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The Power of Jesus Christ in our Lives

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My text this morning is found in Rom. 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Paul was a wonderful man. I think he was the greatest preacher that ever lived outside of Jesus Christ, and when he met the Lord on the way to Damascus the Record says he was not disobedient, but preached Christ; turning from his old ways he now was out to save souls. It was his one burden to save his fellow men, even if he had to die in doing so. He was determined to go forward and do Christ's work, and bring the glorious message of salvation to the world. He had heard the voice of Jesus, and today the Holy Spirit speaks in the same way to our hearts and ears. Instead of speaking about the time of trouble, let us speak the gospel of Jesus Christ and have it in our hearts, then we will be able to stand in the time of trouble. We need His power in our lives and in our hearts.

Paul went through many experiences as we can see in 2 Cor. 11:24-28: "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren. In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

But was Paul discouraged because of the hardness of the way? No, in Romans 8:35, 38, 39 he triumphantly exclaims: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 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, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Everything is contained in these verses, and there is not any-

thing that can separate us from the love of God. Just before his death Paul experienced the triumph of all triumphs when he could say: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." And thinking of all the believers through the times he adds: "Not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." (2 Tim. 4:7,8.) Thank God for this wonderful man, Paul. He is our example, a wonderful man of faith and courage.

The disciples of Christ had been with Him for 3½ years. They had seen Him casting out devils, healing the sick, opening blind eyes, making the lame walk, the deaf hear. They had heard His teachings on love, they had heard Him pray, and seen the prayers answered. They had seen His terrible death upon the cross, they had seen Him a risen Christ, but still in their hearts they longed for the things of this world. When they were together with Jesus for the last time the subject was brought up again. Acts 1:4, 6: "And being assembled together with them, commanded

them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. . . . When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" We see that they still fully expected Him to set up His kingdom here on earth, even though we read in the Bible that Jesus plainly had told them on several occasions that He was not of this world. Still the disciples did not understand, they were longing for a *place* in this world, for position, for power, for the good things this world has to offer. But Jesus did not talk about a kingdom here on earth, he said: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8.) Still these men were wanting the highest places in the kingdom here on earth which they thought Christ would set up; their finite minds could not understand that Christ had still greater things in store for them.

While they were still speaking with Christ, He was taken away from them up into His Father out of their sight, and the disciples were left standing in amazement; everything had been taken away from them, and they were greatly disappointed. In Acts 1:10 we read: "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up," their eyes were

wide open straining to see Him as He went up, they just could not understand that He had left them. They were terribly disappointed and had lost all their hopes, but at once Jesus sent comfort to them in the form of two angels, who appeared and said to them: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (v. 11). This is the most comforting message man has ever received. We preach it today, it is the same good message that this same Jesus shall come again, and we know that there is nothing that will stir the hearts of people as a sermon on the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The disciples now went home and began to pray, and it says in Acts 1:14 that they prayed for a long time: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." I am glad that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there, and I am glad that they did not leave the women at home. They brought them all together, and they all continued to pray until something more happened. In Acts 2:1 we read: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place", and then "suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting" (v. 2). Furthermore the Record

says that they were *all* filled with the Holy Ghost, and at that moment the disciples understood what Jesus had meant. They understood their place in the work and knew that new duties faced them, namely to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Three hundred souls were won that day, but we also know that Mrs. White has said that we shall see greater things in our day. I believe that we are at the noonday of missions; I believe that there is coming a time here in Europe, in America and other places where the Spirit of God will be poured out with such a power and force that people everywhere will be receiving the message. I believe that our greatest need today is to learn how to pray that deeper prayer for power, and when the power of God comes upon the workers of this denomination they will go out everywhere preaching the Word, and what a mighty power will be exerted throughout the whole world. I believe that we have delayed the coming of the Lord because we have not received that power in full. Yet, in many places in the homeland and in the mission fields we have seen manifestations of the workings of this great power, where it has come into the lives of consecrated men and women, so we know that this power we have been talking about is available to us all today. Let us accept it! Pray earnestly for the outpouring of the latter rain in our own hearts, so that when Jesus comes we shall be ready to meet Him!

*«A living faith means an increase of vigor,
a confiding trust, by which, through the grace of
Christ, the soul becomes a conquering power.»*

Ministry of Healing, p. 62.

