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Fear not Little Flock

Elder A. H. Stith

So many churches are saying today, "I am right and you are wrong." Well let us be sure we are right and be charitable.

The scriptures say "Fear not little flock for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Luke 12:32. God knows all things and he says "Many are called, but few are chosen," for the simple reason that they will not accept the conditions of the gospel. Jesus says, "Strive to enter in the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in and shall not be able." Luke 13:24.

Yes it means much as to how we walk. Jesus says "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Yes we have an example, let us follow him.

It does not make any difference how holy we think we are, we have a standard, the Bible, for not everyone that sayeth Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven." Matt. 7:21. We are living in times when people are too careless, let's consecrate our life more

to the Lord. Isaiah says "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken," Chap. 1 verse 2. Yes the Lord spoke the commandments with "a great voice: and he added no more." Deut. 5:22.

It would be wonderful if the whole world would give heed to that voice. Yes Jesus gave heed to this voice. He says, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." John 15:10. Many claim to know him. 1st John 2:3 says "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." Jesus was obedient unto death and lived an example for us. Let us seek the Lord as David did—"Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23-24.

Yes, God will lead you and direct your steps, "Fear not little flock for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

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In Rev. 13th chapter the old Dragon, (which according to Rev. 12:9 is the devil and Satan) gives this old Roman Beast power to overcome the Saints and people on the earth for 1260 years, known as the Dark Ages. This is the time the seventh King was overpowered and the pope was also confined to the Vatican, where he is not. Or where we are today looking for him when he yet is.

Rev. 17:3-8 also speaks of this same Beast, only goes on to tell of the woman rider which it takes to complete this Beast after Church and State united. You say who do you stop with, "The Beast that thou sawest was, and is not:" Because this brings us up to the overthrow of the seventh King also and the pope being confined to the Vatican, where the Beast was and is not. Then it goes on to say, "And shall ascend out of the bottomless pit." This shows that when he lost his power he was in the bottomless pit. And in time goes into perdition. Yes when he comes out of the bottomless pit he YET IS, and rules until he goes into perdition. (Webster says "Total Destruction"). Read 2nd Thes. 2:7-8. Here according to this, he is another beast. He is the eighth, but is of the seventh, or in other words he is of the same power as the Seventh only another beast.

Now let us go back to Rev. 13:11-18. Here is that "Another Beast." He has two horns like a lamb, (two Christ-like nations to help him), but he speaks as a dragon, (or the devil). Rev. 13:14. I will say that these two horns are England and America instead of East and West Rome which the old Beast had. They will say to the Beast that comes out of the bottomless pit "Let us form the Image of the Beast to (stop communism). Rev. 17:11-12. Then we will see these ten kings give their power to the Beast "until the words of God shall be fulfilled." Rev. 17:16-17. Yes they will hate all they have done and will turn against her and will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

Here we have this "Another Beast" of Rev. 13, the same as the other beast which comes out of the bottomless pit and is the eighth, Rev. 17. Notice in the twelfth verse he has the ten horns the same as the old Roman Beast. In Rev. 13:16-18 he has the same power and causes all to receive the mark or number and to worship the Beast before him v. 12. A part of the old Beast could not force the people to worship the beast before itself. Neither could a Russian Beast be an image to a Roman beast. So here we have an exact image to the old Roman Beast.

The question is when can we expect this Image? In Rev. 9:1-2 we find that he could not come out of the pit until it was unlocked. This is the time of the fifth trump message for the fifth plague. It is past the middle of the seventh seal, therefore the Saints could not be overcomers of the Image and be caught up on the Sea of Glass in the Sixth Seal. Let us see when they are caught up. 1st. Thess. 4:116-17. "at the trump of God the dead in Christ shall rise first." In the 17th v. those righteous living that remain are caught up with them to meet the Lord. In 1st Cor. 15:52 we read that the righteous are to rise at the last trump. By these references we can see that the trump of God and the last trump are the same and are in the end of the seventh seal.

A PURE LANGUAGE

The Lord promises to "Turn to the people a pure language" Zeph. 3:9. It is evident that this language is Hebrew. Much proof can be shown to establish this. Each Hebrew word has a meaning. For example the word "Abraham" means "The Father of a multitude," Jacob means "Supplanter," and the word "Bethel" means "The Church of God," or "The House of God."

