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IN PEACE EAST

By RAYMOND A. WAUGH Midland, Texas

PART I

How quickly and how easily the wise men of the world forget!

Though God had promised Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2) and subsequently confirmed this promise to Isaac and Jacob, men of the world perhaps purposefully and hopefully forgot and forget. From that hour when Titus decimated the people of Israel and destroyed their land until 1948 Israel had been a non-nation from the world's perspective.

Zionism had become a force with which men had to contend in the 19th century, but not until 1948 had Israel become a state from the point of view of most leaders and people of the world. Even in the 1947 Edition of EN-CYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, "Israel" qualified only for a six-line entry, "the national designation of the Jews. The Hebrew name means 'God strives' or 'rules' . . . Jacob, the father of the 12 tribes.

as distinct from Judah, although the feeling of national unity extended it so as to include both"



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this hour, Israel has been an armed camp with almost endless skirmishes with surrounding na-It was borne by their ancestor, tions and a few full-fledged wars. The war of 1948 secured "most

For some centuries the term was of the Negev desert region." The applied to the northern kingdom, war of 1956 resulted in Israel's "conquest of the Sinai Peninsula" before it suspended operations. Before the cease-fire in 1967, "the Israelis had taken the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula . . the Old City of Jerusalem and the West Bank of the Jordan . . . and the Golan Heights overlooking Galilee

In the October war of 1973, "Israel turned the tide by capturing again most of the Golan Heights and breaking through the Egyptian lines to establish a bridgehead on the west bank of the canal . . .

THE SITUATION

Needless to say, the eyes of the world have been focused on the land of Israel and the Middle East in this area. Within this decade, "Shuttle Diplomacy" began to be the great news throughout the Then, a scandal-ridden earth. American Presidency brought such a humanistic device to a hurin the evident frailty of their kind



By MILBURN COCKRELL

Editor of The Baptist Examiner

What really happened to Pope

John Paul I? We were told by

the press when he was elected that

he was "in good health," yet he

died 33 days after his election.

The press then said he was in bad

health. The Italian news service,

ANSA, said the pope's body was

first discovered by Sister Vin-

MILBURN COCKRELL

cenza, but the Vatican reported his body was discovered by the pope's secretary, John Magee. was first reported that he died in (p. 730, Vol. 12). From then until ried end. Men, however, appeared Kempis' IMITATION OF CHRIST, not to comprehend the message then later it was said he had been reading personal writings. Why in the pursuit of peace which God did he die sitting in bed propped had sovereignly precluded for sev- up by a pillow, with his reading (Continued on page 3, column 1) lamp on and his eyes open?

Leaders of an influential Spanish political group in Madrid are calling for an autopsy of the body of Pope John Paul I and an investigation of the circumstances surrounding his death. The group is Fuerza Nueva (New Forces), a staunchly anti-Communist, pro-Franco Roman Catholic organization. Numerous Catholic groups in Europe have joined in the controversy.

Did The Communists

Murder Pope John Paul?

Vatican physicians made no autopsy but declared that Pope John Paul I died of a massive heart attack or stroke. Such a diagnosis is impossible without an autopsy since virtually everyone dies as a result of heart stoppage or stroke-like trauma. A papal decree issued in 1975 by Pope Paul VI prohibits autopsies on church leaders.

Some observers believe the odd state of the pope's body is indica. tive of someone who had received a fatal dose of the South American drug curare or other muscle relaxant which causes cessation of

all body functions. Franco Antico, the secretary-general of Civilta Christiana, an Italian conservative Catholic group, said that he had considered bringing charges of murder against the Curia, (the Vatican bureaucracy).

"We have concrete evidence to back our demands," he said, "but we can't release it at this time."

But legally there is no way that any Italian authority can charge anyone with murder in Vatican City, which is an independent state in a city, Rome, with a Communist mayor.

It is now coming to light that (Continued on page 5, column 4)

What About Equal Rights Amendment?

By G. RUSSELL EVANS Norfolk, Virginia

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

We are being bombarded with arguments for and against the socalled Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). It is confusing. Certainly most everyone today favors equality for women - under the law, in jobs and in life in general. But do we need a constitutional amendment - especially a vague one? And especially one which empowers our Washington admin- cluded the "7-year time limit" istration to control with more laws and more regulations?

D.-N.C.) calls ERA

ever, there's no law or court rul- win in representative institutions ing to prohibit rescinding ratification of a constitutional amendment. Congress wants only "yeses" -no more "noes." This was all done by a simple majority vote, whereas constitutional amendments require a two-thirds majority. Even the liberal press called this tampering with the constitution.

Many constitutional lawyers view this as a breach of contract because when terms are changed, the ratification process must start all over again. For example, 28 states which approved ERA inwithin their formal ratifications. These ratifications, therefore, are Former U. S. Senator Sam Ervin void after March 22, 1979.

Columnist George F. Will ex- trol of marriage, divorce, child discoveries — yea, grander than that has been the church's march plains: "The attempt to rig the custody and most every other facet the shining worlds which he bound in all ages of the Christian era: ratification of ERA, like ERA it- of family life. And the people push- together with bands invisible. self, is characteristic of a political ing ERA became suspect. Even Yes, the soul is superior to all the movement that is anemic and im- churches. patient and reckless, too weak to (Continued on page 5, column 5)

and unwilling to accept defeat."

Just after the extension, Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D.-Mass.) thrilled the National Organization for Women by crying "Phyllis Schlafly, where are you now?" The answer is: Getting ready to take legal action against this illegal extension.

In 1972 ERA breezed through Congress like some resolution to honor motherhood. Within a few months 30 states had okayed it; but then the ladies and others began finding out things. For example, there were already laws on the books which could do everything ERA could do, and more. to the federal government the con-

God . . . The Habitation Of Souls

J. H. MYERS

"Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort, for thou art my rock and my fortress" (Ps. 71:3).

creation. However profound its life of Jesus Christ to redeem one works written, or beautiful its pic- poor soul, and the life of Christ tures printed; however stately the cannot be estimated. structure erected, or life-like the er than them all. The soul of

to steam engines and electric telegraphs. The soul's worth has never been properly estimated. Jesus said, "If a man gain the whole world and lose his own soul, what would he give in exchange The soul is grander than all its for his soul?" It cost the precious

Some are careful to see that statutes chiseled, the soul is grand- they have a habitation for their bodies, - that is, a house for pro-Dante, or Shakespeare, or Milton tection from the weather; but was sublimer than all his poems. how infinitely more important to The soul of Angelo was nobler care for the soul! The soul of the than all his works. The soul of great apostle in his last moments Mozart was diviner than all his rejoiced to know that he had been ERA would shift from the states music. The soul of Newton was sheltered under the everlasting infinitely superior to his wonderful arms. Hear his ecstatic anthem "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith; henceforth modern inventions and discoveries there is laid up for me a crown to telescopes and microscopes, of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me in that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." "Here we have no commung city, but seek one to come." This is a very brief but significant prayer, "Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: for thou hast given commandment to save me, for thou art my rock and my forthings:

destructive piece of legislation to ever pass Congress.'

President Jimmy Carter calls ERA "important symbolically and substantively to the nation" and he and his family are lobbying hard.

President William P. Thompson of the National Council of Churches (NCC) calls ERA "a moral obligation which our God will not allow us to ignore."

Common sense calls you and me to find out for ourselves!

The Equal Rights Amendment is a very simply stated proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution so that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied . . . on account of sex." Section 2 empowers Congress "to enforce by appropriate legislation." The 1971 resolution which proposed ERA set a 7-year time limit for ratification with expiration date March 22, 1979.

25 Japlist A Sermon by J. B. Hawthorne 1

"Such a one as Paul the aged" (Phile. 9).

When Paul was an old man and a prisoner in Rome, Onesimus, a runaway slave, came to him where he dwelt in his "own hired house." He was the property of one of who lived in one of the cities of Greece. Under the instruction of

and treat him with true Christian kindness.

Being a divinely commissioned

verted slave, and entreats Phile- every human being that when he mon to receive him as a brother shall come near to the end of life tress." The passage implies two he may be "such a one as Paul the aged."

It would be unnatural for us to apostle and the spiritual father of covet the temporal circumstances Philemon, Paul might have assert- and conditions under which the a place to dwell, for here we have Paul's converts, named Philemon, ed his authority in this matter. apostle spent the closing years of no permanent abode. But he says, "Being such a one as his life. He was the victim of a Paul the aged and a prisoner of malicious and cruel persecution. It requires protection from But when the game was being Paul, Onesimus became a Chris- Christ, for love's sake I beseech The Jews had caused his arrest the scorching of the sun, from the lost — three states short of rati- tian. Soon after his conversion he thee." In these words he mani- and trial before a provincial Rom- fury of the storm, and from the fication - Congress changed the was sent home with a letter ad- fests the serenity of mind and the an governor. From that Roman assaults of the enemy. Away from rules, allowing 39 more months dressed by Paul to his master. In qualities of heart which should governor he appealed his case to God it is exposed to every form and prohibiting any state from re- this letter Paul expresses great characterize every man when he Caesar, and was subsequently sent of temptation and sin - to all the scinding its former approval. How- affection and anxiety for the con- is old. It should be the desire of (Continued on page 2, column 1) (Continued on page 6, column 1)

A SENSE OF THE SOUL'S NEEDS

The soul needs a habitation -

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Due to phone calls, letters, and personal inquiries, the editor feels he must make a statement concerning the article which appeared in TBE on Oct. 21. The editor did not concur with the views of Elder Joe Wilson on Ephesians 2:3 and John 3:36, nor with some other ideas which he expressed. I did feel that Bro. Wilson had the right to present his views that all concerned might know exactly where he stood. The careful reader would have observed that the other side was presented in the same issue by C. H. Spurgeon.

understand the Bible to Bible to teach that all men (even the elect) are by nature the children of wrath. Jesus Christ died that His people might be 'saved from wrath through Him" (Rom. 5:9). Without the death of Christ even the elect would have continued in that How could Christ awful state. save the elect from wrath if they were never objects of wrath? I do not believe that Romans 5:9 means God saved us from a wrathful disposition, as I have known many elect who often let the sun go down upon their wrath. Unless the elect were deserving of wrath and delivered by Christ Romans 5:9 does not mean what it says.

patience, hopefulness, joy and usefulness

We have seen so much disquie-MILBURN COCKRELL Editor tude and unhappiness in old age Editorial Department, located in that we sometimes dread it. When

opher describing his condition as "very miserable"; when we see old John Milton blind, poor and isolated from the world; when we see the venerable Wordsworth sad and misantropic, and no longer conscious of the joy and glory of which he had sung in his prime, we shrink back from our whitening locks and drop into a melancholy mood as we realize that we are regarded by the people about us as old men. The child longs and welcomes his boyhood for the boy his youth and the youth his manhood, but how very few in their prime long for old age.

