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REPORT FROM JAPAN

Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool:
We appreciate you for the Banner you send us every month by air mail, which we enjoy and learn a lot of your Baptists' activities for the Lord there in the States. We really thank you.

I am sorry to be late in reporting the donations we received for the third quarter of the year from Baptist churches and individuals who had a great concern in us with fervent prayer. We really appreciate their co-operation with our carrying the gospel of Christ out in this land of paganism. They are as follows:

July - Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$422.18; East Side Baptist, and Eld. & Mrs. Walter Dewese, Franklin, Ky., \$264.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., \$150.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn.,

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The Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast has added another program to its list of stations. The new station is Channel 39 UHF, Murfreesboro, Tenn. The viewing time is Sunday, 8:30-9:00 A.M. The station operates on 5,000,000 Watts and reaches throughout Middle Tennessee and into Southern Kentucky. If you do



"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:32



BETHLEHEM



not have the UHF channel, you can pick it up on your local cable. Consult with your local programming.

The Telecast is now reaching millions in Alabama, California, Kentucky, Florida, New York, Nevada and Tennessee. An up-

dated list of all stations will be printed in the BANNER. One lady who called from California recently said between 35 and 40 people gathered at her home to view the program. This is encouraging. KEEP UP YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS WORK!!!

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Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

By

H. C. Vanderpool

Isaiah 9:1-7

1 Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Ze-bu-lun and the land of Naph-ta-li, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod

of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and his peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

INTRODUCTION

From Genesis to Revelation, regardless of the Biblical subject, directly or indirectly, the theme is our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. Then in the last book of the Bible we have John telling us that Christ is the Lamb of God which was slain from the foundation of the world,

Revelation 13:8.

**GOD'S JUDGMENTS UPON
IMPIETY AND INJUSTICE**

The prophet Isaiah had written of the declining interest of the Jewish people in God and his work. The captivity was sure to come. Even Moses the leader of this great people from Egyptian bondage, had warned them far in advance, that a turning away from the true and living God would bring judgment.

What nation in the world can we look at today this is following the same pattern? Since God is a God of justice, and since he is no respecter of person, if judgment came upon Israel for their way of living, can America escape?

We have reached a place in time where, regardless of what a person does, he can see no sin in it. People have become their own law maker, and that to suit themselves. God said of Israel, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter

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**REPORT
FROM
JAPAN**

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\$83.20; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$144.18; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$412.68; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Collins, Bowling Green, Ky., \$75.00. Total \$1,601.24.

August - Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00 & \$50.00; Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$439.44; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$126.71; New Bethel Baptist, McKenzie, Tenn., \$75.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$91.75. Total \$832.90.

September - Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$441.55; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Smith County, Tenn., \$142.24; Gay's Chapel Baptist, Statesville, N.C., \$100.00; Hartsville Baptist, Hartsville, Tenn., \$300.00; East Side Baptist, and Eld. & Mrs. Walter Dewese, Franklin, Ky., \$300.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$75.50; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$168.15; Kokomo Baptist, Kokomo, Ind., \$114.00. Total \$1,641.44.

To Koi Baptist Church: July - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$179.00. August - Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$200.00; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., \$45.00; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$60.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$149.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$481.49; total \$935.49. September - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$94.00.

Like you had there in Tennessee and Kentucky, and in many other places, we also had a very hot and very dry summer this year in our part of Japan. A lot of things happened like earthquakes, floods by a few, attack of typhoon, eruptions of volcanos, but thanks to God, He protected His children. We are all right and are doing all right for His glory day after day

here in Japan, for which we are thankful to the Lord. Now we have good weather. My family and I are just fine and are keeping on the work for the Lord.

Let me tell you some of things we had in our serving the Lord. (I wish I could tell you all of them.) About two weeks ago I had a phone call from unknown person by name of Miekko Nishizawa whose 10-year-old son had a trouble with brain lumps. Before I could meet him, he died suddenly. Thursday morning of that week I was at the city crematory to preach to a few people gathered to the furnace where the boy was about to be cremated into ashes within 20 minutes. It was a sincere time that only the truth was required. If you had been there, you would have felt what was life in the different way you have n't thought of.

