

OM SALEEM: PROPHECY IN 1933

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INTRODUCTION

This story discusses the revelation given by Jesus Christ to an Arabic Christian woman in 1933.

There are three positions that a Christian can take concerning the above statement. The first is that all revelation ceased with the apostles or the apostolic age. After Pentecost, the prophetic ministry of Agabus (Acts 11:28; 21:10), Jude and Silas (Acts 15:32), and the four daughters of Philip (Acts 21:8-10) is recorded in Scripture, but their prophecies are not recorded. This means that all prophecy is not recorded in Scripture. Nevertheless adherents to this first position would maintain that only that prophecy contained within the Bible can be verified as being true and that after the apostolic age, say the death of John circa 100 AD, there no longer were prophetesses like the daughters of Silas. An adherent to this line of reasoning would label all other prophecy the work of the devil or the product of an overzealous imagination. He would regard a proponent of such unauthorized prophecy as a marginal Christian at best.

The second position assumes that God being almighty, and perhaps even dispensational, could issue new post-Biblical revelation, but for all we know, that has never happened. Furthermore, one could not prove that a certain prophecy is definitely from God before a predicted event, and afterwards it could always be termed coincidence or diabolical. More importantly, however, it is not necessary to have new revelation since all that one needs to know for salvation is to be found in the canon of the Bible. So why even bother trying to discern if a second-hand account is true or not. It is not worth the effort and risk, especially since one would look foolish and could lose one's reputation if the assumed prophecy were proven false or the majority of people at one's church assumed it was false.

The third position stipulates that God the Father has sent the Angel of the Lord (Christophany) and his Holy Spirit not only to the Old and New Testamental peoples, but also to the members of his church from Pentecost to the present age without termination at the apostolic age. They believe that Paul's admonition to the Thessalonians in 51 A.D.:

19 Do not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 NASU

did not apply just to church members in that time and place, but that the admonition was a general statement with application to the Christian era.

So common was the gift of prophecy (1 Corinthians 12:8-10) in the first church that in 56 A.D. Paul issued instructions to the church in Corinth governing the dress and deportment of prophets:

4 Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying disgraces his head. 1 Corinthians 11:4 NASU

29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. 30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; 1 Corinthians 14:29-31 NASU

So important was prophecy in the first church, that the *Didache* (*The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* or literally the “two ways”), a non-canonical document written *circa* 70 A.D. and put into its final form *circa* 150 A.D., outlined the following instructions for prophets:

(7) Also, do not test or evaluate any prophet who speaks in the spirit, for every sin will be forgiven, but this sin will not be forgiven. [Matthew 12:31] (8) However, not everyone who speaks in the spirit is a prophet, but only if he exhibits the Lord's ways. By his conduct, therefore, will the false prophet and the prophet be recognized. (9) Furthermore, any prophet who orders a meal in the spirit shall not partake of it; if he does, he is a false prophet. (10) If any prophet teaches the truth, yet does not practice what he teaches, he is a false prophet. (11) But any prophet proven to be genuine who does something with a view to portraying in a worldly manner the symbolic meaning of the church (provided that he does not teach you to do all that he himself does) is not to be judged by you, for his judgment is with God. Besides, the ancient prophets also acted in a similar manner. (12) But if anyone should say in the spirit, “Give me money,” or anything else, do not listen to him. But if he tells you to give on behalf of others who are in need, let no one judge him.—Didache 11:7-12