«Come Over into Macedonia and help us!»

By Nick Germanis

January

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cosendai, of Switzerland, to French Cameroun (returning).
Mr. and Mrs. H. Kempf, and 1 child, of France, to Abidjan, Ivory Coast.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Simon, of France, to French Cameroun (returning).
Mr. and Mrs. H. Salzmann, and 6 children, of Switzerland, to Madagascar, Indian Ocean (returning).

February

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvain Meyer, and 2 children, of Switzerland, to French Cameroun (returning).

March

Mr. E. Villeneuve, of Switzerland, to Madagascar, Indian Ocean (returning).
Mr. and Mrs. Léon Hilaire, and 1 child, of France, to Nouméa, Tahiti.
Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Esteves, and 2 children, of Portugal, to Angola, Portuguese West Africa (returning).

April

Mr. Joaquim Miranda, of Portugal, to Angola, Portuguese West Africa (returning).
Mrs. A. Lams, and 1 child, of France, to Madagascar, Indian Ocean.
Mrs. E. Villeneuve, and 1 child, of Switzerland to Madagascar, Indian Ocean (returning).
Miss Isabelle Chaves, of Portugal, to Angola, Portuguese West Africa.

May

Mr. and Mrs. P. Heise, of France, to Dakar, Senegal, French West Africa.
Mr. A. Lams, and 1 child, of France, to Madagascar, Indian Ocean.

June

Mr. Claude Villeneuve, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Villeneuve, of Switzerland to Madagascar, Indian Ocean (returning).
Mr. and Mrs. Juvenal Gomes, and 1 child, of Portugal, to Saint Thomas Island.

July

Miss Juliette Yérétzian, of France, to French Cameroun.

August

Miss Janine Brossillon, of France, to Madagascar, Indian Ocean.
Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Costa, and 1 child, of Portugal, to Cape Verde Island.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Sanchez, and 1 child, of France, to Algeria, North Africa.

September

Mr. A. Kinder, of Austria, to French Cameroun.
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Verfaillie, of Belgium, to Madagascar, Indian Ocean.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Sofranac, of Yougoslavia, to Tunis, Tunisia.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Lafrancesca, of Belgium, to French Cameroun.

October

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Bergman, and 2 children, of the United States, to French Cameroun (returning).
Mr. and Mrs. P. Girard, and 1 child, of France, to Madagascar, Indian Ocean (returning).
Mr. and Mrs. R. Liénard, and 3 children, of Belgium, to French Cameroun (returning).
Mr. and Mrs. R. Erdmann, and 2 children, of France, to Dakar, Senegal, French West Africa (returning).

November

Mr. J. Mendonça, of Portugal, to the Azores Islands (returning).

To the historian Greece is a most fascinating country, because here the great battles of ancient times were fought, and here are found the cities made famous in antiquity, but we as Adventists are more interested in souls to be won for the gospel.

Paul became the first Adventist preacher in Greece when he answered the Macedonian call brought to him in a vision (Acts 16:9). It says that Paul immediately responded to the call and went into Macedonia where he began to preach the gospel, the second coming of Christ, and the resurrection. Today the Advent message is also being preached in Greece, and as in the time of Paul there are a great many people who make fun of

the Advent message, saying that they don't believe in the resurrection; but there are also many precious souls who are glad when they hear this message.

At the present time we have in Greece 5 churches, four workers, and about 190 members in a population of 8 million. For the year 1957 we had set a goal of 30 baptisms, and I wish I could tell you that we reached that goal, but we did not. We did, though, baptize 15 precious souls. Our workers work hard, but there are many things in Greece which hinder our work. All the people are Greek orthodox, and they believe that in order to be a Greek one must be orthodox, and furthermore we have the same problem as found in

A view of the famous Acropolis in Athens taken from Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the Athenians



