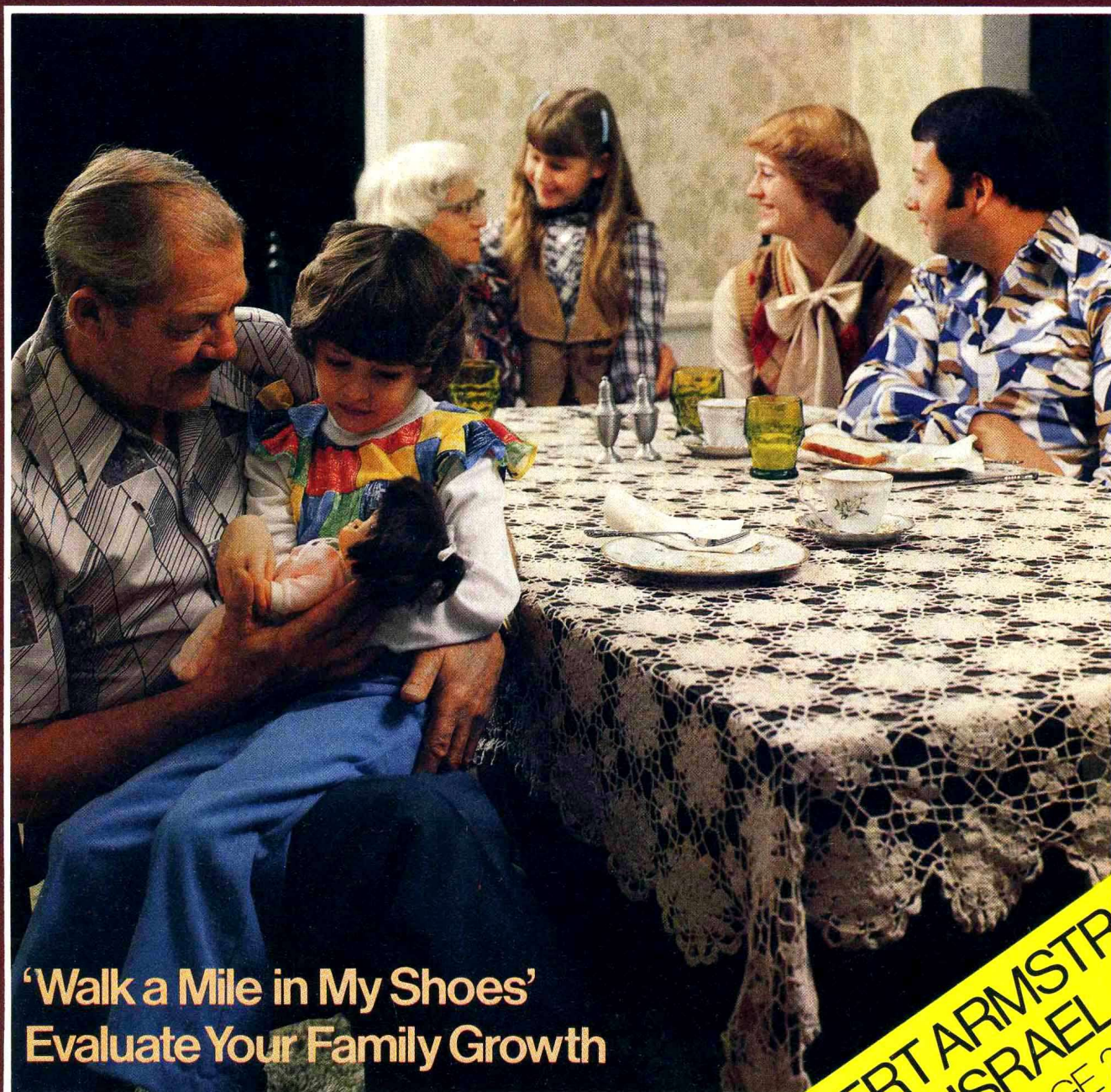


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# Good News

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



**'Walk a Mile in My Shoes'**  
**Evaluate Your Family Growth**

**HERBERT ARMSTRONG**  
**IN ISRAEL**  
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# WHERE THIS BREAKDOWN OF FAMILY LIFE IS TAKING US!