This dread of old age is unreasonable, ignoble, unmanly and displeasing to God. If old age be what it ought to be, it is the best of all the ages, and should be so considered., If life be good as bud and blossom, in its greenness and in the days when it is ripening, there is no reason why it should not be good when it is fully ripe and waiting to be gathered. When we have fallowed the ground of our fields and sowed the seed why should we mourn when the harvest comes? If it be a misfortune to grow old it is a misfortune to be born: it is a misfortune to be a child; it is misfortune to be a youth; it is a misfortune to be a young man; it is a misfortune to come to what we call "the prime of life."

Old age is the harvest to which we have looked forward from our



J. B. HAWTHORNE

childhood. It is the consummation of our work; it is the period reward for all our toils and struggles. If childhood, youth, young manhood and middle age are spent as they ought to be, old age must inevitably be the richest and happiest period of life. But if in the periods which precede the closing years of your earthly career you have been selfish, sordid, grasping, harsh, vindictive, quarrelsome, despotic, Christless and faithless, old age will find you restless, suspicious, resentful, crabbed, pessimistic, misanthropic and without hope for the future. Unbelief will gather a curtain of thick cloud about you that will shut out the shining heavens and veil all things in mist and dark

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sentence by sentence, page by page, a book. Every line in it is divinely stereotyped, and, whether it be good or bad, it is indestructible, and I must face it forever.

A man who had passed through long and almost fatal sickness, said, that while he was unconscious of all that went on about him, the events of his past life passed before him like a succession of pictures in a moving panorama. Things that he had long forgotten-things that were buried down deep in the past - came up again, one by one, and were a part of himself. That was but a dim intimation of what we have all been led to suspect from our own experience — that nothing in our lives is lost. All things are laid away, and everything in its own place. Our thoughts and deeds and words make the pages of a book which God will compel us to read in old age and in the eternal years beyond.

Every man writes his biography. It may be like that of George the Fourth of England, in which there is not a line that the world would not gladly forget, or like that of the humble cobbler, John Ponds, who lured with little gifts the poorest children in Plymouth to his small shanty, that he might teach them to read and show them the way of life and salvation.

I suppose that all of you are more or less familiar with the career of James Watt, the inventor of the steam engine. His life opened into sickness, and such heavy depression of heart and mind that when he was thirty-four he said, "The happiest place for me is the silent mansion of the grave." Friends who heard these misanthropic words predicted that, if he should live to be seventy, he would be the most miserable of old men. But they were false prophets. That wail of unrest was the last he ever uttered. Soon afterwards, he had a vision of God and his government. He realized the fact that he was under divine discipline, and he saw the possibilities of his life.

In his eighty-second year, Sir Walter Scott met him in a select company at an evening reception. He said: "I wonder at his cheerful presence. He was at home with everybody about him. He talked with the keenest interest to every person in that gathering of intel-lectual men." Lord Jeffrey, who met him about the same period, said: "I never saw him when he poet, who passed a day with him when he was nearly eighty-three, said: "It was one of the most amusing and instructive days of my whole life." Another writer says: "I was thrown with him when he was a very old man, and was amazed at his vivacity, sweettrying to help everybody. I heard him telling a Swedish artist how to make the best brushes for painting. I saw him teaching a lady Jew's harp. He was an inexhaustible fountain of interest and in-What I am today is the sum of struction to all who came to him. letter by letter, word by word, It is not difficult to determine

what made this vast alteration between James Watt at thirty-four and James Watt at eighty-three. Between these periods there came a new purpose and a new power into his life. It was the power of faith in God and the purpose to do unselfishly and to the best of his ability the work which God had qualified him to do. In inventing and perfecting the steam engine it was his purpose to please God and to help humanity. He felt that God was glorified by the application of steam to machinery and that humanity was blessed by the lifting away of one of its burdens. His was a divine work, because it was done for a divine purpose, and it brought a divine reward. Working through sickness, depression and pain, he came, at last, to a noble and restful old age and realized the fulfillment of the divine promise: "At evening tide it shall be light."

Duty well done for its own sake, for God's sake and for humanity's sake, is the sure preparation for a good old age. When a man works only for himself he gets neither rest here nor reward hereafter. When I work and live for myself, only exhaust myself; but when work for others, wisely and well, work for God; and for such work get that "bread which cometh

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McDermott, Ohio

down from heaven." To be sure of a good old age I have only to be unselfish, live purely and benevolently, and trust in the unfailing promises of God.

But what shall I say to those who have already come to a good old age? Is all their work done? Can they do nothing more to please God and bless the world? It seems to me that such men are at their best, and are more capable of making contributions to God and their fellow-men than they were at any previous period of their lives. An old Greek philospher said that "after sixty a man is not worth much." But his saying is contradicted by the conduct and achievements of millions of men after they had passed their three score years and ten. If you have come to a good old age with a mind still vigorous and a physical organism not seriously im-

The Johnstown Baptist Church near Ironton, Ohio, and Pastor Woodrow Walls, Jr., will conduct revival services Nov. 6-12. Services are nightly at 7:30 p.m. with Bro. Jim Orrick as the speaker.

Elder Dan Stepp has resigned as pastor of the New Testament Baptist Church, 2211 C. R. 38, Goshen, Ind., and is available for work wherever the Lord may lead. His address is R.R. 2 Box 113, Milford, Ind. 46542.

Any elder interested in becoming the pastor of the church near Goshen should contact O. K. Sevy by calling 219-862-2650, or Wally Stepp at 219-632-3810.

The New Testament Baptist Church of Bristol, Tenn., and Pastor Dan Phillips will conduct services Nov. 12-17. Bro. Cecil Lawrence of Oakdale, La., will be the visiting speaker. The pastor and church invite all within driving distance to attend these services.

paired, continue to work as you have done, and you will find your work more skillful and more productive than at any former period of your life. The influence of an old man for good, if he has lived well, is vastly stronger than it was at middle age. His utterance of truth, illustrated by his long life of moral integrity, are, by far, more impressive, potential and fruitful than those which fall from the lips of younger men.

But if in your good old age your eyes are dim, your feet heavy, your hands tremulous and palsied, and your voice feeble and faltering, quietly and meekly recognize the truth of what your friends are wont to say to you — that your active days are over. Recognize the voice of your divine Master saying, "Sit down, my faithful servant, and wait until it is time to go hence. You have wrought long enough; be quiet and rest."

I am confident that even in such inactivity there is blessedness. When the time comes at which I shall not have to watch like wild beasts my passions and appetites, and shall be almost as free from them as the angels of God, I shall indulge in no miserere but in the gladdest of the hallelujah songs. Was Paul unhappy when he said, 'The outward man perishes, but the inward man is renewed day by day"? No! As he felt his old tabernacle of flesh giving way and ready to fall, he was joyful over the prospect of "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

If you have come to a good old age you have a thousand reasons for being an optimist, and the gospel of optimism, from the lips of an old man, is the sweetest gospel that any mortal can preach. Every old man who has lived out of harmony with God and worked only for the accomplishment of selfish purposes is pessimistic. He will tell you that everything is go-(Continued on page 4, column 3)

Bro. Wilson holds to an extreme position, a position that he admits he has not always held before. To my knowledge such a position has never been held but by a few Baptists.

anora (alone) A Fruitful Old Age

(Continued from page one) to Rome. There he was permitted to abide as a prisoner in his "own hired house," but was chained to and guarded every hour by a Roman soldier. Afterwards he was immured in a filthy dungeon, where he remained till the day of his execution. These were conditions which no one is expected to wish for himself in the sequel of his life. But it ought to be the ardent desire of every man, that when his head is hoary with age he may be such a man "as Paul

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It is an incontrovertible proposition that old age, whether it be beautiful or hideous, pure or corrupt, happy or miserable, is the result and harvest of the life that has preceded it. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also man soweth that shall he also was more animated, instructive reap." If you spend youth, young and delightful." Campbell, the manhood and prime in sowing and cultivating truth and virtue in the evening of your life you will as surely be "such an one as Paul the aged" as that God has decreed that "he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life ever-lasting." But if you are selfish and self-seeking, hard to man, ness of temper and persistence in base to woman, object to power, haughty to weakness, earthly, sensual and devilish, old age will find you a hideous mass of moral corruption and deformity, a decay- how to cure a smoking chimney. ing rotting, stinking carcass, upon At another time I saw him teachwhich God's vultures will be im- ing a child how to play on the patient to descend and execute his righteous judgment.

what I have been for seventy He seemed to be distressed only back to the first year of my mortal when somebody insisted on reaccountability. I have, through all minding him of what a mighty these years, been getting together, work he had done in his lifetime."