Statistical Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1958

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Missing Members	Total Losses	Net Gains	Present Membership	Ord. Minist. Active	→ Honorary	Cred. Miss. Active	→ Honorary	Lic. Minist. Active	→ Honorary	Licensed Missionaries	Bible Instructors	Elementary School Teachers	Colporteurs	All Other Regular Workers	Total Workers	Number of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Average Attendance	
AUSTRIAN U. C.																													
Alpine Conference	19	1187	21	—	14	35	8	3	21	—	32	3	1190	7	1	4	—	—	—	7	1	—	—	7	22	19	1251	842	
Danube Conference	21	1515	13	1	16	30	3	8	12	—	23	7	1522	7	—	1	—	2	—	1	2	—	16	—	29	22	1669	1051	
Total	40	2702	34	1	30	65	11	11	33	—	55	10	2712	16	1	7	—	3	—	9	7	—	20	7	70	41	2920	1893	
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.																													
Total	50	7441	425	—	—	425	35	326	—	—	361	64	7505	43	—	—	—	26	—	2	—	—	—	—	71	160	6000	5400	
FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																													
Belgian Conference	16	954	15	1	68	84	8	6	46	—	60	24	978	6	3	1	—	4	—	6	—	—	3	3	26	18	986	732	
French Conference	68	3383	29	10	63	102	11	15	85	—	111	—9	3374	31	5	2	2	15	—	10	3	1	32	3	104	72	2012	1733	
Total	84	4337	44	11	131	186	19	21	131	—	171	15	4352	44	8	3	2	19	—	16	3	1	35	13	144	90	2998	2465	
HUNGARIAN U. C.																													
Total	166	6222	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6222	43	—	5	—	11	—	12	6	—	—	2	79	175	7000	6500	
RUMANIAN U. C.																													
Total	551	39989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39989	108	—	—	—	35	—	87	—	—	—	40	270	500	51986	45000	
SWISS U. C.																													
French Swiss Conference	27	1435	21	—	15	36	1	6	7	—	14	22	1457	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	28	1345	986	
German Swiss Conference	31	1998	14	5	27	46	18	9	52	—	79	—33	1965	14	—	4	—	5	—	4	3	3	20	—	53	31	1923	1184	
Total	58	3433	35	5	42	82	19	15	59	—	93	-11	3422	28	8	5	—	8	—	8	3	6	34	—	100	59	3268	2170	
JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.																													
Total	230	8312	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8312	33	—	1	—	11	—	5	11	—	—	—	61	300	9000	8500	
ANGOLA U. M.																													
Bongo Mission	23	5492	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5492	6	—	—	—	5	—	15	—	—	4	—	30	39	73	7750	5105
Cuale Mission	1	1184	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1184	4	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	39	4083	2112	
Lucusse Mission	1	217	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	217	2	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	10	—	—	16	12	1019	686	
Luz Mission	1	1114	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1114	3	—	—	—	7	—	1	—	25	—	—	36	67	4288	3015	
Namba Mission	1	1264	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1264	1	—	—	—	9	—	1	—	4	—	—	15	12	2201	1067	
Nova Lisboia Mission	22	2523	28	—	—	28	—	—	—	—	—	28	2551	3	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	18	—	—	35	61	4809	4617	
Quilengues Mission	1	160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	160	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	12	—	—	15	10	736	485	
European Churches	2	168	14	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	14	182	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	7	6	453	190	
Total	52	12122	42	—	—	42	—	—	—	—	—	42	12164	26	—	—	—	51	—	26	—	120	4	—	227	280	25339	17277	
FRENCH EQ. AFR. U. M.																													
East Mission	8	1357	87	—	—	87	15	—	—	—	15	72	1429	3	—	—	—	2	—	22	—	—	13	—	40	—	—	—	
Kribi Mission	6	361	17	1	32	50	3	2	30	—	35	15	376	3	—	—	—	2	—	6	30	23	—	—	64	35	4267	3855	
Nanga-Eboko Mission	12	2402	140	—	—	140	10	24	8	—	42	98	2500	2	—	—	—	6	—	6	18	35	—	6	73	35	5056	3062	
North Cameroun Mission	2	331	24	—	—	24	5	—	—	—	5	19	350	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	12	5	—	9	32	14	725	1054	
Sangmelima Mission	2	456	34	—	—	34	—	4	—	—	4	30	486	2	—	—	—	1	—	4	2	20	—	—	29	14	1150	667	
Yaoundé Mission	6	886	62	—	—	62	14	7	2	—	23	39	925	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	16	35	—	—	57	25	2703	1727	
Total	36	5793	364	1	32	397	47	37	40	—	124	273	6066	16	—	—	—	16	—	50	84	143	—	28	337	141	14905	11145	
INDIAN OCEAN U. M.																													
Fianarantsoa Mission	8	231	20	—	1	21	—	—	9	—	9	12	243	2	—	—	—	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	15	11	21	320	300
Majunga-Diego Mission	10	316	37	—	18	55	—	4	20	—	24	31	347	2	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	12	3	—	20	17	1023	810	
Mauritius Mission	13	1093	28	1	—	29	—	6	—	—	6	23	1116	6	—	—	—	5	—	10	1	12	2	—	36	15	1135	960	
Réunion Mission	8	367	15	—	9	24	6	—	—	—	6	18	385	1	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	9	575	465	
Seychelles Mission	1	82	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—2	80	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	1	80	65	
Tamatave Mission	2	132	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	132	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	2	—	11	6	258	104	
Tananarive Mission	27	1542	54	—	12	66	20	2	3	—	25	41	1583	7	2	—	—	3	—	6	—	28	5	22	73	44	3730	2531	
Total	69	3763	154	1	40	195	28	12	32	—	72	123	3886	25	2	2	—	10	5	32	2	61	13	22	174	113	7121	5235	

