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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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## BETHLEHEM



### Editor Reports On Bible Lands Tour

By: H. C. Vanderpool

(Previous reports on our Bible Lands Tour have been for the following days: March 3-9, 1969. --Editor).

Today is Monday, March 10, 1969, our eighth day of travels in Bible Lands. After breakfast, we gathered in an assembly room of Mt. Scopus Hotel for our morning's devotional service. I read Ps. 125:1-2, after which a tour member led in prayer.

We left Jerusalem and went through Bethlehem to Hebron, which is located about 19 miles southwest from Jerusalem. Hebron is 3,000 ft. above sea-level, yet lies in a shallow valley. Fine vineyards are on the surrounding hillsides.

From the brook Eshcol near Hebron the spies took the large cluster of grapes back to Moses at the wilderness of Paran (Num. 13:21-26). Abraham bought the field of Machpelah here at Hebron for a burial ground. He, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah,

Jacob and Leah were buried here. We visited the place and the buildings over these tombs. This structure is a Mosque.

We visited in some of the shops of the city and also enjoyed some mid-morning refreshments at one of the eating places. Jewish children were in large numbers, as well as adults, selling their wares for souvenirs.

We left Hebron and came back to Bethlehem. Here we visited the traditional site of the birth of Christ. We saw the Shepherd's field where the angel announced the birth of Jesus as they watched over their flocks (Luke 2:8-10). These are also the fields that belonged to Boaz where Ruth gleaned the grain (Ruth 2:3).

We journey back to Jerusalem on the bus. Here we ate lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon we visited Ein-Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. Then we went to the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, which was an interesting place. We finish the day driving back

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## Missionaries Report From Israel

By: James Henry Smith  
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September 26, 1969

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends:

We arrived safely in Israel, but after much delay and some complications. Our ship was scheduled to arrive in Haifa on Friday morning, September 12, but it was running late and at the best it couldn't get to the port till late in the afternoon or evening, and because of the Jewish holiday that was to begin about 6:00 the port would be closed. So as the ship was just passing the Island of Crete in the Mediterranean orders came to turn north to Greece where it would dock for two days. This ship was scheduled to make a return trip to the U. S. and it couldn't go on the Haifa, or that is what we were told. So late Sunday afternoon they took us to Athens air port to fly us to Tel-Aviv; they said we would leave at 8:30 but it was 10:30 when we got off. It took an hour and half to Tel-Aviv and it was mid-night. There were two hundred passengers getting off at Tel-Aviv and all

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## Southern Baptists Confer With Catholics

John R. Rice

Former President of Southern Baptist Convention, Brooks Hays, Presiding. Some Baptist Leaders and Catholic Bishops and Professors meet in Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, in Dialogue Conference.

Extended clippings from the Winston-Salem "Journal and Sentinel" tell about a conference held early in May. It was sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University, a Southern Baptist School. The clipping says "About 60 Roman Catholics and Southern Baptist are at the university in a 'first time'

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## Southern Baptists and Catholics

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event of Baptists talking with Catholics." Former Congressman Brooks Hays, twice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, presided. One of the speakers was Dr. E. Glenn Hinson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. Next February a second meeting will be held between Southern Baptist leaders and Catholics: "February 5-7, 1970, at St. Joseph's Abbey, St. Benedict, Louisiana . . . It will be a joint effort of Wake Forest's Ecumenical Institute and the Bishop's Committee for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs." "A third ecumenical talk session is tentatively scheduled in April, 1970, at Louisville, Kentucky."

Here is the resolution adopted at this joint meeting of Baptists, and Roman Catholics having met together, in a three-day conference under the auspices of Wake Forest University, a Baptist-related institution. The group included Catholic bishops, Southern Baptist denominational executive, theologians, scripture scholars, pastors and representative laity.

"It is believed that this is the first meeting on such a broad scale, convened to discuss our common heritage and to

confront our historic differences.- We came not as official representatives of ecclesiastical groups but as individuals interested in realizing our oneness in Christ.

"Two factors emerged in the discussions which illustrate with particular force our unity. The Baptist participants reacted most favorably to the evidence of renewal of Scripture studies in the Catholic Church.

"The principal focus of our interest is the unchallenged and overwhelming fact that we are brothers in Christ. We did not attempt to disguise our theological differences, but were made aware of the possibilities of mutual enrichment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"We are completely united in the belief that a continuing dialogue is desirable so that together we may better meet our responsibility to the gospel and serve the world in a period of great peril and staggering human problems.

"Consequently, we propose to continue these discussions and to renew our efforts to acquaint those with our respective constituencies with the urgency or promoting the unity for which Christ prayed."

The report says, "Hays said the conferences has been a truly significant event. At last, we are making a start in establishing the basis of a reconciliation between two important religious communities." When do Southern Baptist leaders expect the union of Southern Baptists and Catholics?