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Peace In Middle East

(Continued from page one) eral thousand years.

While human frailty was yet much in evidence, the "Shuttle Diplomacy" was exchanged for human dramatics. Although not all were ready to agree, a czar of the news media of our day appeared to accept the accolades of many for the historic meeting in the land of Israel of a son of Esau and a son of Jacob. There was a supposed move of friendship and brotherhood across impregnable national barriers which God had earlier and sovereignly raised beween Ishmael and Isaac and Esau and Jacob.

The effort was doomed before it ever began. It was doomed by the evident intransigence of both. It was an intransigence which had been predetermined by Him who Would cry one day that He "came not to send peace but a sword" (Matt. 10:34). It was He who had promised the animosity between Ishmael and Isaac and between Esau and Jacob.

As might be expected, there has been a further pursuit of peace in the Middle East by men who neither believe the infallible and inerrant Word of God nor bow humbly before the crucified, buried, and resurrected Son of God. This time, the attention of the world has been directed once again to that supposed seeking for Deace by a "son" of Israel and Esau, and by a "son" of Israel and Esau, and by a "son" of Isaac and Jacob. Yet, before these joined America's President in the quietness and isolation of a sophisticated and humanly secure wilderness area, the "son" of Ishmael and Esau had dropped his overtones of promised military treat and the "son" of Isaac and Jacob had reasserted his promised intransigence.

In the midst of technological wonders and communicative capabilities, though apparently ignorant of the Word of God, men of earth ever, there is a sovereign preappeared to wait with bated breaths the outcome of that which Was taking place in the security of power" devices, "Shuttle Diplo-and secrecy of Camp David. An macy," "dramatic sectarian and Arab, an Israeli, and an American national breakthroughs," or "secone supposedly loyal to Allah, one supposedly loyal to the God of Abraham and Moses, and one ^{Supposedly} loyal to Christ, the Son of God - basked in the wonder of the world's supposition that peace in the Middle East rested the days of Esau and Jacob. in their hands. And with peace in the Middle East presumably crucial to the peace of the world, and eventually accepted the world's accolades of praise as 'peace makers.' of Begin, Sadat, and Carter, or Sadat, Carter, and Begin, or Carter, Begin, and Sadat, respectivepeoples.

The assumption on the part of potent, powerful, presumptive men of earth that they can accomplish good in their secret counsels is a piteous delusion; an evidence of their allegiance to Satan who "is the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4). It would seem that such delusion was and is spawned by him who declared from the beginning, "Yea, hath God said" (Gen. 3:1), to whom God refers as "The prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). For God, the principle in the beginning, then, and now is intact, "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; the time that it was, there am I" (Isa. 48:16). And the God of whom we speak is "the same yesterday, and today, and

forever" (Heb. 13:8). The eyes of the people of earth have been on Camp David via technological marvels known only recently in this historical era. The ears of men have been attuned to await the issues from Camp David as though they were oracles from the very realms of Heaven. Yet, being in secret, the very basis of their dark counsel was fatally flawed from the moment when the idea for the conference or summit was born!

Such a flaw has ensured failure!

That is, peace in the Middle East cannot be the result of the counsel which is pursued in secret by men whose diversity historically, culturally, nationally, and religiously precludes unity. This, of course, has been true across the centuries as "evil men and seducers have waxed worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13). Though men may have boasted among themselves of their capability of a how to effect the means or methods of a lasting peace-some promisng "twenty-five years of peace" and others "peace in our lifetime" -God, in His soverignty, has been able to promise "wars and rumors of Ishmael and Esau journeyed to thee. Again we see our depend-of wars" (Matt. 24:6) among men (Continued on page 4, column 4) ence on God's providence to carry who quail in deluded loyalty be-"the god of this world," fore while sometimes supposing them-selves to be serving Almighty God.

As noted by God Himself through the testimony of the ancient prophet, these "darken counsel by words without knowledge" (Job 38:2). It was such as this which issued in the tragedy of world sacrifice of rivers of human blood to no profit. Only more "wars and rumors of wars!"

Tragically, men across the cen-turies have betrayed themselves and realized it not as they have indulged almost endlessly in a piteous duplicity which has necessitated secrecy. Their efforts have not been dissimilar from those religious conspirators who betrayed the Lord of Glory to the cross to their own eternal loss.

THE FAST

Apart from all of this, howscription of peace in the Middle East, whether sought by "balance as Camp David summits" ret Historically and Biblically, the lines of separation and the barriers to peace in the Middle East have been drawn since the days of Ishmael and Isaac and since We may recall that Abraham was grieved when his wife Sarah said concerning Ishmael and his these quite obviously gloried in mother, "Cast out this bondwoman their importance and both sought and her son . . ." (Gen. 21:10). God, however, advised Abraham, "Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the land, and because The eyes of the world have been of thy bondwoman; in all that upon the Camp David. The names Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Gen. 21:12). Even therein, God was omnisciently, may have been upon the lips ly and sovereignly specifying the of earth's peoples. Yet, the prin- animosity which would persist ciple of God, "In secret have I across the centuries. Said nothing" (John 18:20), to The threats and counter-threats which the Lord Jesus Christ, the and the intransigence on the part The threats and counter-threats Lord of Glory, and the only Prince of the "son" of Ishmael and Esau of Peace, wholly committed Him- and the "son" of Isaac and Jacob, self, apparently, was and is un- in the midst of their facade of known to the participants in the searching for peace, are simply Camp David Peace Summit Meet- evidence of that continuing aniing and to very few of earth's mosity. In the early era of Israeli and Arab relationship, God informs

It was Job's faith in Christ that made him rich, not his sheep and cattle.



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Phil. 2:22-26.

As we continue to view these three dedicated men, we should be corrected and motivated, for God not only tells us the truth but shows us the truth by example.

VERSE 22

"But." Praise the Lord for the exception to Verse 21. Therefore churches which are seeking pastors should look for these exceptions.

"Ye know the proof of him." First hand knowledge is the best knowledge there is and the Philippian saints had seen Timothy close up and had watched him walk and work. They had observed his attitude toward the Word of God and toward the Apostle Paul and other saints. Therefore they had the clear cut evidence. Regardless of what anyone else said or did not say, they knew.

"That, as a son with the father." How well this speaks of Timothy's

us, "And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him; and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand, then will I slay my brother Jacob" (Gen. 27:41).

In a later moment in the lives of the sons of Isaac, "Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him and fell on his neck, and kissed him, and they wept" (Gen. 33:4). In our day, we, perhaps have seen hastens to say he believed it was a very similar meeting as a "son"

humility and lowliness. He looked us from one place to another. to Paul and had respect unto him. "That I also myself shall come He didn't worship Paul, but he shortly." There is nothing wrong, weigh heavy on the older men and the younger men.

"He hath served with me in the gospel." The ministry is more than preaching a few sermons. It is hard work if done right, but a good work (I Tim. 3:1). Are we serving with others in the gospel?

VERSE 23

"Him therefore I hope to send presently." Paul was very careful as to his traveling companion (Acts 15:38) and concerning those This he recommends to others. also is something that needs to be considered by preachers today. Churches have been hindered greatly by novices and unqualified men.

"So soon as I shall see how it will go with me." Paul had been assured he was to continue on this earth for a while (1:25), although. he did not know of all the details of his life. God doesn't always see fit to show us every detail, therefore we are to go step by step.

VERSE 24

"But I trust in the Lord." Less he should sound discouraged, he God's will for him to also come

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did listen to him and followed him when in adversities to look forin the Lord. Sometimes young ward to our deliverance and furpreachers fail to heed the mature ther use in the service of God, advice of older preachers and go as long as we desire God's glory out on their own. Usually they in it. Also because Paul wanted pay the price. This is true both to personally visit the Philippians in the physical realm as well as doesn't mean Paul was worried the spiritual realm. This should about Timothy not being able to help, but he knew in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word shall be established, and probably he knew there was more work than one man could do. Timothy's work and Paul's would merely compliment each other as they were of like faith.

VERSE 25

"Yet." Although Paul was confident of his own future visit, he

knew there was a present need. "I suppose it necessary." Therefore to meet this need, he felt it necessary to rely on the means at his disposal.

"To send to you Epaphroditus." Epaphroditus had been used of God to help the Apostle Paul, having been brought to him in God's providence; now Paul saw a need to send him back. Sometimes churches fail to see their minister can be used to help others as well as themselves. No preacher wants to neglect the flock over the which he has been made the overseer, and yet in God's providence he can be spared to help others and should be freed to do this.

"My brother." Another use of this expression to show the closeness of the ministers of God as well as all the saints.

"And companion in labor." To have a brother who will not only travel with you when its easy, but when it is difficult and when work

is required is a great blessing. "And fellowsoldier." To stand up and be counted when the battle is raging is the mark of a good soldier. I think of the apostles who would not be intimidated by the threats of the enemy (Acts) 4:17-21; 5:17-21,29).

"But your messenger." He had been sent from the church to carry an offering to the Apostle Paul and it would seem it had been a very difficult journey and along with other things, it had taken its toll physically.

