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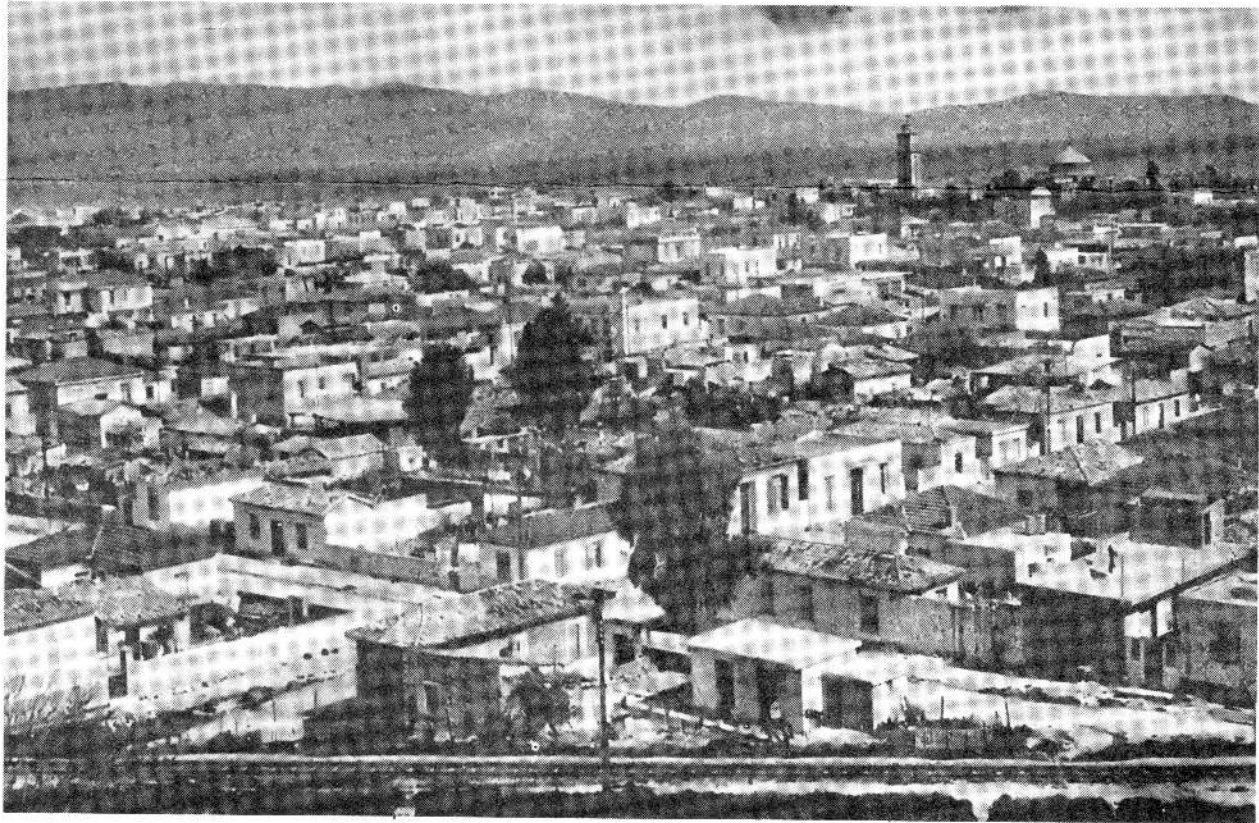
Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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Panoramic View of the Present City of Corinth



CORINTH

Pictured above is the present city of Corinth which lies about sixty miles west of Athens, Greece. This being near the ancient city where Paul preached and did much of his mission work — "After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;" Acts 18:1.

Our tour group visited Athens and Corinth on March 4-5, 1969. The highway leading from Athens to Corinth runs near the shore of the beautiful and historic Mediterranean Sea.

Due to other articles and the present work schedule of the editor, a report on the Bible Lands Tour will not be given this month, but the Lord willing, it will continue in the next issue. —Editor

Israel Parliament Votes Money Name Change To Shekel

JERUSALEM — The Israeli parliament voted on June 4, 1969, to change the name of Israel's currency unit, the lira, to the ancient Hebrew "shekel."

The Bank of Israel estimated it would take about five years for the new name to be adopted.

Webster's Dictionary defines the shekel as "an ancient weight unit used by the Hebrews, Babylonians, etc., equal to about half an ounce."

Which Road Shall We Follow?