The Buddhist priests and their co-operated funeralists would charge her at least more than four thousand dollars to do the funeral for the boy. They are greedy and covetous. This separated and tired woman had no help and no money, and didn't know what to do. Her beloved ones have ignored her and her son because her marriage was considered as improper. I told her not to worry anything, but trust the Lord and have peace with God. We will have a funeral in our church house and you don't have to pay us anything, not even a penny. I suggest you call your parents and tell them your son died.

Saturday of that week a lot of flowers were brought into our small church house. Many telegrams of sympathy arrived. Her old mother and father, her sisters and brothers, her old friends of her home town came all the way from Takamiya by chartered bus, of which this lonely hearted woman had never thought. It was a beautiful reconciliation. There were tears of sorrow as the boy died, but more than that, there were tears of joy, joyous tears of reconciliation. I preached on repenting their sin and trusting Jesus Christ, on reconciliation

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**OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Contributions		Expenses	
July	\$1,793.70	July	\$1,203.51
August	\$1,677.50	August	\$1,660.30
September	\$2,411.57	September	\$1,912.35

Balance in the bank as of 9-30-83\$3,791.28

EXPENSES ITEMIZED:

Carthage-Hartsville Cable T.V.	\$ 390.00
C.A.T.V. 9 - Huntsville, Ala.	510.00
Consolidated Media - Tapes, Repairs to Recorder	493.48
Harold Dunn - Reimbursement for mowing yard and mailing tapes	33.35
Hartsville Printing - Cassette Labels & Financial Reports ..	77.80
Hartsville Vidette - Advertising	25.00
Independent Producers Corp. - Cassette Tapes	72.28
Middle Tennessee Elec., Mt. Juliet, Tenn.	48.93
Bob Pitt - Mileage, mailing tapes, phone calls	229.89
Bob Pitt - Reimbursement for Tapes	16.00
Bob Pitt - Reimbursement for Rick Goetz for setting camera	25.00
Powell & Meadows Ins. Agcy., Carthage, Tenn. - Liability Insurance	119.00
Radio Shack - Tapes	76.73
Sainte Broadcasting - Modesto, Ca. Chns. 19 & 35	1,683.00
South Central Bell - Answering and Recorder Machine ...	116.55
Jimmy Suttle - Reimbursement for envelopes, recorder, mailing tapes	457.96
Tennessee Telephone Co., Mt. Juliet, Tenn.	345.06
U.S. Postmaster - Stamps	20.00
West Wilson Water Dist., Mt. Juliet, Tenn.	19.08
Checks	12.77
Deposit Books	4.28
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**1984
BIBLE LANDS TOUR**

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 30, 1984

Our 1984 Bible Lands Tour will begin on the above date to Jordan and Israel. For those who wish to travel into other Bible Lands there will be Extensions to Greece and Egypt.

Some Co-Hosts are already booked with me for this Tour. Anyone who would like to Co-Host with me may get in touch with me at the address below. Also, if you wish to make reservations NOW for this TRIP OF A LIFETIME, it's not too soon.

Our 1983 Tour was a wonderful trip, great experience, and fellowship. (See page 8.) We had 93 tour members including 14 Baptist ministers.