"And he that ministered to my wants." A good minister knows what to do and how to do it. He carries the oil and wine with him and applies it wisely. He knows how to care for the needy. Paul's wants would be our needs, for he The Biblical World-Pfeiffer 12.95 being spiritual only wanted what was needful.

VERSE 26

"For he longed after you all." A minister may be separated from 12.95 the church in God's providence, ie is always nere in the spirit and in prayer. His eyes are ever toward the church and his ears are open to hear a good report concerning them.

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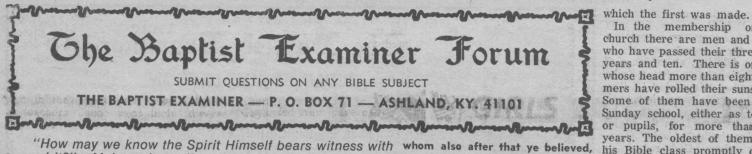
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"And was full of heaviness." He was burdened and heavy hearted because of the present distress. He was torn between a desire to minister to Paul's wants and knowing the church needed attention, and then knowing that the church had heard he had been sick and were not sure of his condition.

"Because that ye had heard that he had been sick." This would 8.95 be discouraging news to the church since they no doubt were looking for a speedy return of Epaphraditus. However again we see that being a Christian does not exempt one from sickness, suffering, or even death. As there is much misunderstanding on this point, we will deal with it again in our next lesson.

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The more others are untrue, the more God needs loyalty in us.



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This is a different question to answer. One cannot describe in words what we know or feel inside. One thing we can know and that is if we are led to do something contrary to the Scripture, then it is not the Spirit of God. Many people try to say that the Spirit leads them to do something that is not scriptural. For instance, I have heard women say they were called of God or led by the Spirit to preach. No, they were not led of the Holy Spirit because He does not lead contrary to the Word of God. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). Some claim that the Spirit saves them through a vision instead of the Word. He does not, ". . . it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). God the Spirit does not lead contrary to His Word.

The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God (Rom. 8:16). We who care nothing about God and punishment suddenly know that we are saved and a child of God. How do we know? Because the Spirit reveals it to our spirit.



It is my thinking that we can know this by our hating the things we once loved. And by our being conscious of the warfare that goes on in a Christian's life. When we get to where Paul was in Roman 7 we can know that the Spirit Himself is bearing witness with our spirit. Have you ever been in Paul's shoes when he said

in Roman 7:15, "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would that I do not; but what I hate, that I do?" The word "allow" comes from GINOSKO which means to know. So Paul was saying that what I do I know not. This word can also be translated to understand. Have you ever done something, and then say I just don't understand why I did If you have, that means that? the Spirit Himself was bearing witness with your spirit.

Have you ever come to see that you are not able to do the things you would do, and then find yourself in Paul's condition when he said in Roman 7:24, "O wretched man that I am?" If you have, the Spirit Himself was bearing witness with your spirit. It is a miserable feeling when we come to see that the things we would not do are the very things we do.



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"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16). In this text the fact is stated, and although a believer may not be able to convince another person of this fact, his own experience leaves no doubt in his mind as to its authenticity. From Romans 8:15 we learn that the Holy Spirit

"the Spirit of adoption." It is this selfsame Spirit which dwells in the believer's heart, by which he knows he is an adopted son of God. The Spirit bears witness to the believer's spirit of this great truth, and the believer's spirit in concurrence cries out, "Father, Father" (Gal. 4:6). The Spirit witnesses to the elect of God through the gospel, but until the time appointed of the Lord for the elect to experience regeneration the witness falls on faculties which are in rebellion against it. But at the time appointed of the Lord, the sovereign Spirit breaks down that rebellion, then communion between the spirit of the believer and the Holy Spirit is established.

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in

ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13). This sealing is the witness of the Holy Spirit, wherein the redeemed person knows that the sin question and the sonship question is eternally settled for him by Christ. It is the witness of the Holy Spirit which leads the saved person to see the need of Baptist baptism, and that the Lord's Supper is a local church ordinance. These truths are major steps in the believer's sanctification. The witness of the Holy Spirit is received with joy by the truth seeking spirit of the redeemed.

"O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord . . . (Ps. 16:2). The witness of the Spirit brings concord between the spirit of the born-again person seeking to honor God, and the Word of God. Let it be understood that the witness of the Spirit is in perfect accord with the Bible, never against it, or beyond it. The evil spirit will come and say, "Lo, here is Christ, or there. Believe it not" (Matt. 24:23). The evil spirit cannot witness, except contrary to the Word of God. The Holy Spirit will never witness contrary to the Word of God. The evil spirit in his witness magnifies the flesh, the Holy Spirit effaces Himself, and exalts Christ. The believer's spirit should never agree with any spirit that in any measure bedims the glory of God.

(and located) A Fruitful Old Age

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ing wrong and getting worse and worse. He will tell you that the children of today are not what their fathers and grandfathers were in childhood, he will tell you that politicians are not half so wise or half so honest as they were fifty years ago; he will tell you that the churches of today are dead and worthless in comparison with those to which our grandfathers belonged; he will tell you that spiritually, intellectually and materially the world is sinking into a condition of abject poverty. My brother, if you are old and find that you are inclined to such gloominess, you may know that the devil is still tempting you. Such pessimism is the gospel of Satan's kingdom. If you want to have a restful and joyful old age seize the prophecies and promises of God, in reference to the future of this world, and look hopefully into the vista of coming ages. The former times were not better than these; the Lord God has not been working in vain among the children of men. This twentieth century, with its open Bible, its re-

In the membership of this church there are men and women who have passed their three score years and ten. There is one over whose head more than eighty summers have rolled their suns away. Some of them have been in the Sunday school, either as teachers or pupils, for more than sixty The oldest of them meets years. his Bible class promptly on Sunday morning, and is, perhaps, the most punctual teacher in our school. These venerable men and women have come to a good old They are meek, gentle, afage. fectionate, forgiving, cheerful, hopeful, and still "abounding in the

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work of the Lord." When they depart from us we shall be poorer, but heaven will be richer.

"Such an one as Paul the aged." What was he? Let him speak for himself, as he stands facing death and eternity: "I am now ready to be offered up, and the time of my departure is at hand! I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith; I have finished my course; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." My daily prayer for every member of this church and congregation is, that he may become "such an one as Paul the aged."

Peace In Middle East

Continued from page three) to the land of Israel at the invitation of a "son" of Isaac and Jacob. And for the first time in almost 4000 1000 years, "Esau" embraced 'Jacob" and "Jacob" embraced "Esau."

Those without knowledge of the Word of God doubtless have wished that such would be the beginning of people in the Middle East. Almost as the embrace was released, however, the hatred of "Esau" became evident, even as the intransigence of "Jacob." The animosities crystalized anew in renewed national and religious ligious toleration, its countless barrier. But false hopes were Christian sanctuaries, its vast sys- raised anew by "the god of this tems of education, and its splendid world," "The prince of the power

leaders and other men of our time still pursue. These apparently know nothing of the sovereign intents, purposes, and plans of God. They seek peace in the Middle East without ever comprehending that presumptive men must fall in every such effort. As Esau and Jacob went their diverse ways almost 4000 years ago, so the son of Esau, Sadat, and his Arab peoples, and the son of Jacob, Begin, and his Israeli peoples, must go their separate ways today.

Momentary embraces may make presumably lasting impressions on the world. But leaders and peoples who"darken counsel by words without knowledge" simply aggravate the intransigence and threats and counter-threats while supposing they are pursuing peace. The truth is, the intransigence and threats and counter-threats are the only lasting issues of an animosity which was determined by God who has said and yet says, "Jacob have I loved but Esau have I hated" (Rom. 9:13).

THE PROSPECTS Peace in the Middle East?

It is a phantom of satanic design which men pursue in their ignorance of the Word of God and to their own eternal loss. It is a phantom which identifies those whose minds have been blinded by "the God of this world."

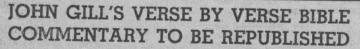
Thus, it is no marvel that both the son of Esau and the son of Jacob and their respective followers adamantly oppose any consideration of Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Neither should we marvel at the one who joins them as a "partner" in their unscriptural pursuit of a phantom peace. God clearly assures us that "the prince of the power of the air" is "the spirit which now works in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). What, then, does the future hold

for the Middle East? Peace and prosperity?

Or intransigence, threats, and war?

Were we limited to the devices and counseling of men, confusion and uncertainty would be our only options. On the one hand, men proclaim an optimism based on human good will and the supposed human desire for peace. On the other hand, men proclaim a dire pessimism based on human hatred and the assumption that one side or the other is the ultimate of evil. Unfortunately, both sides "darken counsel by words without knowledge."

Thankfully, above and beyond the counseling of men, there is the counsel of God. In His sovereignty, He predestined - marked out beforehand, Eph. 1:11 - the future of Esau and Jacob. In His Word, He explains that before they were born, "I loved Jacob . . . and hated Esau" (Mal. 1:2-3). To the one, there was the sovereign prom-"I am the Lord God of Abraise, ham thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the West, and to the East, and to the North, and to the South; and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (G 13-14). Yet for the other, there was the word, "I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his herit age waste for the dragons of the Today, that peace in the Middle wilderness . . . They shall build,



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The man is stupidly ignorant who tells you that the world is not steadily advancing in material, intellectual and spiritual wealth. He who tells you that the kingdoms of this world will not become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ, and that the whole creation is not moving toward that one far off, divine event, should be counted among infidels.

