. The repast being ended, we adjourned to the aforesaid drawing-room, and formed ourselves in meeting order. The following program was then gone through, the host presiding—

1, Hymn: "Blessed are they that undefiled"—(assisted by the daughters at piano and organ; a harp was in the room, which anyone able was invited to play, as David would have done had he been present, but no one responded, and the harp remained a silent onlooker); 2, Brief reading—Isaiah 12; 3, Prayer; 4, Address by host; 5, Hymn: "Our heavenly Father;" 6, Addresses by bre. Pettigrew, Sr., Galbraith, Sr., and G. F. Walker; 7, Hymn: "Oh, why should Israel's sons once blessed;" 8, Addresses by bre. Creelman, Lee, W. Galbraith, and Wharton; 9, Hymn: "Oh, Yahweh listen;" 10, Addresses by bre. H. Gordon, Sinclair, and one or two others.

Bro. Pettigrew then called for the singing of the Old Hundred, which was done very heartily. After this, there were selections from "Under the Palms" by a few of the brethren and sisters; and last of all, the "Hallelujah Chorus." Prayer ended the proceedings.

It was now dark. Our 3 conveyances, and a fourth (in which 2 of our guests had come), drove up to the front door; and receiving each their quota of guests, conveyed them to the tram. And so ended an evening of pure and profitable pleasure, the particulars of which are here written for future advantage. I have been at social gatherings where the time has been wasted in small talk for want of boldness of those in charge to give the thing profitable shape.

Edgar Gee, son of bro. Gee, of Haifa, Palestine, is living with us. He has made a photograph of Orient House, which he will send to anyone for 1s. 1d. Address: Mr. E. Gee, care of Miss Roberts, Coburg, Melbourne.

### "LET YOUR SPEECH BE ALWAYS WITH GRACE"

Bro. McDiarmid, of Woodside, Otago, N.Z., comments on our reference to the manners of the Colonials. He says these manners are not to be judged altogether by appearance. He speaks as one who knows. The abrupt language of the Colonial is the prompting of a warm heart. His mind is open; his tongue free. He abhors anything that is akin to the wolf in sheep's clothing. He is always in doubt of those who are over sweet. He pays no reference whatever to caste. He has no respect for the golden calf, even if it should have grown into a cow. He loves humility, but is in the habit of calling a spade a spade—even if it offend, always taking into account that no honest man can be offended by truth.

To which my answer is, Well said, but not inconsistent with what I tried to say. If it is going to be a choice between rough goodness and sweet hypocrisy, by all means let us have the roughness; but there is another alternative. This other alternative is visible in the apostolic writings which are our standard. Here we have outspoken independence and sterling worth combined with a sweetness of language that goes beyond even British usage. What could go beyond the tenderness of this—

*"Dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and my crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved"*

(Phil. 4:1).

*"We were gentle among you as a nurse cherisheth her children. So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted to you, not the Gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us" (1 Thess. 2:7).*

Now, it is a matter of command that we be imitators of Paul who is set forth as an example. This imitation extends to speech, which we are recommended to use "always with grace." There is wisdom in the recommendation; for speech makes up a large part of our enjoyment of one another, or the reverse. We can encourage or repel according as our words are pleasant or rude. God has constituted us so.

The world, in all its races, has declined from His standard in the matter, as in many other matters. The boor and the savage illustrates the repulsive extreme. There are all gradations upwards, though the "upwards" does not come very far up anywhere. Our words were intended as a plea for the best thing—the thing God has given us in the meekness and the gentleness of Christ.

It is easier to be bluff than to be respectfully spoken. This is where the danger lies. It takes an effort to be "courteous to all men." It is a command that we make the effort, and to put down the old man who at bottom is a bad-mannered savage. Our contention, backed by experience, is, that sweet words help to create sweetness in both speaker and hearer, while the other sort only please the speaker, as the grunt of a pig may be supposed to gratify that creature.

The honest and thorough-paced independence of the Colonials makes good material for the chisel of the Truth, but it requires to be moulded into the right form before it is fit for the King's palace. In all which, of course, we are both agreed.

An extract from a letter from bro. Nash, of Stratford, will be interesting. He says—

*"I am thankful that our Heavenly Father has brought me into contact with such literature as I now enjoy. A few years ago, God's revealed Truth was to me a profound mystery, and a source of deep anxiety. How often, in the past, have I asked myself: What am I? Whence came I? To what am I drifting? Do I, in reality, possess a never-dying soul? If I strike a beast a severe blow upon the head, it falls senseless at my feet. If something strikes me on the head, I am brought to the same state. Where is thought gone to? How is this if I possess a never-dying soul?"*

*"I read Joseph Cook's 'Boston Lectures,' and many other theological works, but they left me in a worse position than before. Praise God, knowledge has now come to me. I stand now upon the rock. All things are new. It makes life a pleasure to be able to look forward to such a glorious reality as revealed by God's Holy Spirit."*

We were to leave Melbourne (by the ss. Wakatipu) on Sat., May 21; but stormy weather had so delayed the movements of the vessel in her coasting trips round the New Zealand coast that the Company were compelled at the last moment to advertise postponement for 3 days, and in a later advertisement for 4 days.

The postponement was acceptable for various reasons; the only drawback was its deranging effect on our New Zealand appointments which we could not help. We ought really to have allowed a blank week before beginning appointments in New Zealand so as to provide against weather. But the steamboats had, as a rule, so regularly sailed on fixed dates that it did not occur to doubt their future punctuality.

#### **SUN., MAY 15: FAREWELL TO THE BRETHREN**

We said farewell to the brethren in Melbourne on Sun., May 15. The delay gave us another Sunday (May 22) but we did not avail ourselves of it, but regarded our detention as a mere steamboat incident, and ourselves as on board the vessel. We broke bread together at Orient House (4 of us), and spent the day profitably.

Before our departure, a deputation called on us from the ecclesia, with a bountiful contribution to our travelling expenses from the Victorian brethren. This was wholly unexpected and very gratifying. The brethren had already done so much (2 years previously) to help in a time of need that nothing was further from our ideas than this additional act of co-operation. The provision for the way had not been without some degree of anxiety—which this generosity removed.

I was also more than gratified at receiving unfeigned assurance that our presence in Melbourne for 8 months had been a source of strongly-felt spiritual benefit to the community. This is a true reward for a labour that has no element of present advantage in it, and which closes the gates against all popularity with the present evil world.

#### **WED., MAY 25: THE SHIP FINALLY LEAVES FOR NEW ZEALAND**

Our sailing day was Wednesday, May 25. The starting hour was advertised as "10 a.m.," but when we arrived by the ship's side (in 2 conveyances—one containing the elderly travellers, and the other, driven by bro. Gee's son, containing the baggage)—we found a notice posted up that the ship would not sail till 3 in the afternoon. This gave us 5 hours more ashore, which, under the circumstances, was not particularly acceptable.

When you have got up early and gone through the stress of preparation and ridden through 7 miles of raw morning air, it is not pleasant to find that you have 5 hours on hand that you cannot use to any advantage on board or ashore; not on board, because of the bustle of people and the noise of donkey engines landing cargo, and not on shore, because you are away from all friends and accommodation.

We did the best we could. Depositing our things on board, we dismissed the conveyances to return home, and got into a tram and paid a visit to the cemetery. This, of course, will sound odd by all ordinary standards. But it was not so odd as it seems. The Melbourne Cemetery is a very beautiful place, and sis. Roberts had not seen it though she had been 8 months in Melbourne.

And then a visit to the place of the dead is helpful to that wisdom which is so liable to die in the bustle of common life. It is profitable to have a constant sense of the fact that in any condition or circumstance of life—prosperous or adverse—agreeable or afflicted—pleasant or painful—we are on the march to the grave. There is great power in the memory of this simple fact—which almost all men choose to ignore. Men would be different from what they are if they remembered it.

Most people think it is a lugubrious subject. It depends upon how they look at it. There is nothing lugubrious in truth, and if men find the most important truth of their lives to be lugubrious, it is because there is something wrong in their relation to the fact. If there were no resurrection, it would not much matter, any way—

*"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."*

But seeing that—

*"There SHALL be a resurrection of the just and of the unjust,"*

—and that death (which will seem to introduce us to it in a moment) may overtake us any day, it seems nothing short of insanity to ignore the subject in the way that is the rule.

Speaking of death reminds me of the contact we had with it that morning before leaving Orient House. One of the horses (for bro. Firth had left us 2 horses to take care of during his absence, in addition to the pony and another little creature made a present of to Sarah Jane, pro tem, on the occasion of her sister's wedding)—one of bro. Firth's horses had fallen down in the stable while eating and could not be got on his legs again. He struggled for 2 days, and when we got up on the day of our departure, we found him stretched, cold, rigid and dead.

