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*Blessed Are The Peacemakers: For They Shall Be Called The Children of God. Matthew 5:9*

## A Trip to the Holyland

By Brother Brad Ratliff



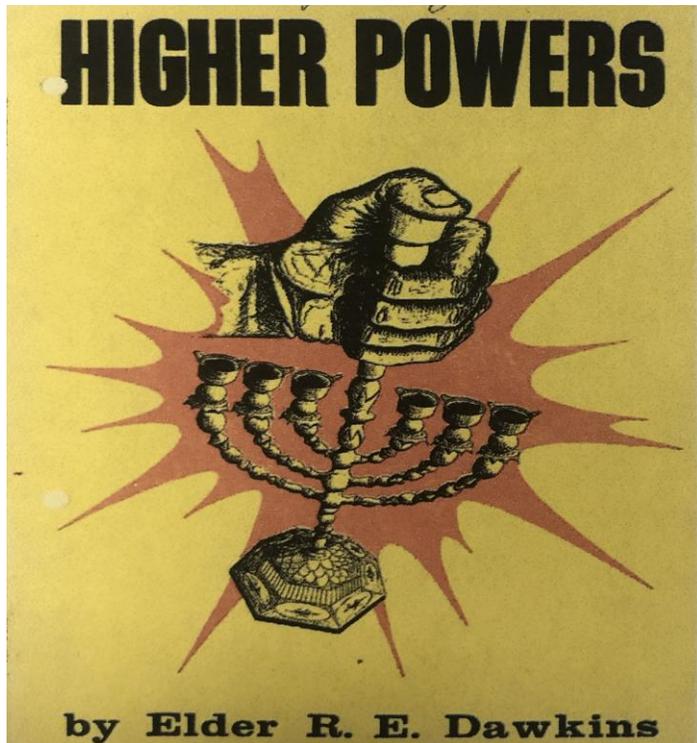
We can feel the change in Israel! We are not sure what all the Lord has planned, but it is very much changing by the hand of God. This recent trip brought us mainly for business purposes. The apartment sustained damage from a water leak that needed tending to, as well as much business for tax purposes with accountants.

We were blessed to see many loved ones who remain faithful in the Land. Sister Tova (pictured left), turned 104 years of age. She has always been a great blessing to us. Sister Tova returned to Jerusalem in 1938 from Poland. Her entire family, except one sister died in the Holocaust.

We were able to meet Patricia Solveson, who painted murals at the Christian cemetery in the German Colony of Israel. It was also here that she met Brother and Sister Harley and Vida Henson years ago. Patricia said it was then that the Lord opened her eyes to his work in Israel, and she painted the murals. Patricia stated just the day before she took 900 Jews on a tour of the cemetery to explain her art and the purpose of the Christians in that cemetery. This included an explanation of our people with a vision of the Restoration of the Jew!

Every visit to Israel brings about a greater love and appreciation for the Land and its people. We are so blessed to have been given this great vision.





### ABOUT THE TITLE

There is a very meaningful interpretation of the Menorah in the Hand. A menorah, (Hebrew) is the seven golden candlesticks of whom God was the architect, "And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold..." Exodus 25:31. God had a reason for designing it as He did for He knew the significance it would have in later years...especially down here in this day in which we live. Although the people of the Land of Israel have applied it as their religious (and even national symbol, nonetheless, it is a far more important illustration for us.

For example, in Revelations 1:13, John saw one like unto the Son of Man in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. And on down into the 20<sup>th</sup> verse, it is explained to John that "The seven candlesticks which thou sawest ARE THE SEVEN CHURCHES." What more can we say? The seven golden candlesticks ARE the seven churches of Asia- the Body of Christ.

The hand holding it up by the center shaft is the Hand of God... "the five gifted ministry" which God is actually using to hold up the Body of Christ in this hour. The fingers wrapped around the shaft typify the powers over the

churches... the Pastor, the Teacher, the Evangelist and the Prophet. Directly above the other fingers and placed on TOP of the candlestick is the Apostle, indicating his position over all beneath him.