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Greetings, brothers and sisters in hope of the coming King and redeemer. Jesus is coming soon, what we plan to do let us do quickly. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:35-37. Are we ready to welcome Jesus coming if He should come today. Is there some sin in our life, that we still cling to, and it doth so easily pull us away from that sweet fellowship of His Divine presence which will lead us to that perfect day. This world is not our home only for a moment as compared with Eternity. When we will live and reign with him forever. Amen. Wonderful indeed when we meet beyond this sinful world. Where there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain or death.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:5-8. We must be made free from all sin; and have the mind and nature of Christ, for sin or sinners will not stand in His presence. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil. for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." I John 3:7-8. "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he (Christ) is, so are we in this world." I John 4:17. We must become like Christ in character, in heart, mind, godliness and right-

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"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, not extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor. 6:9-11. Dear Christian friends, there is only one way of escape. By being washed from our sins, by the word through the operation of the Holy Spirit on the mind and heart. Having that undesirable nature completely taken away, and buried by baptism to walk in a new life.

**ISRAEL POTASH
EXPORTS RESUMED**

**New Company Has Sent First
Shipment To Great Britain**

HAIFA—(ISI)—The first shipment of potash exported since the establishment of the State left Haifa recently. Part of a 3,000 ton British order, this consignment weighed 250 tons.

This shipment represents the culmination of efforts to rehabilitate the Dead Sea industry which was disrupted by Arab aggression in 1948.

The completion, last spring, of a 48-mile highway from Beersheba to S'dom, constructed by the Government of Israel, was an essential step in the reactivation of these works. This road provides easy transportation to and from the coast.

Before World War II, Dead Sea potash was exported to Great Britain, Australia, Ceylon, Eire, India, South Africa, Austria, China, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Scandinavia and the United States.

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PRACTICAL GODLINESS

Arthur W. Pink

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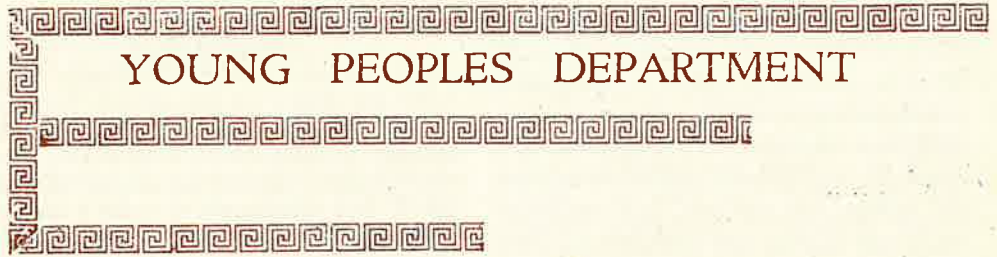
Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). It is much, very much to be thankful for when the Holy Spirit has illumined a man's understanding, dispersed the mists of error, and established him in the Truth. Yet that is only the beginning. The Holy Scriptures are "profitable" not only for "doctrine" but also for "reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). Observe well the order there: before we are ready to be instructed "in righteousness" (right doing) there is much in our lives that God "reproves" and which we must correct. "Necessarily so, for before conversion everything in our lives was wrong! for all we did was for the gratifying of self, with no thought or concern for God's honor and glory. Therefore, the first great need, and the primary duty of every young convert is not to study the Old Testament types, or puzzle his brains over prophecy, but to diligently search the Scriptures in order to find out what is pleasing and displeasing to God, what He forbids and what He commands.

If you have been genuinely converted, then your first concern must be to form all the details of your life—in the home, in the church, in the world—so as to please God. And in the actual bringing of this to pass, the order will be "cease to do evil; learn to do well" (Isa. 1:16; 17).

Now the extent to which the young Christian does use the Holy Scriptures in a practical way, regulating his thoughts, desires and actions by their warnings and encouragements, their prohibitions and precepts, will very largely determine the measure in which he will enjoy God's blessing on his life.

The tragic thing is that instead of the average young Christian studying diligently God's Word so as to discover all the details of the Divine will for him, he does almost anything and everything else. Many a one engages in "per-

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YOUNG PEOPLES DEPARTMENT

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN

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 The little world I know!
 The innocent delights of youth,
 The things I cherish so!
 'Tis true, I love my Lord
 And want to do His will;
 And oh! I may enjoy the world,
 And be a Christian still!

I love the hour of prayer,
 I love the hymns of praise,
 I love the blessed World that tells
 Of God's redeeming grace,
 But I am human still!
 And while I dwell on earth,
 God surely will not grudge the hours
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These things belong to youths,
 And are it's natural right—
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"Isn't what I got. It's what you got."

"I don't savvy."

