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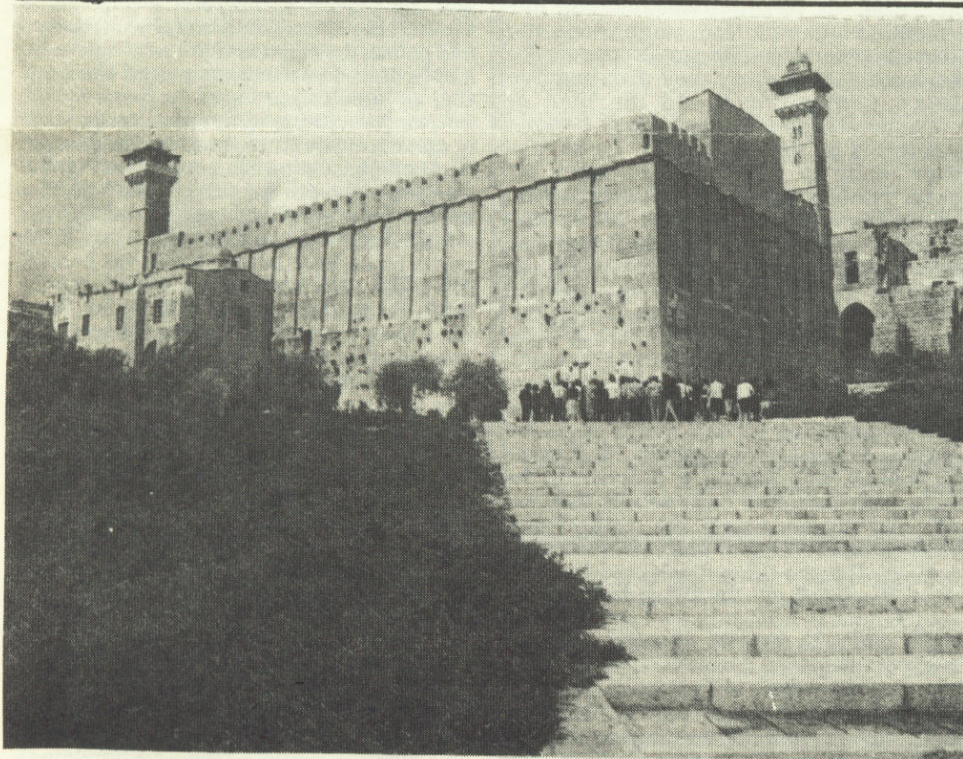
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Mosque of Abraham over Cave of Macpelah--Hebron

## The Wicked Husbandmen

By Gary Nicholas

Lesson: Matt. 21 : 33-46

When Jesus had come into the Temple, The chief priests and the elders of the people, came unto him as he was teaching, and said, by what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority? Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you will tell me, I like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things, the baptism of John, whense was it? From Heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, if we shall say, from heaven; he will say unto us, why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet, and they answered Jesus, and said, we cannot tell, and he said unto them, neither tell I you by what authority I do these things "Matthew 21-22-27" Jesus began to speak unto them a parable, the purpose of this parable to the Jews, was that the Jews, had not brought forth good fruit. The leader's of the Jews kept many of the people from God, and preveated God from getting what was his out of the vineyard. The purpose of this article is to show how the Jews lost the church, and we as the Gentile nation recieved the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the church of the living God. Jesus was heart broken when he saw the rebellion of the Jews, and how they had turned their back on God, and sought after the material things of the world. The Bible tells us that Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem, because he foresaw the siege, and final capture of Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus in the year A.D. 70. Jesus in his last public discourse to the Jews, said, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophet, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathered her chickens under her wings, and ye would not.

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. "Mathew 23-37-38" we would like to call your attention back to the early Jews following the deliverence of the

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## Banner Completes 11th Year Of Publication

With this issue of the BANNER, we complete eleven years of publication. There have been time when it seemed almost impossible to keep the work going with the other activities and pastoral responsibilities that I had, but by the grace of God and the encouragment of His people, we have been able to continue.

I had discussed the possibility of making the paper larger in order to carry more articles and announcements. My desire was to do this beginning with the next issue which will begin Volume 12, or the 12th year. The subscription rate was \$2.00 per year eleven years ago, it is still the same even though inflation has doubled and tripled the cost of materials during that period. I have only been able to continue at

## Revival

A revival is to begin on Sunday night, May 8, 1977 at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes St., Detroit, Mich.