### THE ORDER

In the New Testament, there is an order that is to be established. Even the political world recognizes the necessity of an order that there are lesser and higher powers, especially in Government. Don't you think that God is as wise or wiser in establishing His Kingdom and order? The Ordained Ministry is to have an order and each soul is to be subject to that order and to the one over them. This we know to be correct for the Apostle Paul, who laid the foundation, said in Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be subject to the HIGHER POWERS." This is NOT talking about the civil powers but speaking about ecclesiastical powers... there is NO POWER but of God. "The powers that be are ordained of God."

In this scripture, Paul is talking about the church that he is ministering to. Obedience to those powers is the very first requisite or demand. And I am sure we are all aware of that fact. Let me quote to you the next scripture in Romans 13:2, "Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resists the ordinance of God." What Paul is trying to say is that all you have to do to get in trouble with God is to resist the ordinances of God which have been laid down by and Apostolic Ministry. Paul was getting ready to plant a church in Rome that would stand until martyrdom. Even he was to be killed and he wanted to build something that would stand...something that would go down through all the ages of history; a monument to the faith and love and teachings of the Savior that he so dearly loved and worshipped. It was to be something that would be a sure foundation for the Gentiles to build on when the Body of Christ would come into existence.

### RESISTING THE POWERS

To receive damnation means that you would be 'damned from God' and would not get your prayers answered, therefore you would not have the victory and you could not advance in God.

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**HIGHER POWERS**.....

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That would have all been brought on because you were not willing to work in **THE RIGHT ORDER** and you resisted the rule, authority and power over you. God loves order and there must be order in all things to accomplish ay purpose. There is a divine God-given order that He will honor above anything. Ecclesiastes 12:13 is another scripture which speaks to us on this and ties in here with “Fear God and keep His commandments.”

Romans 13:13 speaks thus: “For rulers are not a terror to good works...” This has reference to anyone who is tearing up things, trying to get some vain glory for themselves. We are not going to have leaders like that for ministers and workers in the **BODY OF CHRIST** must be humble and **WILL BE** for God will take them through a process that will make them so. “Not a terror to good works, but to evil.” It does not say he was not a terror, but says he was not a terror to good works. He is supposed to tear down every ‘evil work’ he sees going on in the church. **THIS IS A NEW TESTAMENT RULER, IN THE NEW TESTAMNET CHURCH, WORKING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT APOSTOLIC ORDER.** “Wilt thou be afraid of the power?”

Even the railroad companies have enough sense to erect high, flashing, warning signs with big, black letters reading **STOP...LOOK...LISTEN.** Here, God expects us to not only listen but to be afraid that we will not hear, not see, not feel. Then stop when the Holy Ghost rings the bell. Heed and then do the right thing when the minster tells us and warns us.

“Do that which is good and though shalt have praise of the same.” That same power that warns us, then whips us, will also praise us when we are good and obedient, and that power is the minster of God. Verse 4 tells us this, “But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; be afraid for he beareth not the sword in vain, for he is a Minster of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.”

You wonder how a child of God can do evil-real evil, which in our minds is something awful, wicked or very bad? Did you know that to do evil simply means to do that which **YOU** want to do instead of that which **GOD** wants you to do...resisting the power just to have your own way.

Then verse 5 tells us, “Wherefore ye must needs be subject.” Another place Paul tells us, “Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they that give and

account that they may do it with joy and not with sorrow, for that is unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17). This means that if you want God’s blessings, then you must needs be subject for your own soul’s salvation as well as for the sake of the **Body of Christ**, as an example for others to follow. “Not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.” Your conscience would become seared and to go on with God, you absolutely must have a tender conscience.

**PAY YOUR DUES**

Verse 6- “For this cause pay ye tribute; for thy are God’s ministers attending continually upon this very thing.” Verse 7- “Render therefore to **ALL** their dues, tributng to whom tribute; custom to whom custom is due’ fear to whom fear and honor to whom honor.” Now notice that there are four things that he mentions. He said it that way because it refers to four different ministers or should we say four different offices of the ministry. Tribute-**PROPHET**; custom-**TEACHER**; fear- **PASTOR**; honor- **EVANGELIST**.

The **APOSTLE** was not included because he was in a different category. Not only was he the **APOTLE** but he was but he was also **THE HIGHER POWER** that **ALL** were subject to. He was to receive all these and more.

Verse 8- “Owe no man anything (meaning tributes, customs, fear or honor), but to love one another’ for the that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.” If you can find a ministry working together like that, then you’ve found a ministry that has fulfilled the first principals of the law of God.

