

World's Jews Trace Lineage Back 3,500 Years to Abraham

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There are 12 million people in the world today whose very existence is one of the most remarkable facts of history.

These people are the Jews. They trace their lineage back nearly 3,500 years to a Mesopotamian nomad named Abraham.

The survival of this tiny group as a conscious entity through 35 centuries of dispersion and ruthless persecutions would be hard enough to explain. But the mystery does not end there. For the Jews have not merely survived; they have placed an indelible mark on the whole of Western civilization, contributing some of its noblest ethical ideals as well as many of its greatest creative geniuses.

The religion of Judaism is essentially an explanation of this phenomenon. It holds that the Jews were chosen by God for a peculiar destiny as a "holy people" through whom "all families of the earth shall be blessed."

The Jewish scriptures—which Christians know as the Old Testament of the Bible—tell the story of God's dealings with this chosen people; how He delivered them from slavery in Egypt; how He gave them, through their prophet Moses, the great moral laws called the Ten Commandments; how He sought, through many other great prophets and leaders, and also through many terrible disasters, to bring them to a full awareness of him and his will for mankind.

Christians believe that this long historic process of spiritual education reached its climax about 1860 years ago in the life of a Jew named Jesus of Nazareth. They believed that Jesus was the Messiah or Savior whom the Jews had been taught to expect. They believe that the Jews, by rejecting Jesus, forfeited their destiny, and that their peculiar role as light-bearers to mankind has now passed to

the "new Israel"—the Christian church.

Jews deny this doctrine. Many of them today revere Jesus as a moral teacher. But they do not believe that he was the Divine Son of God, or that his coming altered the special relationship of the Jewish people to God. Orthodox Jews believe the promised Messiah is still to come. Many modern Jews have abandoned expectation of a personal Messiah, but believe God will somehow work through the Jewish people to bring about a reign of peace and righteousness on earth.

Experiences Revival

Like Christianity and other major religions, Judaism has experienced a revival in recent years. The resurgence of popular interest is particularly evident in the United States, where nearly half of the world's Jews now live.

The American Jewish Yearbook for 1969 estimated the present Jewish population of the United States at 2,260,000. According to the yearbook, there are about 1,800,000 Jews in Israel, 2,000,000 in Soviet Russia, and 1,500,000 in other European countries. The rest are scattered over every continent of the globe.

Jewish population in America is heavily centered in the big cities of the northeast, with 40 per cent concentrated in the New York metropolitan area. In recent years, however, there has been a substantial growth of Jewish population in the west.

How many of America's Jews actually adhere to the religion of Judaism? This question is often asked, but impossible to answer precisely since there are no reliable statistics.

The best guess of many rabbis is that about half of America's Jews are more or less consciously committed to the faith of Judaism. Many others practice some aspects of the religion, out of habit or tradition, and may show up at a Synagogue during the high holy days.

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English Lord Bishop Plans Medford Visit

Of interest to valley Episcopalians will be the visit to Medford on Monday of the Rt. Rev. Roger Plumpton Wilson, MA, DD Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Chichester in the ecclesiastical province of Canterbury of the Church of England.

His Lordship, so entitled because bishops of the Church of England are ipso facto members of the British House of Lords, heads one of the oldest and most historic dioceses of the English church, and is one of the church's leaders. He has filled numerous assignments in the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion.

He will arrive in the valley Monday morning accompanied by the Rt. Rev. James W. F. Carman, DD, Bishop of Oregon. He will tour one of the valley's pear processing plants and will attend a luncheon in his honor in the Rague room of the Hotel Medford at 12:30 p.m. It will be attended by various civic and religious leaders.

Mass Meeting

In the afternoon he will make an air trip over the valley, including Crater Lake. At 6 p.m. the visiting bishop, together with Episcopal clergy of the area, will be the guests of the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, dean of the southern

School Campaign To Start Sunday

The annual Sunday school enlargement campaign at First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st., starts Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and will continue through October under the direction of Bernard Schultz, campaign chairman.

The campaign workers have set a goal of 300 for Sunday school attendance according to the Rev. R. E. Cull, pastor. Myron O. Hanson, general superintendent of the school, has extended an invitation to the public to visit the Sunday school during the month. He reported that there is plenty of free off-street parking available. A school-owned bus is routed throughout the area each Sunday transporting children and adults to and from the school.

Hanson suggests telephoning SPing 3-4244 for bus service. Classes for all ages are in session each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. under the direction of trained teachers.

The Rev. Elmer Reznicek conducts a class for deaf mutes and during the worship services interprets songs and preaching using the universal sign language.

Ascension Lutheran Sunday Topic Told

"The Forgiveness of Sins" will be the sermon subject Sunday at Ascension Lutheran church by the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor.

The soloist, Richard Melum, will sing the tenor solo, "The Lord's Prayer." Sunday school teachers will be installed.