What a difference there is between a living horse and a dead horse! Any impression that such a difference between a dead man and a living man gives, concerning a "departed spirit," is quite as striking in the case of an animal. On the previous day, the horse was alive, though prostrate and dying. He responded to my sympathetic fondlings with a wink of his clear eye and nervous breathing through his nose; and now he lay a mere mass of unconscious flesh and bone.

He was to have taken our luggage down to the harbor. His place had to be taken by a horse kindly lent us by bro. Pettigrew. It was rather a sad incident, as "Captain" was a very quiet, affectionate animal whom we had begun to love.

After our visit to the cemetery, we went down to the steamer and found she could not sail till 5 o'clock, on account of the quantity of cargo to be taken on board. If we had known beforehand, we could have turned the day to some account. However, it was no use grumbling. We gave in, had lunch, and sat down in the midst of the noise, to spend the rest of the waiting time in reading.

At last, at 5 o'clock, hatchways having been battened down, the friends, who had come down to see passengers off, were sent ashore; the last bell rung, the gangway unshipped, the cables unfastened, and the vessel swung round and took her departure down the smooth water of the river in the subdued light of a winter sunset.

About 8 o'clock, having traversed the 40 mile enclosed bay of Melbourne, we passed through the heads, and were out in the open sea. We expected it would be rough here, but it was not so. There was a roll on the water, but there was nothing to cause discomfort. The night was dull and cold, but there was no wind to speak of.

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## **Be Ye Steadfast and Unmovable**

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom"—Colossians 3:16*

WE have again been reading together the Acts of the Apostles. What an inspiring record it is of faith and courage and dedication, and how exhilarating to read of, and to re-live with them, the work of the apostles in the first century!

The book opens with the ascension of Jesus—followed by the promise that he would surely come again: the very pivot upon which all our hopes revolve. Ever since that day, during all the years that have followed, Jesus' words have rung in the ears of the faithful—

*"I WILL COME AGAIN!"*

The first century passed into history, and the second century came. Earnest and faithful brethren came upon the scene; but they lived in a difficult and perilous period. It was the time of the great persecutions. Every year, they watched for him: prayed for him: they cried out in the midst of suffering. But he did not appear.

They, too, died in faith—some under natural circumstances, while many died in the midst of intense suffering. They fell, one by one, with the words of Jesus ringing in their ears—

*"I WILL COME AGAIN!"*

Time passed, and gradually the iron hand of persecution weakened, until now it is gone. Year after year, and century after century, passed by—until we come to the present. But still he has not come. We also look for him. We hope and pray for him, knowing that what God has promised, He is able, and will, perform. The words of Habakkuk ring in our ears day after day—

*"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it SHALL speak, and not lie.*

*"Though it tarry (linger), wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry (delay, be beyond its time—different word)"—Hab. 2:3.*

Though we may weaken, though our faith may slacken—still GOD'S purpose remains sure and steadfast. Some day the waiting will come to an end, and the cry will go forth—

*"THE LORD IS HERE!"*

The supreme question that will come into the mind of every brother and sister at this present time should be, "Will I be ready when he comes?" The moment he does come, all present worldly things, which seem so desirable and important now, will turn to mocking ashes in our hands.

The next great event in the Acts is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in fulfilment of the promise of Jesus to send the Comforter, who was to teach the disciples, and bring all things to their remembrance that Jesus had said unto them. The scoffers, true to their type, said the disciples were drunk, but Peter rose to the occasion and gave that remarkable address recorded in Acts 2.

This was soon followed by the healing of the lame man near the Temple. Again Peter takes the lead, and explains that it was done by the power of faith in the Name of Jesus. Peter's address stirred up the priests and Sadducees, who arrested Peter and John. But shortly after they were released, at which time Peter declared—

*"We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard."*

Another great event is that of Stephen's defence. One would have thought that the rulers of the people would have learned a severe lesson from the crucifixion of Jesus, but their intense hatred and jealousy came out in full force (Acts 7:57-58)—

*"And they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, & cast him out of the city, & stoned him.*

*"And the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul." (Acts 7:57-58).*

Little did this young man realize that in a short time he would be in Stephen's place as a defender of the Faith! The record of the conversion of Saul from the most bitter enemy to the most active defender is one of the most stirring events in the Acts, and food for deep thought. Zeal, and honesty, and courage, and devotion stand out strongly all through Paul's life.

Here was a man, thinking he was serving God, breathing threats and murder against the disciples of Christ, and suddenly he finds himself arrested by an intense light, so bright that it blinded him, and he hears a kindly, gentle voice saying—

*"Saul, Saul: why do you persecute me?"*

Upon being informed who was speaking to him, we see this so earnest young man prostrated on the earth, trembling and astonished. And then we hear him say—

*"Lord, what will you have me to do?"*

If we have been attentive to these things, and to the things that follow in the Acts, we will have been deeply stimulated, encouraged, strengthened, and actuated, and will be DETERMINED, whatever comes, to be steadfast in the Faith.

There is no inspiration so strong and upbuilding as the power of the courageous and cheerful example of one whom we admire and love. This is the power that will transform us, if we really get our hearts into these things!

Paul must become very real and close to us. Our minds must ever dwell in the atmosphere of these glorious eternal realities, and not the passing things of the present. We have heard what Paul was to do, and we have SEEN HIM DO IT—faithful and active to the end. One of his strongest appeals is—

*"Be ye steadfast and unmovable."*

That is: unswerving and firmly implanted in the Faith. Why does Paul speak thus? For a very good reason. Our natural tendency is just the opposite. Therefore being steadfast requires an effort—a CONSTANT effort—and a strong one, too. Once we have come to a knowledge of the Truth, it is the mark of wisdom to be "grounded and settled, rooted and built up," and established in the Faith.

There is a growing tendency among some to look for something new, like the worldly-wise, but actually shallow, Athenians. As one brother said to me (happily not a Berean)—

*"The Truth is progressive. Why do you cling to what was written 100 years ago. Why do you not bring yourself up to date?"*

Brethren and sisters, the Truth is NOT "progressive"—it is a fixed, unchanging principle. God does not change, and His children are expected to partake of that characteristic. As He said through the prophet Malachi—

*"I am the Lord: I CHANGE NOT."*

If we are to benefit by the Truth, as we hope to do, we must keep this indisputable doctrine firmly fixed in our minds. The bitter, tragic lesson of the past is too great and important to be overlooked by any seeking wisdom. Hosea reminds us that it was because of Israel's failure to be steadfast—to fear the Lord and to hold fast unchangingly to the words of the Law that He gave them at the beginning—that caused them to be scattered throughout the world. They listened to new teachers, new ideas.

And it was for the same reason that the original pure Christianity gave way to the clerical system that has burdened the earth with blood and darkness for centuries. First, only a slight deviation, but the falling away soon accelerated as they looked for new things, new thinking, and finally darkness covered the people.

And that is just what is taking place in a large part of what goes by the name of the Christadelphian Body today.

How, then, are WE to escape such deceptive and attractive entanglements, and generate the spiritual and unnatural quality of stability and steadfastness? First, we must firmly set ALL our affections upon the Truth—those basic things that concern the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ. We must examine our hearts, and make certain that we love the Truth itself, and that we do not merely love the social side of our ecclesial life. There is a vast difference. We must dig deep.

Then we must follow up with certain habits designed to keep us on the right path. One of the first and foremost things we should persist in is the habit of reading and meditating upon God's Word daily. On every page of the Bible we find divine thoughts and divine ideas that are ESSENTIAL to keep our minds healthy and wholesome and properly occupied. This is more vital than daily natural food, if we really want to be accepted by God. It is impossible to be spiritually strong and healthy without regular spiritual food, well digested and assimilated.

If we have more time to read, then by all means let us give good established Christadelphian literature the next place.

Divine thoughts are so different from human thoughts that we actually have to make an EFFORT to read them, and the natural mind shuns effort. It is so easy to read worldly rubbish, because the natural mind of the flesh has affinity for it.

But effort will pay, in this as in anything else worthwhile (and nothing is more worthwhile than this). The continual, faithful, determined application of the mind to the things of God will transform us by the "renewing of our minds." Our natural, silly, shallow minds CAN become deep and spiritual: God promises it to those who make the effort. As Paul said—

*"That ye might be FILLED with the knowledge of His will in ALL wisdom and spiritual understanding"*

(Col. 1:9).

Note: 'that ye might be FILLED': naturally, we're very empty.

But that is not all. There is something else required, and its importance is also of high value. That is, the habit of attending ecclesial meetings—

*"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."*

—a solemn COMMAND that will be an outstanding hallmark of ALL faithful and zealous brethren and sisters. Of all of them, the one on Sunday morning takes first place (though all ecclesial activities are necessary for our spiritual health). We come together Sunday morning for a 3-fold purpose—

1. *To worship God in the beauty of holiness;*
2. *To remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*
3. *To receive the word of exhortation.*

(This does not, of course, exhaust all its many purposes and benefits, as strengthening one another, and learning more of the Word, etc., but the above are the main subdivisions).