By Howard E. Kershner

Under a system where each man provides for himself and his family, all men do their best. The result is increased production and economic well-being.

Under a system where each man lives in part or in full from the labors of others there is much less incentive to do one's best. Thus an increasing amount of time and energy is expended on devising ways and means of obtaining more of the wealth of others.

Almost all of us now live in part from

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Revival Reports

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Washington, Ill. One addition to the church three to be baptized. Pastor Raymond Hargis was assisted in the revival by Elder Lawton Brewer.

Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Two professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor Everett Fields was assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

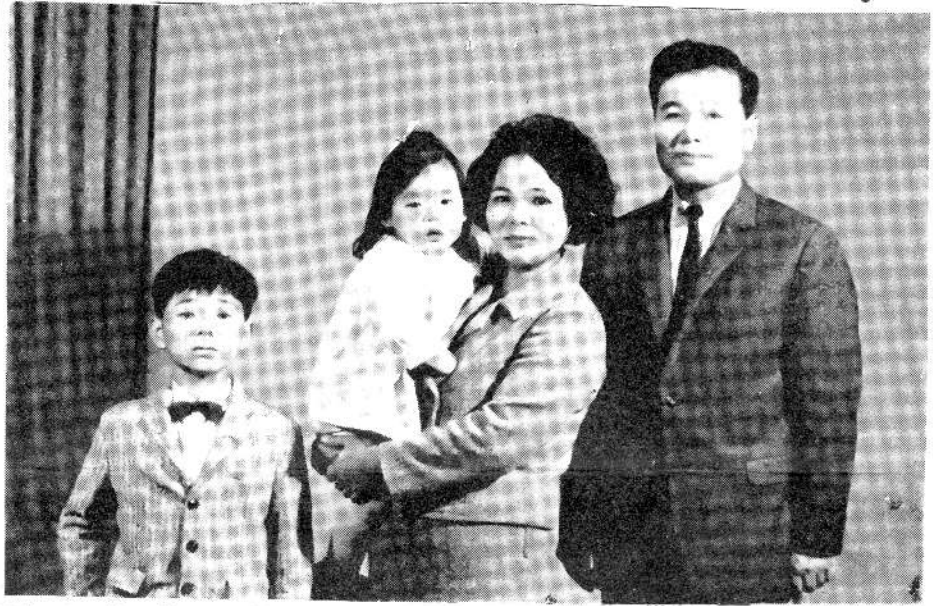
Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. One profession of faith with four additions to the church. Pastor C. B. Huddleston was assisted by Elder D. C. Russell.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. One profession of faith and one addition to the church. Pastor Bobby G. Sutton was assisted by Elder P. D. Ballard.

Baptist Mission, Louisville, Ky. One saved and one profession just prior to revival. Services were conducted by Brethren Alton Lewis, Stanley Galloway and Bill Lewis.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Warren County, Ky. Two professions of faith and two additions to the church. Pastor Charles Moore was assisted by Elder Bobby G. Sutton and Bro. Homer White was song leader.

Japanese Minister and Family



Elder Koji Tajima; wife, Michiko; son, Ruka, 9 years old; daughter, Kyoko, 2 years old.

Elder Koji Tajima was born in 1934 in Wakayama Prefecture, Japan. He was saved on July 28, 1952 under the preaching of Elder J. Frank Carr of New Middleton, Tenn. who was a Baptist Missionary to Japan. Bro. Tajima was a high school student at that time.

He says, "I experienced a wonderful and amazing regeneration, from a helpless sinner to a victorious child of God. In February, 1954, God called me to preach His word to our people. I am the first convert that God called for His ministry as an Independent Baptist preacher around this area."

Bro. Tajima was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry in April, 1956, by the Yamaguchi First Baptist Church. He has studied at the Japan Christian School and the Japan Baptist Bible College.

In 1958 he was married to Miss Michiko Okamura. Elder James Henry Smith another Baptist Missionary in Japan from Nashville, Tenn. and who was pastor of Koi Baptist Church, Hiroshima, Japan, performed the ceremony.

As a pastor, Bro. Tajima has worked in the Fukuin Gospel Baptist Church, Yokohama, Yamaguchi First Baptist Church and is now pastor of Koi Baptist Church in Hiroshima. He has traveled many, many miles in Japan and has been instrumental in leading many lost souls to the Lord.

In 1958, he visited here in the United

States. (The editor was privileged to be with him in services at McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. during this visit) Bro. Tajima says, "I'm supported by and depend on God's grace only."