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REPORT FROM COLORADO

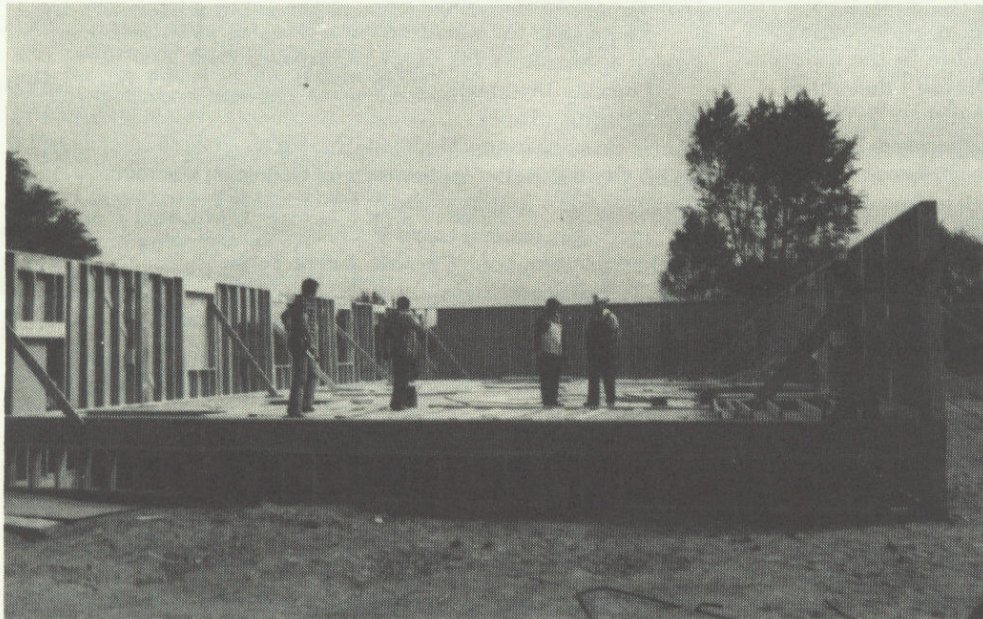
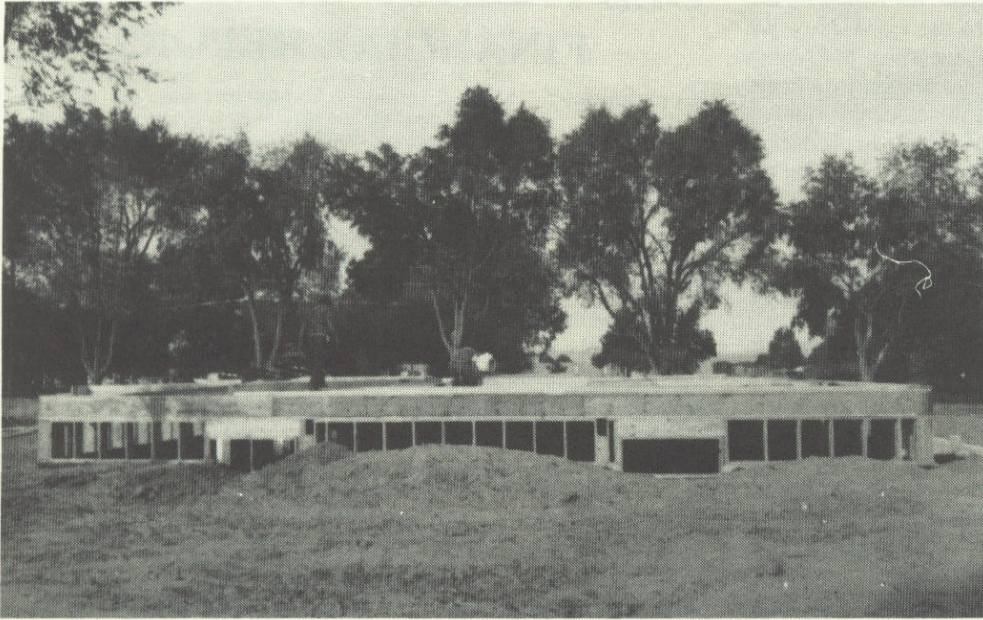
For several months you have been reading of the plans the Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado had to build a new house of worship. Due to the fact they are young and with a small number of members, it was necessary to have financial help from sister churches in order to undertake such a project with the expensive materials, etc.

We have been printing each month a list of donations which have been sent to them to assist in this work. They have been buying materials and using that to advance the work as they could. At the left you see three photos showing the progress they have been making. At the top you see the foundation and floor are laid. In the middle photo we can see the studs and siding being put up. In the lower picture more progress is manifested as the walls are up and ready for rafters and the roof.

