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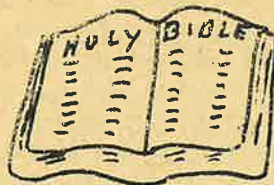
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THIS LITTLE PAPER IS DEDICATED TO THE
PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S FINAL WARNING TO "MODERN ISRAEL"
(PROTESTANT AMERICA) IN THESE LATTER TIMES
Ezek. 3:16-21; 33:1-11; Jer. 31:6-7

ESCAPE TO ZION, YOU WHO DWELL WITH THE DAUGHTER OF
BABYLON.

Zech. 2:7

O ISRAEL, RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR YOU HAVE
STUMBLER AND FALLEN IN YOUR INIQUITY.

Hes. 14:1

ALL YOU INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD, YOU WHO DWELL ON THE
EARTH, WHEN A SIGNAL IS RAISED ON THE MOUNTAINS, LOOK!
WHEN A TRUMPET IS BLOWN, HEAR!

Isa. 18:3

--AMPLIFIED BIBLE

Lutherans Adopt Liberal Ethic on Subject of Sex

By BETTY MEDSGER

MINNEAPOLIS (WP) — The Lutheran Church in America Thursday became the first Christian church in the nation to adopt a liberalized sex ethic as a "basic stance."

The historic action was taken at the final session of the fifth biennial convention of the 3.25 million-member church, largest Lutheran denomination in the nation. The decision to call it an "official stance" was almost unanimous.

The document on sex, although it upholds the value of the legal marriage contract, maintained that a "covenant of fidelity" is more important than a legal contract.

Defined as a "dynamic, life-long commitment of one man and one woman in a personal and sexual union," the "covenant of fidelity," says the document, should exist within the legal marriage but could exist outside legal marriage.

Delegates strongly defeated a motion that would have omitted the idea that a covenant of fidelity could exist outside legal marriage.

One member of the denomination's Board of Social Ministry, Dr. Paul M. Orso of Baltimore, explained that the document's ethic would allow Lutherans to look favorably on the development of a sexual relationship between a married person and someone other than his marriage partner if, for legal or personal reasons, a divorce cannot be obtained and the "covenant" has ceased to exist in the legal marriage.

"The important thing," Dr. Orso explained, "would be that a covenant existed in the new relationship and that there was an intention for a life-long covenant in the new relationship.

We're trying to acknowledge that we're human, and, therefore, might not be able to keep covenants permanent even though that's the original intention."

Debate on the 2,200-word document, "Sex, Marriage and Family," prepared by an officially appointed 10-member commission over a four-year period, spanned seven days of the eight-day convention.

Wednesday, as opponents' tempers flared over the document, the governor of Minnesota, Harold Levander, told the 695 delegates they would "look ridiculous before the world," if they approved the document.

But the delegates rejected the governor's move to have action on the document postponed for two years.

By a narrow margin Wednesday, they approved a statement that restated the churches' traditional blanket condemnation of sexual intercourse outside of marriage.

Thursday the delegates reconsidered that action and by a wide margin, moved the condemnation from the preamble of the document where they were told it would "devastate" the document, to a lower position.

The addition to the original document says: "because the Lutheran Church in America holds that sexual intercourse outside the context of the marriage union is morally wrong, nothing in this statement . . . is to be interpreted as meaning that this church either condones or approves pre-marital or extra-marital sexual intercourse."

Sponsors of the document told reporters after the document was approved they would interpret "marriage union," as used in the addition, to mean "cove-

nant of fidelity and not legal contract."

The executive secretary of the church's board of social ministry, Dr. Carl E. Thomas, said approval of the document was "historic" for two reasons.

"First, it puts the Lutheran church firmly in the camp of those who believe in contextual ethics," said Dr. Thomas. "In doing that, it allows us to address the most difficult problems of life today."