ITALIAN U. M.														9	6	2	—	3	—	10	—	—	—	—	30						
Italian Mission	.....	55	2512	19	5	28	52	5	2	34	—	41	11	2523	17	—	—	—	12	—	—	14	—	49	—	92	82	2780	2615	
Sardinia Mission Station	.....	2	40	6	—	1	7	1	—	1	—	2	5	45	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	4	50	45	
Total		57	2552	25	5	29	59	6	2	35	—	43	16	2568	26	6	2	—	17	—	10	—	14	—	50	—	125	86	2830	2660	
NORTH AFRICAN U. M.																															
Algerian-Tunisian Mission	.....	12	650	10	—	16	26	3	1	30	—	34	—	642	4	—	1	—	4	—	5	—	—	—	2	—	15	11	556	391
Moroccan Mission	.....	7	249	19	—	5	24	5	1	14	—	20	4	253	4	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	9	220	159
Total		19	899	29	—	21	50	8	2	44	—	54	—	895	12	—	2	—	7	—	6	—	—	—	2	3	32	20	776	550	
PORTUGUESE U. M.																															
Azores Mission	3	136	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	135	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	3	193	147
Cape Verde Mission	.....	4	286	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	286	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	1	—	7	9	517	470	
Madeira Mission	.....	1	146	4	—	—	4	5	—	1	—	6	—	144	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	1	183	172
Portuguese Conference	.....	18	1581	26	2	13	41	—	3	20	—	23	18	1599	8	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	17	22	1849	1443
St. Thomas Mission	.....	1	247	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	1	1	248	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	5	2	289	464	
Total		27	2396	31	2	15	48	5	4	23	—	32	16	2412	16	2	—	1	7	—	5	5	4	20	1	61	37	3031	2696		
BULGARIAN MISSION	.....	39	3197	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3197	9	—	—	—	4	—	10	—	—	—	—	23	39	2672	2200	
FRENCH WEST AFRICAN MISSION	.....	1	18	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	1	1	19	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	12	15
GREEK MISSION	.....	5	190	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	191	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	5	226	168	
ISRAEL MISSION	.....	1	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	28	24
MOZAMBIQUE MISSION	.....	12	1221	3	—	—	3	4	5	—	—	9	—	6	1215	3	—	1	—	4	—	5	—	19	1	4	37	28	3537	3261
SPANISH CHURCH	.....	16	1310	44	—	17	61	12	5	18	—	35	26	1336	9	1	1	—	9	—	3	2	—	14	4	43	18	1276	1460	