Our worship of God is not restricted to reading His Word, singing the hymns, and offering our prayers. True worship is a many-sided jewel, and must be reflected in every act of our lives, especially toward our brethren and sisters. Nor is the remembrance of Christ restricted to the bread and wine. There is much more to be comprehended in our Sunday morning meeting, and Paul expresses it in a heart-searching manner in Eph. 4:15-16—

*"But speaking the Truth in love, (we) may GROW UP into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:  
"From whom the whole Body, fitly joined together and compacted by that which EVERY joint (EVERY member) supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of EVERY part, maketh increase of the Body (the Ecclesia) unto the edifying of itself in love."*

This "edifying/" or BUILDING UP, of itself in love, is a feature of ecclesial life that will always be pursued by men and women who permit the enlightening influence of the Gospel to have FIRST place in their lives. It must never be lost sight of, nor give place to any personal ambitions generated by self-esteem. It matters not the extent of our knowledge and understanding of God's Word, unless such wisdom is completely dominated by LOVE. What is love?—

*"This is love, that we walk after his commandments. (2 John 6)*

*"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a LIAR, and the Truth is not in him"*

(1 John 2:4).

Those are very sobering words. At any time, under ordinary circumstances, we are apt to overlook this great truth (especially when we are concerned about judging what OTHERS are doing). Therefore we must be on the alert continually, as we grow in the knowledge and understanding of the Truth. Watchfulness and SELF-examination should be the keynote in every believer's life.

There is great danger that we fall short on self-examination. It is so easy (and so satisfying) to recognize the sins of others, and to criticize them for what we think to be infractions of Christ's law. But at the same time, we fail to see how that same Law applies to EVERY ACTIVITY of our OWN lives.

Therefore, if we all judged ourselves as eagerly and searchingly as we judge others, there would be no strife in our ecclesias. We would be all knit together in love, as we should be. Judging others, while indulgently excusing ANY shortcomings in ourselves, is hypocrisy, which God hates.

(Continued next month, if the Lord will)

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## **The Last Terrible Forty Years**

*"I will send those that escape of them—sounders of the Truth—to Tarshish, Pul, Lud, Tubal Javan, the isles afar off. and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles."*

### **PART THREE**

FOLLOWING the destruction of Gog's host, and the deliverance of Jerusalem, and the revelation of Jesus to Israel as the Messiah, and the setting up of his throne in Jerusalem—comes the 7 months it takes to bury Gog's dead and cleanse the land (Ezek. 39:9-16).

In the meantime the remnant of the enemy that remains is pursued back into Assyria (modern Iraq), which is judicially laid waste by the sword (Mic. 5:6). Iraq is among the most vicious of Israel's present enemies, and closely allied with Russia. As the original Assyria, it must be allied with Russia at the end, and with Russia's expulsion from Egypt (where she does not at present belong), Iraq is more and more likely to become Russia's Mideast foothold.

The next step is the completion of the conquering of all the lands promised to Abraham, from the Nile to the Euphrates, and from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean. This completes the disciplining and regeneration of Egypt, Israel and Assyria—

*"In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.*

*"In that day shall Israel be the 3rd with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:*

*"Whom the Lord of Hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed by Egypt, My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel Mine inheritance" (Isa. 19:23-5).*

The whole original Eden, the Paradise (Garden) of God, has now been restored to its former condition of peace and fruitfulness and beauty (Ezek. 36:35; Isa. 51:3).

This, in the main, completes the subjugation of the first 3 Beasts—Lion, Bear and Leopard—the Babylonian, Persian and Greek dominions, bringing them under the rule of Christ. These are not destroyed as nations, but completely subjugated (Dan. 7:12).

But there still remains the worst and greatest—the Roman Beast—which not only is to be conquered, but utterly destroyed from the earth, his body given to the burning flame (Dan. 7:11). Every vestige of Roman Catholic influence is to be completely annihilated from the earth. Today that influence is universal—

*"ALL nations drunk with the wine of her fornication."*

Not only in all the Harlot Daughter Churches of the world, which are today flowing back to Mother Rome, but everywhere we turn, in every department of life, Romanism is stamped on every facet of society and civilization, and

unless we are eternally alert and vigilant, we are inevitably and unconsciously contaminated by it in the simplest, commonest and most unsuspected ways.

This is the great climax and crisis of the whole book of Revelation—the final settlement of the age-old enmity between Rome and Zion—the slaying of the Latin Catholic Beast and the complete destruction of its body-politic. Catholic Europe is the heart of this system—that territory that existed for 1000 years from Charlemagne to Napoleon as the "Holy Roman Empire."

But before the Rainbow Angel (Christ and the Saints) advances against the demon-worshippers of Europe, he — "*Cries with a loud voice, as when a lion roars*" (Rev. 10:3).

This is the proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel (Rev. 14:7)—

*"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the Hour of His judgment is come."*

Isa. 66:19 refers to the same event. V. 18 tells us God will—

*"Gather the nations, and they shall come, and see His glory."*

This is accomplished in the attack by Gog and his European hosts, and their destruction (Ezek. 39:21). Then v. 19 continues—

*"I will set a sign among them."*

—the setting up of the throne at Jerusalem, the "ensign upon the mountains." Then follows the proclamation to the world—

*"And I will send those that escape of them, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud, that draw the bow (bro. T: 'sounders of the Truth') ..*

*"To Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard My fame; and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles."*

A certain period is involved in carrying this proclamation to all the earth and allowing time for its effect throughout all the benighted millions of the world. This period is referred to in Isa. 18:4. There, in v.3, is the call to all inhabitants of the world to see when God lifts up an ensign on the mountain, and to listen when He blows the warning trumpet. Then v. 4, which bro. Thomas renders—

*"I will be still, yet in My dwelling place I will be without fear—as dry heat impending lightning, as a cloud of dew in heat of harvest."*

And then v. 5 goes on with the breaking of a storm—the terrible divine "harvest" of the "sour grapes of the earth." Compare this with Rev. 14:19—the harvest of the "Vine of the Earth" that follows the preaching of the Everlasting Gospel in vs. 6-7.

How long is this period of proclamation, and waiting for it to take effect? We know in the very nature of things it cannot be instantaneous: the proclamation one day, the destruction the next. That is not how God gives fresh invitations and opportunities. There must be SOME period of time for the message to reach all mankind, for them to hear, and learn what it is all about, and perceive the evidence, and decide. How long a time? We are dealing with the whole world: a world to which divine things are universally foreign.

In the present utterly corrupt, animalized and benighted condition of the earth's population, how long would it take to get the message through in any kind of an understanding way to all the earth's teeming and ignorant millions—most of them either steeped in idolatry and witchcraft, as in Catholicism and pagan Africa, or completely brain-washed and robotized, as in China and Russia, or immersed in lust, greed, immorality and pleasure-seeking, as in the gentle and "enlightened" Anglo-Saxon lands?

The length of time required will be measured by God's mercy in giving opportunity, and by man's present depravity and ignorance in relation to divine things. Both the mercy of God and the ignorance of man are very great.

Bro. Thomas suggested it would be a 10-year period, on the combined evidence and indications of several scriptures. It was 10 days from the great blowing of trumpets that inaugurated the Feast of Tabernacles, to the Day of Atonement itself, which was a great climactic day of affliction and purging and cleansing and beginning again of the whole Jewish year or cycle. And certainly the judgments of God upon the earth are to be a Day of Atonement and purging in every sense.

Ten years for the trumpet-proclamation of the Everlasting Gospel would leave (of the overall 40 years) an "hour"—a month of years—1/12 of 360—30 years—the "Hour of Judgment" for the actual war between the Lamb and the kings of the earth (Rev. 17:12-14), for we are told (and we know from history and experience) that the arrogant rulership of the earth will not submit peacefully.



Man will not without a terrible struggle give up his power and privilege and fleshly wickedness and wilfulness, to submit to the galling divine demand of humility and purity and holiness.

Christ will demand the total and abject surrender of all wealth and power and privilege, that all positions of rulership and authority may be bestowed on those who are worthy—Christ's friends—for the just and divine administration of the earth. Clearly the greater the power and the more entrenched the privilege, the fiercer and more tenacious will be the resistance.

Doubtless, as in the days of his first appearance on earth, the "common people" will "hear him gladly," though they too will resent the divine restrictions on their fleshly lusts, and the abolition from the earth of their godless, corrupt, infantile worldly sports and pleasures. They will resent the summons to grow up and put away childish things, and act like mature adults—divinely mature.