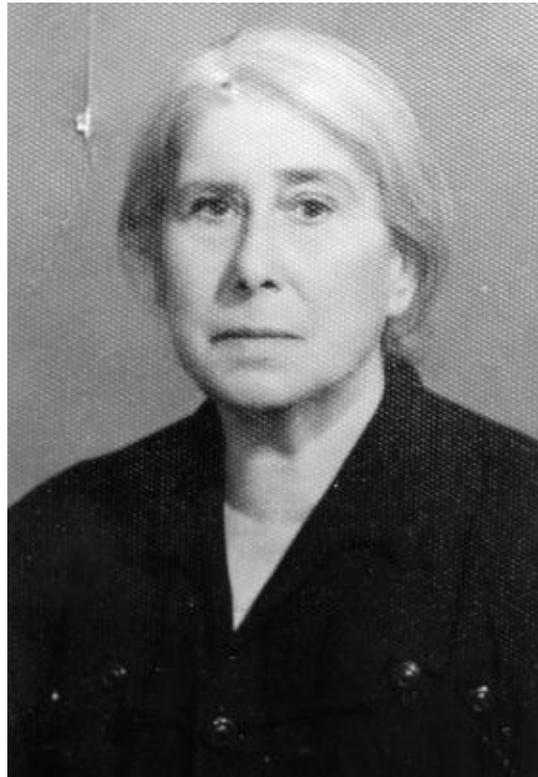
They also believe that Peter’s address to the apostles at Pentecost in recalling the words of the prophet Joel are especially true today:

*17'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says,
'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL
MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS
SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE
VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;
18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,
I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT
And they shall prophesy. Acts 2:17-18 NASU*

The author assumes elements of all three positions above. He believes that the Bible, as the inspired and infallible word of God, is complete in its present form, that all things necessary for one's salvation are contained therein, but that Christ does speak to members of his church in times of great need to give them, individually and as a group, instructions to stay their course. In this role, Jesus would act no differently than the Groom to the Bride during the Betrothal for a Jewish wedding when the groom by custom could only communicate with the bride through an intermediary (Holy Spirit) or in secret.

The reader will have to decide for himself, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whether the Om Saleem prophecy is true.

Om Saleem



Passport Picture for Hanneh Elias Aghaby

What follows is the incredible story of Om Saleem (1893-1958), an Arabic housewife with only basic schooling. Her name was Hanneh Elias Aghaby meaning grace / the Lord is my God / agape (love). She was married to Bishara Mutanis Kawar and had six children.



Mme. Hanneh Elias Kavar née Aghaby with her Oldest Son Rev. Saleem B. Kavar (33) and his Wife Alice Michael Kavar née Dibbo in 1945

At the age of 12, there was an important event in her life, a coming of age which seems to be characteristic of many other important people. For Jesus Christ it was teaching at Temple. For the Anti-Christ, there was a temple ceremony in London in imitation of Jesus Christ. For Fidel Castro, it was writing President FDR for money. And for Hanneh it was meeting the aging evangelical founder of the Salvation Army, William Booth (1829-1912) in 1905. The event changed her life.



WILLIAM BOOTH (1895)

William Booth (1829-1912)

In 1926 at the age of 31, she joined 22-year-old Pastor Roy Whitman's newly established evangelical church. I did not interview Om Saleem, but I have talked on two occasions to Pastor Roy Whitman (1904-1992) who was present in Amman, Jordan when the visions took place in 1933. In fact, Pastor Whitman was the great grandson of famous American poet Walter Whitman (1819-1892).

