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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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THE FALL OF BABYLON REVELATION 18 "The Vatican Empire"

By F. R. Bingham,
Oak Lawn, Illinois

On Thursday morning, March 20th, on the "TODAY" program on television, I heard a man discuss the wealth of THE VATICAN EMPIRE. He was Mr. Nino Lo Bello, and had recently written a book on the subject of THE VATICAN EMPIRE. Mr. Lo Bello identified himself as a Practicing Roman Catholic, so what he revealed cannot be charged as biased against the Catholic Church. I went out and bought the book to see what all he had to say about the vast



Pastor F. R. Bingham

COMMERCIAL SYSTEM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Maybe that is why they advertised it, to get people like me to buy the book.

Mr. Lo Bello identified THE VATICAN EMPIRE as "that of the Roman Catholic Religious System that "sits on top" of the entire Catholic Church, and under the direct control of the pope,

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EDITOR REPORTS ON BIBLE LANDS TOUR

By H. C. Vanderpool

(Continued from last issue. In previous issues the time of March 3 through March 7 was reported on. We had just arrived in Jerusalem for our first night there.—Editor.)

Saturday, March 8, 1969.—On this date we were to do more walking than usual. After breakfast in the dining room of the Mt. Scopus Hotel we boarded our tour bus. We had our morning devotional services on the bus and then we were on our way.

Saturday is still the Sabbath day for the Israelis, but in the Old City of Jerusalem, the Jordanian section, shops and business places were open. On our way we stopped, climbed a street to the area of the "Dung Gate" which was one of the eleven gates of the city of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day (Neh. 3:14). This leads out to the valley of Hinnom.

We went on to Mt. Moriah. This is where the Dome of The Rock now stands, but was also the site of the Temple that Solomon built. Abraham came from Beersheba to this place to offer up Isaac, Gen. 22:1-2.

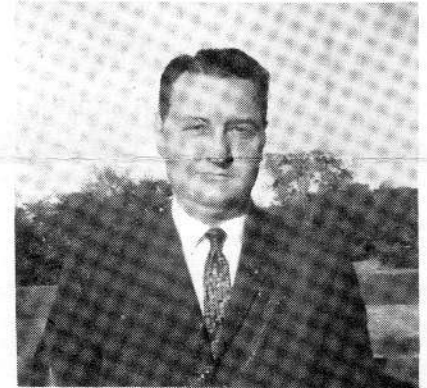
"Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in Mt. Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father,—." (II Chro. 3:1).

After the destruction of Solomon's Temple, Herod's Temple was built here and it too was destroyed. The Mosque of Omar or the Dome of the Rock is what you can see here now. We were allowed to enter this building, but we had to take off our shoes first.

We went to the Wailing Wall, the one remnant of the Temple's western courtyard. The Jews who worship here are in two groups—the women in one and

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ORDAINED



Elder Everett L. Fields

Bro. Everett L. Fields was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by Chestnut Mound Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn., on Saturday night, March 29, 1969. Several churches from Tennessee and Kentucky were represented.

Elder E. C. Butler, pastor of the church, was elected moderator of the presbytery and Elder C. B. Huddleston was clerk.

Deacon C. B. Armistead presented the candidate to the presbytery and Elder H. C. Vanderpool led the interrogation. The ordination prayer was led by Deacon Eugene Thomas.

Elder Jimmy Suttle gave the charge to the newly ordained brother and the charge to the church was given by Deacon Charlie Hughes. Elder Arlie J. Huddleston, Jr. presented the Bible to Bro. Fields.

The services were enjoyed by all present as it was a spiritual meeting and fellowship. Bro. Fields had been called to the pastorate of Sulphur Fork Baptist Church near Portland, Tenn. He accepted the full-time pastorate and is now working with this church. Let's remember them in our prayers.

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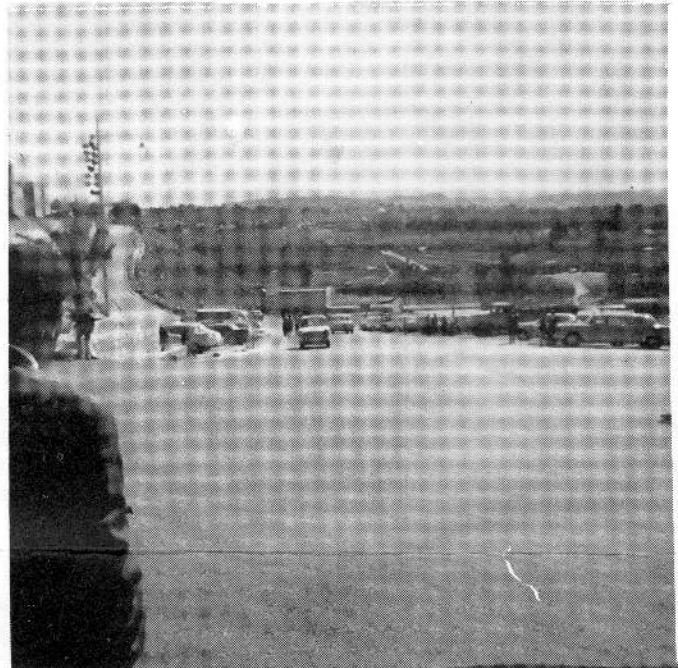
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Section of Old Jerusalem



Valley of Himmon

the men in another. Some were reading Scripture, some singing and some praying. We were reminded of what Paul said in Rom. 10:1-4.

