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Bible History: Cloverdale, Miles (1488-1558), an English Bible translator born at Coverdale, in Yorkshire completed the first Bible translated into English in 1535. Coverdale brought out his first translation of the Bible "out of Douche (German) and Latyn into Englishe, with a dedication by himself to Henry VIII." This was the first complete translation of the Bible printed in the English language.

Nearly all the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew; "the small remaining portion was written Aramaic, sometimes called Syriac." The New Testament was written in Greek, "the language used in letters and other writings. Greek was the language understood practically everywhere throughout the Roman Empire, even in the remote provinces, and was recognized as the language of the culture." This week's UPDATE with food for thought: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." — II Timothy 2:15.

Singles Seminar — Register March 29, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., \$12 per person at Maranatha Church, 422 NE 12th; Friday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Speakers Al Hopson and Marie Tribble. Subject: "Maintaining Stability in times of Adversity."

Sunshine Band Concert — Williams Temple, April 5, 7:30 p.m., at NE Hancock. Featuring Martin Luther King School Choir and Emanuel Full Gospel Choir. Public welcome.

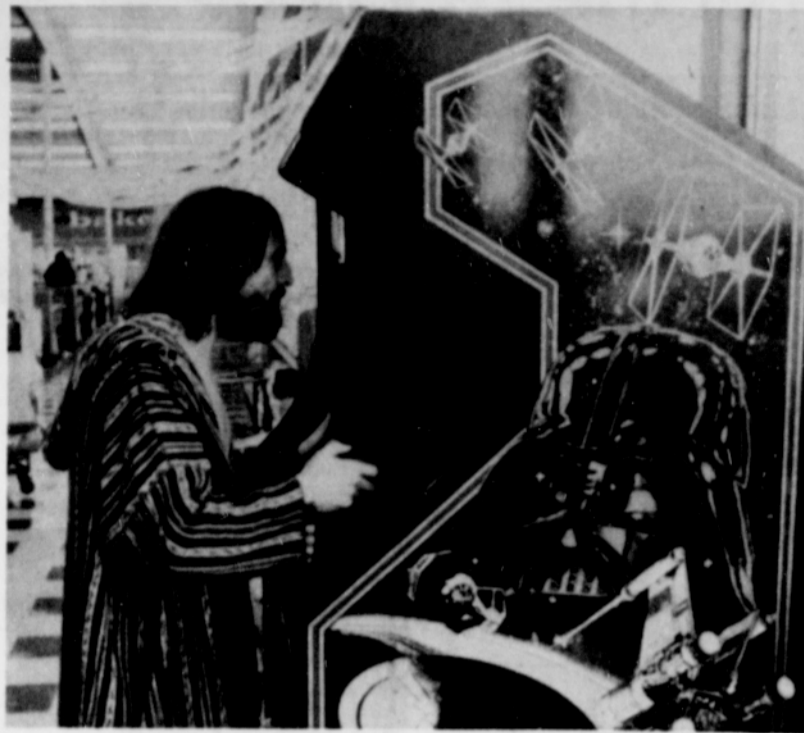
Maranatha Church Women's Fellowship — April 6, 11:30 a.m., at 4222 NE 12th. Topic of the day: "God is moving by His Spirit with Signs and Wonders Following." Speaker will be Amelia Lanier.

North Portland Bible College — Providing quality Bible education to equip Christian leaders for their ministries. Spring schedule 1985: April 2 to June 15 — Tuesday, 6:30 - 9:30 Classes, Sunday School Success, instructor, Beth Nance; The Book of Romans, instructor, James Coleman. Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30, New Testament Survey III, instructor Nathan Barnett; Defending the Faith, instructor Michael Lindsey. Saturdays, 12 noon - 3:00 p.m., Old Testament Survey III, instructor Rick Danner. For more information, please call 288-7241

Prayer Line, for people who really care: 286-LOVE.

Classes in Beginning and Advanced Hebrew will be offered by the Jewish Education Association beginning April 1. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Jewish Education Association.

Mount Olivet Baptist Church will be celebrating Maundy Thursday, April 4, 1985 at 7:00 p.m.



JOHN STALLINGS AS JESUS

"Son of Man" provocative

"Son of Man," a powerful, provocative dramatic treatment of the last years in the life of Jesus, opened last Friday. Not a religious pageant, "Son of Man" focuses on the ideas rather than the man — in particular, the message to "love your enemy." There are three more performances scheduled for March 29, 30 and 31st. Each performance will be followed by a symposium, "Hard Questions," with speakers presenting historical, philosophical and theological insights into issues raised by the play.

"Son of Man" will be presented at St. Mary's Academy Theater, located at 1615 S.W. 5th Ave., in Portland. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m., with "Hard

Questions" following the performance at approximately 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door, with group discounts also available. There is no charge for those wishing to attend only the symposium. Tickets are available at Evergreen Events. For reservations, call 242-1984.

"Son of Man," which originally appeared on BBC television and on the London stage, was written in response to increasing world tension and the threat of nuclear annihilation. Dennis Potter's Jesus is far from the gentle, ethereal man so often portrayed; instead, this is a tough, blunt Jesus, an angry Galilean peasant determined to turn his ideals into reality.

Portlander leaves for Ethiopia

A Portland educator and his wife returned March 25 to Ethiopia, where they previously spent four years, to head up an ongoing food and relief program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

James E. Blackwood of Boring, Oregon, principal of the Portland Adventist Academy on S.E. 97th Ave., since 1979, has been called to be director of Adventist Development and Relief Agency, International (ADRA), in that country.