It will be the time of which Hannah sang (1 Sam. 2: 310)—

*"Talk no more so exceeding proudly: let not arrogance come out of your mouth. For the Lord is a God of Knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.*

*"The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.*

*"They that were full have hired out themselves for bread: and they that were hungry ceased.*

*"The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces: out of heaven shall He thunder upon them. The Lord shall judge the ends of the earth, and He shall give strength unto His King, and exalt the horn of His Anointed."*

Note the expressions "His King" and "His Anointed." This is the first time the term "King" is applied to Christ, except in Balaam's remarkable prophecy (Num. 24:7), and the first time "Anointed" (Messiah) is applied to him at all. In fact, the word Messiah does not occur before, except 4 times (Leviticus) applied to the High Priest.

Mary spoke on a similar occasion with remarkable similarity—

*"He hath shown strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.*

*"He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy. As He spake to our fathers: to Abraham and his seed forever"*

(Luke 1:51-55).

When we consider all the circumstances, and what is to be accomplished, and put it into the perspective of the long sweep of all human history which has deeply ingrained a way of thinking into all mankind, we shall realize that 10 short years is in no way too long a period for this great final preaching of the Truth to the world before the final war of worldwide destruction and purification.

It could well be divided, by its nature, into sub-periods of 3 and 7 years each—both of which are deeply significant numbers: of resurrection and perfection.

Ten was the number of commandments proclaimed by the voice of God to Israel under Moses from the burning and thundering mount of Sinai. So 10 may fittingly mark the proclamation of God to the world from the glorious mount of Zion, when Christ and the 144,000 shall stand upon it and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

Mainly, the time is required for gradual, worldwide education, so that the world's people can be in a position to decide intelligently. The world is deeply sunk in ignorance of any true spiritual things, and rapidly sinking deeper and deeper. Education must have some basic foundation of understanding to begin with, or it is a terribly slow process.

There will inevitably be a tremendous propaganda campaign by all the entrenched political and ecclesiastical and editorial forces of the world against the claims of Christ and the Saints. These forces control all the facilities of communication and opinion-forming, which God will doubtless permit them to continue to use so all the world will be faced with a choice.

This is a time when all the inhabitants of the earth will be forced to turn their animal minds away from fleshly excitements and amusements and awake to face eternal reality, and—

*"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."*

Mankind have always largely "thought" and moved in blind, stumbling masses, like sheep. What the mass does, the individual does unthinkingly, in most things. Most people are frightened to death to be different from their group. Even present protest movements, pretending to be thoughtful and individual, are mostly blind, mass, group movements, following the fads.

Then, too, time must be given for the confidence of the hierarchy of the wicked to be restored after Armageddon, that they have a chance to fight Christ successfully, and for them to marshal their forces against him—to perhaps develop some new "secret" weapon that they feel will counter the "secret" weapons he appears to have. Man's scientific arrogance will contribute to his destruction.

It took several years for the US after Pearl Harbor to marshal its forces and convert its industrial capacity to full wartime production. God will give them the time needed to fulfil His purposes.

And many will remember, in the same connection, the so-called "phony" war of propaganda and eerie, misleading, lulling, disarming quiet and inactivity that preceded Hitler's terrible blitz-krieg, the "lightning-war" by which he came perilously close to accomplishing his avowed purpose of "settling the course of Europe for 1000 years." Christ's enemies must be given a period to develop their confidence and plans, so that the final issue may be the utter destruction of the entrenched and incorrigible forces of wickedness.

And there must be ample time for the picture to develop in the eyes of the world's peoples, so the right people may be called out on right basis, for right reasons.

(Continued next month, if the Lord will)

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## Current Events Fulfilling Prophecy

*"He shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness"—Psalm 94:23*

**RELIGIOUS UPSURGE IN RUSSIA.** People learning that Marxist dogma is no substitute for religion. God, in Russia, is far from dead. Interest in religion, & desire for religious freedom, on rise. Flock to historic churches.

Religion is one area where dissidents strike chord with ordinary people. Arrested intellectuals don't get much popular support, but those arrested on religious grounds get surprising degree of support even from non-religious.

Religious upsurge coming into open to extent not dreamed of a few yrs. ago. A Communist report admits 47 pet. of farm homes display religious objects. An atheist manual in 1970 admitted only 40 pet. of children are "convinced atheists" when they leave school.

Constitution forbids religious instruction to any under 18, & places severe limits on freedom of religious activities. Approved denominations can have services in own bldgs., but cannot propagandize outside. Govt. keeps absolute control over religious publishing, manufacture of religious objects, & establishment of new congregations. Authorities must be given membership lists, and have veto rights over composition of executive body. Permission to form a congregation may be denied without reason given.

In 1917, Jews had 3000 synagogues in Russia: now 50. Moslems in 1917 had 12,000 mosques in Turkestan alone, now under 1000 in all of Russia.

Today, as religious unrest grows, churchmen are dividing into collaborators & rebels, but rebels are getting upper hand. The unrest—& division among clergy—is even within the Russian Orthodox Church.

This Church is still seen by its critics as an ally of Kremlin. The supreme Patriarch & other high officials conform to govt. policy without demur. Daily they are driven in limousines to their offices or their country homes—which contain luxuries available to few Russians. These churchmen have become a major instrument of Soviet policy abroad. With official sanction, Russian clergy are free to attend religious gatherings abroad where they extol religious "freedom" in Russia & denounce US "atrocities."

As in times of czars, Jews are coming under especially heavy pressure. Repression is tending to drive them into rediscovering their religious heritage. Anti-Semitism remains an important force in Russian life & govt.

Traditional religion will continue to be a growing worry for a nation no longer able to remain unresponsive to pressures, & no longer able to instil many Russians with Red ideology as substitute for religion. (USN 6:5)

*NOTE: A wonderful sign we've long looked for! Religion is coming—must come—back into Russian life as the handmaid of politics, so that the Beast & the False Prophet can again unite as the co-leaders of the drugged European masses. Our faith is strengthened by the remarkable sign that, as the article says, the Orthodox Church has again become what it was under the Czars: "a major instrument of Russian policy."*

**NORTH SEA OIL: MULTI-BILLION \$ GAMBLE.** Revolution in oil technology taking place in North Sea between Britain & Europe. A dozen giant drilling platforms as far as 200 miles from shore, in waters up to 400 ft. North Sea has yielded 2 major fields: at least 3 more thought to exist. And in less than decade, Europe has been able to draw large share of its gas needs from under North Sea waters.

Successful development of oil fields would have widespread international impact. West Europe has been dependent for yrs. on Mideast & N. Africa oil. By '80, Britain expects to be getting  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its oil from North Sea. Reserves estimate: 20 billion barrels. Billion barrels yr. expected by '80. (USN 6:5)

*NOTE: If Britain can supply its fuel needs locally from the North Sea, as expected in the near future, this will both greatly strengthen her position & will free her from precarious dependence on the volatile & uncertain Mideast. Britain could well have a large work yet to do in the divine purpose, in spite of her present folly, weakness & confusion. Consider what Japan has accomplished on the world scene in 10 years.*

**NIXON IN MOSCOW.** Most important summit since Potsdam in '45, probably most important Russian political event since Stalin's death—could change world diplomacy. Russia seemed bent on showing that Moscow is joint capital of world power, sharing superpower status equally with US. They wanted to demonstrate that in Moscow the hard realities of arms, technology & billions of \$ were being settled or shaped.

The summit obviously furthers Brezhnev's ambition to draw closer to Europe & confirm status quo at a Europe Security Conference. It caps Brandt's "Ostpolitik"—designed to improve Germany's relations with Communists. That may bring relaxation in Europe & increased tensions & rivalries between US & Russia there. (Tm 6:5)

*NOTE: "Moscow is joint capital of world power." That's one Russian accomplishment of the Nixon summit. Note the other: a big move closer to Russian domination of Europe.*

**YUGOSLAVIA DISINTEGRATION.** Europe has no more volatile & troublesome minority than Croats of Yugoslavia. Dour & resentful, they've felt themselves 2nd-class citizens in their own land for 1000 yrs.—first under Ottoman & Austro-Hungarian Empires & more recently under Yugoslavia's more numerous Serbs.

Croatia has been a centre of conflict & division at home, & a source of violent agitation for nearly every European country that has imported Yugoslav labour. Last fall 30,000 students struck: nationalists demanded own army, UN membership. Tito (a Croat) cracked down hard.