"Bob, kids like Tommy are going to
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"What do you mean? Sure they need
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usually think more of their coach than
anyone else and they'll take more from
him. A coach can turn a weak, wishy-
washy kid into a guy with grit and I
don't mean just muscle, either. I've seen
it in some of the kids I've had. You're
one of them. There are lots of others—"

"That's right, Coach. I've been thank-
ful many times 'out there' for what I
learned from you—but what about this
job you mentioned. What is it?"

"Coachin', Bob."

"Coachin'! Me? Are you crazy?"

"No, I'm not crazy, but you are if you
don't wise up! Bob, you've got what it
takes—there's no reason why you
can't."

"No reason! None except this!" Bob
looked down.

I was watching you for fifteen minu-
tes when you were coaching Tommy."

Bob's face lighted up. "Say, do you
really think I could? Boy! I'd go to col-
lege tomorrow if I thought—"

"You can. And you better get up to
the University in a few days—they're
expecting you."

"University—you mean, State? No, I
couldn't go there—"

"Course you can. Pat'll be tickled."

"No, things are different with us."

"They may be with you, but not with
her. Going up on the train she told me
so—" under his breath, Wilson added,
"with her eyes."

"She—hey, I've gotta make a call."

The Coach followed Bob into the
house and watched him call long dis-
tance.

"Pat? I just had to talk to you."

"Bob! What's wrong?"

"Nothing's wrong, Pat—everything's
all right now. Coach told me. I don't
know how it happened, Pat, but we just
got all mixed up. I do love you. And
I'm going to come up there to study."

"Wait a minute! Bob! this doesn't
make sense. What did Coach tell you,
and you're going to study what?"

"I'm going to be a coach, Pat. A foot-
ball coach!"

"A coach! Oh, Bob, I'm so glad for
you."

"Yes, coaching is something more
than just showing kids how to toss a
ball around."

Bill Wilson grinned as he walked out.
"Yes," he mumbled to himself, "coach-
in' is more than showin' kids how to
toss a ball around."

MOUNTAIN OF DREAMS

Mrs. James Nichols

I would that we might wander On a
mountain's sunny side,
With sweetest blossoms blooming On a
path both straight and wide.
With olive trees a growing Where the
Dove of Peace might nest,
With a cool stream softly flowing, And
a quiet place to rest.
With all our friends to linger Where
honeysuckles twine,
With time to sit and ponder, Neath the
fir tree and the pine.
We would feast on milk and honey,
And Manna from on High,
And sing the Rock of Ages, As the years
go rolling by.
Some day our dreams will all come
true. Far sweeter than we know,
And all our troubles ended Where Living
Waters flow.

Mark July 2-10 the date of our camp-
meeting on your calendar and start planning
NOW to attend.

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Sr. Unzicker of Harrisburg, Ore. has been ill with intestinal poisoning. Elder Unziker has written that she requested prayer. Also Elder H. O. Cummings of Colo. has requested prayer.

Sr. Lenore Cushing is visiting her brother Elder Arthur Estep of Port Orchard, Wash. Miss Lucile Palmer will leave shortly for Tacoma, Wash. where she will visit her sister Eilene Riggs and family.

The first general Council business meeting will be held Monday afternoon July 5th. Meetings will be held the following days until business is completed.

PEANUTS PLANTED IN THE NEGEV

A new variety of peanut developed by the Government Research Station near Beersheba has yielded an average of 2,400 to 2,800 pounds per acre. This is higher than the world average.

The yields from the peanut plantations are expected to supply one-third of the country's oil needs. The target for 1960 is the planting of 70,000 acres of peanuts.

WAR

Robert Mitchell

My friends and brethren:—This is a summary of my own personal thoughts as to whether or not God's people should pray for the complete and absolute abolishment of war, and just what would be the results if such prayer were answered. Recognizing the fact that such an undertaking and its accomplishment is the hope of all peoples. We as American citizens and in fact people everywhere, must not adopt the mannerism of the ostrich, sticking our heads in a hole to hide from actual realities, when it is plainly our humanitarian duty, if for no other, to get up out of the rut we have so long allowed ourselves the 'unwise' privilege of being in, and see what is going on around us.

Yes, and not only should we be concerned about our own country and

people, but about peoples everywhere. For as is commonly known we cannot ostracize ourselves from other nations and peoples of the world, even though this has been advocated by some well meaning and honest men in this country. Developments since World War I including and especially emphasizing new methods of warfare and transportation, have conclusively proven this theory to be wrong. This is true only to such extent and degree that people and therefore nations, are what they are, and that no power on earth seems to be able to change them for what they are.