**F**amily life in the Western world is crumbling. WHY? Where is it leading?

The VERY foundation of any stable civilization is a solid FAMILY STRUCTURE. Today's civilization, with its foundation disintegrating, is itself on the way out!

WHY? The modern world has adopted what it calls "the new morality," which in truth means gross IMMORALITY! Mated with it has come "women's lib." Women have been emancipated from the HOME! Women have their own incomes and a new spirit of independence.

Nothing in this material world is as important as a happy home life with father, mother and well-taught happy children — a close-knit FAMILY.

WHY?

It strikes at the very heart and core of humanity's future and eternity and the Gospel that Jesus Christ proclaimed.

His Gospel was the good news of the coming Kingdom of God. That Gospel, suppressed from the world for 1,900 years, reveals that God's Church is the affianced Bride of Christ — to marry Him at His glorious imminent return, establishing the world-ruling Kingdom of God. What has that to do with established FAMILY LIFE?

By approximately the middle of the first century, Christ's GOSPEL MESSAGE was suppressed — not proclaimed to the world until the middle of the present 20th century!

And what was that Gospel message? It was the news of the coming Kingdom of God. And what is the Kingdom of God? It is the divine FAMILY OF GOD, ruling all earth's nations with the government of God.

WHO and WHAT is GOD? God is NOT a "Trinity." Yet it is true God is more than one Personage. Actually GOD is a family name. In the very

first verse in the Bible, Genesis 1:1, the English translation is, "In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth." Moses originally wrote those words in Hebrew. The Hebrew for God is *Elohim*, a uniplural noun, such as the words *family*, *church*, *group*. ONE Church with many members — yet "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth . . ." (Ephesians 4:16). Not many independent Christians, each going his own way as *he* feels is right in God's eyes — but ONE BODY, not only JOINED TOGETHER, but *fitly* joined together, all speaking the same thing (I Corinthians 1:10) and that "same thing" the Word of God — God's TRUTH as revealed in His Word.

A FAMILY is made up of more than one person, yet *only* one family. And God's family on earth is not split up and divided, for "a house divided against itself cannot stand." It is COMPACTED together (Ephesians 4:16) and the word *compacted* means as closely bound together as if GLUED together — definitely not made up of independent Christians.

And so, in truth, God is not merely ONE PERSONAGE or even limited to a "Trinity," but is a FAMILY.

And God is a KINGDOM — that is, the supreme divine FAMILY that RULES the UNIVERSE! The whole Gospel, which Jesus Christ brought from God for mankind, is the GOOD NEWS of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD. And the united, closely knit together family of Christians — the Church — will, at the coming of Christ and the time of the resurrection, become the KINGDOM OF GOD!

The Kingdom of God starts with a FAMILY relationship — first the physical human families, second, the ONE compacted together CHURCH, and finally, when the Church is changed to immortality, the GOD FAMILY —

which is the KINGDOM OF GOD!

There is but the ONE GOD, even though that GOD is composed of more than ONE PERSONAGE! But those Personages are closely COMPACTED together. Jesus said that He and God the Father are ONE. They are 100 percent IN HARMONY. So must the CHURCH be!

*Elohim* is the divine FAMILY — only ONE family, and therefore ONE GOD!

When Jesus was born human, of the virgin Mary, He became the Son of God. He was "Emmanuel" — God with us — God in mortal human flesh to make it possible for the rest of us humans to be born into the GOD family!

In Genesis 1:26, *Elohim* said, "Let us" — not let me — "make man in OUR IMAGE . . ." — in God's likeness as to form and shape, although man is made from the dust of the ground, mortal, and God is wholly SPIRIT, not matter or flesh.

So the Eternal Father is GOD — a divine Personage. And Jesus is a different Person and is GOD! They are two separate and individual Persons (Revelation 4:2, 5:1). The Father is divine Supreme HEAD of the GOD FAMILY. He is the LAWGIVER, Christ is the administrator — He does the work by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Word or Spokesman — He "speaks and it is done."