Croats have turned Sweden into an arena of terror for fellow-Yugoslavs, with Mafia-like extortion. Russia's secret police have their agents among Croat terrorists. Russia's goal may be to turn Croat nationalism to their own account, to bring Yugoslav back to Russian control after Tito. (Tm 6:5)

*NOTE: This is all going Russia's way—in one of the places most useful to her ambitions. As soon as the aged Tito is gone, divided & convulsed Yugoslavia stands little chance of resisting Russian control. Control of Yugoslavia & her Adriatic ports would be a great step toward encircling and bringing great pressure on adjacent Italy.*

**ASSASSINS & SKYJACKERS.** History has lurched from its orbit. The lethal tendency has been crystallizing for well over a decade. Today the most frequently coupled words are "senseless" & "violence."

Today, with the dissolution of state & moral authority, crime—like power—seems to have become estate of the common man. In a sense, he has become the most feared figure of all time. It's distressing not to trust one's neighbour—to peer incessantly at every strange face at every terminal in every country. It's frustrating to find history still, as Gibbon said 200 yrs. ago, "little more than list of crimes, follies & misfortunes of man."

Notion that society's growing worse is intolerable. Yet the headlines seem to chart the descent. What are we coming to? Where will it end? Social destination all too apparent—& all too close to nightmare. (Tm 6:12)

*NOTE: The world stands wringing its hands in helpless anguish at its own horrible descent into the dark jungle of immorality & violence,, but it scoffs at the only cure—the pure Word & the divine authority of God.*

**MARX & JESUS: CATHOLICISM'S SWITCH.** Latin American churchmen have heeded recent papal social pronouncements closely. Shortly after Pope Paul's encyclical acknowledged Latin America as part of oppressed Third World, Latin American bishops, in 1968, denounced the "institutionalized violence" of economic & social structures in their countries.

Heretofore a pillar of old social order, Church now becoming a battering ram to topple it. The radicals enjoy open sympathy from high Vatican officials. Vatican says, "We want to erode national boundaries & transfer technology on a worldwide basis, as part of the patrimony of humanity. If this is socialism, make the most of it." One Vatican insider said grimly, "We hope for—but do not expect—transformation without violence." (Tm 6:5)

*NOTE: Catholicism has maintained itself for 2000 years by riding the changing political winds. Today it is in a great ferment of change & realignment—a change that had to come if Catholicism & Russia are to be political bedfellows.*

**NIXON'S ARMS DEAL WITH RUSSIA.** Serious people should be asking themselves serious questions. Why has Russia made the vast effort & investment to make "The Big One"? The Big One is the big brother of the SS-

9 missile, itself over 20 times as powerful as US's Minuteman. There's absolute confirmation that 25 of the 91 new holes being dug in Soviet missile bases are designed to receive an enormous new missile, capable of throwing a warhead with twice the power of the 25 megaton SS-9.

US's Minuteman has a 1 to 2 megaton warhead, quite adequate to make a hideous shambles of any great city. So why has Russia made vast investment in 50 & 25 megaton warheads? Present land-based Soviet missile force of 1600 can throw at least 5 times the mega tonnage of US's 1000 missiles.

SALT may be very bad deal for US. The Russians may be confident they can multi-head their big missiles well within SALT'S time limit. US puts 3 bombs in its Minuteman No.3. If Russia could match this technology, they could put 10 or more extremely accurate bombs into their 300 SS-9s, & 20 or more into their new "Big One" missiles.

Conclusion is obvious. If Russia can master multi-head technology, they could threaten total destruction of US land-based retaliatory missile force.

US has consistently underestimated Russia's technological capability of doing what they're determined to do. This was true from first Soviet atom bomb right thru to remarkable achievements required to produce 'Big One.'

There's a profoundly important psychological factor in the insane nuclear equation. The 6 to 1 US preponderance, which made theoretically rational a US first strike, was central factor in Khrushchev's back down in '62 Cuban missile crisis. Why has Russia made such an enormous effort to make sure balance is in their favour? The Russians are serious people. (Nwk 6:5)

*NOTE: On the face of it, even in what we have been told, it would appear that Russia had all the advantage in this current pact—allowed to be 50 pet ahead of US in every category, just to try to persuade her to stop making more. But Russia, like Germany under Hitler, is clearly determined to be overwhelmingly superior in armed might, & is single-mindedly gearing the whole national economy to that end. Why? Students of Scripture know why.*

**WITCHCRAFT REVIVES.** A wave of fascination with the occult throughout US. Books on the occult have taken over counters once reserved for religious books. Major publishers have issued dozens of books on the occult this past yr. Growing number of colleges offering courses on it.

England experiencing such a resurgence of witchcraft that ecumenical commission of Anglicans & Catholics recently recommended that each diocese appoint an official exorcist to drive out demons. At least 3 million W. Germans subscribe to some form of occult, perhaps 7 million more sympathize. Long part of Italy's superstitious southern peasantry, occultism has moved north to industrialists, doctors & lawyers of affluent upper class.

Occultism cannot be dismissed as mere fakery or faddishness. Clearly it's born of religious impulse, & in many cases it becomes a substitute faith. Much of occult is man's feeble attempt to become godlike, to master world

**The astrology so many millions follow today is a direct legacy from astronomer priests of Babylonia. Even when Christianity spread thru Europe, many kept their rites along with the new religion.**

For centuries, magical arts & Christianity lived in uneasy coexistence, as they still do in Latin America. Then, out of ancient lore and minds of medieval churchmen, came the Devil. He was not a Christian invention. One of his most persistent forms in popular imagination—the horned, winged creature with claws—dates at least as far back as ancient Mesopotamia.

By the time early Church Fathers were compiling a theology of the Devil, the mystery religion of Gnosticism was on scene, proclaiming that the world & all material things in it were irredeemably evil. Taking up Gnostics' bias, the Fathers often wrote as if Satan really were ruler of world. Meantime, an entire mythology of the origin of devils arose.

It took centuries more for Church to condemn witchcraft & magic as exclusive tools of Devil: persecution did not begin in earnest till 13th century. The spirits now invoked for aid were demons; the pact was with the Devil. So at least the Dominican Inquisitors saw it, & so many suspects admitted. Some confessions were sheer defiance: faced with a ruling Establishment that was sanctified by the Church, a resentful peasantry followed the only image of rebellion they knew—Satan.

Even the Enlightenment (Reformation-Renaissance) did not do the Devil in. Just as ancient Romans flocked to mystery cults in days of religious & political decay, so do modern men seek out the occult in times of stress. Now an occult revival has come in the Space Age.

San Francisco's "Church of Satan" is mirror image of most beliefs & ethics of traditional Christianity. They invoke Satan, not as supernatural being, but as symbol of man's self-gratifying ego, which is what they worship. Their most insidious contribution to evil is their resolute commitment to man's animal nature, stripped of any spiritual dimension or thought of self-sacrifice. Under guise of eschewing hypocrisy, they actively pursue the materialistic values of the affluent society—without any twinge of conscience to suggest there might be something more.

Power, the occultists & their critics agree, is at core of the occult. Time & again, converts from traditional religions relate how they resented being told what to do by their priests or ministers, how occult gives them freedom to do what they want, seek what they want. In Christianity, the Gospel message is submission to God; in the occult the ruling motive is Control.

Authorities see the occult revival as a response to failure of science & reason, a movement spurred by conviction that technology has failed to make world better, as Americans long believed it would. Today's young people "cannot live without the depth of myth & symbol, & the richness of mysticism that existed before the rise of the empirical scientific attitude."

Much of blame lies at traditional Christianity's door. Another age might have turned to Church in its anxiety & desire for a mystical element in life. But to many people, today's Church seems impotent because it is identified with the problems it should be solving. They see Church as a mere authenticator of the Establishment. The individual is a unit to be counted in large church meetings, his money rung up, just as he is counted by business & govt. Beauty's holiness, or holiness's beauty, fades before pragmatism & expediency. But the desire for mystery will be satisfied. (Tm 6:19)

*NOTE: Just a few years ago, in our youthful & inexperienced ingenuousness, we used to view with marvel and revulsion the catalogue of Canaanite abominations & depravities, as at some long-closed Chamber of Horrors in man's past vileness. But increasingly these days we are being forced to realize that man has not changed since then, except for the worse. The abomination for which God had to utterly destroy the Canaanites from the face of the earth are today a "respectable" and growing trend.*

**2ND THOUGHTS ON SALT I.** ABM treaty is cheered by defence experts for the ghoulish reason that it leaves US & Soviet populations both openly exposed to attack—and thus maintains nuclear balance of terror.

Experts much less happy about agreement to freeze offensive missiles for 5 yrs. Agreement aims to hold both sides to missiles that existed or were under construction July 1. Essentially, freeze is interim effort to impose at least some restraint on headlong Soviet expansion of ICBM forces. In recent yrs. Russia has been adding over 200 land-& 100 sea-based missiles every yr.

By now they have 3-2 lead in ICBMs, & under terms of agreement they can have 3-2 edge in missile subs. US is allowed keep 1054 land missiles, & 710 sea missiles on 44 subs. Russia allowed 1618 land missiles, & 950 sea missiles on 62 subs. In total payload, Russian missiles (which are bigger) have 5-1 edge on US. If Russia can perfect multi-heads, they could quickly outstrip US.