Sunday, Oct. 11, Mr. Tollefson will attend the Willamette Circuit meeting at Woodburn, Ore.

SKATING PARTY

Talent—Miss Phyllis Floyd and Paul Connor, counselors of the Talent Methodist Church Junior Methodist Youth Fellowship, took a group of 19 boys and girls to the Ashland Skating rink recently for a roller skating party.

Medford Presbyterians To Hold Communion Sunday

In conjunction with 600 million Christians all around the world the First Presbyterian church, Medford, will observe the communion and Dr. D. Kirkland West will speak on the subject, "One Cup for the Whole World."

At the 9:45 a.m. service the Westminster choir will sing, "Let Us Break Bread Together," a spiritual arranged by Currie, and Mrs. Charles Champlin, soprano, will sing "In My Father's House Are Many Mansions." The anthem, "Very Bread, Good Shepherd Tend Us" will be sung by the Chancel choir at the 11 a.m. service and Mrs. Champlin will sing the solo.

Junior High Fellowship will meet at the church at 4:15 p.m. Sunday for the beginning of a Progressive Dinner party which will be served at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruhl, 2500 Capital ave., Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harris, 707 South Oakdale ave., and

Area Catholics In Portland For CCD Congress

Several Catholics from the Medford area have made plans to attend the 10th Regional Congress of the Congregation of Christian Doctrine in Portland this week end, according to Robert J. Hamelin, president of the Sacred Heart parish unit of the organization.

About 2,000 persons from Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon are expected to participate in the training sessions of the congress, most of which will take place at St. Mary academy.

Besides numerous priests, teaching Sisters and Brothers and laymen, there will be two archbishops and nine bishops presiding at the various sessions of the three-day meeting. Major conferences are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday with a special clergy session on Monday.

Formal Openings

Formal opening of the congress will be at 7:30 to night when Archbishop Edward D. Howard of Portland will celebrate a solemn pontifical Mass in St. Mary Cathedral.

The sermon on "The Congregation of Christian Doctrine and Needs of the World Today" will be delivered by Bishop Joseph M. Gilmore of Helena, Mont.

According to the program announced by Sister Jean Marie, SSS, archdiocesan supervisor of the CCD program, students representing many Catholic and secular high schools and colleges of the Northwest will participate actively in the congress, although major sessions are scheduled for the religious and adult laymen.

Religious Education

The CCD is the Roman Catholic church's official instrument for providing religious education for youth and adults and is required by Canon Law.

It is the program through which the laymen can assist the parish priest in his obligation to attend to the spiritual needs of his parishioners.

The CCD program is divided into six groups including the teachers; the home visitors; the helpers, who generally assist all the other groups; the leaders and members of religious discussion clubs; the apostles of good will; and the training sessions of the regional congress will cover all these phases of CCD work.

Sermon Topic Told For Zion Lutheran

"Holy Communion" will be the sermon subject at the Zion Lutheran church, Fourth st. and Oakdale ave. by the Rev. H. C. Covert, Sunday.

Only one service at 11 a.m. will be held on World Wide Communion Sunday.

Sunday at 4 p.m., adult instruction will be held at the church.

Senior Luther League will meet at the church on Oct. 11. Intermediate Luther League will meet Sunday at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Diane Landis.

Senior choir practice will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Hugo Guenther, 610 South King st.

Evening Services at Church of Christ

Phoenix—Sunday evening services will begin Oct. 4 at Phoenix Church of Christ. They will be evangelistic services and will start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's message will be by the minister, John L. Bigham, on "Preacher From the Sticks."

The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lusk, 333 South Riverside ave., and ending at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Heysell, 2964 Fairview place for worship and devotions.

Westminster Fellowship for Senior High young people will be held at the church Sunday at 7 p.m. A surprise workshop will be led by Mrs. G. C. Corum, Lynn Sjolund, Otis Swisher and the Rev. G. Robert Jacks. Fireside will follow at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, 18 North Modoc ave.

WF Youth night will be held at the church Wednesday at 6 p.m. Potluck supper will be followed by devotions and choir practice.

Geneva Fellowship will be meeting for breakfast and Bible study every Friday at 6:30 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacks, 649 J. St. All post-high school young people interested are welcome to attend. Genevans will also meet every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Flanagan on North Pacific highway for recreation and Christian fellowship. The next evening meeting will be Oct. 16.

Sunday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. the drama, "Christ and the Concrete City" by Philip W. Turner will be presented in the church sanctuary.

These will be the second and third performance of the play by the Geneva Players and are open to the public.

World wide Communion will be observed at the worship service of the Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Hoover Elementary school auditorium.

The Rev. John O. Reynolds, organizing pastor, will bring a communion meditation on the theme "The Lord of the Church," and the choir will sing the anthem, "God So Loved the World."