If, as we seem to hope, war can be completely abolished what do we purpose to do about overproduction of ourselves, and eating ourselves to death? Whether we die on the battlefield, or by the continuing trend to produce more food than we can consume, and then trying to consume it, we shall be no less dead; Naturally where there is an overproduction of food, and an increased national income, people as a whole will actually consume more of the things produced, and if continued on into the future without hinderance from any quarter will not only in theory, but actually eat themselves to death.

Current nutritional studys show that we are eating 12 per cent more food now than before World War II, we are spending 27 per cent of our income on food as against 23 per cent from 1935 to 1939. With regard to this I also offer the percentage increases in per capita consumption of basic foods of common variety, we consume 36 per cent more eggs, 18 per cent more meats, 23 per cent more citrus fruits and tomatoes, and 11 per cent more green and yellow vegetables.

It is estimated, that our population increases by about 2,500,00 a year, which would make a total of about 210,000,000 in 1975. But the experts say that food output will be 75 per cent greater then than now, if production techniques continue to improve, and without any farm expansion in acreage.

Can anyone imagine farmers ceasing to expand? they have always expand-

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ed, and will continue if unhindered to expand, and improve in knowledge and manufacture of implements storage facilities etc. for more and greater production.

We of course will have to recognize the fact that production increase is not confined to agricultural products, but extends to every phase of our existence on this earth, including the reproduction of our selves. With the medical professions' accomplishment on safe childbirth, improved general health and the increase of our life span; Where is the hindering factor of our becoming a writhing mass of human beings upon the face of this earth? I realize that this statement sounds awful, even repulsive, however if we endeavor to increase our herds of cattle, or any other domestic animal our first concern if we are to be successful is to see to it that they have sufficient food and water. Just what do you suppose would happen if a good rate of increase in our domestic animals were maintained over a period of a hundred years, or shall we say indefinitely with none slaughtered for human consumption or otherwise, as is our hope for human beings without war. Writhing masses would probably be a mild description.

Like a man drowning will grab for a straw, we might get some consolation from the trend of the so called weaker sex that they starve themselves to stay slim, so that there are now more beauty parlors than butcher shops. Obesity having become the most publicized threat to beauty, prospective victims taking pills instead of sound nutritious foods. This trend could, if unhindered, seep through to the bread winner, which in most cases is the husband and, I suppose, to the children, to such extent as would materially effect their health, and thereby become a hinderance to human overproduction.

Being a man myself, and therefore somewhat familiar with the disposition of men, it would be my guess that should this trend reach such proportion there would not be so many marriages, or if so, not of long duration. We like our steaks, potatoes, rich gravy, corn bread, home made pies and etc!

This kitchenette business of a sandwich and a glass of milk is fine and acceptable during the honeymoon stage, but most of us men were raised where the kitchen and dining room combined contained more floor space than the average American home of today, with an old fashioned cellar stocked with barrels of potatoes, apples, and root vegetables. A meat house stocked with most all kinds of edible meats, yes, and a fruit cellar where jellies, jams, canned fruits and vegetables were to be found in more than sufficient quantity.

On the theory, that it is much more difficult to un-learn a man than to learn him, it seems we have "even less than a straw to grab for" and are therefore still headed for extinction by way of the dinner table, and over production of the masses. Therefore by the teachings and mannerisms of men we can see no hope. However to the ones whom God has given his Spirit knowledge to understand the teachings of his holly word in the Bible, there is no mustery, only amazement at the confusion portrayed by the vain efforts of such a body as the United Nations and other organizations whereby they claim to be able to abolish war forever.

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good people stand by and let you take one because they haven't got what it takes to take a stand. But it was the kind of men who would rather be right than President who made this country great and the kind of men who although they had the promises, were perfectly willing to follow the commandments of God, to the extent of offering his only son Isaac on the altar, who made FAITH IN GOD great.

This would be a far better country to live in if more people were determined to keep the faith with such men as above mentioned who sleep all the way from Jerusalem to Valley Forge to Flanders Field to Yokahoma. Think it over, think how different things might be if people who live lives of principle and faith in God were in the majority instead of the minority. I will say, so long as the way we reason is in accordance with the teachings of Jesus, we CAN NOT be wrong. Did you ever consider the fact that when the majority think alike, the majority is likely to be wrong; remember Jesus says, "STRAIGHT is the gate and NARROW is the way which leadeth unto life." God help us NOT to reason as the majority. I hope to see all you brethren at the campmeeting.