Since the last report the following donations have been sent in: Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, Old Hickory, TN, \$150; Mrs. Christine Green, Nashville, TN, \$100; Brattontown Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, TN, \$50; Mr. Marvin Payne, Springfield, MO, \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Draper, Madison, TN, \$200; an offering was taken at the Wiseman Baptist Association which was \$838.25; Mrs. Frances Carter, Louisville, KY, \$100; Hayesville M. Baptist Church, Lafayette, TN, \$45. Total \$1,533.55.

Those wishing to send donations to this worthy cause may do so at: Colorado Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 31864, Aurora, CO 80041; or to the Treasurer, Mr. Luther Jent, 45 Garfield St., Denver, CO 80206.

Elder Ottis was instrumental in organizing the Mission into a church during his work there. After his resignation, the church called Elder Gary Duncan of Nashville as pastor. Let us support this church with our prayers and money and also their pastor.



THE PRINCE OF PEACE

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for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of host, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 5:20-24.

LIGHT PROMISED TO THOSE IN DARKNESS

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness." Isaiah 8:19-22.

You see in the above words of the Lord that trouble, darkness, anguish and hunger would be upon the people, but "nevertheless" it would not continue. So often when we have spoken to people in sorrow or trouble, we would endeavor to give them a ray of hope by pointing them to the Lord for their comfort and help.

In former times, "at the first" contempt had been brought on the land of Zebulun and Naphtali in the deportation of their inhabitants under Tiglathpilsar, when he carried them away into Assyria. II Kings 15:29. Yet, there was to come, light and hope to these people. Let us notice our entire lesson as we bring these events together.

In the beginning of our lesson we note the areas of Zebulun and Naphtali were beyond Jordan in Galilee. To this area honor was to come, and that with light to the Gentiles. "Galilee" that is, "region of the Gentiles." The word "Galil" in Hebrew means a "circle" or "circuit" and from it came the name Galilee. North of Naphtali, inhabited by a mixed race of Jews and Gentiles the bordering Phoenician race, Judges 1:30; I Kings 9:11. Besides the recent deportation by Tiglathpilsar, it had been sorely smitten by Benhadad of Syria, 200 years before, I Kings 15:20.

It was after the Assyrian deportation colonized with heathens, by Esar-haddon, II Kings 7:24. Hence arose the contempt for it on the part of the southern Jews of purer blood, John 1:46; 7:52. The same region which was so darkened once, shall be among the first to receive Messiah's light. Let us now go to the New Testament.

"Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephtholim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Easias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtholim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:12-17.

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Certainly, before Jesus came into this region preaching the gospel of the kingdom, other prophecies concerning him must needs be fulfilled. For this we shall study the last three verses of the lesson text.

In verse 6, a promise is made that a child is to be born unto us. He is a gift! John 3:16; II Corinthians 9:15.

The child that was to be born is called Wonderful. There are many wonderful people in the world. There are many wonderful things in God's creation. However, there has never been any thing or any one as wonderful as Jesus! So, to call him Wonderful is a name that divine inspiration gave to him.

He is called Counsellor. A counsellor is a person who counsels, or advises. Again, we think of all the counsellors in the world. Teachers by the million, millions of lawyers, ministers, social workers, government employees, etc., yet, no counsellor ever walked the face of the earth, that could give the advice and proper teaching that Jesus did!

The child was to be called The mighty God. Since it would take not only a few pages, but many volumes to go into this point of doctrine, we must here give only a scripture that plainly reveals this fact to us. When the angel appeared to Joseph announcing the coming birth of Mary's son, he said, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, (Isaiah) saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:21-23.

He is called The everlasting Father. Jesus said during his ministry, "I and my Father are one." John 10:30

Then Isaiah continues, And his name shall be called... "The Prince of Peace." From the beginning of time, mankind has had problems, contentions, wars, etc. And, therefore, has desired peace. From the Bible and history books, we learn that peace has come to individuals or to nations, many times. Yet, war would again come and the experience of fightings, death and destruction would be felt. the angel said to the shepherds in the valley just below Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." When Simeon came to the temple eight days later at the circumcision of Jesus, he said, after holding the baby in his arms, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:" Jesus said during his ministry to a sinful woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." Luke 7:50. Just before he went back to heaven he said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace." John 16:33a. While there are hundreds of scriptures in the Bible that teach the eternal security of the believer, none are any stronger than the one in our lesson, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." There is no end to the peace that God gives to a born-again child of God!