II Corinthians 6:14 says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

This is some of the trouble with our old fashioned Missionary Baptist Churches today, receiving and giving Letters of Credit to these churches. They are not of us, but have gone out from us and they know the way back home. We are not pulling out of anything for we are not a part of it. To say that we are pulling out from them is to say that we are a part of them, therefore making us dissenters or Protestants, and we have never protested anything but are the TRUE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE ONE THAT CHRIST ESTABLISHED. As God did in the beginning in Genesis 1:4 "And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness" so we today should receive

no one from an affiliated Southern Baptist Church except by experience and Baptism. We have the TRUTH, LET'S KEEP IT! Not handshaking religion, but heartfelt salvation. They have not the same articles of Faith that we have and their doctrine is contrary to our Article 18, thereby making their doctrine Heresy, and Paul says in Galatians 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Elder Bobby S. Sloan

## ISRAEL PROMISES AID

TEL AVIV - The Israeli military governor of the Jordan west bank said on a visit to Zeiti recently that Israel will help rebuild the village, damaged in the 1967 six-day war.

Brig. Gen. Rafael Vardi also said the Israelis will build a new junior school there.

## Editor's Book Being Published

I have been giving reports on the Bible Lands Tour in recent months, but these reports had to be condensed because of space.

I have written a book with full reports of the 15-day, 15,000 miles tour with many pictures of the Biblical and historical places visited in Italy, Greece and Israel.

Carlton Press, Inc., New York has viewed the manuscript and given the green light for publication. This book title is "TRAVEL WITH ME THROUGH BIBLE LANDS." It is to be cloth bound and with jacket.

This volume is to be nationally advertised through TV, Radio, Book Trade Publications and Newspapers. It will be distributed throughout the nation in bookstores. However, I will be permitted to take orders for copies. The publishing firm has set the retail price at \$3.50 per copy. Anyone wanting a copy may mail your money to me at my home address, as in the masthead of this paper, and when the book is released I will mail the copy to you postpaid. I am delighted to be able to make this announcement.

--Editor

# Three Missionary Baptist Associations Convened

## Bethel Association

The Bethel Missionary Baptist Association convened Friday, September, 1969, with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1501 Pleasant St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Officers elected were: Elder H. B. Eaton, Mod.; Elder Erskin Carter, Clerk; Elder Kenneth Morgan, Treasurer.

Elder D. C. Russell preached the Introductory Sermon. The Memorial Sermon was preached by Elder Paul Kinnaird and Elder Mitchell Smith preached the Doctrinal Sermon.

A good Spiritual session is reported and also that a wonderful fellowship was enjoyed throughout the entire session.

The Association is to convene with Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, Kokomo, Indiana, 7:00 P.M. Friday before Third Sunday in September, 1970. Elder Odus Cummings is to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Richard Huskins will preach the Memorial Sermon, and the Doctrinal Sermon is to be preached by Elder M. V. Hammack.

## Siloam Association

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association met in its seventeenth annual session on October 3, 4 and 5 with Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Officers elected were: Elder F. W. Lambert, Mod.; Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treasurer.

The Introductory Sermon was preached on the first day by Elder J. D. Sanders. On Saturday, the Memorial Sermon was preached by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Elder F. W. Lambert preached the Doctrinal sermon on Sunday

The Association enjoyed a good session of fellowship with a number of subjects being presented and discussed.

The 1970 session is to be held with Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagle Ave., Louisville, Ky. Elder L. W. Smith was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at that session; Elder H. C. Vanderpool is to preach the Memorial Sermon and Elder F. W. Lambert the Doctrinal Sermon.

## Enon Association

The Enon Missionary Baptist Association met at Caney Fork Missionary Baptist Church in Smith County, Tenn., on October 10, but due to some prevailing circumstances moved to Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Macon County, Tennessee.

Officers elected were: Elder J. C. Austin, Mod.; Elder J. E. Shoulders, Clerk; Elder Floyd Ferguson, Treasurer.

Due to the above mentioned circumstances the Introductory Sermon was omitted. Elder Floyd Ferguson preached the Memorial Sermon on the second day and the Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday was preached by Elder J. C. Austin.

The Association is to convene with Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn., in its 1970 session.

Ministers were elected to preach the various sermons at the 1970 session, but due to the fact that it is not known at present the minister for each given sermon, this announcement will be made previous to the next session.

## Revival Reports

Faith Baptist Church, Grandview, Mo. Two saved. Bro. Jackie Brakehill the pastor, was assisted by Bro. Jerry Reynolds.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind. Five professions of faith with five additions to the church. Pastor D. C. Russell was assisted by Elder L. R. Hart.