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A timely warning—
EVANGELIZE
or Else!

William P. Green
Condensed from "The Church Herald"
EVANGELIZE—OR ELSE! "Or else what?" you may say. Some one has said, "Evangelize or fossilize. As I study our situation, I wonder if it is not worse than that. It is either Evangelize or die.

Two-fifths of the world's population are now under the direct domination of that godless philosophy called Communism. While we in America spend one day in pleasure and business, over 5,000 Indians, Africans and Chinese have passed into eternity—most of them without Christ.

When we turn our eyes to our own country, we find almost half of our pop-

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ulation belongs to no organized church, and rarely, if ever, attends one, while one-third of the communicant membership of the churches are completely inactive. What has produced this situation? Why have we as a nation, founded by God-fearing ancestors, arrived in such a state?

The tide of immigration has brought many people to our shores who have had little or no religion. Many were weary of a formalism that demanded so much of them and gave so little to them. Coming to this country, they carefully avoided any church.

Many of these people have produced a generation of children who have had no religious training. Is it any wonder that in America last year there were recorded 2,036,510 major crimes? That amounts to over four a minute, and it was an increase of 8.5% over 1951. This does not count the many crimes that went unreported. What has the church done about it? Not too much, I am afraid. We have preached many sermons as pastors, have been faithful in study, and have been diligent in calling, but little has been accomplished.

Where can we draw from for new members? As fishermen, if fish are not biting our bait, we change the bait, often with good results. We cannot change our Gospel, for divine Truth is eternal, but we may change our method of presenting it.

One authority says, "Surely we must re-emphasize the necessity of every pastor's being his own evangelist, and every church a missionary church with interests both abroad and at home."

What good advice—but have we taken it? I am afraid not.

If we are willing to adopt and put to trial many new suggestions, perhaps we shall prepare the way for a great ingathering. Today, if our army attacks an enemy it usually softens them up by a period of intense shelling. We need such a period, when all our forces ought to be actively engaged in this Christian warfare. We need day by day week by week, month by month softening of heart and head of our enemy. We need vital, energetic troops that are a real testimony to their living Lord. Then we can expect to see victory.

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ANCIENT AND MODERN

Four years ago ancient Beersheba, about 26 miles from Jerusalem, was a sleepy town of a little more than 300 people. Today it is a flourishing community of 25,000 Jews from 60 countries of the world.

ARRESTS IN RUMANIA UP

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Many Jews, including rabbis and community leaders, were recently arrested in Rumania and some of them already have been tried on charges of illegal Zionist activity, it was reported here today.

Reports, which have been arriving over a period of weeks recently, say that among those tried were Dr. Miklos Feinfeld, identified as the Chief Rabbi of the city of Arab, and Stefan Krois, Ludwig Gardos and Moshe Weissberger, who are otherwise not identified. The sentence passed on Rabbi Feinfeld is not known, but Krois is reported to have been sentenced to a three-year prison term while each of the other two defendants have been sentenced to 12-year terms.

THE SHELTER OF SOLOMON'S QUARRIES

It is pointed out in **Sunday School Times** that no city in the world has the underground protection from air bombing equal to that of Jerusalem. These are the so-called quarries of Solomon, vast in extent, which are being prepared rapidly for the accomodation of the inhabitants of the city.

THE "QUEEN OF SHEBA" STORY

According to the **Jerusalem Post**, modern science has vindicated the Bible once again. The latest American archeological expedition in southern Arabia proved that the empires of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba were co-existent.

Critics of the Bible have denied this fact in the past. Students of ancient history have contended that the Sheba empire came many centuries later than that of Solomon.

But Prof. W. F. Albright, of Johns Hopkins University, addressed a packed audience at Ratisbonne Hall in Jerusalem recently and revealed the latest findings. The American expedition was the first to carry out a proper archeological excavation in southern Arabia, the Professor said, and it established the fact that the Sheba reign was much earlier than historians have supposed.

The findings of the expedition proved the truthfulness of the Biblical account of the visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon. The Sheban Empire was a military and commercial power which extended not only to the coastal cities of Arabia but also to Ethiouia.

SHEEP-BREEDING IMPORTANT FOR ISRAEL'S AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

HAIFA—(ISI)—The Sheep Breeder's Association of Israel emphasized the importance of sheep-breeding as an adjunct to Israel's agricultural economy at its annual convention in Haifa. Sheep herds grew 30% larger during the past year, and the current sheep population of Israel has reached 65,000 head.