Paul’s foundation, on which we build the **Body of Christ** by his teachings, is our guidebook today. He finished his exhortation to the church at Rome with this stamen- “Make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lust thereof.”

We, as members of the **Body of Christ** and examples of true holiness in this dark, wicked world of today must learn to fear these insomuch that we temper that fear with love. A love in God where we do not wish to be disobedient but rather fulfill the royal law of God by keeping his commandments, and no terror shall come near us.

As the Psalmist David said in Psalms 91:5 and 10- “Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” Verse 11- “For He shall give his angels (ministers) charge over thee, to keep the in all thy ways.”



# OUR RECENT TRIP TO JAMAICA

By Brother Doug King

**I DO BELIEVE WITHOUT A DOUBT,  
THE ARK IS COMING UP THE ROAD!  
GOD'S CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO SHOUT,  
THE ARK IS COMING UP THE ROAD!  
IT'S COMING, HALLELUJAH,  
THE ARK IS COMING UP THE ROAD!**

So it was that we were welcomed with this song as we sat in a renovated church on top of a mountain in High Gate, Jamaica. Late in the afternoon on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, Brothers Tom Sternberg, Jason VanPatten and myself arrived in Montego Bay airport where we were greeted with much enthusiasm by Brother and Sister Leslie, who transported us in their van to Gospel Tabernacle in High Gate where we found a beautifully rebuilt building. It having been destroyed by hurricane wind several years back. I was amazed at the workmanship and progress made since I had last been there. New bedrooms, remodeled bathrooms, updated kitchen and dining area in the rear apartment. Gorgeous new tile in the sanctuary and best of all, Hot Water for the showers.

Friday night was "get acquainted night" for the brothers and they were quite surprised that everyone already knew them, having seen them on the DVD's we regularly send to them. Saturday night was "Pillars" night as those who have been faithful for so many years gathered to sing and praise the Lord for his many blessings. Sunday was a special service as the Spirit moved among us with much shouting and dancing as we praised the God of our salvation in unity together. Sister Leslie came with a terrible migraine headache which was remedied by the laying on of our hands and the healing power of our God.

Brother and Sister Andersons' grandson is learning to play drums and was a much-welcomed addition to the music as Bro. Sternberg learned the Jamaican rhythm on the tambourine and Brother Jason struggled with the Island way of singing the songs. Each of them was such a blessing that I found myself just enjoying their enthusiasm and the covering of the spirit that it brought. With Brother Tom dancing in the Spirit, both of the testifying and Brother Jason singing and preaching.

We hired a Jamaican sister, Sister Helen, to come and cook for us, whose meals were wonderful. Please pray for her as she has physical problems in her body. I was blessed to have some of my favorite foods prepared by her. Her curried goat (we purchased the meat fresh at an outside butcher shop in town) was my favorite. Brother Tom, much to my surprise, enjoyed her dishes, especially those prepared from fruits and vegetables grown on trees and plants in the back yard. Brother Jason did well, except for one morning when we had boiled fish and rice along with breadfruit, fried bananas and journey cakes for breakfast. The weather was beautiful, however the brothers were very warm and wiping sweat most of the time because of the humidity, while I found it quite comfortable and was "in my element". Rain most every day, sometimes very hard, but not lasting a very long time. Nights were cooler and easy to sleep with just an oscillating fan going.

On Monday, the Leslies took the brothers to Ocho Rios to see the ocean and do a little shopping while I stayed home and packed, getting some much needed rest. Suddenly, it was Tuesday morning, time to say our goodbyes and head for the airport. We praise the lord for safe travels and a wonderful trip, and special thanks to those who prayed for us while we were gone. We felt your strength and presence with us. May God bless and keep you all.

**Your fellow worker in Christ,  
Brother Douglas King**



# A FRIEND AT COURT

BY Brother Orville J. Wallace

Who today remembers the amazing British clergyman who played a central role in the life of Theodor Herzl, being placed by God at the side of the Zionist prince to be, for nine years his prophet and his strongest spiritual support?

As Andre Chouraqui writes in his preface to Duvernoy's book: "Without William Hechler's generosity, patience and efficient friendship, without his attention to Messianic signs, without the certitude of sharing a common prophetic mission, Herzl might have stumbled. Without the Prophet's firm hand opening the first doors, the decisive doors, Herzl, just like Moses and Jonah confronted by a divine call, might have been tempted to flee from his destiny."