Pastor Wants Information

Elder Raymond Hargis, pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Washington, Ill. would like to have information concerning any of your relatives or friends living in that area so he may visit and invite them to church. Write Elder Raymond Hargis, 202 Claremont, E. Peoria, Ill, 61611; or call: (209) 694-1989.

Sorry, Omission

In the report last month on the ordination of Bro. Everett Fields, a name was omitted for which the editor is sorry. Elder W. T. Russell preached the ordination sermon.

When religion does something for you it makes you do something for somebody else.

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the labor of others. Some pay less than the cost of the postal service they enjoy and others pay more. Some get 10 or 20 times as much as Social Security costs them and others pay vastly more than they hope to receive. Some, having no children, nevertheless contribute more, proportionately, to the support of schools, for the education of other people's children. Others, with large families, get the benefit of much more than their proportion of the public money that is spent for education. Some enjoy handsome salaries and luxurious living at public expense while there are others who must endure much hardship and live on a far lower scale are required to shoulder this expense. Some retire on fat pensions after 20 years of labor, while others work hard into advanced age. Some house themselves while others are housed in part at the expense of the taxpayers. Some strong pressure groups are able to obtain wages far in excess of the service rendered as compared with the wages of others. They render necessary services but are not strong enough numerically to obtain compensation in proportion to the stronger groups.

Innumerable committees and associations propagandize and pressurize on behalf of this or that group. All of this activity, and perhaps the greater portion of time and thought of our elected officials, is spent in devising ways and means of taking money from some (in ways that they hope will not be too much noticed) and giving it to others in ways that are much publicized. All of us know that we are receiving some of the wealth of others and that we are giving some of our own wealth to others, but almost everyone hopes that he will receive more than he is compelled to give.

When the time and thought of most of the people are devoted to seeking ways of getting more from others, less time and thought are available for the task of creating more wealth; hence, the standard of living declines.



Kershner

Not only so, but a vast amount of ill will develops between those who are dispossessed and those who profit by it. The dispossessed person becomes discouraged and bitter, feeling that there is little use to work hard only to see the fruits of his labor being spent by wastrels, loafers and ne'er-do-wells. Those who profit from the dispossession of others seem to feel that what they get from government costs no one anything and that they are, therefore, quite free to develop more and more pressure for increased benefits of all kinds.

A society disorganized for these reasons can hardly continue long to produce abundantly. The turmoil and scramble for more of the wealth of others become more intense and lead to more strikes, feather-bedding and foot-dragging. The people, as a last resort and in self defense, appeal to government to enforce some sort of discipline. This means price and wage fixing and full direction of the economy. Each must then do what government says at the wage government fixes.

The only known way to avoid this unhappy fate is the free market economy wherein each is responsible for himself and government is deprived of the power to take wealth from some and give it to others. As long as government may exercise that power, public pressure will force it to do so with the results we have noted. For instance, popular pressure compels government not to enforce the laws of assault and battery against strikers and in some cases to maintain them at public expense during the time that they refuse to work. This enables them not only to remain idle, but to deny the right of other men to fill the jobs they refuse.

The successful pressure groups, therefore, get more and more and the others less and less until finally it becomes evident that an umpire is necessary to maintain some sort of balance and discipline. In other words, as William Penn so well said:

"If men will not be governed by God then they must be governed by tyrants."

This is the road we are following. It leads to more and more socialization and ends in totalitarianism. None of us wants it but only a few of us seem willing to pay the price of maintaining our freedom. The price is self-reliance and a willingness to assume the responsibility of providing for ourselves. Once we demand the help of government, we set

in motion the forces which lead to our undoing. Furthermore, in the free system we must not only provide for ourselves, but set aside a generous margin to care for the unfortunate few who, on account of illness, accident or incompetence, are unable to care for themselves and their own. This must be done by generous, private charity.

In contrast to government relief which tends to multiply the number of dependents, private charity is curative. It rehabilitates many and tends to become less and less necessary as the whole fabric of society is strengthened by self-reliance integrity and the high principles which must be practiced in order to maintain it. — Christian Economics

Meditations

By G. H. Dillard

Speaking of rewards, I fear that some people think about the reward more than the task they did to receive that reward.

About fifty years ago this writer heard about three preachers talking about where they would like to be, and what they would like to be doing when our Lord comes to earth again.

The first one said he would like to be standing by his mother's grave when "the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God."

The second — whose young wife had passed on — said he would like to be standing by her grave and see that great sight. The third said he would like to be somewhere asking some unsaved person to "seek the Lord."