Blackwood will be in charge of the feeding program in starvation-stricken areas where ADRA has been involved for nearly three years. He will supervise the development effort which includes teaching the Ethiopians how to farm and grow their own food. He will also have jurisdiction over the ADRA health educators who are teaching better health habits such as a more nutritious diet and better sanitation.

ADRA conducts a food and clothing for labor program where the people dig wells, construct buildings and do other needed work. They are then paid in food, clothing and medicine, thus helping them to become more self-sufficient.

Along with using the church's hospital in Gimbe and eight area medical clinics in Ethiopia as its central food and medical distribution centers, ADRA has also set up more centers in southern provinces.

Based in Washington, D.C., ADRA ranks among the top seven world-wide agencies which distribute food, clothing, medical, educational and rehabilitation supplies in depressed countries. Because of their

cooperation with Ethiopian governmental agencies, the Adventist teams have sustained very little interference in their aid program.

The Blackwoods and their two daughters, Jane and Janet, lived in Ethiopia between 1970 and 1973 where he served variously as science teacher, business manager, builder or principal at three schools. He has considerable experience in agricultural technology. Because of this background and the desperate need there at this time, he said he was asked to come right away.

Replacing him at his Portland post to finish out the school year will be vice-principal Lisa Bissell, who has been appointed acting principal.

Blackwood has held Adventist educational administrative posts in Oregon since 1974, first as principal in Coos Bay, then in Portland as an associate superintendent of education for the Oregon Conference of the church, which has 45 elementary and secondary parochial schools. His wife, Judy, has worked as a medical technologist at the Portland Adventist Medical Center.

They will be in Ethiopia two months to assess the situation, studying ways and means and sources of getting more food and materials into the country. They will headquarter in Addis Ababa, and plan to come back briefly to the States in May, then return to Ethiopia to stay.

William Jensen, an Oregon Adventist minister who left from Lebanon, Oregon, in November, to help in the crisis situation in Ethiopia and other African countries, now heads the Africa desk for ADRA.

Prayer week planned

A week of prayer, liturgy and meditation is planned for Holy Week 1985 at The Grotto, The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, March 31, The Grotto will host a number of public worship services and events. They are:

—Palm Sunday Procession and Masses, on Sunday March 31. Meet for procession prior to masses in main Grotto area (weather permitting). Mass times are 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

—Daily Masses, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 8 a.m. and noon.

—On Holy Thursday, April 4, Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held at

7:30 p.m.

—Good Friday, April 5, will be highlighted by 3 hours of reflection and prayer with Sr. Jose Hobday, 12 to 3 p.m. An evening service at 7:30 p.m. will include Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

—On Holy Saturday, April 6, Easter Vigil Mass will be held at 9 p.m.

—On Easter Sunday, Sunrise Ecumenical Service will be held at 7 a.m. in the outdoor Grotto area, and Easter Masses will be at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Mary.

Call the Grotto, 254-7371, for further information.

Easter Sunrise Service set

The 25th annual Portland Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Memorial Coliseum Sunday, April 7 from 6:45 - 8:00 a.m. This special event is free to the public (an offering will be taken) and sponsored by the Portland Christian Laymen.

This non-denominational Christian service will feature the inspirational speaker from Multnomah School of

the Bible, President Joe Aldrich, and a spectacular 400 voice Easter choir presenting Beethoven's "Hallelujah" under the direction of Tom Miller from Warner Pacific College. Participating in this magnificent choral group are choir members from nine Portland area schools, including Jefferson High School.

Ethiopian Jews at exodus

NEW YORK, N.Y. — This Passover the story of the Exodus from Egypt "is not just being retold... but relived" by Ethiopian Jewry, according to the annual Passover message by Kenneth J. Bialkin, national director, and Nathan Perlmutter, national director, of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The ADL leaders said that even as we celebrate the triumph and passage of Ethiopian Jews to hopeful and productive new lives in Israel, "we pray that the hearts of the Kremlin oligarchs will be softened and the steel gates of the Iron Curtain lifted."

The eight-day festival of Passover begins at sundown April 5.

The full text of the message follows: "This Passover the story of the Exodus from Egypt is not just being retold at seder tables throughout the world but relived.

"Once again the Hebrew children have found an African country inhospitable and are forsaking it for the land of promise.

"The Ethiopian Jews, crossing arid wastes to leave a land that has been their home for centuries, are not only demonstrating that special spiritual yearning for Israel that is at the heart of Judaism, but the hunger for freedom and dignity that ennobles humanity.

"As they adjust to Israel, our thoughts cannot help but turn to their and our coreligionists in the Soviet Union who are held captive by the modern totalitarian representation of Pharaoh.

"We pray that the hearts of the Kremlin oligarchs will be softened and the steel gates of the Iron Curtain lifted so that Soviet Jews can join the Beta Israel in a hopeful and productive new environment in the Jewish homeland.

"Then our traditional Haggadah prayer, 'Next Year in Jerusalem,' will be joyfully answered."

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Tuesday:	Bible Band	7:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Morning	Worship	11:15 a.m.
Y.P.W.W.	Worship	6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic	Worship	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday:	Noon Day Prayer	
Friday:	"The Pastor Speaks"	7:30 p.m.
Saturday:	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
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