Administration concedes agreement will not end arms race: it will change emphasis from quantity to quality & sophistication. Competition already underway on both sides. The massive commitment to offensive weapons is such that each side must continually upgrade its deterrents lest other gain first-strike capacity—ability to strike so quickly & so powerfully as to wipe out any chance of retaliation. (Tm 7:10)

*NOTE: The SALT agreement, to persuade Russia to slow her "headlong expansion" of nuclear missile forces, concedes her a 3-2 advantage in both land & sea missiles, & her land missiles are not only more numerous but very much bigger & more powerful than US's. All Russia needs now is to perfect her multi-head technology, & US will be left hopelessly behind.*

**"THE ROAD TO PEACE":** A Statement by Nixon on return from Moscow: "In building a structure of peace, most important consideration is achievement of a set of agreements, understandings, & of practices, by which those seeking change will do so only thru peaceful means. This is the way to a generation of peace. This is the heart of our foreign policies.

"There have already been over 100 armed conflicts of 1 sort or another between nations since WW II.

"As we've learned again & again, especially in this century, there's simply no substitute for military strength sufficient to deter aggression. US that was inadequately defended would present so tempting a target that war would become inevitable.

"By the same token, weakening our alliances would also increase temptation to the danger point, for potentially aggressive ambitions in some countries are held in check not by idealism, but by a clear recognition that they cannot be achieved except at an unacceptable cost. If we expect to maintain peace, we must ensure cost (of attack) remains unacceptable.

"If there's 1 lesson above all that history teaches us, it's that in seeking peace, good intentions are no substitute for the maintenance of sufficient strength to preserve peace. The world has never yet been able to agree on a set of international institutions which could keep the peace by themselves.

"Our purpose in the world is peace—not the sullen peace of defeat, or the silent peace of despair, but the solid peace that makes progress possible, & that liberates the spirit of man for the tasks of freedom. Peace is essential if man is to pursue those great, humane ideals." (USN 6:26)

*NOTE: This is terribly sad. The threadbare, age-old peace cry: "Peace in our day!"—while in the same breath he admits that the world has never been so chronically wracked with wars, & that at best precarious, tightrope "peace" can only be maintained by being armed to the teeth & ever on the watch for inevitable aggression the moment the guard is lowered.*

**JEWES FOR JESUS.** "Jews for Jesus" are part of the growing, nationwide Jewish wing of the Jesus movement. The young Jewish Christians are increasingly conspicuous. Their number is unprecedented among US Jews. Young Jews are converting to Christianity 7000 a yr.

Tho Jewish Christians come from all ages & backgrounds, they're predominantly young spiritual refugees from secularized homes, liberal synagogues, the drug culture, or radical politics.

They claim they are still Jews even tho they now accept Jesus as Messiah promised by biblical prophets. Many reject the label "convert," & sometimes even "Christian," preferring to call themselves "Messianic" or "completed" Jews. Most say, "I feel MORE Jewish now I am a Christian."

The Bible is one of the chief lures to conversion. Since Jewish youth usually study it in Hebrew, & neglect the prophets, Christian proselyting is "Christian biblical literalism confronting Jewish biblical illiteracy."

Evangelicals often teach that Jews' return to Israel, & founding of a modern state there, were foretold by the prophets, & that '67 capture of Old City of Jerusalem began fulfilment of Jesus' prediction in Lk. 21:24-27 about his Second Coming. What is new about the Jesus Jews, besides their numbers, is degree of their evangelistic fervour. (Tm 6:12)

*NOTE: Surely this strange "Jesus Movement" (especially its Jewish phase) with its Messianic aspect, is one of the portends of Christ's return: "all men musing in their hearts . . ."*

**FRANCE & IRAQ'S OIL.** Last wk., Iraq took big step toward solving problem of marketing oil from their recently nationalized wells: an agreement with Russia for trade development, "particularly in oil domain."

However, Iraq seemed to stand a better chance by resuming shipments to France, which hints it may break ranks with its West allies & make a separate deal with Iraq. Clearly, France is an obvious target if the West front is to be broken. France has major commercial interests in Arab world & depends on Mideast for 83 pet. of its oil. (Nwk 6:19)

*NOTE: A very interesting aspect of the Mideast oil situation—the pivotal position of France, which Russia is trying to woo away from the West in a "divide-&-conquer" manoeuvre.*

**US ACCEPTS RUSSIA AS EQUAL.** Historic new relationship: US formally recognizes Russia as coequal in world-power terms: cedes to Russia nuclear parity. Russia is to be given greater access to US technology to bolster its lagging economy. Russia comes out of 2½ yrs. negotiations with what it has been struggling for for decade: nuclear balance of power with US, recognized & sanctioned by US.

US's big nuclear lead is gone. Ten yrs. ago, US had 8 to 1 lead in missiles & bombers. Five yrs. ago, 4 to 1. Today, no US lead, and a freeze: US now has 1054 ICBMs, Russia has 1550 with much heavier warheads. (USN 6:5)

*NOTE: This is the key significance of the Moscow summit—and it is terribly ominous. Russia has been building her war machine now for 10 years at a breakneck pace. The current pact is a frantic—and of course futile—effort by US to slow this Juggernaut. How well we remember Hitler's driving, inexorable military build-up before WW II, & the pitiful Munich debacle that vainly tried to pacify him by betraying Czechoslovakia.*

**ENERGY CRISIS.** US burns equivalent of 1.9 billion tons of fossil fuel every yr. (30 pet. of world total), but produces only 1.7 billion tons—and gap is widening. Rate of consumption so large we can see bottom of barrel.

In '70, US consumed 710 million tons of oil (30 pet. of world total). By '80 it will use 950 to 1200 million tons a yr., but production now is only 475 million tons, & will rise to only 520 with known reserves.

Aside from cost, foreign supplies are uncertain. Already 11 major oil producing countries have banded together to get higher prices. Political disputes bring added risks. Chairman of House Interior Committee says, "I am truly frightened by the potential conflict between pro-Israel sentiment in US & increasing reliance on Arab oil. US about to be caught in power play."

US used 22 trillion cu. ft. of natural gas last yr. (50 pet. of world total). Domestic reserves are down to 250 trillion cu. ft.: US gas cos. have negotiated to buy \$10 billion worth of gas from Algeria between now and 1997.

Coal is most abundant fuel, but also dirtiest, & industry leaders say they must now rely on strip mining, greatest destroyer of US countryside. It's estimated that 90 pet. of all world's oil & gas resources will be gone by 2035.

Less than a century has passed since Thomas Edison first opened his Pearl St. Station to supply 85 New Yorkers with incandescent light. Today US produces 1.6 quadrillion kilowatt hrs. (34 pet. of world total). Electric power plants account for ½ the sulphur oxides & much of the nitrogen oxides & soot in air. Energy demands & environment goals are on collision course.

Nuclear power today provides only 2 pet. of US needs, but may well supply over 50 pet. by '90. During a reactor's operation, the worst possible contingency is the uncontrolled melting of its nuclear core. To preclude this, core is continually bathed in cooling water. If cooling system broke down, nuclear core would become a molten mass, so hot that it would melt anything guarding it. Subsequent steam explosions could rupture the outer container, releasing a cloud of radioactivity 2 miles wide & 60 miles long. Much of population in area would be dead in 2 wks.

How to get rid of radio-active wastes from nuclear reactors, some of which remain lethal for 500,000 yrs.? At present, US plans to store them in large concrete containers at an as yet unspecified location. Then they must be watched (& watched). We're committing future generations to a problem we don't know how to handle. (Tm 6:12)

*NOTE: Clearly another looming dead-end prospect of the twilight of Gentile times. In so many diverse ways, man is, in this last day, bringing his animal cosmos to a tragic climax.*

**TRADE WITH RUSSIA.** Foreign trade does not mean same to Russia as to US. They want not only the computer, but the know-how to build them. This makes much of trade with them worth more to them than to US.

Russia not only tries to get more value for their trade, but are better equipped to strike bargains. Their producers do not compete with each other, as US's do, in trying to get business. The US businessman deals with a govt. monopoly which centralizes all purchases & sales, playing off US competitors against each other & against other nations. Private enterprise was not designed to deal with such a setup. (Nwk 6:5)

**RHODESIA: FATEFUL DEADLOCK.** Rhodesia Blacks overwhelmingly rejected (36-1) proposed independence agreement worked out by Britain & Rhodesia. As result, Britain & Rhodesia again poles apart on solution. Collapse of latest British initiative increased possibility of race violence.

There had been high hopes for the agreement, which would have given Blacks eventual control (in about 50 yrs.). Africans do not believe Smith would honour even the limited promises contained in the agreement. Commission said, "Mistrust transcended all other considerations."