It is one of the best blessings of a good old age that it believes in a good new age which it has helped to bring in; that it can see the happy transformations which divine love and power have wrought in the condition of men and nations; that it sees which way God is moving and is steadily moving with Him. Let us then grow old cheerily. The best will be the last of life - that part for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER **NOVEMBER 11, 1978** PAGE FOUR

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"BE TRUE TO CHRIST"

hot cocoa.

Midge Austin twisted a strand of hair around her index finger and frowned. Her science book lay on the table before her and Karen Michaels had come over to help her study for a test. She turned to Karen and sighed.

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'This is going to be the hardest test we've had yet."

"I wish," Karen giggled, "Mr. Brewster would give us an openbook test on this particular chapter. I have trouble keeping my meteorides and meteorites straight." Midge admitted that she had the same problem as she got up to fix them some cocoa. Karen followed her to the kitchen and propped herself on a stool near the stove.

"What was it," she asked, "that you started to tell me today after class?'

"I wasn't going to say anything about it," Midge began, "but I need some advice before we take that test tomorrow." Stirring the milk as it warmed in the pan, Midge told Karen about an incident that took place during the last Science test. "Craig Wilson sits on the other side of me in class, you know," she explained. "I'm almost sure he was trying to copy from me during that last test. Karen, and I didn't know what to do. He kept winking at me and smiling during the whole ing sound as she wrote her anexam and one particular time I saw him look over my shoulder."

Karen knew Craig Wilson's reputation at Central High. One of the school's best football players, tall, blond Craig thought that everyone should bow at his feet. Some of the girls even made remarks that they would do anything to get a date with Craig, Karen remembered. She herself had once been approached by him before a difficult geometry exam and had refused to let him copy from her "He was furious," Midge an-paper. Since that time he had swered the question in Karen's been rather distant, but Karen knew too well that he had been er. "I tried to tell him that I cheating and that he had even I was a Christian and didn't betalked some of her girlfriends into lieve cheating was right, but he letting him do so. She turned to Midge and reached for a cup of think he'll hate me?"

"Craig is popular, Midge," she began. "He knows that many girls will let him cheat and then he 'rewards' them later by taking them on a date. Isn't it sad?" "I knew he was popular, Karen, and I guess he thought I should

be crazy enough about him to let him copy my test," she smiled "The problem now is to sadly. avoid it during the Science test tomorrow."

The girls discussed a possible solution and turned their attention back to their books. It was nearly 9:30 when Midge and her father drove Karen home that night. She promised Midge that she would help her pray about the Science test, and they both agreed to pray especially for Craig Wilson.

The following day Midge was standing near the water fountain talking to Craig when Karen passed them on her way to Mr. Brewster's classroom. She sneaked a glance at the football player when he slid into his seat two aisles over. A scowl masked his usually handsome face as he hurriedly flipped through his classnotes. The bell rang as Midge took her seat and raised her eyebrows at Karen.

The test was hard. Karen chewed the tip of her pencil eraser and struggled with meteorites. Midge's pencil made a soft scratchswers, and Craig wadded up his third piece of paper and began again. Karen's soft heart went out to him. She knew what it was like to have trouble with tests, but she also knew that cheating was not the answer for a child of God. Closing her eyes for a moment, she asked the Lord to help her with the test and also prayed for Craig's salvation. Karen had just finished the last question when the bell rang.

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"Whether Craig hates you or dark days and even darker nights olics are joining hands to work tonot," Karen smiled, "you did the are ahead for the sons of Jacob. right thing. He got real mad at me when I refused to let him copy a geometry exam, but I think he respects us for taking a stand. We have to live with our own conscience, Midge."

"You're right," Midge agreed, "and I hope the Lord will let us witness to Craig sometime. I might get my brother to ask him to young peoples' meeting this week. They play football together, you know

READERS: Allowing someone to cheat is just as wrong as cheating yourself. The Bible says in Hebrews 13:16: "Pray for us: for we trust we have a good consci-ence, in all things willing to live honestly." Set an example for your classmates . . . no matter how popular they are.



Peace In Middle East

'Continued from page four) but I will throw down, and they shall call them, the border of wickedness, and, the people against whom the Lord hath indignation forever" (Mal. 1:3-4). Climactically, God goes on to promise Jacob, "And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The Lord will be magnified from the border of Israel" (Mal. 1:5).

Though there is hope for Jacob and his seed, there are dark days

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ahead. Men who darken their counsel "by words without knowledge" shall stand with the sons of Esau, even the Arabs. Arab lands today consist of millions of square miles. Israel, at this point in time, is but a sliver of land. Paradoxically, those who "darken counsel by words without knowledge" are so impoverished intellectually that they conspire to divest the sons of Jacob of portions of those areas of the Middle East which they now occupy. Some of the radical, of course, suggest that Israel be ousted from the land. Both, as may be expected, are simply forerunners of those violent followers of the Antichrist who will move to destroy

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Pope John Paul I was a staunch anti-Communist. This is especially proven by the absence of the Communists at his funeral, yet representatives of several Communist countries were present at the funeral of Pope Paul VI. There is good reason to believe the Communists murdered Pope John Paul I for his anti-Communism.

A Catholic-Marxist alliance is now being pursued by the Vatican based on its assessment that free governments are retreating, Western society is collapsing, and the future will belong to the Communists. Rather than resisting this trend, the decision has been made to ride with it, to accommodate, and to survive. The convergence of Catholicism and Communism is not as far-fetched as some have imagined.

In May of 1963, the TRUTH SEEKER, a strongly anti-Communist free-thought periodical, carried a letter to the editor which bears strongly on the convergence of the two systems: "By far the most progress the Communist party is making today is being made through the churches. I expect to see a complete convergence of the Catholic Church and the Party within the next 50 years. The shadow of this is clearly foreshown in Poland. Perhaps you have heard of Pax? This is a Catholic lay organization run by Communist priests . . . tolerated by both the Party and the Church . . . You may yet live to see the day when the dictatorship of the proletariat will be proclaimed by the Pope!"

Roman Catholic theologian Malachi Martin in his book (released early this year, THE FINAL CON-CLAVE), warned that a powerful faction in the Roman Catholic Church favored the election of a new Pope who would collaborate with the Communist leaders of Eastern Europe. The VATICAN MOSCO ALLIANCE by Manhattan also warns of a merger between the Communists and the Catholics. On October 16 Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the archbishop of Krakow, Poland, was chosen to succeed John Paul I. The new Pope is 58 years old, the youngest since 54-year-old Pius IX was elected in 1846 to begin a 32-year reign. He is the church's first non-Italian pontiff in 455 years. He has chosen the name of John Paul II.

The new Pope stressed he will try to promote ecumenism further and said he would take a stand in political controversies only "for religious and moral purposes." Protestant sources say he is among the most ecumenically minded of Poland's leading Catholics.

John Paul II is from Communist Poland. He goes to Rome to be surrounded by Communists, with a Communist-led municipal administration and Italy's ruling dependent on the support of the ters and lodging places; and raises Italian Communist party for the parliamentary majority necessary to govern. The Communist-line Rome newspaper PAESE SERA commented that the election of a Polish pope "broke the umbilical cord" between the Vatican and the Italian government. The new Pope was congratulated by Leonid Brezhnev, dictator of Communist Russia. Why did the Kremlin boss congratulate the new Pope? Has he ever been known to do this before? In 1962, Pope John XXIII convoked the Second Vatican Council, embarking the Catholic church on a vast ecumenical journey still continuing today. John XXIII developed a new approach to Communism, particularly Soviet-style Communism. Accommodat i on s were reached with various Communist governments resulting in between the ease relations" Charles C. Ryrie _____ 1.25 Needless to say, the political church and the Bolsheviks. It was called "Ostpolitik." The sudden J. Tanis ______ 1.00 earth's nations and the attitudes death of John Paul I before he had of earth's leaders today preclude a chance to articulate his views on Israel coming into its inheritance. Ostpolitik is very significant, Griffith Thomas _____ 1.25 This, too, is known of God and especially since his successor is

gether. They have much in common. Both seek to dominate the world with their philosophy. Both have killed millions who opposed them. Both systems are totally Satanic.

The world scene is being set for the rise of the two beasts in Revelation 13. The first beast, the Antichrist (Rev. 13:1-10), rules the political world. The second beast, the False Prophet (Rev. 13:11-18), rules the religious world. The two beasts of Revelation 13 are Communism and Catholicism united as one great insuperable force to effect Satan's program on earth.

It is worth noting that the Antichrist and his political government will destroy the religious world power (Rev. 17:16-17). Nothing is said about the death of the False Prophet in connection with this. He is still alive at the end of the tribulation (Rev. 19:20). Why is this? Could it be the False Prophet is a Communist Pope in a great one-world church and is spared being a member of the Communist Party?



Continued from page one) Many mainline church groups support ERA: the NCC, the United Presbyterian Church USA, the United Methodist Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the United Church of Christ, to name a few.

Back in 1975 the NCC's Governing Board unanimously endorsed ERA, and repeated in 1977 plus a boycott of states which hadn't ratified. It came through 100 per cent in 1978 by backing the extension deadline. This is not surprising. The NCC likes to cite the Genesis narration of creation and Jesus' relationship with Mary Magdalene and Martha in promoting ERA. There's no real argument about this - just that the NCC leaves much unsaid.

The Methodists have expended a lot of energy on behalf of ERA, starting with their 1972 General Conference endorsement, reaffirmed in 1976. At least \$35,000.00 of collection plate money has gone for ERA support. It dosn't seem to matter to the church elite that polls show a substantial majority opposed to ERA. Nevertheless, proponents plod on to enact another unpopular measure - just as they did with the Panama Canal treaties - and never mind what people want!