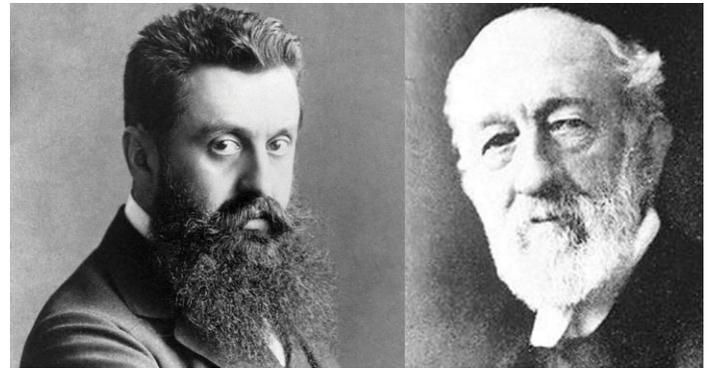
William Hechler was born to missionary parents in Benares, India, in 1845. Ordained in the Anglican ministry, he spent many years in the Anglican ministry, he spent many years in Nigeria, Sweden, Germany and England where through the good offices of an aunt who was a nurse at the royal court, he was recommended to the Grand Duke Frederick of Baden, who appointed him his private chaplain and tutor to his two little sons.

Heckler's first chaplaincy was at the British Embassy in Vienna and was there that he met Herzl, a few days after the publication of *Der Judenstaat*. Having many illustrious connections, he offered his services and friendship to the initially skeptical author, and it was thanks to him that Herzl met, among other leading political and ecclesiastical figures, the Grand Duke who was to become Kaiser Wilhelm II.

In moments when Herzl felt betrayed and bitter, the chaplain would spur him on with words of encouragement; "God chose you. You will succeed. Your people will get the Promised Land. God is with you."

And when Herzl died, Heckler was the last person, apart from the family, to see him. It was from that, within a few hours of his death, Herzl entrusted his spiritual testament to the Jewish people; "Tell them; tell them that I gave my heart's blood for them."

Herzl had promised to take Heckler to visit the Holy Land and to give him the Anglican bishopric of Jerusalem. One dream proved to be as illusory as the other, but the chaplain remained faithful to Zion, and



## THE PRINCE AND THE PROPHET

Written by Claude Duvernoy, the preface by Andre Chourquai, translated from French by Jack Jolle, Jerusalem, Christian Action. 9.0.P.O.B, 1967, 142, PP. 1150

attended successive Zionist Congresses as the guest of honor. He spent his best years in penurious retirement in London, surrounded by Zionist pamphlets, maps and charts- and a thousand Bibles in every conceivable language and dialect.

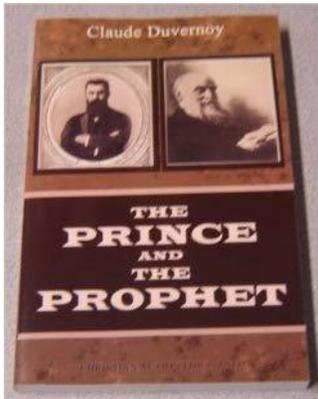
In 1895, through Cabbalistic calculations based on the book of Daniel, Heckler had foreseen that 1897 would be a fateful date in contemporary Jewish history. That was to be the year of the first Zionist Congress. In 1913, he told Martin Buber in Berlin, "Your fatherland will be given back to you." *Continued on Page 6*

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For a serious crisis will occur, whose deep meaning is the liberation of the Messianic Jerusalem from the yoke of the nations...we are moving towards world war."

And a few months before his death, he told Nahum Sokolov's family: "Part of European Jewry is going to be sacrificed for the resurrection of your biblical fatherland."



Claude Duvernoy opens his book with a chapter tracing the Protestant forerunners of Zionism since the time of the Reformation theological reflections on the way in which God leads history to salvation.

"The Zionism of Christian inspiration," he writes, "should be much more than a movement of sympathy for a people that has suffered too much. There are numerous biblical passages in the Hebrew canon to which Jewish Zionism can relate itself, and which the Church should equally accept. The Psalm of the Jewish Passover, "If I forget thee Jerusalem", is addressed to the Church as well as the Synagogue, since to forget Jerusalem means to lose the Messianic hope, and thereupon is the prophetic sense of history..."