Rhodesia's suppressed Black majority faces bleak days ahead. Their renunciation of agreement is likely to make ruling Whites even more unyielding. Rhodesia now likely to move closer to S. Africa type apartheid. If call for peaceful evolution is unheeded, Blacks may turn to more violent means of change. (Nwk 6:5).

*NOTE: "Mistrust transcended all other considerations." And well it might! Surely a striking capsule history of the evil ways of man with man. The Rhodesian race situation is another reason why Russia is gaining influence throughout the world.*

**IRAQ SEIZES OIL.** Iraq may be able to bypass major oil cos. by selling the oil from nationalized wells to Russia. Pointedly, Russia praised take-over as "great victory for Arab peoples".

Iraq has asked powerful Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (producing 90 pct of world's oil) to back up its seizure. OPEC could threaten to embargo all oil exports (as in 71) till West oil cos. submit peacefully to the seizure.

Iraq chillingly foretold its own takeover recently by declaring Arabs should take hold of their oil resources "to turn them into effective instrument in struggle against imperialism & Zionism." Arab govts. beginning to flex muscles. Leverage is all on their side. (Nwk 6:12)

*NOTE: If the "leverage is on their side," then we can be sure the Arabs, with Russia's gleeful instigation, will use it to the full against Israel & the West. If Russia controls Mideast oil Europe will be helpless to resist her.*

**"VICTORY FOR WORLD PEACE":** Nixon & Soviets leaders last night hailed new arms limitation agreement as bold new step designed to ensure peace. Under the treaty, both sides will have same number of defence missiles & sites. Russia will have edge in offensive missiles.

Nixon said agreement is "enormously important," & that both he & Soviet leaders want to be remembered in history "by fact we made world more peaceful. Kosygin said, 'Great victory for Soviet & US peoples.'(TrSt5:27)

*NOTE: This is sad, yet it is joyful in that it is a significant sign. All, indeed, are for "peace"—on their own terms. Even Hitler lauded "peace." For 6000 years man has mouthed peace and waged war. But in the last days the peace-war charade must assume horrifying, yet sadly ludicrous, proportions—more & more preparing war, more & more shrieking of peace.*

**NEW KIND OF CRIME WAVE.** Theft & sale of millions of \$s worth of art now sweeping US & parts of world. Stealing of art from museums, churches, offices & homes at all-time high, & constantly increasing.

World's leading art museums being converted into fortresses—more & more being spent for guards, sentry dogs, closed circuit TV & electronic sensors. Security is rapidly growing portion of museum budgets. (USN 6:5)

*NOTE: Closer & closer comes that foretold time: "The earth FILLED with violence, as in days of Noah." An equally drastic divine cure is pending.*

**NEW "SMART BOMBS.** They are guided unerringly to within 5 to 10 feet of target by laser beams or TV cameras feeding information to computers in each bomb. One 'smart' bomb does work of 100 'dumb' ones. Dropping 200 bombs to destroy single bridge was common: now takes just one.

Laser bomb homes in on a pencil-thin beam of light focused on target by the airplane, TV bomb has camera in its nose: target image is locked on camera, bomb goes straight to it. (USN 6:5).

*NOTE: What a wonderful world it would be if man's present diabolical ingenuity were devoted to kindness and holiness and doing good to others!*

**YUGOSLAVIA: UNCERTAIN FUTURE.** Will Russia try to take over, once Tito is gone? Tito's charisma & leadership are largely responsible for holding together a country with over 2 dozen nationality groups & languages. He's 80. He has plenty of signed agreements from succession of Russian rulers to respect Yugoslav integrity, but Kremlin guarantees are worthless.

Russians see Yugoslavia's 100s of miles of Adriatic coastline as ideal naval bases. Location astride air & land routes to Mideast is strategically important to Moscow. Powerful Croat separatist movement raises questions about keeping the multi-national federation together.

Economic problems mounting; inflation is Europe's worst. Cost of living up 18 percent in '71. Trade balance, always in deficit in recent yrs., plunged even deeper in red in '71. Exports last yr. 60 pet. under imports: deficit of \$1½ billion. Another problem: unemployment.

Hoped-for West investment hasn't materialized. Russia, by contrast, is eager to invest: one recent deal for an aluminium plant is 50 pet. bigger than all Western deals put together.

Problems on the farms: young drifting to cities: 100s of 1000s of acres of fertile land lying untilled. Graver threat: smouldering nationalism among ethnic groups: bewildering array of languages. (USN 6:19)

*NOTE: Prophecy requires that Russia control Europe. Yugoslavia stands no chance of maintaining its precarious independence. Even to the natural eye, the end seems imminent.*

**EUROPE'S COLD CIVIL WAR.** Sense of impending evil pervaded Europe's airports last week. Haphazard terrorism has become almost endemic. Over 100 bombs exploded in Europe's cities this yr.: no country immune. Why sudden upsurge of violence? We may simply have to accept fact that terror & violence are relatively permanent.

Most of Europe's airports virtually armed camps. Armoured cars ring runways. Arriving jets are accompanied by armed outriders as they taxi to parking areas; soldiers with machine guns stand guard. (Tm 6:19)

*NOTE: "We may simply have to accept the fact that terror & violence are permanent." What a sad admission! What a tragic culmination for man's boasted "progress" & "civilization"! Permanent? Yes, while vile man rules the world—but that happily will not be much longer.*

**MISSILE PACT: WHO'S AHEAD?** Critics contend Nixon has given Russia golden opportunity to shoot for strategic superiority. Sen. Henry Jackson says, "In no area is US permitted to maintain parity with Russia."

Critics fear most that Russia will so dramatically improve the technological sophistication of its nuclear weaponry that US would be diplomatically impotent in world affairs: perhaps even helpless in face of Russian attack. Till mid-60s, US had capacity to wipe out Russia's strategic missile force with one devastating blow. (Nwk 6:12)

*NOTE: While US spends its vast strength in squabbles & its vast resources in luxury & pleasure-seeking, Russia single-mindedly and spartanly plods toward overwhelming military might, riding the backs of its regimented & patiently suffering people. The world power balance is tilting rapidly in Russia's favour, & the more it tilts the faster it will go.*

**BRAVE NEW WORLD?** Is man on the threshold of a brave new world? Fantastic as it now seems, the new biology expects genetic engineers to be able to people world with 'clones', manmade reproductions of a person.

A clone might function as spare parts kit of transplantable organs for his original. Next door to the clones might live the "cyborgs": hybrids of man & machine whose behaviour is electronically controlled.

All of this, of course, raises profound moral issues. American Medical Assn. recently called for moratorium on genetic engineering till moral conundrums are resolved. But science is inexorable. (Nwk 6:12)

*NOTE: What a disgusting nightmare evil man is building with his newfound horror toys! this is most clearly a sign of the end, for if God did not step in soon & snatch these things out of maniac man's hands, the world would be too dreadful for life to continue.*

**RUSSIA'S GAME IN MIDEAST OIL.** Power, prestige, access to vast riches: those are prizes Moscow seeks in Arab world. Revolutionary changes sweeping across oil fields of Mideast. Russia, eager to expand its influence, is exploiting a fresh Arab drive against US & Europe oil interests which have dominated production & marketing of Mideast oil for 50 yrs.

Mideast has over 75 pet. of free world oil reserves. W. Europe gets 80 pet. of its oil from Mideast, Japan 90 pet. By '85, US may have to import 17 million barrels a day, ⅔ from Mideast. No alternative to Mideast oil.



Russia has 3 objectives: 1) Expand influence in Mideast at US expense; 2) Give NATO allies serious economic blow by breakup of old system that gives West cheap oil; 3) Get Mideast oil direct from Arabs in barter exchange.

In Libya, Russia's buying oil from fields expropriated from British Petroleum last Dec, & has made agreement with Libya to give technical assistance in oil production.

In Iraq, Russian interest dates back to early '60's, when Iraq seized rich Rumaila concessions from Iraq Petroleum Co. Moscow jumped in with offer to help, & Iraq accepted. Iraq's latest move—seizure of the IPC fields at Kirkuk, came 2 months after signing a 15-yr. co-operation treaty with Russia. Within hrs. of the seizure, an Iraqi delegation was in Moscow signing new agreement. Syria seized pipelines & port facilities of IPC June 1. Russia is helping oil exploration. (USN 6:26)

*NOTE: "Revolutionary changes sweeping Mideast oilfields"—& Russia is at the bottom of the ferment, scheming to break the power & control of the West oil interests—& apparently with growing success.*

**HERETIC'S HOMECOMING.** For yrs. he was reviled as arch-traitor of Communism, the heretic who destroyed unity of Marxist faith. But last wk., in a dramatic historic reversal of Soviet policy, Tito received a hero's welcome in Moscow, & was awarded the Order of Lenin. It was as if Pope Leo X had conferred Rome's blessing on Luther.