We continued our tour through Jerusalem, now a city of 265,000 population. We came to the area where Christ was tried and sentenced to death. This was when he was brought from Annas to Caiaphas (John 18:24-40).

We walked the narrow street of the Old Jerusalem which were lined with

markets on both sides. Many of these were open-air. Our guide, Arje, took us to a desirable shopping center which was a good place to purchase souvenirs.

After leaving this area we went through the Jaffa Gate and near by we could look into the Valley of Hinnom. This is more properly called "the valley of the son of Hinnom." It was the dumping area for the city of Jerusalem and here the refuse and waste of the city burned all the time and the fire was

never out and the smoke continued to ascend. It was later called "the valley of slaughter" (Jer. 19:1-6).

The Hebrew name, GEENA or GEHENNA, transliterated in Greek is "hell," used in the New Testament. This speaking of the place of eternal fire and punishment of all unbelievers in Christ.

From here we returned to the Mt. Scopus Hotel for lunch.

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THE FALL OF BABYLON

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and the regime of the Vatican State at Rome, Italy. A lot of people are not aware that The Vatican is a State of its own, and owes no allegiance to any other governmental State. So, the Roman Catholic Church System is RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL and COMMERCIAL in all of its outreach among the inhabitants of the earth.

Mr. Lo Bello's statement of the wealth of the Vatican Empire did not include all of the wealth of the Catholic Church in the other phases of its existence, such as property, money in banks, capital investments, and commercial enterprises in other parts of the world, etc., in the various dioceses throughout the world. For instance, the Chicago Arch-diocese, controlled by Cardinal Cody, is one of the largest and wealthiest in the world. Now, this immense wealth of the Chicago Arch-diocese is not included in Mr. Lo Bello's estimate. Only that wealth under direct supervision of the Vatican, and over which no other Catholic group has any control.

Mr. Lo Bello spent TEN years gathering the information, most of the time in Rome, and close to the Vatican. No one released this information in a package deal to the author, but little by little, and bit by bit, he was able to learn the facts and piece them together, and thus come up to a fair estimate of the wealth of THE VATICAN EMPIRE. The author placed it as FAR IN EXCESS OF \$20 Billion American dollars; that much and far more, just how much more, no one could rightly tell. That does not include the value of particular Church properties, which is somewhere near \$2 Billion additional dollars.

The Vatican was in serious financial difficulty following World War I, but when Mussolini came into power in Italy, The Lateran Pact, signed in 1929 by Mussolini and representatives of the Vatican, did three things. It created the new State of Vatican City; it set up The Financial Convention, which granted payments to the Church for the loss of its temporal powers; and the Concordat, which gave the Vatican powers and privileges to administer its own special affairs. Under this Lateran Pact, the Government of Italy made a large money settlement for the loss of Vatican properties. A sum of \$40 million was paid in one lump; and in addition to that 5% government bonds worth about \$50 million dollars were transferred to

the Vatican. On the day the Lateran Treaty was signed, Pope Pius created the Holy See's Special Administration, and appointed Bernardino Nogara, a relative to the Archbishop of Udine, to keep watch over this large sum of money that had been given to the Vatican. Nogara then began to work with this money, reaching his hands into different and various enterprises, building up wealth of the Vatican Empire, until now it is one of the wealthiest in the world. Its wealth cannot easily be known; I'm sure no one knows except those in the most intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the empire, and they are not going to reveal it.

Chapter 8 of the book THE VATICAN EMPIRE tells of all the different business enterprises that the Vatican is connected with, either owning or controlling. Mining and metalurgical products; fertilizers, Electrical power; textile mills; pharmaceuticals; aluminum; cement, artificial and synthetic fibers; bathroom and plumbing fixtures; gas companies throughout Italy; steel mills, and the things used in steel manufacture, such as coke, etc.; companies that control wheat and other grains, and that produce cookies and other baked goods, even spaghetti factories; publishing businesses; transportation; television and radio, railroads, steamships, airlines; automobile companies; coal and steel companies; passenger shipping lines; the banking business. All of these are a part of the working of the vast VATICAN EMPIRE.