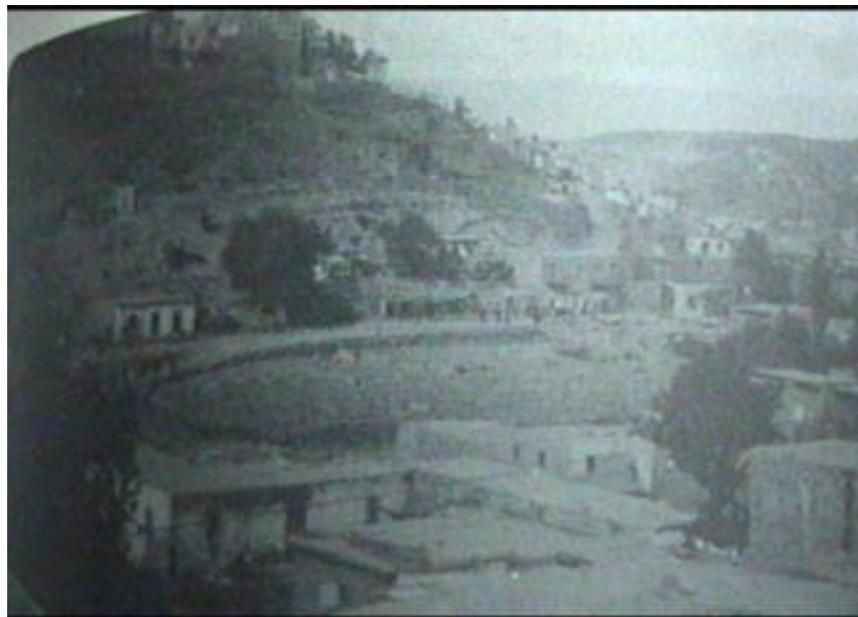


Walt Whitman in 1887



Pastor Roy Whitman

He lived below the Kawars in the house pictured below.



Om Saleem's and Pastor Whitman's House

Pastor Whitman was the son of a minister who was a missionary in Africa. His father married a black woman in the Congo, so Roy Whitman was half black. He went to school and graduated from seminary in England. Immediately after graduation, his first endeavor was to do missionary work in Jordan, a place he would spend the rest of his life.

The first child of Bishara and Mme. Kawar was Saleem B. Kawar (1912-1988). Consequently the two parents became known as Abu and Om Saleem in honor of their first son. Saleem B. Kawar became the scribe or amanuensis who took dictation when his mother was in a trance. Later in life, he became a captain in the Arab Legion, secretary to Lt. General Sir John Bagot Glubb (1897-1986), and after his military career, a Baptist minister. He fathered four sons and four daughters. Pastor Whitman became the second witness transcribing mainly the Hebrew, Greek, and English pronouncements and translating the Arabic into English.

Monday, 11th September 1933.
 11:25am لا تتكلمين لا قلب صدم - امك
 فويها انتم :- نعم ساجده في ذاكرتي
 لا انساها انه 11:29 - نعم - ساطع
 كل ذلك - نعم - انا به به - نعم
 اهلين هيا - المجد لله يا رب المجد لله
 يا رب - ساجده لهما تبه - صديا -
 لها طمت و ~~صفت~~ ورفها عات ساجدها
 لهما 11:34 - اربا القدوس (الي) سيارا
 اشهد به الله - اربا القدوس الي
 شهد له كل اقله لا
 Above spoken by Om Saleem while
 under the power of the Spirit and heard
 by her daughter Selme and myself and
 written down by me - Selme supplying
 words I missed.
 The following is the account of the
 vision.
 انت نفسي عن ساطع البكي و رايته به
 على سياتا ايلر آتيا به ذك البكي و
 الارباه فانه فلوكة . وفضة الفلركة

Original Page from 9-11-1933 with Interdispersed English

Ultimately, it was Pastor Whitman who translated the Arabic text for publication in 1933 in a document called *Signs and Wonders* in English, which title when translated from the Arabic would read: “The Wonderful Occurrence in Amman, 1933”.



Lt to Rt: Nazih Kawar (b1954), Bishara Kawar (b1952), and Ron Banuk (b1944)

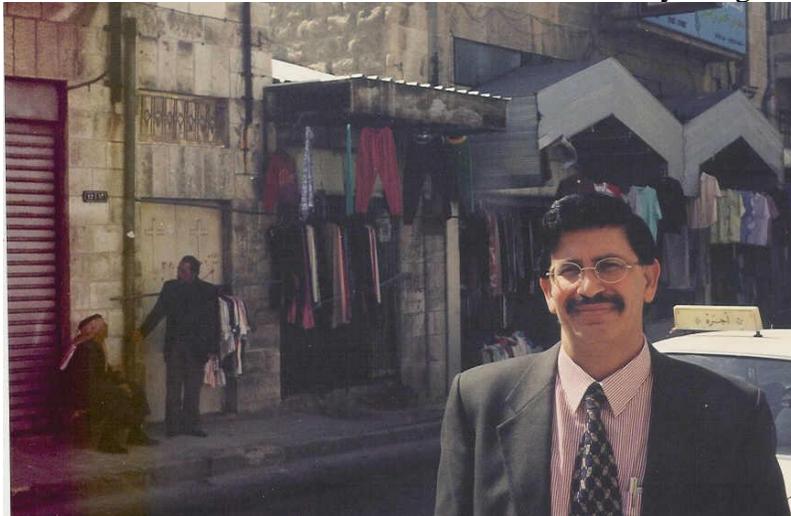
I have also talked many times with two of the four sons of the scribe to these visions, Bishara and Nazih Kawar. Now they have become the two witnesses to the translation of the prophecy according to Deuteronomy 17:6 and 19:15.