At the end of the book, the author gives a fascinating Christian Zionist bibliography, containing some 70 titles dating back to 1585. Among the authors are Isaac de La Peyrere, Isaac Newton, Joseph Priestley, the Prince de Ligne, Lord Shaftesbury, Benjamin Disraeli, George Eliot and Laurence Oliphant.

He concludes by expressing the wish reinterred in Jerusalem, close to those of his prince. For on April 26, 1896, Herzl wrote in his diary, "I would like the Jews to show him gratitude in a grand manner. Such an act would have a considerable effect on relations between London and Jerusalem, between the Protestant world and Zion." ☆

## ISRAEL'S LATEST NEWS



US President Donald Trump corrected what Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called a "historic injustice" in indicating Israeli settlements as not illegal. Netanyahu stated, "Somebody needed to say a simple truth, and President Trump did this, just as he did with the recognition of the Golan Heights and the moving of the US embassy to Jerusalem". Simply put, this puts to question what much of the world defines as Israel "illegally" occupying their own God given land.

This decision has angered the Palestinians as noted by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas who stated this decision is "baseless, unacceptable, condemned and totally in contravention with international law and international decisions".

The decision has also led to a warning to the US embassy in Jerusalem for Americans traveling to Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza to "maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness in light of the current environment. Individuals and groups opposed to the Secretary of State's recent announcement may target US government facilities, US private interests, and US citizens."

Tensions and attacks have already been at high levels recently in Israel due to the recent killing of top Palestinian Islamic Jihad Militant Baha Abu al-Ata. Thousands of rockets have been fired into populated areas of Israel by the Islamic Jihad since the death of the Militant. From November 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> alone, over 450 rockets were fired into Israel. Sadly, this type of activity has become a way of life for Israel. ☆

## Mosaic floor uncovered from 5<sup>th</sup> century church near Sea of Galilee

by Michele Chabin  
September 16, 2019  
Religionnews.com

A fire that destroyed an ancient Holy Land church near the Sea of Galilee around 700 CE appears to have preserved the church's beautiful mosaic floor, which includes depictions of baskets, loaves and fish as well as inscriptions. The floor was protected by a layer of ash and the remains of the church's collapsed roof. According to the Gospel of John, it was at the Sea of Galilee that Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, a miracle Christians call the Feeding of the Multitude. The miracle is mentioned four times in the New Testament.



In 2005, University of Haifa archaeologists first discovered part of the so-called Burnt Church, built in the 5<sup>th</sup> century CE and located in the ancient city of Hippos in Northern Israel, but only began excavating it in earnest this summer.

Located 2 kilometers from the Sea of Galilee, Hippos — which affords a breathtaking view of the sea — was the central city of the region during Roman and Byzantine times.

“There can certainly be different explanations to the descriptions of loaves and fish in the mosaic, but you cannot ignore the similarity to the description in the New Testament: for example, from the fact that the New Testament has a description of five loaves in a basket or the two fish depicted in the apse, as we find in the mosaic,” said Michael Eisenberg, head of the excavation team in Hippos on behalf of Haifa

University's Institute of Archaeology. Eisenberg told Religion News Service that the Burnt Church and its mosaic provide insights into the local Christian community of the time.

“The church itself is the legacy of the ministry of Jesus,” he said. “I think they had collective memories of the miracles.” Miracles, Eisenberg noted, which had taken place just hundreds of years before. “When they stood in the church and looked out, they recognized the places where the various miracles took place.”

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### IN LOVING MEMORY

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**BROTHER HOWARD PARKS**  
Sept 15, 1938-Aug 14, 2019  
GOSPEL TABERNACLE  
Belton, Missouri

**ROXIE G. ARCHER**  
Aug 25, 1939-Aug 25, 2019  
GOSPEL TABERNACLE  
Mother of Bro. Danny Nichols

**CHARLES K. ATKINSON**  
Oct 9, 1962- Sept 25, 2019  
Son of Beverly Atkinson  
Grandson of Eld. R. E. Dawkins

**BRO GORDON DAWKINS**  
April 11, 1931- Nov 6, 2019  
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