It is ironic that the Methodist Committee on Family Life, meeting in Nashville in 1978, endorsed ERA and the boycott against nonratifying states. This committee apparently doesn't believe in the threat to families that ERA can produce, namely: imposing equal responsibility on mothers to support the children and invalidating all state laws requiring husbands to support their wives.

Boycott action seems both cruel and childlike. It punishes the inparty, the Christian Democrats, nocent workers in convention cencharges of pettiness, bias and unchristian conduct. In short, it has caused a big uproar and certainly promotes backlash. The governing body of each state hopefully has the right to vote the way the people want them to without coersion of this type by the churches. As for backlash, we know of one: The Virginia Methodist withdrew their support of ERA and opposed the ratification extension at the 1978 Annual General Conference by a substantial majority. A main reason for this surprise was concern "that laws on domestic matters such as families would be in the Federal rather than state realm." The United Presbyterian Council on Women and Church are on the boycott trail. The ladies mean business. They are compiling a list of motels and hotels in Kansas for use in connection with their 1979 General Assembly in Kansas City. They are asking (Continued on page 6, column 3)

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It should be obvious to all who have any knowledge of the Word of God that these who would befriend Esau and his progeny and displace Jacob and his progeny .95 have never known or comprehended God's sovereign provision. n-wellie ed God's sovereign provision. 2.00 Their "peace at any price" may relate understandably to that satanic and determined effort of that godless, anti-Christ move of men to dispose of the Son of God on a cross and thereby counter His Covenant Promise to Israel. Such determination, however, is evidence that these comprehend not or that they imperiously reject God's Covenant Promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their seed after them of the "land from .75 the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18).

within the context of His sovereign from Communist Poland. Baptism-R. A. Venable ____ :35 predetermination. Consequently, The Communists and the Cath-

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W. W. WILKERSON Tampa, Florida Habitation Of Souls

(Continued from Page One) conflicts with the enemy of the soul — the devil, "Who goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." The apostle said, "In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the spirit." It wants a home, so as to be shielded from all the evils that might assail it. An army never feels the need of a fort, a place of defense, until charged upon by the enemy and scattered. So with the sinner; he never feels the need of a Saviour so much as when attacked by sickness, poverty, or even death. When brought to their greatest extremity they cry, "Hide me, O my Savious, hide, under the shadows of thy wings!" How exposed is the guilty soul!

2. It wants a home for comfort. Home is the scene of comfort, but the guilty soul is comfortless. Without Christ it is in a state of condemnation - a homeless wanderer. "Without God and with-out hope in the world." It lacks the comfort of nourishment, shelter, society of the good, and the full realization of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. He is the Comforter, the Guide, the Infiller, the Indweller. The Psalmist pleads, "Be thou my strong rock, for an house of defense to save me" (Ps. 31:2). "For thou art my rock and my fortress, for thy name's sake lead me and guide me" (Ps. 31:4). Then again, "Thou art my God, the horn of my salvation." "Thou wilt show me salvation." the path of life; in thy presence is never perish, neither shall any fullness of joy; at thy right hand pluck them out of my hand." there are pleasures for evermore." The comforts of the soul are found life that Christ gives his believin the presence of our God. O ers is eternal life - life that will how full of joy ought the individual not grow old nor die. It is the imto be who, like Enoch of old, can partment of the divine life of walk and talk and abide with God!

It wants a home for settled-3. It is a restless wanderer. ness. Here we have no permanent abiding-place, but seek one to come. The soul longs to take its everlasting flight to the home beyond this vale of tears, where partings shall be known no more forever. God is to the believer a stay, a refuge a rock and fortress - but the soul sighs and longs for its eternal resting-place. A soul without God is tossed to and fro in this world of sorrow and woe, while those who have made God their rest, their refuge and habitation, realize that God through faith in Christ is to be their everlasting rest and habitation, and that this rest can be found only through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The rest is beautifully described in the following lines:

And all that life is love.'

AN ABIDING FAITH IN GOD'S SUFFICIENCY

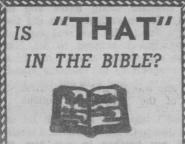
God is just the habitation which the soul wants, affording security, comfort, and permanent residence. 1. God is an accessible habitation. The doors of infinite love are ever open to welcome all who come. "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." Christ's mission into the world was to seek and to save that which was lost. He says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Then again, "He that believeth in me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed out of death into life." "God commendeth his love to us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for the ungodly." We may estimate the love of a person by the sacrifices which they are willing to make for that object. We show our love for Christ by the sacrifices that we make for His cause. Thus the sacrifices that a mother often makes for the good of her children proves the strength of her maternal affection. God's love is shown in the gift of his sublime to be in the presence of Son for us. "God so loved the our God - to abide with Him forworld that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth full realization of His abiding in him should not perish but have

everlasting life." Those who are in Him are free



Bluff City, Tennessee

from all danger and foes. "God is our refuge and strength." 1'A very present help in time of trou-Christ said, "I give unto ble." them eternal life; and they shall (John 10:28). In regeneration, the Christ. Born from above; not of man nor from man, but of God. It is not of man.' It is from God and is eternal life. Paul in Romans, says, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, Christ we may all reach it and nor any other creature shall be to separate us from the love able of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Then again, "Our lives are hid with Christ in God." "We are kept by the power of God ready to be revealed at the last day." Jesus gives eternal life to His believing children. Because He lives their commissioners and others now is the reason they live, and same reason will be given that a million ages hence. "Because I live ye shall live also." Who would want any other reason? How satisfactory the reason assigned! The demands of celestial logic will require no other. Because Christ lives we shall also live. Ten thousand ages hence it will be delightfully true, "Because I live ye shall live also." Thank God, all who have been saved through the riches of His grace shall live forever in Heaven. God is a blessed habitation. 3. It is the happy relation of all the redeemed to dwell with God while in this tabernacle of flesh, and finally to dwell with Him in Heaven forever and ever. "In thy presence there is fullness of joy; at



You can't be religious without religion. You can't be a Christian without Christ.

************ 1000000000 Question:

WHAT EVIDENCE IS THERE THAT THE EARTH ONCE RE-VERSED ITS MOTION?

Answer:

When a sundial moved backward, Second Kings 20:11: "And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz." An interesting light is thrown on the naivete of those who believed this story when we inquire why this cosmic catastrophe was arranged. It took place, according to the preceding verses, as a sign to Hezekiah that he would be cured of his boil!

There is happiness in the ever. presence and power. "If God be for us who can be against us?" 2. God is a safe habitation. Every one who knows that he is accepted by Christ in the free pardon of his sins is happy.

> "How happy are they who their Saviour obey,

And have laid up their treasures above.

Tongue cannot express the sweet comfort and peace, Of a soul in its earliest love."

God is an everlasting habita-4. tion. The eternal God is our ref-We are to dwell in His presuge. "And these forevermore. ence shall go away into life eternal." There will be no end to that life. Forever with the Lord! It is an inspiring thought that when we separate here at the summons of the death angel we shall join that innumerable host of redeemed on the other shore, where partings will be known no more forever, and that we shall meet all our redeemed loved ones again in Heaven, our eternal home, there to dwell in the presence of our Heavenly Father, and go out no more forever.

Gates of jasper, capstones of amethyst, thrones of dominion do not so much effect my soul as the thought of home. Once there, let earthly sorrows howl like storms and roll like seas. Home! Let thrones rot and empires wither. Home! Let the world die in earthquake struggles and be buried amid procession of planets and dirge of spheres. Home! Let everlasting ages roll in irresistible sweep. Home! No sorrow, no crying, no tears, no death but home! Sweet home! Beautiful home! Glorious home! Everlasting home! Home with loved ones! Home with God! Home, home! Through the rich grace of our Lord Jesus dwell in the presence of our God, the eternal habitation of the soul forever and ever. Amen.

Unmeasured by the flight of years, the above. Also, we are implored to Supreme Court will interpret ERA. In the case of the three-inch snail held the letter of the law and protected this little fish as an endangered species, thereby stopping construction of a multi-million dollar dam. This emphasized the stupidity of an all-encompassing endangered species act. ERA is allencompassing, too.

Why shouldn't the Court do the same for ERA? The words are very clear: "Equality . . . shall not be denied . . . " The Court will consider the legislative history which clearly shows Congress' intentions to wipe out all distinctions scholarly presentation but no real between men and women. Let's examine this legislative history.

In October, 1971, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected the Wiggins Amendment to ERA. This amendment would have protected women from the military draft, combat duty and strenuous manual labor, as well as providing them more mischief from the vague with benefits in the family unit. After this rejection, ERA was passed overwhelmingly 354-23.

In March, 1972, the ERA reached the U.S. Senate where respected constitutional lawyer and Senator, Sam J. Ervin, Jr., proposed nine amendments, one after the other. All were soundly defeated, a typical vote being 77-14. Senator Ervin's amendments would:

- Exempt women from compulsory military service.
- Exempt women from combat assignment in the armed forces.
- Exempt women from compulsory overtime on the job and from compulsory heavy lifting. (In this case, ERA would wipe out every piece of protective legislation which women had worked for over several generations.)
- Extend protections or exemptions to wives, mothers and widows.
- Impose upon fathers the responsibility to support their children. (In these latter two cases, ERA would wipe out all laws designed to protect wives, mothers and widows and those which require fathers to support their children.) Insure privacy to men and women in public restrooms, hospital rooms, college dormitories and in other public facilities where sex integration would offend personal privacy and community snail darter!)