They presently have custody of the numerous notebooks from 1933 containing the minutes of the visions which were written in Arabic. I have personally inspected these old notebooks, and have read some of the rare English entries in fading ink among a sea of Arabic words. Forty years later, in 1973, Saleem B. Kawar began reading these notebooks chronologically onto 70 tapes. The two brothers did not learn about these tapes until 1983. They then created a computerized account of these tapes on CompuServe creating about 700 pages of Arabic text. The brothers are concentrating their efforts on publishing an Arabic edition of these minutes. The English version will follow later.



40 Notebooks from 1933

I have also spoken with numerous Christian relatives of the Kavar family to confirm the authenticity of this revelation. I have heard the personal testimony of a close friend of the Kavar's who displayed the stigmata for a few hours in a fashion similar to that shown on four occasions by Om Saleem. On our 30th wedding anniversary, my wife and I went to Jordan and visited the original church site in Amman which had grown from 5000 people in 1933 to over 2.5 million in 2005 with the influx of many refugees.



On 3 April 1999, Man Blocks Entrance to Former Free Evangelical Church Active in 1933

I visited Turkey, in part to see the original churches that Paul founded on his missionary journeys, and believe me, they were journeys in those days because it was a journey even in my day. I went to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Barely a trace is left of any of the seven churches. In some cases only a few broken pillars remain. In Sardis, columns and arches from the Temple of Artemis stand while the early Christian gathering places have long disappeared. In Ephesus, only the 6000-seat stadium and Catholic Church of St. John remain—not the early Christian

church. At Pergamum, you can find the Temple of Serapis, the Asklepion or healing area, and the Odeum, but you will not find Paul's church. Smyrna now called Izmir has a nice agora and outdoor museum but no early church. And so it is in Amman, Jordan. The church entrance that was the site of hundreds being led to the Lord and was a sensation among the newspapers in 1933 is shown in the figure above being blocked by a street vendor. The original church no longer meets there. What this shows is that "church" in the Christian sense is not an edifice to be revered like the Catholic Churches in Rome, or the Jewish Temple; but rather, it is just a gathering place where believers happen to be at the time acting on the stage of life. The whole world is a stage and everyone in it is an actor that learns his repertoire from the Bible or the Demon Troupe. All performances will be judged by an audience of one, the Lamb of God. There will be two encores—one for the saved and one for the damned.

Why Did Jesus Appear to an Arabic Housewife?

Why did Jesus Christ appear to an Arabic housewife, when in the Christian Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments, all writers of Scripture were male Jews. The answer is not that we are *in the times of the Gentiles* (Lk 21:24), because that began with the fall of the Second Temple while Jews were still receiving God's Word. The answer also is not that we are in the church age, because the New Testament was also written after Pentecost. One primary difference, however, is that we are in the *End Time* (Daniel 11:35). (**"Behold you are in the Last Days"**—1933-1-8:3.) While Om Saleem was sometimes distraught and shaken by her visions as was Daniel (Daniel 8:27) and afraid to see visions of the future wrath of God, she did not write as did Daniel. But rather like John she received her word from an angel or Jesus Christ. Unlike John, she did not write it down, but relied on a scribe, probably like Peter or Paul in Galatians 6:11. Why a Gentile? Unlike the early church which had a core of Jewish apostles and disciples, Jews are a rarity today among Christians. Why a woman? Two reasons seem plausible: 1) as a contrast to the Arabic patriarchal society and 2) a partial fulfillment of Acts 2:17 (*...in the last days...your sons and daughters shall prophesy*). Why an Arab—probably because of the future strife between Christianity and Islam, which when I first read this did not believe in the 1980s, but today (2009) is plain to see. Also that struggle between Islam and Christianity is analogous to the struggle that is soon to come between the One-World Religion of the Roman Anti-Christ and the Christian believer.