Bad Weather Stalls Search for Ark

ANKARA, Turkey (UPI) — Rotten weather forced James Irwin to call off an air search for Noah's Ark on eastern Turkey's Mount Ararat, but the former astronaut hopes to try again today.

Irwin, who lost all but three teeth last week in a fall on the mountain, flew instead to Ankara, Turkey's capital, yesterday to thank Turkish military leader Gen. Kenan Evren for allowing the U.S. expedition. "I feel much better," Irwin said when asked how he's doing since he spent 18 hours unconscious. Only three of the expedition's 11 members reached the 16,946-foot peak in their search for the remains of the Ark, and most of the group were in Istanbul yesterday for a breather.

PLANTS OF THE BIBLE

Many names of plants growing in the Holy Land during Bible times present little or no difficulty for the translator, for they clearly refer to the plants or the close relatives of the plants that are growing now in our own temperate regions. The almond is an example of this. Others, however, still elude the systematist, their origins lost in antiquity.

Algum Tree, *Juniperus excelsa* Bieb (älgûm, Heb. 'algûmmîm), now known as *Grecian juniper*, it reaches a height of 65 feet and is pyramidal in shape. It is abundant in the mountains of Lebanon and Gilead. The wood was eminently suitable for King Solomon's Temple (II Chron. 2:3,4,7-9).

Almond, *Amygdalus communis* L. (ä'münd, Heb. shâkedh, to watch for), belongs to the peach family and blooms very early; its pink blossoms appear before the leaves. It blooms prematurely when budded branches are placed in water in a warm place. The Israelites adopted the almond flowers with their sepals and petals (knops and flowers, Exod. 25:33-36) for the ornamentation of the cups of the golden candlesticks.

Almug Tree, *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. F. (äl'mûg, Heb. 'almûggîm, wrought wood), a tree providing a sweet-scented timber which is black outside and inside a ruby red. It is a native of India and takes a high polish. It is known as red sandalwood. The wood is strong and so antiseptic that it is insecticidal. King Solomon's builders undoubtedly deliberately selected the wood of the almug tree for the pillars of the temple because of its specific qualities of strength, beauty, and long life (I Kings 10:11,12).

Aloes (OT), *Aquilaria agallocha* Roxb (äl'öz, Heb. 'ahâlim, aloes), a large and spreading tree known as eagle wood or lign aloes. The inner wood of the tree, particularly when in a state of partial decay, is fragrant (Ps. 45:8).

Aloes (NT), *Aloe succatrina* Lam (äl'öz, Gr. alôe), a member of the lily family, this plant has a cluster of thick fleshy basal leaves which contain aloin, a substance which, dissolved in water and added to myrrh, was used by the ancients in their highly perfected art of embalming (John 19:38-40).

Amomum (Gr. *ámomum*), an odoriferous plant or seed used in preparing precious ointment (Rev. 18:13, not found in KJV). The exact species is not known. It grew in Armenia, Media, and Pontus, with seeds in clusters like grapes (Pliny, *Hist. Nat.* 12,28).

Anise, *Anethum graveolens* L. (än'is, Gr. *ánethon*, dill), an annual, weedy umbellifer which grows like parsley and fennel. Wrongly translated anise, this plant was cultivated for its aromatic seeds, which records tell us were subject to tithe (Matt. 23:23).

Apple, *Prunus armeniaca* L. (äp'l, Heb. *tapûah*). Much discussion has taken place over the "forbidden" fruit of the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:3-13) as well as the true botanical nature of the "apple" in the numerous other references. The western "apple" did not thrive on the soils of ancient Palestine. Modern writers seem to concur in the opinion that the apricot is the only fruit meeting all the requirements of context. The apricot tree is a shade tree nearly 30 feet in height. Its fruit is regarded second only to the peach; its perfume strong and revitalizing.

Apples of Sodom, mentioned by Josephus (BJ, IV, 8.4), but it is uncertain to what he refers.