All these proposed amendments were designed to protect the wom-

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respect the democratic process. What democratic process? The darter in Tennessee, the Court up- one used at the 1972 and 1976 General Conference to pass the ERA support resolution? The one used by the U. S. Congress in extending the ratification deadline?

The President's Citizen's Advisory Council on the Status of Women has issued a 13-page nit-pick of Senator Ervin's use of the April, 1971, "Yale Law Journal" in Ervin's discrediting of the proposed ERA. This Council, made up of 19 ladies, charges distortion and out-of-context; but a careful study of this report shows a very distortion by Ervin. Mr. Ervin didn't quote every lengthy paragraph at times, but enough to make his point without sacrificing accuracy. The Advisory Council has given the citizens some bum advice!

Constitutional lawyers see a lot cover-all ERA:

- A power grab by the feds, transferring jurisdiction over marriage, property rights, divorce, alimony, child custody and inheritance rights out of the hands of the states and into the Federal bureaucracies and courts.
- Eliminating the all-girls and all-boys schools and colleges as well as single-sex fraterities and sororities.
- Homosexual "marriages" would be legalized because marriage laws would provide for the union of "persons' rather than "men and women."
- Homosexual "couples" would be eligible to adopt children under "equality for all."

Constitutional lawyers are also convinced that ERA offers nothing which the ladies do not now have and would take away much which they'd never get back. In fact, since 1960 Congress has passed more than 30 laws which increase protection and opportunities. For example, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 and many others. After ERA, the courts will have to rule unconstitutional any law which discriminates on account of sex. Courts would have to rule exactly as they do on racial issues, and separate but equal would not be acceptable. (Remember the

standards. Preserve the laws that impose penalties for crimes against women only. Why is ERA being pushed so hard? The preacher has said, "Let's study the issue." Fine. Let's consider the "Communist Manifesto" which preaches abolition of the family as a communist objective. The kind of equality promises will bring that ERA abolition of the family, and would be an attack on civilization itself. Psychiatrist George Gilder in his book "Sexual Suicide" presents convincing arguments which based on anthropology. His conclusions concerning the family are almost identical with Christian views.

Based on a considerable study of the ERA issue pro and con, it certainly appears that every conceivable hint of inequality and unfair discrimination has already legislated away peen Therefore, it is up to process. the courts to provide full equality under the laws we have. Isn't it foolish to jump into an unknown and untested cure-all like the Equal Rights Amendment? All human problems are never going to be legislated away. Every time a problem pops up someone wants to pass a law. There are now some ten million just to enforce the Ten Commandments. God intended man and woman to complement each other for the continuation of life on this earth. They are not created as identicals. To a great extent their relationship would depend on religion. cooperation and mutual understanding and compassion. God assigned woman a role in life which man cannot fulfill. No amount of laws or ERA's can substitute for common sense, common decency and a respect for each other. In his advice to the North Carolina General Assembly, Senator rather waffling arguments in sup- Ervin calls the Equal Rights port of ERA. Interestingly, the Amendment "incompatible with thy right hand there are pleasures for men and women; and would legislative history is emphasized the highest interest of society." It

"O where shall rest be found, Rest to the weary soul? "Twere vain the ocean depths to sound; Or pierce to either pole.

The world can never give, The bliss for which we sigh; "Tis not the whole of life to live, Nor all of the death to die.

Beyond this vale of tears, There is a life above.

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Equal Rights

(Continued from page five) not to stay in Missouri (next door) which hasn't ratified ERA.

Church bodies like to quote Galatians 3:28 as justification for ERA: there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Who's going to refute this? Paul was simply saying that every human being is equal in God's sight. The church also wants "to assist this either. But let's be sure we get the whole story!

How about the potentialities of ERA -- so that we don't just buy some do-good sounding generality? The proposed amendment in a sweeping general statement would equalize "rights under the law" for evermore." How infinitely empower Congress to legislate the

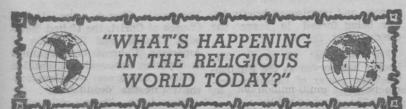


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'There is neither Jew nor Greek, en - and all were rejected. This is the main thrust, and the specific detail, of the legislative history which conclusively proves that Congress means for ERA to be total and absolute and to wipe out all existing superior rights of women. If anyone doubts the serpeople to think through specific iousness of this legislative history, issues." No one should object to read the Congressional Record for March 21 and 22, 1972. The courts will when they adjudicate the ERA.

> A two-page special insert to the "United Methodist Reporter" of February 17, 1978, presents some - but none of the details outlined is!

There are people who say they are trusting God who never feel safe in the dark without a pistol.



my wife and four children, I swear to tell only the truth as I see it," a refugee who had come to the United States after fleeing Vietnam told the House International north (Ezek. 38-39). The Apostle Organizations Subcommittee, a re- Paul said: "For when they shall port from ECL's Washington mon- say, Peace and safety; then suditors related.

testimony before Rep. Donald child; and they shall not escape" Fraser's committee with an appeal to the Minnesota legislator to churches and the saints shall help him get those very people escape this awful time of wars into this country - the frantic and rumors of wars (Luke 21:34plea of a man who formerly served 36). in South Vietnam's National Assembly.

"All four religions of Vietnam ----Buddhism, Catholicism, Cao-Dai the President's mother, "cleaned and Hoa-Hao Buddhism—are con- up" in a 12-hour poker game with sidered reactionary - the 'opium of the people,' and are under intense persecution," he said.

He described patterns of deceit that are standard operating procedure in the Communism of Eastern Europe - procedures that dupe the unsuspecting visitor from the Free World into believing there is true freedom.

Among those most frequently duped, he said, are visiting churchmen. Such people return to their homelands "giving a rosy picture of Vietnam."

"The government never allows foreign individuals or organizations or any independent observers to come to Vietnam and see the truth for themselves," Hoan said.

"When a foreign visitor is about to visit Vietnam the authorities will arrange the places he will The Holy Spirit-Edward visit, the scenes he will see, the contacts he will talk to. Even if he meets someone in the streets and talks to him, the encounter has been prearranged. No Vietnamese dares to talk to a foreigner unless he is given permission to do so."

"The government needs aid for reconstruction and uses those visits and visitors to press for aid back in the States. These public relations activities are being given top priority in Hanoi." (DOOR OF HOPE, March-April, 1978).

In the ARKANSAS GAZETTE (10-8-78) there is a three-column wide picture of our "born-again" President, Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., Christine King Farris, sister of King, and Andrew Young, our pro-Communist ambassador to the United Nations. They have all Joined hands and are singing "We Shall Overcome" at a White House reception to honor the Friends of Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change. * *

The Tel Aviv Coins and Medals Confidence in God In Times Distribution Company has issued a commemorative medal to mark the historic signing of the Camp David agreement. It is being distributed in Israel and throughout the world. The coin says on the back NO MORE WARS in Hebrew,

"On the heads of my mother, (Ezek. 38:11-12). This momentary cessation of century old enmity will be shattered by the wars of the tribulation (Dan. 11:40-45) and the Russian invasion from the den destruction cometh upon them, Nguyen Cong Hoan ended his as travail upon a woman with (I Thess. 5:3). Thank God the

> May Edward Koch of New York revealed that Mrs. Lillian Carter, (Dem., Ia.), Francis Vellotti, the Massachusetts attorney general, and George Hatcock, her security guard, during a flight to Washington from Rome, where the group attended the funeral of Pope John Paul I (ARKANSAS GAZETTE, 10-7-78).

> BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (EP)-Pioneer Southern Baptist religious educator, Gaines S. Dobbins, 92, died Sept. 22 of an apparent heart

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Southern Baptist to teach Christian journalism, pastoral care, psychology of religion and church administration. He was on the faculty Davis Dictionary of the of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for 36 years and was the seminary's first dean of the school of religious education.

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STOCKHOLM (EP) - In contrast to the reception he usually receives when conducting an evangelistic crusade, Billy Graham was confronted by a hostile press and garbage-throwing protesters during his recent campaign in Sweden and Norway (Sept. 24 to Oct. 1).

While he drew the usual throngs the meeting halls where he to preached, and reached thousands of other listeners through television hookups, Mr. Graham's meetings drew small numbers of responses from people deciding to make personal commitments to Christ.

His most hostile reception came up" in a 12-hour poker game with in Oslo, Norway, where a coalition Representative Michael T. Blouin called "Action Billy Graham '78" was formed to oppose his crusade. Mr. Graham at one point was splattered by a mixture of red paint and chemicals hurled by a young woman member of the Heathen Society during a pastors' meeting. While the protester was taken out, the evangelist said, "I love that young woman because Christ loves her.

Bishop Andreas Aarflot of Oslo, primate of the (Lutheran) church of Norway, was quoted as saying attack at his home in Birmingham. that "what happens every day in A native of Langsdale, Miss., Dob- the churches of Norway is more bins-broke ground as the first important than the visit of an

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evangelist." At a news conference Mr. Graham said he agreed, but added that "there can be no reap-ing without long-term cultivation."

NASHVILLE (EP) - Total giving by Southern Baptists on the national level topped \$100 million for the first time in the Southern Baptist Convention's 133-year history, according to a report at the end of the 1977-78 fiscal year. That figure - \$105,330,123 - includes both undesignated giving to the SBC's national Cooperative Program unified budget for ongoing work of the denomination around the world and designated giving, mainly contributions to the SBC's home and foreign mission offerings.