But when Jesus was begotten in the womb of the virgin Mary, He was NOT, as all other humans, begotten by a human father, but by GOD the divine Father, by the power of God's Spirit, which emanates from His very Person. When Jesus became adult, He set us the example of praying to His FATHER in heaven. He had become the Son of God. And so we have the divine Family relationship — Father and Son. That is a FAMILY relationship!

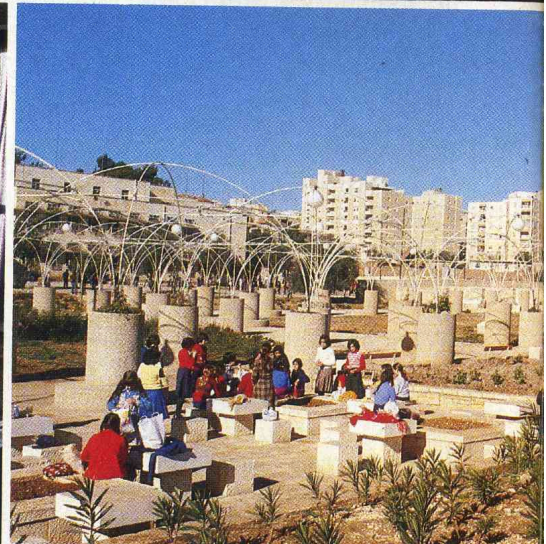
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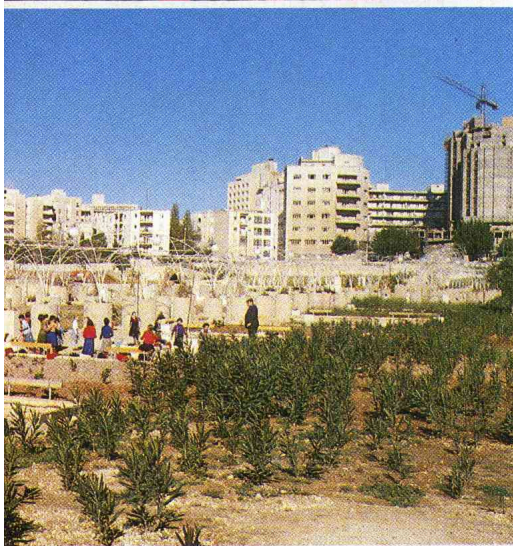
# 10th Anniversary at

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# JERUSALEM



*Even Almighty GOD is concerned about what is happening at Jerusalem. He has opened the door to Jerusalem for His apostle. This anniversary celebration may prove of major importance.*

**G**OD ALMIGHTY CHOSE Jerusalem as *His city*. Then, because of the sins of the nations Israel and Judah, God finally hid His face from Jerusalem — but He “... shall yet choose Jerusalem” (Zechariah 1:17) and “... shall choose Jerusalem again” (Zechariah 2:12).

At Christ's *soon* coming, Jerusalem shall become *the CAPITAL OF THE WORLD*, with Christ's Throne ruling all nations from Jerusalem.

In November, 1968, I went to Jerusalem on an inspection trip, to decide whether to enter a joint participation in a large archaeological project adjoining the south wall of the temple mount. I was more than favorably impressed with Professor Benyamin Mazar, in charge of the dig.

On that visit we had a luncheon, never to be forgotten, in the Knesset, in a private dining room. Present were Professor Mazar (former president of the Hebrew University), Dr. Josef Aviram of the Hebrew University, Gen. Yigael Yadin, who had organized the Israeli army in the war of independence in 1948 and had been chief of staff until 1967, Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, Stanley R. Rader, Dr. Herman L. Hoeh and myself from Ambassador College.

But I did not give a final decision on whether we would enter into a joint participation in the project at the time. I said that I would return to Jerusalem on Dec. 1, 1968, with a definite decision.

We had flown to Jerusalem in our Falcon. Our plane flew Mr. Stanley Rader and me to the airport at Beirut [Lebanon], where we boarded a Pan American plane for Tokyo.