Why Did Jesus Appear in Amman?

Why did Jesus Christ appear in Amman, Jordan? Why not Jerusalem, the holiest city on Earth, or Rome, the City of Seven Hill, or, since we are now in the nuclear age, a city more imbued with political and economic power such as New York or Geneva? God has his reasons and they are grounded in Scripture, the land of Jordan (The Other Side of the Holy Land), and probably most convincingly, the fact that Amman was called "Little Zion".

Another reason is to prepare for the fulfillment of the Highway:



23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. 24 In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, 25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." Isaiah 19:23-25 NASU

Another reason is that in this region of the Earth, God will establish a refuge for the Jews during the Tribulation. When the Anti-Christ wars against the ten nations (Daniel 11:40-45), he will kill three kings (Daniel 7:8, 20, 24): the Syrian king of the north, the Egyptian king of the south, and the Mesopotamian king of the east. Israel, “the glorious land” will be invaded, and many Jews will seek a place of refuge.

Nevertheless, there will be hope for Zion. Historically there has always been at least one country that the Jews could flee to in times of oppression. This concept is not taught in Judaica, probably because some Jews fail to see the protective hand of God in preserving the children of Jacob. But the facts are there. When Israel was experiencing a famine, God arranged Joseph to be prime minister of Egypt and influenced Pharaoh to give Jacob the Land of Goshen. When three hundred years later in 1500 B.C. they became oppressed, God gave them the Sinai Peninsula as a place of purgation and then the land of Canaan. During the dispersions caused by the Assyrians (722 B.C.), Babylonians (586 B.C.), Persians (400 B.C.), Greeks (323 B.C.), Ptolemais (270 B.C.), and the Romans (73-300 A.D.), the Jews always found cities of refuge. When the island of Cyprus was evacuated of Jews in 117 A.D., they found refuge in Alexandria, Lycia, and Jerusalem. When England expelled their Jews in 1290 and France in 1394, safety was found in Germany. In 1492, Sicily and Spain shipped the Jews to Holland, Turkey, and Morocco. In 1555, the Jews expelled from Rome went to Holland. When Poland was dissolved in 1804, the Jews went to the Pale of Russia. In 1881, they left Russian for Palestine and the USA. In 1948 Jews from Iraq, Yemen, Aden, and Tunisia left for Israel. But where will the Jews go after the Anti-Christ invades Israel (Daniel 11:41 and Revelation 11:1-2)?

If history is any lesson, no nation that was kind to the Jews, was ever conquered by a nation that persecuted them. The Bible shows that the Anti-Christ will have political control over every country in the world except one—a nation that at that time will be kind to the Jews. That country is the same insignificant state that declared war on Germany in 1939.ⁱ

The Bible speaks of Edom, Moab, and Ammon (Daniel 11:41), but the modern name for these territories is Jordan. It is to this land in the region of Mount Seir (hairy mountains) at Bozrah (sheepfold)ⁱⁱ possibly by Petra (rock) that Christ Himself will return to save the repentant Jewish remnant. By doing this, Christ will fulfill Zechariah 12:7 and save the “tents of Judah first” before saving Jerusalem itself.

Why Did Jesus Come with Signs and Wonders?

This is a very good question and one especially asked by the western world. Ask any youth pastor in the United States to ask his Christian class: “How many of you came to the Lord because of a vision or a dream?” and maybe one youth will sheepishly raise his hand. But ask the same question in Jordan to a group of new Christians and from ¼ to 1/3 will raise their hands. The difference is astounding and the phenomenon began with Om Saleem in 1933. This fact was discovered by *Mission Frontiers Magazine* who surveyed 600 Muslims by questionnaire. See also www.jesusvisions.org.