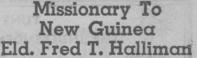
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The Senate voted 60 to 36 on Oct. 6 to extend the ERA Amendment from March 22, 1979, to June ,30, 1982. This action forced 15 states to continue considering the Amendment. The 15 states which have refused to approve the ERA for the past seven years have rejected it a total of nearly 60 times. On Oct. 4 the Senate defeated (54 to 44) an amendment that would have allowed state legisla-1.25 tures to reverse themselves on the ERA. The amendment was intro-1.95 duced by Senator Jake Garn (R.-Utah), who said that if states 2.50 were allowed more time to ratify, -- 3.50 they also should be allowed to rescind. The forcing of 15 states to continue voting on the ERA but not allowing the other 35 to rescind is a typical example of the Senate's "unfairness doctrine."

Opposition to the unprecedented extension time was quickly an-nounced by ERA foe Phyllis Schaf-3.95 ly, who called the extention the "most unfair and intentionally discriminatory bill the Congress has ever passed." Amen!

This Amendment strikes at the 12.95 heart of the Bible's teaching about a woman's place. Bible-believing 3.75 Christians throughout America have a tremendous challenge to 6.95 still block the ratification.

A Roman Catholic Soothsayer, 16th-century French doctor-astron-_____ 8.95 omer Nostradamus, supposedly predicted events that will lead up to the end of the world in the year - 1.95 Simon Peter - Hugh Martin 3.50 2000. Nostradamus predicted that following the death of a pope of 15-year reign (supposedly Pope Paul VI who reigned 15 years),





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Forest, N. C. Suzanne Martin Davis, an ordained Baptist minister (?), has been named associate director of student-field ministries, according to a Southern Baptist press release. She will join a team of professors and staff members to implement the newly developed Formation in Ministry program.

A part of every dollar given to the Cooperative Program goes to help pay the salary of this lady preacher and this infidel. How can conservative Southern Baptists justify their support to these things? What reason can they give Christ at the judgment for leading their church to pay the salaries of people who Satan used to destroy Baptists?

WARSAW, Poland (EP) - The President of Poland's Ecumenical Council quoted from Good News for Modern Man: "How wonderful is the coming of those who bring good news." This summarized the welcome of representatives of Orthodox, Catholic, and all Protestant groups when evangelist Billy Graham arrived at the Warsaw airport to begin a 10day preaching mission in six cities.

The spirit of cooperation is unique in this country that is over 90 per cent Roman Catholic and has a socialist government. Graham's first service was held in the Warsaw Baptist Churc where he spoke on a Saturday morning to a church full of ministers and theological students. All denominations in Poland were said to be represented. At a later meeting with the Ecumenical Council, one of the ministers said the different religious groups had cooperated before, but never for evangelism. The Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox Church was one of the most vocal on behalf of evangelism. The remainder of the American evangelist's schedule includes meetings in Catholic as well as Baptist and other Protestant churches, in Poznan, Wroclaw, Katowice and Cracow. He will also visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

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The Jews claim this coin is a symbol of the new hope of their Apathy, Apostasy, and Aposgeneration - peace! They are re-Joicing in the Camp David agreements which they view as a frame-work for "a final peace." An ad in THE JERUSALEM POST (9-26-78) proclaims this commemorative medal as a sign that the "prophecy of the end of days" has become a reality.

According to Bible prophecy, the hope of Israel and Egypt for a new era of peace and safety is to be short-lived. This temporary peace will permit Israel to become "the land of unwalled vil-lages" which "dwells safely"

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period of grave crisis and even schism.

Nostradamus went on to predict "barefoot pope" (supposedly 10.95 Pope John Paul I) whose reign would last "no more than two Lord-R. C. Trench _____ 3.45 months" and who would be succeeded by "the last two popes." 3.95 Generally, I pay little attention to such things as this. But it is F. Walvoord _____ 3.95 remarkable that this information 6.95 appeared in print in 1972 in CEN-TURIES AND PRESAGES OF

> Temp Sparkman, a teacher at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City teaches that everyone is in the family of God and already saved. This can be seen by reading his book BE-ING A DISCIPLE, published in 1972 by Broadman Press, the Publishing house of the Southern Baptist Convention. This heresy is in 1.95 direct conflict to the teaching of the Bible.

> Three persons, including an ordained woman, have been added to the faculty at Southeastern Bap-1.95 tist Theological Seminary in Wake

NEW YORK (EP) - Highlights from the Gospel account of the life of Jesus have recently been published in the Navajo language (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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Christ For The World A. J. GORDON (1836 - 1895)

win the world are not necessarily coextensive undertakings; and when the Church shall have testified the gospel of the grace of God among all nations, it may be that multitudes will yet remain disobedient to the heavenly message. Therefore I boldly affirm that the Church has nowhere assigned to it the achievement of converting the world in this dispensation. Let none be offended at this statement, since I emphat-ically add that, though our task is not to bring all the world to Christ, our task is unquestionably to bring Christ to all the world.

The theology of missions, like the theology of redemption, is Christo-centric; that is to say, we take our stand at the cross and move out to the uttermost parts of the earth that we may move them to Christ. Is not the difference between these two conceptions obvious? The tide of the dwelling of the Holy Ghost, had world's desire is not towards Christ, but the tide of Christ's desire is towards the world; as it is written: "Who will have all men to be saved." And shall we not move most strongly by going with the tide instead of going against it?





a kind of second incarnation in His mystical body.

Here is our point of departure. If we set before ourselves the task of bringing the world to Christ we have all the unbelief and all the inertia and all the hostility of It is remarkable that all the the world to resist us. If we do missionary predictions and com- as we are bidden, carry Christ to missions exhibit this Christo-cen- all the world, we have all the im-

and love to carry us forward in fore being forced to leave the our work. Here the principle holds true TENEO ET TENEOR.

Bear Christ to the heathen, and you will be borne by Christ, uplifted, strengthened, and divinely impelled in your work. Hence, observe the divine order; not "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," as in our common version, but "Ye shall be my witnesses." We are not to stand in the world and testify Christ, but stand in Christ and testify to the world. "God is my witness," writes the fervent apostle to the Gentiles, "how greatly I long after you all in the heart of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:8).

Not philanthropy, the love of man, but philo-Christy, the love of Christ, constitutes the greatest missionary motive. The nearest way to the heart of our sorrowing humanity is through the heart of the Man of Sorrows. Therefore "Christ for the World" we accept Therefore as the true, evangelical watchword, rather than "The World for Christ.'

(THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MIS-SIONS, pp. 14-16, 1893 edition).

and all the fill "What's Happening"

Continued from page seven by the American Bible Society. The booklet "Jesus Be'iina' Baa Hane" (The Life of Jesus) consists of twenty passages selected from the four Gospels, and is illustrated with striking line drawings.

This Scripture is part of the Bible Society's "Good News for New Readers" program, which Scriptures available makes in nearly 300 languages to those who are just learning to read. The program introduces readers to the Word of God, beginning at a simplified reading level and gradually becoming more advanced.

WELLS, Maine (EP) - Already embroiled in a controversy over a restaurant called the Temple of Bacchus run by a mail-order minister, this community has a new temple to contend with.

This one involves wolves.

E. Howard Smith, who keeps 18 wolves, says he will open the Temple of Son of Lupus as a way of saving the animals. He has been ordained by Bishop H. Carlisle Estes of the Temple of Bacchus, and like the mail-order bishop, is affiliated with the Universal Life Church of Modesto, Calif., which has "ordained" thousands over the years at a small fee.

MEMPHIS (EP) - Much has been written about the decisions a president and chief executive officer of a mammoth corporation must make that entail ethics, complete honesty and religious feeling. Meet a man named L. M. Clymer. He's quitting as the No. 2 man of the Holiday Inn empire. A matter of "personal and religious convictions" was involved in his taking "early retirement" at 55.

Holiday Inn's board had decided to build and operate a \$55 million hotel-casino in Atlantic City, the gambling capital of the eastern

pulse and might of His own life permit, and imprisoned briefly becountry Sept. 29.

> For the past 12 years, Mr. Leeper has served as the Englishlanguage pastor of Galatian Baptist Church, a congregation composed primarily of U.S. military personnel. About 98 per cent of Turkey's people are Sunni Mus-The Leepers were appointlims. ed in 1965 by the Foreign Mission Board as the first representatives of the board in Turkey. They are the only Southern Baptist representatives there.

> SACRAMENTO, Calif. (EP) -Religious groups have aligned themselves on opposite sides of a controversial initiative on California's ballot designed to dismiss homosexual teachers, a measure which is seen as having nationwide human rights ramifications.

The California Conference of Catholic Charities has joined the demned by Bible teaching.

Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in opposing Proposition 6, entitled "School Employees - Homosexuality" on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Proposed by State Sen. John Briggs (R.-Orange Co.), Proposition 6 provides for the firing of teachers who engage in "homosexual conduct" which is defined "advocating, soliciting, imposas ing, encouraging or promoting public or private homosexual activity which is non-discreet or likely to come to the attention of other employees or children."

Aligned in support of the issue, however, is a network of 300 fundamentalist congregations, organized by Ray Batema, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Pamona. Mr. Batema says he is advocating support of the initiative because homosexuality is "clearly con

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RICHMOND (EP) — A Southern Baptist missionary serving as an L English-speaking pastor in Ankara, has been expelled from Turkey T with no explanation, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials reported here.

James F. Leeper was arrested p by Turkish officials Sept. 22 following revocation of his residence

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