Pastor Eugene Brown is to be assisted by Elder D. C. Barton of Gallatin, Tenn. Everyone in the Detroit area is invited to attend. Check local announcements for hour of services daily.

the same rate due to the printer holding his prices down which has actually been imposing on him. Postal rates have increased also. It costs about three times as much to mail the papers each month now as it did eleven years ago.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who feels the paper should be larger and that we should ask individuals and chuchres to continue support so it could be done. Let me hear from by May 15. -Editor

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## THE WICKED HUSBANDMEN

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Israelites out of Egypt. David had this to say "Psalms 80-8" that the lord has brought a vine out of Egypt, and has cast out the heathern and planted it. God urged his chosen people after transplanting the vine from Egypt to Canaan. After the deliverence of the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses led them to Mount Sini, where the Israelites entered into a covenant with God.

A covenant was made only with a redeemed people, as Israel had to be redeemed out of Egypt in order to be eligible to enter into her covenant with God. So here at Mount Sina; God spoke to Moses and said, to tell the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priest, and an holy nation "Exodus 19-3-6"

Israel was to bear a responsibility, her mission was to make God known to the other nations of the earth, and to bring them together for a fellowship of redemption and service to God. Israel accepted this covenant. And all the people answered together, and said, all that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the

words of the people unto the Lord. "Exodus 19-8" A covenant was of no effect until it was sealed, and then it became binding upon both parties involved, and could not be broken without enalty. So this covenant was sealed in the blood of sacrifice. Moses took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: And they said, all that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words "Exodus 24-7-8"

Israel failed to keep her part of the covenant, even though God was ready and willing to keep this covenant, that he had made with Israel. Israel refused to enter her land of destiny, because of her rebellion against God. And when the second generation did go in under the leadership of Joshua, they disregarded God's Admonition to rid the land of paganism (false teaching). They became paganized by the Canaanites. Israel was ever ready to claim her privilege, but never ready to assume her responsibility.

She became proud, and made the mistake that so many people though the ages has made. She forgot her spiritual mission in her mad pursuit toward material and political power. After her settlement in Canaan, Israel looked upon the pagan people about her with envy, forgetting her true nature of her relationship with God. She sought after political power, and then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah a prophet of the Lord, and said unto him, behold thou art old, and thy son's walk not in thy ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, But they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other Gods, so do they unto thee. Now therefore hearken unto their voice. "I Samuel 8-5-9"

We notice two things stand out in this request, first, they wanted to be like their pagan neighbors instead of being a peculiar treasure unto God. They valued the glamor of the world, more than their mission for God. And second, they thought in terms of political power instead of spiritual power.

They swayed from God, while they sought a king to go before them, And to fight their battles.

Israel was warned time and time again to come back to God, and when it became clear that she would not heed, God poured his wrath out upon her. Jeremiah had this to say about her rebellion against God. Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, And thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts. For of old times I have broken thy yoke, and burst

thy bands; Transgres; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? "Jeremiah 2-19-21" Many had been the Times that God would send unto them prophets, to warn them of the wrath of God, that would come upon them, because of their rebellion. And the Jews would not heed, the Jews abused, hated, and disobeyed the Prophets and the warning that was come to them from the Lord. And many of them was slain, because of their stand for God. If the Jews had listened to the prophets, they would not have gone in captivity in Babylon "II Chronicles 36-14-16" Moreover all the chief of the priest, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathern; and polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, (continually and carefully) and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy. (healing) So down though the history of time the Jews have been a rebellious people. When Jesus came he was the last that went to the Jews forewarning them of the destruction that was to come upon them if they did not turn from their ways and come back to God. Having yet therefore one son, his well beloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying they will reverence my son. (Mark 12-6) They will have a feeling of deep respect, and love, and esteem him above all the prophets) The Jewish leaders were determined to kill Jesus, because they did not love God, and wanted their rulership for their own selfish, and covetous reasons. Jesus in speaking to the chief priests, and the elders of the Jews upon the parable of the vineyard said, when the Lord therefore of the vineyard cometh what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, he will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. "Matthew 21-40-41" And when the chief priests and pharisees had heard his parables, they percieved that he spake of them.

But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet. This parable was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 by Titus and the Roman Army. This destruction was foretold by Jesus in "Luke 21-20-24" And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. This desolation took place during the 1260 years of dark ages, history teaches that the people of God had to worship God in den's and caves. This was after the gospel had been spread into all the world, and Jesus had completed all that God had appointed him to do and all had been fulfilled in prophacy, Jesus had gone back to the father in Heaven. History teaches that better than fifty million people (True

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# Missionary Baptist Literature Committee

By H. C. Vanderpool

Progress is being made in the field of Sunday School literature. The Missionary Baptist Literature Committee is happy to announce that the interest continues to grow and churches in various Associations in several states have endorsed the work and have sent contributions to assist in the expenses of the pilot project.