## Missionary In Mexico



Bro. James Vance and Family

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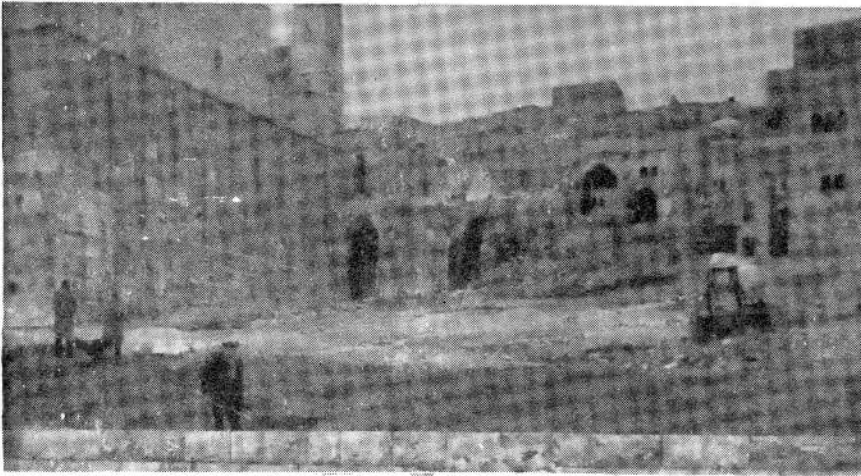
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## Cave of Machpelah — Hebron

### Bible Lands Report

through the city of Jerusalem listening to lectures given by our guide concerning the Biblical and historical past of this great city. We spend another night here.

Tuesday, March 11, 1969. Another day to visit in the Holy Land and enrich our lives with these wonderful experiences. Leaving Jerusalem we go to Emmaus. Jesus was in this area the day he was resurrected and met two disciples (Luke 24:13-25).

We journeyed from here to where we could look over the valley of Ajalon. This being the place where Joshua asked that the sun and the moon stand still. They did and he won the battle over the Amorites and returned to Gilgal with his Israeli troops (Joshua 10:12-15).

The next place we came to was Ramallah. This is the city where Bro. Henry Smith and wife are now living and serving as Missionaries. The city is about twelve miles north of Jerusalem.

We return to Mt. Zion at Jerusalem; This is one of the hills on which the great city sits. We saw here the tomb of David. We saw the room of the Last Supper. We viewed the Field of Blood or Potter's Field some distance below Mt. Zion (Matt. 27:3-7). We returned to the Wailing Wall where we spent some time before going back to the hotel for lunch.

In the afternoon we drove to Yad-Vashem-Har Hazikaron (Mount of Remembrance), a national monument situated behind Mt. Herzl, dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Nazi holocaust. We returned to Jerusalem and spent the rest of the afternoon in the shopping centers.

This was to be our last night in Jerusalem. We gathered in an assembly

room in the hotel after dinner for a mid-week service. We enjoyed this fellowship hour very much. We later retired for the night. (To be continued).

### Revival

A revival meeting is to begin at Fairview Memorial Baptist Church, Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky., on Sunday night, November 2.

Preaching during the meeting will be by Elder W. T. Russell, the pastor of the church. Local talent will be in charge of singing.

All in driving distance, or all who can, are invited to attend these services beginning each night at 7:00 P.M.

### Report From Israel

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this number had to go through immigration and customs, which took about two hours. After we were through this we had to get a taxi to Tel-Aviv and find a hotel room and we got to bed about three in the morning. Certainly we were glad to get a place to lie down. Well, our heavy baggage had to be sent from Athens by cargo ship, and that took two days; but the baggage came through and we went to Haifa to clear it through customs and from there we came to Ramallah to our apartment. We had two air mattresses in our trunks, so we used them to sleep on till we could buy beds.

We now have the house partly furnished, one bed room and part of the kitchen, and we went to Jerusalem yesterday and bought some living room furniture and some for the kitchen to make it complete. The Lord has been so very gracious and merciful to us; He has given grace and comfort, and we are praising

His great and good name. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

The Arab pastor and his wife and people here have been very kind to us; they offered to keep us at their house till we could get everything set up, but we wanted to just rough it, and that we did. On Sunday, September 21, I preached at the church here in Ramallah and there was good reception and the Holy Spirit was moving in the hearts of people and it rejoiced our hearts to be present. I also preached at their mission in Jerusalem last Wednesday afternoon and will preach at the church next Sunday afternoon. On the way over we had a service on the ship in our state room; one man and wife and three children came, and a Jewish girl who was our table companion came to the service. This girl's heart seemed to be touched very much. She was returning from America to her home in Jerusalem. We invited her to visit us in Ramallah and she said she would come; she invited us to visit her. I trust that this will be a lead to other Jews. Please pray for this girl's salvation. I thank the Lord for all the doors He has opened to us.

Please remember to pray for us that we can keep our health and be able to accomplish something to the glory of our Lord.

### Thanksgiving

Each year, the last Thursday in November is set aside as THANKSGIVING DAY. This is a tradition that has existed in America since the Pilgrims had a Thanksgiving to thank God for their food and other necessities that had made it possible for them to live.

Even though we have this day for the giving of thanks, we should be mindful of God's goodness and mercy every day, and offer our thanks unto Him.

Paul said, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.