Editor's Wife Thanks Friends

I am able to be up now and to attend church some. I had been in bed since April 20. On May 1, I had back surgery a spinal fusion — at Park View Hospital in Nashville. I was there for two weeks. After coming home, I had to stay in bed without raising my head — for over six more weeks. Since then I have begun to walk again and able to be up and around the house.

I'm thankful to be able to be up and be back to church, which I have missed so much. During my illness, I have received so many cards, letters, gifts and phone calls from people who were con-

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cerned. My visitors have been many. For all these things I want to thank each and everyone with all my heart. Only the Lord knows how much this has meant to me.

To Dr. Eugene Regen, Jr., Nashville; the nurses and assistants at Park View Hospital, Nashville, who were so kind and considerate, I say "thank you." May God ever bless all of you is my prayer. I cannot put into words how I appreciate all the kindness and consideration and help in every way that Old Union Baptist Church has shown.

Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool

General Association of Missionary Baptists

On Saturday, March 29, 1969, a General Association of Missionary Baptists was held at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 Lischey Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Churches that represent annually in the Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Baptist Associations represented at this meeting. All the churches did not represent.

Officers elected were: Elder F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn., moderator; Elder F. L. Ray, Goodlettsville, Tenn., Asst. moderator; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Bowling Green, Ky., clerk; Elder Howard G. Taylor, Nashville, Tenn., Asst. clerk.

Most of the day was spent on discussions of Resolutions dealing with principles of our churches and the various ideas of our churches and the practices of the Southern Baptist Convention, and what steps to take relative to fellowship with them.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the clerk have 2,000 minutes printed and distributed to all the churches of the three associations. The clerk has done this.

It was also voted that the churches pay for such work and printing and mailing. About one-third of the churches have done so.

If for some reason any church has not received these minutes, write to the editor, who was clerk of the association at 2303 Grandview Dr., Bowling Green, Ky. 42101, and some will be mailed as a few were reserved for this purpose.

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Conditions in Israel

By H. C. Vanderpool

Some people are asking questions about the conditions in Israel when making plans to make the Bible Lands Pilgrimage next spring.

Some did not want to make the tour this year due to the news reports about the conflict there between Israel and Jordan. All of those with me on the tour can speak to the fact that we were safe there.

When people make these tours of the Holy Land under the direction of guides working with the tour companies and having the "o.k." signal or go ahead," of the State Dept. then there is nothing to fear. You are as safe there as you are in many of our American cities today.

Women and children can walk the streets unafraid and the few trouble spots that do exist are not gone into.

Recently a young lady was killed there which has caused some concern. THIS GIRL HIRED A TAXI AND WENT TO THE AREA WHERE SHE WAS KILLED AND SHE WAS NOT IN A TOUR GROUP.

On January 21, 1969, Mike Wallace, CBS News, said, "There is said to be anger and doubt in Paris and in Cairo and Beirut about the Israelis and their intentions. But that is surely not reflected here in Tel Aviv. The fact is the Middle Eastern crisis and threat of war loom larger in the Western newspapers than in the pale winter sun of the Mediterranean."

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles, California said, "During December, 1968, Mrs. Yorty and I visited Israel. It was a real pleasure to again visit Jerusalem and, this time, to be able to see it as a reunited city. — Traveling in Israel today is a real pleasure. The Middle East problems do not affect tourists in Israel.

Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY—AUGUST

White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor C. L. Russell is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

Bethel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. Elder Charles Stapleton is the pastor. No information on the helper for the revival.

White Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Monroe County, Ky. Pastor Melvin Stinson is to be assisted by Elder Joe T. Stinson.

FRIDAY—AUGUST 8

Chestnut Mound Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor E. C. Butler is to be assisted by Bro. Robert Hughes and Elder Tommy Lankford is to lead the singing.

SECOND SUNDAY—AUGUST

Plunkett's Creek Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor W. V. Dewese is to be assisted by Elder Curtis McClanahan and Bro. Howard Dawson is to be song director.

THIRD SUNDAY—AUGUST

Fairview Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky. Pastor Jimmy Suttle is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Bro. Duncan Houchens is to direct the singing.

FOURTH SUNDAY—AUGUST

South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Pastor Phocian Gibbs is to be assisted by Elder W. V. Dewese and Bro. Harold Carter is to lead the singing.

Wisdom is knowing what to do next;
Skill is knowing how to do it, and
Virtue is doing it.