Instead of only two Quarterlies (Adult and Junior High) a complete line for all classes is now planned for the first publication so church desiring to use it can get their entire supply from the Committee. The Quarterlies, age groups, prices, etc. will be sent to churches as soon as possible. The increased interest by the churches has made it possible to go ahead with the entire line for publication. One group of writers has been selected for the first Quarterlies and another group is being selected so they can alternate in writing. This way one group will write the Spring and Fall Quarterlies and the other will write the Summer and Winter Quarterlies.

Any church desiring to help with this work or would like to notify us of your endorsement, may write to:

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## NASHVILLE CHURCH SERVICE ON TV

Pennsylvania Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. will have a televised service on WTVF-TV, Channel 5, Nashville, on Sunday, May 22, 1977 at 11:00 a.m. Elder Tommy Ashford is the pastor and is to be in charge of the service.

## "Teeth" on the Tongue!

*Speak not evil one of another, brethren—James 4:11.*

A snail is a very interesting creature. Naturalists tell us that it has teeth on its tongue! A scientist examining one such organ under his microscope counted as many as 30,000. The snail keeps its toothy little tool rolled up like a ribbon, until it is needed; then it thrusts out this sharp appendage and, although its teeth are very small, it saws through the toughest leaves and stems with comparative ease.

There are some men and women who also have "teeth" on their tongues, and who are always ready to use them to cut down the character and reputation of even the most consecrated servants of the Lord. Many pillows are wet with

tears, hearts broken, homes ruined, and lives blasted—all because of those unbridled human tongues which seem to have more "teeth" than even a lowly snail.

Evil words can also be like boomerangs! **THEY FREQUENTLY COME BACK TO HIT YOU!** One who noticed that those who speak evil of others are seldom happy people has rightly observed: "Gossips usually get caught in their own MOUTHtraps!"

You may think that the effect of your tongue is only microscopic and that an unkind word here or there will do no damage, but remember the little snail; he prevents scores of plants from blossoming and bringing forth fruit by the almost unobservable action of his tiny "saws." Many innocent people have likewise been deeply hurt by the sharp, cutting words of those who have "teeth" on their ungoverned tongues!

Lord, put a seal upon my lips;

Help me to guard with care  
The things I say, and swift repeat;  
O tongue of mine, beware!

THOT: People with sharp tongues often end up cutting their own throats. —Copied

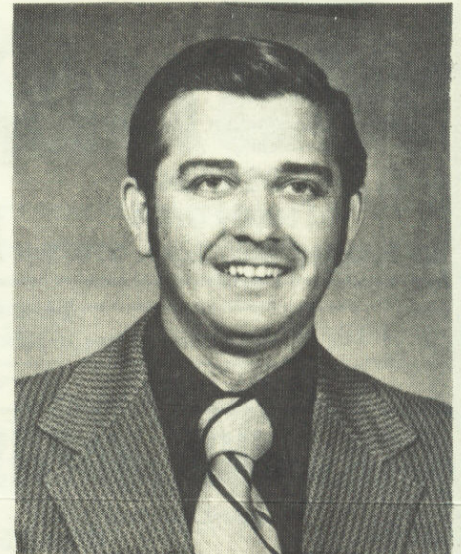
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## Pastoral Call



Elder Don Curtis

Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Boyce, Ky. which is a few miles south of Bowling Green, recently called Elder Don Curtis to her pastorate. He succeeds Elder C. D. Miller.

Bro. Curtis is a member of Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. His former pastorate was with Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. He began his work with the Kentucky church on Sunday, March 20, 1977.

He and wife, Pat, have two children, Elaine, age 16, and Marty, age 12.

## Singing

There is to be a Singing at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. on Sunday, May 8, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Rayon City Church To Telecast

Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, 209 Keaton Ave., Old Hickory Tenn. will present a service on WTVF-TV, Channel 5, Nashville, Tenn. on Sunday, June 5, 1977, at 11:00 a.m. Elder D. W. Story, pastor of the church is to be in charge of the service.

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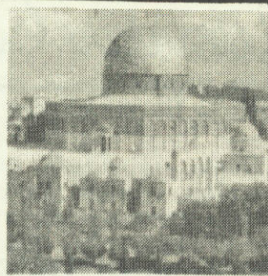
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Baptists) lost their lives, because they would not give up the faith. But when liberty was proclaimed at the end of the dark ages, they came forth from the earth like grasshoppers exercising the same power under the same authority they did before the 1260 years of dark ages. So then we find that Christ is the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes "Matthew 21-42" Jesus is become the head of the church, "Colossians 1-18" And he is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning the first born from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. (that Jesus will be supreme above all, for it pleased the father that in him should all fulness dwell. My friend we have the greatest heritage today in all the world, the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. "I Timothy 3-15" So let us combine our labors and works of love together, so that we can keep this great heritage and that our children will have, the same gospel that you and I have been privileged to have and to believe. May God bless you in my prayer as you labor for the master.

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