Twice before, Russia had made major efforts to win back Yugoslavia. This time they seemed more determined than ever. Yugoslavia's independent brand of Marxist has an unsettling influence on rest of E. Europe. Moscow also wants to consolidate its position in Europe in preparation for the Europe Security Conference it hopes for.

And owing to growth of Russian sea power, Yugoslavia is strategically far more important than ever to Moscow, which wants naval bases on Adriatic for its Mediterranean warships (Tm 6:19).

*NOTE: Clearly Russia is softening Yugoslavia for the kill, laying the scenario, by its lauding of Tito, for Russia's stepping in after he is gone to "defend" Yugoslavia from internal "reaction"—just as it did so brutally & effectively in Czechoslovakia.*

**RUSSIA: METHODS CHANGE: GOAL SAME.** Kremlin rulers appear convinced they can maintain a special relationship with US while continuing to seek ascendancy in Europe, Asia & Mideast at US expense.

In Europe, Russia poses subtle & complex problem for US—with stakes exceedingly high. By switching from a policy of intimidation to one of relaxation of tensions, Russia has made significant strides toward 3 goals they've pursued for 20 yrs. : international recognition of their E. Europe satellite Empire, US military withdrawal from Europe, & extension of Russia's influence into W. Europe. (USN 6:12)

**VIETNAM STANDOFF.** US bombing & blockage of harbours appear incapable of breaking Hanoi's determination to hold out for settlement on no terms but its own. Hanoi shows no inclination to call off offensive, or to negotiate. N. Vietnam, physically isolated from outside world, seems ready to endure continued destruction at home while attacking in South. It's almost certainly gambling it can outlast US & win victory. (USN 6:19)

**A "BASE NATION."** Russian military leaders,, trying to instruct the Egyptians in use of their arms, have decided Egypt would never be able to defeat Israel. Egyptians so inept that relatively simple weapons are ruined when put in their hands. (USN 7:17)

**JAPAN'S AGED.** Suicide rate among aged Japs highest in world—from loneliness, miserable living conditions, & worries of trying to get by on insufficient income. Plight of the elderly is a novel problem for Japan, where for centuries age was equated with wisdom, & filial respect was a sacred responsibility. Now the young no longer seem to care.

The old people, like their ancestors, had anticipated companionship & support from their children, only to discover the foundation had crumbled. The traditional Jap family system, in which parents lived with their children, gradually broke down after WW II. One says, "My son told me that this thing transplanted from US called democracy meant everyone for himself, & he was therefore relieved of his duty to support me."(Tm 6:5)

*NOTE: Japan has paid a terrible, brutalizing price for the "blessings" of her Americanization & ascent to 3rd place in the economic world.*

**BEHIND LATEST ARAB OIL SEIZURE.** West oil cos. face tough yr. ahead in dealing with Arabs. Latest blow came June 1 when Iraq seized Iraq Petroleum Co.—third takeover of West-owned facilities by Arabs. Last yr., Algeria nationalized French cos.; last Dec. Libya seized British Petroleum.

Iraq's problem now is how to market the oil. They seem determined to seek Russia's help. After takeover, Iraq ordered immediate ban all shipments to non-Arab countries, & sent its Foreign Minister to Moscow. Iraq has a close friend & ally in Russia. (USN 6:12)

*NOTE: Another successful step in Russia's steady campaign to gain control of the Mideast & Mideast oil.*

**WITCH DOCTORS.** "Witch doctors & psychiatrists are really one behind their exterior mask & pipe," says Psychiatrist Torrey of National Institute of Mental Health. That is why the Institute is providing scholarships for Navajo Indians studying "curing ceremonials under tutelage of tribal medicine men on Rough Rock, Ariz., Reservation.

The ceremonials are based on belief that disease is "caused by disharmony with universe." To restore harmony, a medicine man conducts a traditional "chantway," leading ailing victim in a ritual of speeches & dancing. "There's a part of the mind that we don't really know about," Indian medicine man Thomas Largewhiskers says. (Tm 6:12)

*NOTE: Comment would be superfluous, but surely we can echo a fervent "Amen!" to witchdoctor Largewhisker's final weighty observation.*

**SICK BRITAIN.** In first 6 mos. of '72, wildcat strikes cost Britain 15½ million lost working days—more than any whole year since 1926, yr. of great General Strike. (Tm 8:7)

**POLLUTION.** New York harbor indisputably is filthiest body of water on earth. Every day, cities dump 2 billion gallons of inadequately-treated or raw sewage into it. (Nwk 7:31)

**AIR POLLUTION REACHING CRITICAL STAGE.** Summer of '72 blanketed populous areas of US with masses of polluted air, & brought overburdened power facilities near collapse. Just a foretaste of worse to come. Will simply venturing outdoors become a health hazard?

New York: rise in deaths from heart & lung ailments. Those with respiratory & coronary diseases advised to stay indoors. California: severe & increasing smog damage to agricultural crops. (USN 7:31)

## Bible Questions

*"My people are in captivity, because they have no knowledge"*

**What do these names mean, and why were they so named?  
(Asterisk indicates reason not given or obvious)**

### ANSWERS IN OCTOBER ISSUE

1. Ed	11. Achor	21. Joseph	31. Zebulun	41. Eben-ezer
2. Eve	12. Judah	22. Exodus	32. Ephraim	42. Boanerges
3. Dan	13. Moses	23. Eshcol	33. Messiah	43. Jerubbaal
4. Levi	14. Marah	24. Benoni	34. Abraham	44. Chinnereth
5. Noah	15. Christ	25. Reuben	35. Issachar	45. Beer-sheba
6. Esau	16. Bochim	26. Simeon	36. Jedidiah	46. Deuteronomy
7. Isaac	17. Peniel	27. Mizpeh	37. Naphtali	47. Ecclesiastes
8. Babel	18. Bethel	28. Genesis	38. Aceldama	48. Sheer-jashub
9. Jesus	19. Beulah	29. Ichabod	39. Golgotha *	49. Kibroth-hataavah
10. Asher	20. Cephas	30. Didymus	40. Decapolis	50. Mahershalalhashbaz

**Write the number of the name beside the correct meaning**

Life	Praise	Weepers	Drawn out	Anointed (Gr.)
Hire	Saviour	Fruitful	Going out	Anointed (Hb.)
Harp	Adding	Dwelling	Ten cities	Field of blood
Twin	Cluster	Laughter	Watchtower	Let Baal plead
Skull	Hearing	No glory	Loved of God	Graves of lust
Stone	Judging	Preacher	Faces of God	Sons of thunder
Hairy	Trouble	Beginning	House of God	Son of my sorrow

Happy	Married	See a son	Well of oath	Father of multitude
Bitter	Witness	Wrestling	Repeat of law	Remnant shall return
Joined	Comfort	Confusion	Stone of help	Speed spoil, haste prey

## July Answers

1. Bezaleel—Uri	18. Phinehas—Eli (or Eleazar)	34. Lucifer—morning
2. Lot—Haran	19. Ishbosheth—Saul	35. James & John—Zebedee
3. Shechem—Hamor	20. Elihu—Barachel	36. Samson—Manoah
4. Laban—Bethuel	21. John—Zecharias	37. Zecharias—Barachias
5. Caleb—Jephunneh	22. Joshua—Jozadak	38. Simon—Jonas
6. Jonadab—Rechab	23. Bartimeus—Timeus	39. Tibni—Ginath
7. Jehoiada—Benaiah*	24. Saul—Kish	40. Zerubbabel—Shealtiel
8. David—Jesse	25. Othniel—Kenaz	41. Abner—Ner
9. Micaiah—Imla	26. Pashur—Immer	42. Jonah—Amittai
10. Joshua—Nun	27. Isaiah—Amoz	43. Ishmael—Nethaniah
11. Balak—Zippor	28. Methuselah—Enoch	44. Elisha—Shaphat
12. Bethuel—Nahor	29. James—Alpheus	45. Johanan—Kareah
13. Adonijah—Haggith (m)	30. Joab—Zeruiah (m)	46. Gedaliah—Ahikam
14. Eliakim—Hilkiah	31. Mephibosheth—Jonathan	47. Baruch—Neriah
15. Noah—Lamech	32. Jehu—Nimshi	48. Amasa—Jether
16. Balaam—Beor	33. Ahab—Omri	49. Pekah—Remaliah
17. Samuel—Elkanah		50. Jeroboam—Nebat

•Actually this is correct. There was such a pair, though not well known (1 Ch. 27:34). But what was really intended was the well-known Benaiah, son of Jehoiada. The names were transposed by error. Also, there were 2 mothers (Haggith & Zeruiah), not one.

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