In the spring of 1933, Jesus said to Om Saleem: “Behold, admonish others to take heed that I have sent all these signs and events so that I might sharpen your vision, that I might animate your thoughts, for I do not want you to perish. This is the final and concluding message where I will warn you” (1933-3-6:15).

Zion

The term “Zion” occurs in the Om Saleem prophecies and is never used in the sense that a Jewish state will suppress or rule over the Arabic states such as is understood sometimes by Mid-Easterners in the word “Zionism”.

The term “daughter of Zion” is used 26 times in the OT or Tenakh in reference to the Jews or the people of *Eretz Yisrael*. In *Signs and Wonders*, the term is used twice (1933-1-10:1 and 1933-10-4:7) and encompasses all true believers in Jesus Christ because as seen in the following verse, the Lord is addressing the church.

1 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Zion, for your king is coming.
2 Behold, I come quickly.
3 Behold, you are in the Last Days. (1933-1-10:1-3)

The term “new Zion” is used once in *Signs and Wonders*:

10 Woe, to you, O Jerusalem! You shall perish in your filthiness. And the new Zion shall stand in your place. Hallelujah! (1933-2-9:10)

Scripture says that the old Zion will be plowed under (Micah 3:12) and the New Jerusalem will stand in its place (Micah 4:2).

The term “little Zion” is used once in *Signs and Wonder*:

13 Many shall speak in the Spirit and the dross (impurities) shall be removed.
14 You shall see a great revival. And the little Zion shall be here. Yes, yes.
(1933-1-29:14)



King Abdullah bin Al-Hussein (1882-1951)

King Abdullah, the founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, will always be held in the pages of history as a unique and monumental figure during the newly emerging era of the contemporary Arab World. Mentor to his grandson, the late King Hussein I of Jordan, Abdullah's character constituted a blend of the traditionalist and the modern. His public career was predominately forward-looking and modern. This is exemplified by him being one of the first Arab leaders to adopt a system of constitutional monarchy during the early years following the formation of his country, and the need he felt - from his experience - for the participation and representation of his people.

Under the Hashemite banner and his father's inspiration, Abdullah led the Arab forces of the Great Arab Revolt, with his brothers Ali, Feisal and Zeid against the Ottoman occupational forces. By the end of the First World War, they had liberated Damascus, modern Jordan and most of the Arabian peninsula. Following this conquest, Emirs Abdullah and Feisal assumed the thrones of Transjordan and Iraq respectively. Transjordan was formed on April 21, 1921 when King Abdullah established the first centralized governmental system out of a mostly tribal and nomadic society. Over the next thirty years, he focused on nation-building thus developing the institutional foundations of modern Jordan. With great purpose and vision, he sought autonomy and independence; establishing democratic legitimacy by promulgating Jordan's first constitution in 1928 and holding elections for its first parliament in 1929. Also during these three decades, the King presided over a series of Anglo-Transjordanian treaties culminating in the March 22, 1946 Anglo-Transjordanian Treaty, ending the British mandate, gaining full independence and changing the name of the country to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

During the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, King Abdullah's Jordanian Arab Legion was instrumental in the defense of Jerusalem and parts of Palestine. The Jordanian army displayed courage and heroism, and was widely acknowledged for its high level of professionalism, tenacity and bravery against a force superior in number and armament. The Arab Legion successfully routed the fortified Jewish forces from the Old City and secured East Jerusalem despite the subsequent determined but ineffectual Israeli offensives to remove the Jordanian Arab Legion. The war came to an end in mid-July, as a series of armistice agreements were signed between Arab parties and Israel at the Rhodes Conference. Jordan did not participate at Rhodes, but concluded its armistice with Israel directly on the ground.

King Abdullah, after hearing the testimony of his personal physician as to the veracity of the Om Saleem visions in 1933, allowed the family to continue unmolested. He was assassinated on the steps of the al-Aqsa Mosque on 20 July 1951.