RECAPITULATION

															19	1	11	—	4	—	29	—	—	—	124	188						
Austrian	Union Conference	40	2702	34	1	30	65	11	11	33	—	55	10	2712	16	1	7	—	3	—	9	7	—	20	7	70	41	2920	1893			
Czechoslovakian	Union Conference	50	7441	425	—	—	425	35	326	—	—	361	64	7505	43	—	—	—	26	—	2	—	—	—	—	71	160	6000	5400			
Franco-Belgian	Union Conference	84	4337	44	11	131	186	19	21	131	—	171	15	4352	44	8	3	2	19	—	16	3	1	35	13	144	90	2998	2465			
Hungarian*	Union Conference	166	6222	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6222	43	—	5	—	11	—	12	6	—	—	2	79	175	7000	6500			
Rumanian*	Union Conference	551	33989	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33989	108	—	—	—	35	—	87	—	—	—	40	270	500	51986	45000			
Swiss	Union Conference	58	3433	35	5	42	82	19	15	59	—	93	—11	3422	28	8	5	—	8	—	8	3	6	34	—	100	59	3268	2170			
Jugoslavian*	Union Conference	230	8312	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8312	33	—	1	—	11	—	5	11	—	—	—	61	300	9000	8500			
Angola	Union Conference	52	12122	42	—	—	42	—	—	—	—	—	42	12164	26	—	—	—	51	—	26	—	120	4	—	227	280	25339	17277			
French Eq. African	Union Mission...	36	5793	364	1	32	397	47	37	40	—	124	273	6066	16	—	—	—	16	—	50	84	143	—	28	337	141	14905	11145			
Indian Ocean	Union Mission...	69	3763	154	1	40	195	28	12	32	—	72	123	3886	25	2	2	—	10	5	32	2	61	13	22	174	113	7121	5235			
Italian	Union Mission...	57	2552	25	5	29	59	6	2	35	—	43	16	2568	26	6	2	—	17	—	10	14	—	50	—	125	86	2830	2660			
North African	Union Mission...	19	899	29	—	21	50	8	2	44	—	54	—	895	12	—	2	—	7	—	6	—	—	2	3	32	20	776	550			
Portuguese	Union Mission...	27	2396	31	2	15	48	5	4	23	—	32	16	2412	16	2	—	1	7	—	5	5	4	20	1	61	37	3031	2696			
Bulgarian*	Mission	39	3197	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3197	9	—	—	—	4	—	10	—	—	—	—	23	39	2672	2200			
French West African	Mission	1	18	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	1	1	19	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	12	15		
Greek	Mission	5	190	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	191	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	5	226	168			
Israel*	Mission	1	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	28	24		
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other countries, the keeping of the Sabbath. Unfortunately we have also had quite a bit of trouble with the government this past year because of the preaching of the gospel.

All the time we try to find new means by which we can reach the people of Greece with the message, and this past October we started something new in our Athens Church. We decided to open the doors of our church every single day and have meetings five times a week, and at the same time some one is always present in the church to meet the people who might drop in, and we have had wonderful results. In two months more than one thousand strangers have visited our church for the first time, and we have given out five thousand pieces of literature to those people. Scores of Bible studies have been given, and many experiences could be told from this one effort we are making trying to reach the people.

Our greatest weakness in Greece is the lack of colporteurs. I wish I could tell you that we have 20 colporteurs, but we have exactly one in all of Greece. He is a very faithful colporteur, and has been doing this work for at least 15 years, but he is an old man now, and we must find young men and women who will take his place.

We find that the most successful branch of our work in giving the message to the people in Greece is the course of lessons we have in the Voice of Prophecy. It is not very long ago we started these lessons, but during the short time we have been doing it, three and one half thousand people have sent in their names, and 132 people have completed the course. I might say this also, that we have come to the place in Greece, where, with four workers, we cannot possibly keep up with all these interests which have sprung up as the result of these Voice of Prophecy lessons, but we do the very best we can.

One man, a retired general, sent for our Voice of Prophecy lessons, and after having finished the whole course he wrote us a letter saying: "I want to thank you for these wonderful lessons. I have sought for years to find spiritual food, and at last I have found it. The hours I

spent in studying these lessons were for me hours of peace and happiness. I believe that these lessons and the book you sent me, Steps to Christ, have given me spiritual strength to meet every temptation in life." Then he goes on to say: "Unfortunately, I am not in a position to come to your meetings, but I certainly wish that some one could come to my home twice a week to study the Bible with me." Needless to say, we went to this man and he is now receiving Bible studies regularly.

I have many more experiences I could tell, and they are cheering to our hearts, because they give us hope for the future. These people are the individuals who tomorrow will become the members of our church. There is another man who is now preparing for baptism, and in spite of much adversity he is now closing his store on the Sabbath. In Greece, when a man takes that decision to keep the Sabbath and closing

his store, it means that he is really determined to do the will of God. That man is now keeping the Sabbath faithfully, and I am hoping that very soon he will be baptized.