When I heard this man, Mr. Lo Bello, and then read this book, I thought of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. The Vast Babylonish System, which is none other than the Roman Catholic Church system. I have taught that Revelation 17 gives us RELIGIOUS BABYLON, and its downfall, while chapter 18 tells us of COMMERCIAL and POLITICAL BABYLON and its downfall. I had thought of them as different and separate.

But now I see, as I had not seen before, that they are one and the same. The BABYLONISH SYSTEM IS RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL and COMMERCIAL. Revelation 18: 11-17 tells us of all the commercial ventures in which Babylon (the Catholic Church) shall be engaged, and it also tells of the great distress the world will be thrown into when that System falls. It may seem strange to you that this information is just now coming to light, but it need not seem strange, for the prophecy of the DOOM of BABYLON has to do with the time

of the ending of this age, and every evidence coming to light now points to the fact that we are nearing the end of this age. This information about the VATICAN EMPIRE only points up more realistically the Trustworthiness of the Bible in its predictions, and in the light it sheds on man's life on earth.

One thing is very disgusting to me in these days, and that is all the talk that the Catholic Church is poor and unable to pay its way, and thus needs government money for its enterprises. That is a lie; the Catholic Church system is the richest in the world and trying to force its way upon all other people to make it richer.

Revival Reports

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. Three professions of faith with two additions to the church. Pastor Calvin Perrigo was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Three professions of faith with two additions to the church. Eight baptized just previous to revival. Pastor A. G. Gregory was assisted in the revival by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. One profession of faith. Pastor W. T. Russell was assisted by Elder Charles Moore.

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Six professions of faith with six additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth Massey was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

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June 10, 1969

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

Our reservations for transportation to Israel have been made for August 29; the Lord willing we will sail from New York on that date on a ship called Amerikanis and will arrive in Haifa, Israel September 14th. I applied for space on a ship sailing June 23rd, but this being the tourist season there was no space left. But we consider this to be the Lord's way for us, and we can see now that it is working that way, because He has opened up more, new doors for me to speak for Him the message He has given me. As we walk by faith we can expect the Lord to hold us back sometimes when He wants us to wait a little and go just at His time.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. He has wonderfully supplied all our needs in the work He has called us to do. We have sufficient funds in hand for the expensive move we are about to make, for our passage and for the supplies which we are intending to take along to the field. We thank the Lord who has worked through His people and churches to supply these needs. Blessed be the name of the Lord! We thank Him for giving us so many dear friends, who pray for us and send to our necessities.

Some time ago Brother Claude Gallo-way, Lyons Baptist Church in Louisville, and Brother Herbert Vanderpool, pastor of Old Union Baptist Church, and editor of the Baptist Banner, started a move to raise funds to buy a VW Bus for us to use on our new field in Israel, and the churches and individual children of God responded very generously

and sufficient funds were raised to buy the bus, with some left over. We want to thank all the brethren and sisters for this wonderful gift. I suppose we will wait till we get to Israel to buy the bus, but the funds will be used for this purpose. May the Lord richly bless you, everyone.

Our foreign address is printed on this letter head, but I advise that you don't send any mail there till about the first of September. You may continue to correspond with us here at 2907 Jones Avenue, Nashville, till we leave here for New York about one week before sailing date.

Yours in the service of our Master,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

In Memory of My Dear Wife, Effie

In sure and steadfast hope to rise,
And claim her mansion in the skies;
A Christian here her flesh laid down,
The cross exchanging for a crown.
True daughter of affliction, she,
Inured to pain and misery,
Mourned a long night of grief and fears,
A legal night of seventy-six years.
The Father then revealed his Son,
Him in the broken bread made known.
She knew and felt her sins forgiven,
And found the earnest of her heaven.
Meet for the fellowship above,
She heard the call, "Arise my love!"
"I come!" her dying looks replied,
And lamb-like, as her Lord, she died.

Written by husband,
G. H. Dillard

JAMES HENRY & ANNIE LAURA SMITH

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REVIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FIRST SUNDAY—JULY

Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Warren County, Ky. Pastor Charles Moore is to be assisted by Elder Bobby G. Sutton.

Cave Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Dekalb County, Tenn. To be conducted by the pastor Elder C. C. Ramsey.

Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson County, Tenn. Pastor Goldman Davenport is to be assisted by Elder Everett L. Fields and Bro. James Carter to be director of singing.

Indian Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Dekalb County, Tenn. Pastor James T. Gibbs is to conduct the services.

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn. Pastor L. C. Long is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Massey.

SECOND SUNDAY—JULY

Cocnord Missionary Baptist Church, White House, Tenn. Pastor G. C. Smith is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

THIRD SUNDAY—JULY

Mace's Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Pastor J. C. Austin is to be assisted by Elder Calvin Perri-go.

Brattontown Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. Pastor Melvin Stinson is to be assisted by Elder Harold D. Linville.

Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Bawling Green, Ky. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith and Bro. Duncan Houchens is to be in charge of the singing.