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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Members of The World Tomorrow television crew record Herbert Armstrong's meeting with Israeli President Itzhak Navon; Mr. Armstrong talks with President Navon; Mr. Armstrong and the AICF helped sponsor Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Park; a stone marker in the park notes Mr. Armstrong's contribution; a plaque honors Mr. Armstrong for his aid to the ICCY in Jerusalem; Mr. Armstrong speaks at a luncheon given by Professor Benyamin Mazar and Dr. Josef Aviram of the Hebrew University and Yigael Yadin, deputy prime minister of Israel.









Our Falcon flew back to Pasadena with Dr. Hoeh its lone passenger.

On Dec. 1, 1968, Mr. Rader and I were once again in Jerusalem. A meeting had been set at the president's residence. It was a memorable — perhaps an historic — meeting with President Zalman Shazar and our Israeli friends at the preceding visit. On that date we formally entered into the joint participation with Hebrew University and the Israel Archaeological Society.

Some little time after that we entered into participation in the ICCY (International Cultural Center for Youth), founded by Eleanor Roosevelt and Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol. We have continued both participations. Beginning with the summer of 1969, we sent students every year during summer vacation to work on the dig — some years up to 100 students.

About 2½ years ago, Mayor Teddy Kolleck came to see me when I was in Jerusalem. He showed me elaborate plans for a downtown city park in Jerusalem, to be called the "Liberty Bell Park." The City of Philadelphia had presented an exact

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**A DINNER** celebrating 10 years of cooperation with Hebrew University and the Israeli Archaeological Society. **ABOVE:** Herbert Armstrong meets Israeli President Zalman Shazar in 1968.



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## Son of God?

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John the Baptist picks up this same theme. "John bore witness to him, and cried, 'This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me, *for he was before me*'" (John 1:15). Was the Baptist indulging in some kind of spiritual double-talk here? No! John was begotten and born into the human flesh before the human Jesus was (Luke 1:35-36, 57-60). Yet Jesus was God long before John was conceived.

### Jesus — from heaven

John knew Jesus' true origin. Quoting Christ, John declared, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man" (John 3:13).

John continued: "He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth belongs to the earth, and of the earth he speaks; he who comes from heaven is above all" (verse 31).

### The God of the Old Testament

In chapter 8, the Pharisees brought up the subject of Abraham. Jesus had to explain to them: "'Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad.' The Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you

seen Abraham?' Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, *I am*'" (verses 56-58).

Jesus Christ was the same God who walked and talked with Moses in the wilderness — the same "I am" (see Exodus 3:14) who brought the children of Israel out of Egypt. Paul makes this plain. "I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the Red sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea . . . For they drank from the same supernatural Rock which followed them, *and the Rock was Christ*" (I Corinthians 10:1-4).

We find the most emphatic statements about the preexistence of Jesus Christ in the book of John. The book's major emphasis is on the fact that Jesus Christ was God before His human birth. Even the Pharisee Nicodemus said to Jesus, "' . . . Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher *come from God* . . .'" (John 3:2).

Jesus told the leaders of this smallish sect: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God" (John 5:17-18, King James Version). If you have any sons or daughters, they are on the same plane and level of existence as yourself. Jesus was equal with God in the

sense that He existed on the same God-plane that the Father did.

### From Creator to Son

We have now firmly established that Jesus was God before His human birth. But He later divested Himself of His glory and came down to this earth as a human being to die for the sins of all mankind.

Paul wrote to the Philippian brethren:

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, *but emptied himself*, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

Paul brings out that Jesus is *now restored* to His former glory: "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that *Jesus Christ is Lord*, to the glory of God the Father" (verses 9-11).

Jesus was God before His human birth; He was God in the flesh while a human being here on earth; and He is *now very God* at the right hand of the Father in heaven. □

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## From the Editor...

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But humans, if called by God the Father, made physically in the likeness of God, may receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit, thus being *begotten*, but not yet born of God. Though not yet born of God, we do become the begotten children of God (Romans 8:14-17).

The Church of God is the affianced Bride of Christ, to MARRY Christ at His coming in Glory, when the Church will be changed from physical mortal flesh to immortal SPIRIT. The Church will, then, become the *born* INHERITORS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, the DIVINE Family! The Kingdom of God will then become the GOD FAMILY, ruling the UNIVERSE!