In closing I would like to say the following: We have had a change of location for our workers for the coming year. Up to this time we have never had a worker in Crete, and it is many years since we had a worker in the Peloponnesus, but beginning with this year a brother will be in the Peloponnesus, and for the first time in the history of our work a brother will be in Crete.

I want to say with all my heart that we need your prayers, and I would like you to pray especially for Greece this year. We need the Spirit of God to attend our labors, so that the day will come in which we will not only baptize three, but 300 persons. So, don't forget us, we need your prayers, and we are trusting that you *will* pray for us.

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The Chosen People

By B. J. Kohler

Ever since Jerusalem was overthrown by the Romans in A.D. 70, Palestine has been a problem. It seems strange that a strip of land only half the size of Switzerland (8,000 square miles) should assume such geographical importance, and also strange that a people, numerically insignificant, should exercise such an influence in the world. But when we read in Deut. 32:8 that "the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance" we know that it is all in the plan of God that Israel has been placed exactly where it is.

H. G. Wells, neither a Jew nor a Christian, but a freethinker, declares in his *Outlines of History* that "one people only held together... the Jews", and for a great part they were able to do this because of the Old Testament and the traditions and promises found therein, and which are honored and revered by almost every Jewish man and woman.

The purpose of the Lord for this His chosen people was to give the knowledge of salvation to the ends of the earth, but we know from tragic accounts of the prophets that the Jews did not do that, but apostatized, and after repeated warnings and exiles the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus in the year 70, and the people were scattered into every nation thus fulfilling the prophecy of Moses in Deut. 28:64. "And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other."

Following the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans many vain attempts were made to rebuild the city, and the Jews were driven hither and thither fulfilling the prophecy "The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations" (Num. 23:9), but wherever they have been scattered in the world the Jews have been able to retain their identity, and have never been

completely absorbed into any nation. They have even outlived every nation that decreed their destruction. In *Time Magazine* one writer wrote some years ago: "The Jews have always lived to stand of the graveside of their enemies", and this has again been seen in the last decades.

In 1927 the hope of the Jews of becoming a nation again was revived when Lord Balfour of Great Britain made his famous Declaration promising that Palestine would become a national home for the Jews, and in November 1947 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution for the establishment of an independent Jewish state in Palestine.

Ever since the establishment of the State of Israel it has been a problem to the whole world. There has always been a controversy between the Jews and the Arabs, which started in the home of Abraham when Sarah and Hagar quarrelled over Ishmael and Isaac, and as a result one of the most explosive problems in the world today is Palestine.

The 2,000,000 Jews surrounded by 45 Million Arabs have bravely attempted to make a success of the small state of Israel, and apparently they have succeeded. They have made vast improvements in agriculture and trade; they have a well equipped army of 400,000, but behind the Arabs surrounding the small state stand the whole Moslem world.

The city of Jerusalem is divided into two parts: the New Jerusalem belonging to the state of Israel, where the Sabbath is observed by the Jews, Friday by the Moslems, and Sunday by the Christians. One is greatly impressed, however, by the strict observance of the Sabbath: all shops, restaurants and other eating places are closed, and public transportation and even traffic signals are not work-

ing, there is a perfect Sabbath peace to be felt. The sacred places such as the Temple and the Wailing Wall are found in the old part of Jerusalem held by the Arabs, and between the Jewish section, or the New Jerusalem, and the Old Jerusalem, held by the Arabs, there is a strip of land, about 80-100 meters, which is called "No man's Land", which neither group may cross.

Another problem in Palestine is the displaced population which numbers over one Million. When the Jews were fighting to re-establish themselves, many Arab farmers and shopkeepers fled from towns and cities and are now living in huge camps in different parts of Palestine, 70,000 to 80,000 in a camp. The UN is providing the bulk of the little food they get, but they certainly have no comfort. One can imagine the pitiful life they have huddled together in a small area.

Our work in Palestine is small. We have a small but faithful group of believers in Jerusalem, where two workers labor among the people. There are nice offices and a meeting hall in a beautiful modern building "Advent House", and groups of believers are also found in Tel Aviv and other cities.

Pray that God may bless our work and efforts in courageous Israel, that many faithful Jewish believers may be found among those who await the second coming of Christ.

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