An almond tree in blossom in Palestine. © MPS

Aspalathus, *Convolvulus floridus* L. F. (äs-päl'lä'thüs, Gr. *aspálathos*), a thorny, woody shrub bearing flowers similar to its morning glory-like relatives. Both the flowers and the wood are aromatic (Ecl. 24:15).

Balm (balsam), *Commiphora opobalsamum* Engl. (bâm, Heb. *tsöri*, balsam), the gum or thickened juice from the balsam trees believed to be the true balm of Gilead indigenous to Arabia (Ezek. 27:17).

Balm, *Balanites aegyptiaca* (L) *delile* (bâm, Gr. *resin* or *gum*, Heb. *tsöri*). The balm here recorded is the false balm of Gilead. It is the juice of a small tree growing in abundance around the Dead Sea. It was used as a healing salve (Jer. 51:8).

Barley, *Hordeum distichon* L. (bâr'lê, Heb. *se'örân*, long hair, Gr. *krithê*), a grain cultivated for man and beast from remotest antiquity. It is considered to be the most universally cultivated cereal. Barley bread was a staple food of the Hebrews and a symbol of poverty and scorn (Hos. 3:2). Barley corns were used by the Hebrews as a unit of measure.

Bay Tree (Green Bay Tree, q.v.)

Bdellium, *Commiphora africana* (Arn.) Engl. (dêl'-i-üm, Heb. *bedhōlah*), a tree that grew eastward of Persia. From its incised bark oozed a gum which when dry became transparent and wax-like and looked like a pearl (Num. 11:6,7).

Beans, *Vicia faba* L. (bên, Heb. *pōl*, bean), the broad bean, extensively cultivated in Palestine. Dried ground beans were mixed in with grain flour to make bread (Ezek. 4:9). A staple article of diet for the poor of Palestine.

Bitter Herbs (Herbs, q.v.)

Box Tree, *Buxus longifolia* Baiss (Heb. *te'ash-shûr*, ashur wood), a hardy evergreen forest tree of Lebanon and northern hills of Palestine. Because of the hardness of its wood it was used to provide inlays for cabinet work (Ezek. 27:6).

CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL OF GOSPEL MUSIC

There is to be a meeting for the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music on Saturday, December 3, 1983, at Cumberland College, Lebanon, Tenn. There is to be a meeting at 3:30 P.M. for the election of officers and board members. From 5:00-5:30 P.M. supper will be served in the cafeteria. A special singing is to begin at 6:30 P.M. For any additional information please call Mr. Key Dillard, Pres., at (615) 890-0288.



ATTENTION

If you sent in an article or announcement and it isn't in this issue, it's because it did not reach the BANNER mailbox by the deadline. All communications must be sent in time for us to receive them by the 10th of the month preceding month of publication. Due to the fact I have several schedules to keep, our deadlines must be kept.

—Editor



WHY TOUR BIBLE LANDS?

I have just returned from my 7th tour of Bible Lands, and the Lord willing, I'm to begin my 8th on Oct. 30, 1984. Why tour Bible Lands? Some ministers enjoy farming, or operating a shop of their choice. Some preachers enjoy hunting and fishing. Some like to play golf or attend ball games. Some enjoy camping out in the hills or on the lake. Some like to go to Florida or the mountains or some other vacation spot. Bible Lands Tours are church related and are educational to ministers or anyone who wishes to go. I'm interested in Biblical History and Bible background. Since I'm not too interested in the above, I enjoy tours to Bible Lands.

—Editor

REVIVAL REPORTS

Cedar Cross Missionary Baptist Church, Scottsville, Ky. One profession of faith with five additions to the church. The church had a good Spiritual revival. Pastor Gerald Cherry was assisted by Elder Billy Moran.

Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Five were saved with four additions to the church. Pastor Harold D. Linville was assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson.

Missions Is



Our Business

REPORT FROM JAPAN

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 with God through sacrificed Son of God. This was clearly understood to all even though most of them heard the gospel for the first time in their life. Lord gave us a great time to testify Jesus the Saviour with this circumstance. Each one of them said thanks heartily, especially her old mother and father, to Michiko and me for our kindness and love for their long-wandered daughter, and went home all together in the mountains. Lord will give you blessing, as you are co-workers together with us.