Contextual ethics is generally defined as a system of ethics in which decisions about the rightness or wrongness of an act are made on the merits of a specific situation rather than according to rigid laws without allowing for variation. Christian contextual ethicists say their decisions also are affected by, but not downed by biblical assertions.

Compassion Shown

Perhaps the most surprising element in the debate Thursday was the assembly's strongly compassionate attitude toward homosexuality.

All attempts from the floor to condemn homosexuals or to speak about them in the document as though they needed to be cured were soundly defeated. In the end, the document deals with the subject by saying, in part:

"Persons who engage in homosexual behavior are sinners only as are all other persons . . . They are often the special and underserving victims of prejudice and discrimination in law, law enforcement, cultural mores, and congregational life . . . it is essential to see such persons as entitled to understanding and justice in church and community."

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This article appeared in our June 1968 issue; however, we feel it worthwhile to reprint it: "Religious Babylon" (churches) has cleverly "deceived" multitudes of people into believing the "false theory" advocated by "erroneous human theology" dealing with the Jewish nation and the land of Palestine.

"False prophets" (pastors and preachers) who have not thoroughly studied the subject, are bubbling over with enthusiasm about what they consider to be the great fulfillment of Bible Prophecy; they herald it as the "Budding of the Fig Tree" and teach Israel is being restored to its place in Prophetic events.

These "eager clergymen" teach the Jews being restored to Palestine is direct evidence they are God's chosen nation of Israel; however, ANY BIBLE STUDENT WHO POSSESSES A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF SCRIPTURE KNOWLEDGE, IS WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT NO JEW IS AN ISRAELITE, AND NO ISRAELITE IS A JEW; THE JEWISH NATION IN PALESTINE HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PROPHECIES CONCERNING ISRAEL IN THE LATTER TIMES.

It is quite true the "Fig Tree" is a symbol of the "Jewish nation" but it has nothing to do with God's people Modern Israel. With this in mind, we will turn to the Bible on this subject. First of all, we find the Messiah Himself, relates this parable to us (Lk. 13:6-9). Here we read a "certain man" had a "fig tree" planted in his vineyard, and when the time was ripe, he came to inspect it; when he discovered it bore "no fruit" for the Saviour (which is still true today), the "figs" (Jews) were "cut off" from His inheritance.

Now, we will turn to Mtt. 21:18-19 where the Messiah found nothing but "leaves" (no fruit) upon the "Fig Tree" therefore, He "cursed it" and it "withered away"! Next we go to Mk. 11:12-14 where the same incident is recorded (see also v. 20-21).

The explanation as to who fulfills the Prophecy of the "Fig Tree" is described in Mtt. 21:43 where the "Kingdom is taken from the Jews" and given to "ANOTHER NATION BRINGING FORTH FRUIT"!

The "Jews" had occupied "Palestine" (Just as they do now), but they "Brought forth no fruit" and neither are they bearing fruit for the Saviour today. THE JEWS STILL REJECT THE MESSIAH; THEREFORE, THEY CANNOT POSSIBLY REPRESENT GOD'S PEOPLE ISRAEL (Jn. 14:16).

The Scriptures make it quite clear that ISRAEL BRINGS FORTH FRUIT FOR THE SAVIOUR (the Jews do not). Isa. 27:6 says "ISRAEL SHALL BLOSSOM AND FILL THE FACE OF THE EARTH WITH FRUIT" (v. 12 says "in that day").

As you have clearly seen, THE MESSIAH HIMSELF, TAUGHT THE JEWS WOULD NEVER BEAR FRUIT. This my friends, is what the "church leaders" and "theologians" have failed to recognize; however, THE SAVIOUR KNEW THE SCRIPTURES TOO WELL TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES about what "theological supposition" misinterprets as the "Budding of the Fig Tree"!

Mtt. 7:15 "BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS"

7:16 "YOU SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS"

7:18 "NEITHER CAN A CORRUPT TREE BRING FORTH GOOD FRUIT"