The children's church program will begin Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Children from the ages of 5 to 12 will be invited to sit in the front rows of the church for the initial part of the service, during which time Mr. Reynolds will have a message for them. After this they will adjourn to another room for singing, activities and missionary study.

Church school classes continue to meet at 9:30 a.m. Meeting locations are nursery, church site; kindergarten, 257 Windsor, primary, 332 Windsor; junior, 300 Windsor; junior high, 31 Glen Oak court; and senior high, 301 Windsor.

The Junior High Fellowship will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johansson, 2133 Dellwood ave. Officers of the group will be installed in a candlelight ceremony.

They include Garner Haupt Jr., president; Patsy Thompson, vice president; Leslie Van Gordon, secretary-treasurer; Mark McQueen, worship chairman; John Castlerline and Fred Haupt, entertainment chairman; and Christy Elmore, refreshment chairman.

First Christian Tells Activities

Sunday will be observed throughout the world by all denominations as "World Wide Communion Sunday."

In observance of this the Rev. William C. Piper will preach on the subject "The Bread of Life" at both services Sunday morning at the First Christian church. At the early service the youth choir will sing "When Jesus Lived" and at the 10:45 a.m. service the chancel choir will sing the anthem "Rejoice."

October is Loyalty Month in the brotherhood of the Christian churches. An effort will be made to get a regular attendance by all members of the church.

At the services at 6:30 p.m. the Bible study on the Book of Hebrews will be continued.

The Chi Rho Fellowship have been studying citizenship and Sunday evening a member of the Medford Police department will be guest speaker. The Christian Youth Fellowship will have a study on "New Testament Letters and Stories" which will be led by Bert Lindemann. The Youth fireside will meet at the Roy E. Henry home at 8:30 p.m. During October the two youth fellowships will have a membership contest.

Tuesday at 7 p.m. all departments of the church will meet. The official board meeting will follow at 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

The Rev. and Mrs. John Firth, missionaries from Colombia, South America, will conduct a missionary service Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Four-square Church, East Jackson st. and Biddle rd. The service will include pictures of their work on the foreign field.

Fall Session of Christian Living School to Start

The fall session of First Methodist's School of Christian Living will open at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, with classes for all ages.

Mrs. Charles Adamson will present background material for the study on the "Changing Role of the United Nations in World Affairs." Mrs. George Lawless, instructor for the class, will assist in dividing class members into groups which will work on special subjects including the refugee problem as it pertains to Africa and the UN; Should Red China enter the UN; and other pertinent topics.

"How to Read and Study the Bible," a class planned especially for church school teachers will be led by Mrs. W. R. Eshob on the subject "Is It Really Worth the Effort?"

Methodist Church

The Rev. Robert F. Downey will begin the study "The Methodist Church and Its Membership," a class designed for those who have recently joined, or who plan to join, the Methodist church, as well as Methodists interested in reviewing doctrine.

Mrs. John Kent will lead a group of first, second and third graders; and Mrs. C. H. Thompson Jr. will teach the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Both groups will study children of the world.

The Junior High MYF will hold a regular meeting under the leadership of Jim Baumer and the Senior High MYF will join the adult study classes prior to their regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. with their counselor Jerry Igo.

A snack supper is planned for 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by an inspiration time led by Mrs. George Lawless. A pre-school nursery will be open until the 7:30 p.m. closing time.

Methodists to Serve Communion

World Communion service will be observed in First Methodist church with the communion offering to be taken for the use of mercy relief in world disaster areas during the following year.

The offering is also shared with armed service chaplains.

The youth choir will sing "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" in the 9:30 a.m. service with Ray Lewis directing. The chancel choir will sing "Let Us Break Bread Together," with Mrs. Charles Adamson, minister of music, directing. The public is invited to participate in the communion service.

The commission on education meets on Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. and the Methodist Men will meet Thursday at 12 noon with the Rev. Robert Downey speaking. The commission on missions meets Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, in the absence of the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist church, the Rev. L. G. Weaver, retired Methodist minister, will speak on the subject, "The Man Who Thought He Stood Alone."

Mrs. Harvard Breese will be soloist. Church school, with classes for all ages, begins at 9:45 a.m. and the worship service at 11 a.m.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. The church is located at 2940 Siskiyou blvd., across the street from Hoover Elementary school.

The public is invited to the services.

Church Schedules Sermon in Music

Central Point—Mr. Jean M. Shiley, minister of Church of Christ, Central Point, will speak Sunday at 10:45 a.m. on "God Always on Time."

During the 7:30 p.m. service he will speak on "A Sermon in Music." The youth choir will be featured along with instrumental selections by the orchestra. Colored slides will be used to portray the message and poems used in the spoken word.

Sunday morning Rally day services are planned during the Sunday school hour.