I have many things to tell you, but there is a space limit in the paper. So I hope you understand me. I have a hope to come to Ministers School held at the Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., next March by the help of Dr. & Mrs. Mike Collins of the city, who said in the recent letter, "We will forward the money to cover the round trip plane fare for you and for your family. Should you not be able to come this year the offer will still be there for any subsequent year." We really appreciate their thoughtful offer for me or for me and my family. We would like for you to pray for this matter also.

We will keep praying for you and for your ministry. We would like for you to pray for us.

May God richly bless you,
 Yours sincerely in His name,
 Koji Tajima

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Anti-abortion Article

In a rare gesture by an American president, Ronald Reagan has authored an essay for the spring issue of Human Life Review in which he urges Americans to oppose abortion on demand. In the essay Reagan emphasizes the value of human life. He writes, "Abortion concerns not just the unborn child, it concerns every one of us."

Schools Stop Bibles

The Gideons have stopped giving Bibles to public school children in Illinois following protests by some parents and the American Civil Liberties Union. The Illinois Board of Education ruled that giving Bibles to public schools breaches the Constitution's separation of church and state.

"No Sin"

Ninety percent of the French population no longer believes in sin. Although 82% consider themselves Catholic, 69% say they never have gone to confession.

"God measures your success as a leader, not by how many people you lead but by how many people you serve."

--Christway Bulletin

Even the skies and the highest heavens cannot contain you...yet, O Lord my God, you have heard and answered my request.

1 Kings 8:27, 28

MUD. An exasperated mother said to her child at the dinner table, "Eat it, Dear. Pretend it is mud."

NEWS FROM ARKANSAS

A CALL FOR HELP

Dear Readers of the Baptist Banner:

Three months ago today, we came to the Mission field here in Arkansas. We did not have a job when we came and still don't have one. We are greatly in need of financial help. All help will be greatly appreciated. Send all correspondence to Eld. M. V. Hammack, 766 Sidney St., Batesville, Arkansas 72501.

The Lord is Blessing us with Spiritual Services for which we are thankful. And I am sure that there are some attending who are lost. Although no one has come to the altar yet when an invitation was given. We have Sunday School at 10 A.M. and Worship Service at 11 A.M. each Sunday. Those who attend Worship Service also attend Sunday School for which we are thankful. Our least attendance has been 18 and our largest has been 34. Our attendance most of the time is from 22 to 28. We consider that really good for a Mission, since we have held a number of Missions before and the attendance was not as large in any of them, as we are having now. Following is a report for the three months of donations received from churches and individuals.

AUGUST

Defeated Creek Baptist Church, Lafayette, TN\$200.00
 Goodwill Baptist Church, Hartsville, TN100.00
 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, KY25.00

Total for the month of August \$325.00

SEPTEMBER

Rayon City Baptist Church, Old Hickory, TN\$ 50.00
 Gateway Baptist Church, Nashville, TN50.00
 Summer Shade Baptist Church, Summer Shade, KY75.00
 Brattontown Baptist Church, Lafayette, TN50.00
 Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN50.00
 Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN200.00
 Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, KY33.95
 New Bethel Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, TN300.00
 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, KY25.00

Total for the month of September \$833.95

OCTOBER

Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN\$125.00
 Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN50.00
 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, KY25.00
 Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, KY20.00

Total for the month of October \$220.00

Total for the three months \$1,378.95

From Individuals:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Willis, 509 S. Dixon Rd., Kokomo, IN ...\$200.00

Total from individuals \$200.00

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Sister Churches and individuals which have sent us donations. Since we have been on the Mission field, we cannot find the words to express how much we appreciate it. We want you to know that we will never forget your for your help, which came to us in such a needy time. We also need your continued help in the future. This is such a needy field. We have a desire to continue giving our full time to this Mission work and will do so if the Lord will make a way. We also request your prayers that lost people will be convicted of their sins and a Godly sorrow will be wrought in their heart that works repentance unto salvation.