Did you ever come to realize that this FAMILY relationship is given to no other beings God ever created, but to us as humans? Angels do not reproduce children, have no FAMILY relationship. Animals, birds, fish, have no close and life-long family relationship as do humans.

Satan is subtly DESTROYING the human FAMILY relationship. He is doing it through the women's lib movement and through the new-morality attitude toward sex. The number of men who have become perverted in their minds as homosexuals and the smaller number of women lesbians tends to reduce the number of families and to destroy a God-blessed family relationship. The divorce rate is gradually tending to destroy the human family relationship.

Satan is doing everything in his

power to destroy GOD's Church and GOD's way of life — the way of His law, His government!

And this world is heading at accelerating speed into the final CRISIS — the END of this evil world and the DAWN of a peaceful and happy WORLD TOMORROW, ruled by the Kingdom of God.

Then human mortals still living will be ruled by the Kingdom of God. Satan will be gone from earth.

And, in that happy WORLD TOMORROW, mortal humans, taught and ruled by the GOD FAMILY, will learn the joys and blessings of a healthy home-and-family relationship, with spiritual salvation and eternal life to look forward to.

Jesus taught us to pray, "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"! — By Herbert W. Armstrong □



# 10th Anniversary

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replica of the famous Liberty Bell, crack and all, to the City of Jerusalem as an emblem of friendship between the United States and Israel. He asked me if the AICF (Ambassador International Cultural Foundation) would participate in this park. I decided to sponsor the children's playground area at the entrance to the new park.

The mayor of Jerusalem had visited Ambassador College in Pasa-

dena. He was much impressed with the character and beauty of our campus, which twice has won the award of being the most beautiful, best landscaped and best maintained campus in the United States. Mayor Kolleck has since taken me over various parts of Jerusalem to show me how he is landscaping and beautifying the city of Jerusalem.

So this recent trip in December marked the 10th ANNIVERSARY of our participation in Israel. The whole celebration was in my honor, and they went all out to show their friendship and appreciation.

Although a summary of this anniversary celebration was sent out in a general letter to all *Plain Truth* subscribers, I will give you here a more detailed account of this very important event.

We arrived in Jerusalem Friday afternoon, Dec. 15th. Saturday evening there was a reception in my honor at the ICCY building hosted by Moshe Kol.

Sunday, at 4 p.m., was the dedication ceremony, with a band and many guests, at the "Armstrong Playground" in the Liberty Bell Park. The entire park is really a

**A GIFT** from the City of Philadelphia, a replica of the Liberty Bell, gives the Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem its name. A stone marker in the park honors Herbert Armstrong for his aid in establishing the facility.







**IN INAUGURATION CEREMONIES** at Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Park, a stone marker bearing Herbert Armstrong's name was unveiled in recognition of his sponsorship of the children's playground area.

beautiful garden and certainly a credit to God's chosen city. My name is engraved on a stone marker at the entrance to the playground.

Sunday, 5 p.m., a special performance at the ICCY. There were performances of both Israeli and Arab teenagers on the stage of the auditorium — both boys and girls. The ICCY is making fine progress in bringing about friendly relations between Israeli and Arab youth.

Between the entrance to the ICCY building and the street is a foot-paved square of perhaps 75 or 100 feet across each way, which has been

named "The Herbert W. Armstrong Square." There is a marker with that name on it.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m., the mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kolleck, hosted a special dinner in my honor at Mishlenot Shaananim. Many of Israel's most prominent people were present.

Monday, a luncheon in my honor at Beit Mayersdorf in the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University, hosted by Professor Mazar and Dr. Aviram and the deputy prime minister of Israel, Yigael Yadin. This luncheon also was attended

by many of Israel's most prominent people.

Tuesday was a very busy day. There were several meetings at the Knesset — with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Shimon Peres, chairman of Israel's leading Labor Party, and the speaker of the Knesset, Itzhak Shamir. Then a visit at the president's residence, with the president of Israel, Itzhak Navon.

All in top offices in Israel were enthusiastic about starting another decade of mutual cooperation and friendship. □