President Sets Oct. 7 National Prayer Day

Wednesday, Oct. 7, is National Day of Prayer. The date was announced earlier this year by President Eisenhower.

Annually since 1952 the President has proclaimed a day of prayer other than a Sunday. It was in that year that Congress authorized the President to proclaim such a day.

County Presbyterians Tell Sunday Plans and Events

Ashland—"Christ and Friendship" will be the communion meditation at First Presbyterian church Sunday by the Rev. B. J. Holland, minister. The services will be held at 9:45 and 11 a.m.

At 5 p.m. Sunday a buffet supper for the session will be held at Holland home, 108 Nob Hill, for wives and husbands of session members.

Monday, the property and finance committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. and members will be received at 8 p.m. by the session which will meet at 7:45 p.m.

Gold Hill Church Tells Activities For Coming Week

Gold Hill—"A King's Banquet" will be the title of the sermon topic by the Rev. James F. Kubanks Jr., at the Gold Hill Community Methodist church, Sunday at 11 a.m. This will be the sixth in a series of sermons on the Kingdom of God. It will also be communion Sunday.

The church choir will sing "Dear Lord and Savior," directed by Mrs. C. Norman Gail, choir director. Mrs. John Bruce will be organist. This will be the first appearance of the choir this fall.

Child care will be provided in the nursery at the church for pre-school children, whose parents attend the morning worship service. The service is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Evening Service

The evening worship service will be held at 7:30 o'clock. The service is informal, consisting of songs, meditation, and a time for group discussion, following the sermon by Mr. Eubanks.

Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Beginning Sunday during church school which starts at 9:45 a.m., there will be a class for parents of pre-school youngsters. All parents of youngsters in this age group are invited to attend the weekly class.

The commission on missions of the church will meet Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Friday, Oct. 9, Mrs. Melvin Burnett will be hostess at her home on Upper River rd., for a meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service beginning at 1 p.m.

The Inquirers' class will meet Friday, Oct. 9, at 5 p.m. in the pastor's study at the church.

St. Peter's Church Sets Promotion Day

Sunday School Promotion day will be observed at St. Peter's Lutheran church Sunday morning, according to the Rev. John E. Simon, pastor. The Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m. A film will be shown.

At 11 a.m. the regular first Sunday-of-the-month communion service will take place. At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Edwin Gutzlaff, delegate for the Southern Oregon Lutheran Women's Missionary League at the international convention at Toronto, Canada, will report. She will also show a number of pictures.

Delegates from the southern Oregon area will be at St. Peter's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday for a L.W.M.L. workshop. The Revs. Albert Nickodemus, Ashland and Emil Hellwege, Springfield, will lead the Bible topic discussions.

PROMOTION DAY

The Salvation Army will hold Sunday School Promotion day Sunday. This will include the promotions of children from the various departments.

supper for the session will be held at Holland home, 108 Nob Hill, for wives and husbands of session members.

Monday, the property and finance committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. and members will be received at 8 p.m. by the session which will meet at 7:45 p.m.

Central Point—The Rev. Bruce J. Weber will speak at the Sunday 11 a.m. worship service of the Central Point First Presbyterian church on the subject "The One That Breaks and Binds."

World Wide Communion will be observed Sunday with the sacrament of communion which will be served during the worship service.

The session and trustees will meet at the church Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Women's Association are working on arrangements for their fall rummage sale which will be held Oct. 15 and 16. Persons wishing to donate rummage for the sale may leave it at Setness Variety store.

Jacksonville—Communion meditation at First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, will be "You Shall Worship the Lord," the third part of a series entitled "Christian Exercises."

The Rev. King K. Jones Jr., pastor, will speak. The choir will present as its first number of the fall season's "hymn-of-the-month," "Unto the Hills."

Sunday the Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will meet at the home of Bill Hall for his monthly fireside meeting at 7 p.m. All high school students are invited to attend.

Phoenix—The Rev. William A. Saladin, minister of First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, will give a communion meditation Sunday at 11 a.m. The congregation will participate in World Wide communion during the service.

Later in the week the minister will attend a Presbytery meeting at Brookings.

The Presbyterian Men will meet Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. at the church and Oct. 8, the session will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, the Sunday school teachers will meet at the church at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7 p.m. the young people of the church will meet at the manse. They recently re-organized for the winter program and have changed their name to the Presbyterian Youth group. All young people are invited to attend.

Bible study will be held Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. at the church following choir practice at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided for parents with small children.

Rally day with promotion of children of the Sunday school will be held Sunday, Oct. 11, during the church hour at 9:45 a.m. Attendance awards will be given and a guest speaker, the Rev. Kenneth Wilson, will speak during the 11 a.m. worship service. Mr. Wilson is pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, Los Angeles, and a former missionary to China. He is an artist and will illustrate his sermon.

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