Your Brother in Christ
 Eld. M. V. Hammack
 766 Sidney St.
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GREETINGS FROM JERUSALEM

On October 25, 1983, the above pictured group left for a Tour of Bible Lands including Jordan, Israel and Greece. A good and safe trip was enjoyed. Reports will be given by some of the members.

There were 93 tour members using two buses. There were 45 on Bus 1, and 48 on Bus 2. Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Host-Advisor, was assisted by eight co-hosts. Not in the picture were Elder Douglas Curtis, Co-Host, Bro. Jerry Donoho, Judge G. W. Oldham, Mrs. Essie Yaden, Co-Host, and Mrs. Brenda Ralph who were visiting Mrs. Nancy Speidel at a local hospital.

In the photo are, Front Row, left to right: Miss Kristi Riley, Elder Glenn Yaden, Mrs. Sherry Matthews, Mrs. Ruth White, Mrs. Louise Dyer, Mrs. Nina Mahaney, Mrs. Jean Milam, Mrs. Ruth Hastings, Master John Cole, Mrs. Shirley Cole, Mr. Harold Cole, Mrs. Claudine Vanderpool, Co-Host, Mrs. Mai Nell McDuffee, Mrs. Christine Bellar, Mrs. Eva Ray, Mrs. Frances Ramage.

Second Row: Standing, Mr. Tewfic A. Safieh "Theo," Guide for Bus 1, Mrs. Dorothy Oldham, Mrs. Juanita Curtis, Mrs. Louise Gregory, Mrs. Beatrice Petty, Co-Host, Mrs. Ruth Sloan, Mrs. Irene Earps, Mrs. Diane Brown, Mrs. Alta Vanderpool, Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Host-Advisor, Mrs. Roberta Petty, Mrs. Geraldine Smothers, Mr. Darel Smothers.

Third Row: Mr. Zacharias "Zack," Guide for Bus 2, Mrs. Pauline Hayes, Mr. Dormon Grubbs, Mrs. Betty Grubbs, Mrs. Beulah Langford, Mr. Willie Draper, Mrs. Mary Draper, Mrs.

Bernice Bryson, Elder Paul Bryson, Co-Host, Mrs. Ada Stubblefield, Mrs. Edna Shoulders, Mrs. Bobbie Hauskins, Mr. G. W. Hauskins.

Fourth Row: Mrs. Lettie White, Mr. Ed White, Mr. Danny Miller, Mrs. Hattis Miller, Mrs. Jean Miller, Mrs. Doris Reese, Mrs. Nancy Overton, Mrs. Mary Riley, Bro. Edward Gregory, Elder Melvin Stinson, Mrs. Calcie Stinson, Mrs. Delores Barnes, Mr. Jerry Barnes, Elder Fred Prince, Elder Earl Owens.

Fifth Row: Mrs. Glenda Gilbert, Mrs. Shirley Dillard, Mrs. Faye Jenkins, Mrs. Naomi Kemp, Mrs. Christine Belcher, Elder Tom Armstrong, Elder Keith Frieze, Mrs. Shirley Frieze, Mr. Ivan Rion, Mrs. Katie Rion, Mrs. Dora Connell, Dr. C. R. Hayes, Mrs. Martha Hayes, Mrs. Ruby Bowman, Elder Harold Carver, Co-Host.

Sixth Row: Mrs. Lovina Fuqua, Mrs. Sue Yaden, Mrs. Joyce Flippin, Bro. Windell Flippin, Co-Host, Mrs. Norma Hedges, Elder Truman Hedges, Mr. Kenneth Simpson, Mrs. Billie Simpson, Mr. Jimmie Hale, Jr., Mrs. Carol Graves, Mrs. Jocille Wright, Mr. Eddie Wright, Co-Host, Mr. Tracy Donoho, Mr. Otto Waddell, Jr., Mrs. Norma Waddell, Mrs. Minnie Lois Kittrell, Mr. Edward Kittrell. There were 14 Baptist Ministers in the group.

The Dome of the Rock is in the background. This is on Mt. Moriah where Abraham was ready to offer up Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19), and where Solomon's Temple stood.