That Momentous Night

On the night the visions began in Amman, Pastor Roy Whitman was visiting the pastor of the neighboring Christian community in As-Salt, Trans-Jordan about 14 miles to the east. In 1933, As-Salt was the largest city in the Hashemite Kingdom with a population of 18,000 Muslims and a few hundred Christians. Roy had planned a week-long revival in As-Salt helping his good friend Pastor Saul Benjamin. Later in the week, he would return to the church he had established in Amman seven years ago on 6 June 1926. On Tuesday night (3 January, 1933), Roy told Saul that a strange power had come over him as he was praying. The Holy Spirit's presence was so intense, he had this feeling that a manifestation was imminent. The following morning, a call came from Amman, a town with only 5000 people at the time. It was Ibrahim Kawar, a young member of the Kawar family that lived upstairs from Pastor Whitman. He was ecstatic. His mother, Hanneh Kawar (Om Saleem), had a vision just a few hours ago in the early morning hours. People were now gathering at his house from all around and Roy Whitman was entreated to come quickly to oversee the matter. Roy was overwhelmed, but he was also committed to the revival and could not think of leaving until Friday. Wednesday night, Roy preached about the Blood of Jesus and on Thursday night the topic was the Second Coming—two very relevant sermons considering what was happening 14 miles away in Amman.



Pastor Whitman lived next to the 6000-seat ruins of the Roman Theater in a tri-level house on the Italian Hospital Street. He lived on the first floor just above the farm animals which were on the ground floor. The Kawar family lived above him while the owner, Salim Jacob Jammal, lived in the third floor penthouse. The first child of Bishara and Hanneh Kawar was Saleem. They had five other children, Jamil, Ibrahim, Aemile, Selma, and Widad. When Roy Whitman and Saul Benjamin arrived at the second floor of the dwelling, Om Saleem still had the blood image of a bird with open wings on her forehead. It was the first of four such occurrences. The following morning (Saturday), the image was removed as is recounted in the text that follows.

The First Apparition

It was nearly midnight—a time which for some reason is important to the Lord—and all were asleep in a single room. Om Saleem, Abu Saleem, and Aemile, aged five, were asleep in the same bed when the mother of the house was jarred from her sleep. Someone was shaking her shoulder. She assumed it was Aemile wanting a drink of water. He had done this many times before even in the cool of the winter. As she raised herself up on her elbow, she suddenly noticed a person standing by her bed. He was radiant white. His

face shone like the sun. As she started to tremble, he spoke: *There shall come to pass great tribulation. Fear not! The Lord is with you.* Then he raised his hand over the family and said: *May this family be blessed.* In his other hand was a cup. He dipped three fingers into it and said: *This is a sign to you.* Removing his moistened fingers from the cup, he passed them over Om Saleem's forehead saying: *Stand and give glory to the Lord.* The apparition^{iv} ended.

Om Saleem shrieked, then cried out saying: Give glory to the Lord. Hallelujah, praise the Lord! The whole family was jolted awake. Thinking mother was dreaming, they tried to calm her down, but she resisted their efforts saying she was not having a dream. "Didn't you hear the voice?" she said. "Look. There's something on my forehead." They quickly brought a lantern to her bedside and, sure enough, between her hairline and eyebrows from one end of her forehead to the other there was a blood-stained image of a bird about an inch high and five-inches wide.

Word traveled quickly through the late-night and early-morning streets of depression-era Amman. By 2:30 AM, neighbors began entering the Kawar residence to see the stigmata. Arabic newspaper correspondents drifted by the following morning and picked up the account. The Christian and Moslem communities in Amman were electrified by the events at the Kawar residence, which also was the home of Pastor Roy Whitman. It has never been the same since.

Symbolism

The chalice or communion cup contained the blood of the Lord. It represented two things: 1) the Savior's shed blood for the redemption of mankind and 2) the blood which will be shed during the Tribulation to come.

The bloody silk-screen-like imprint of the dove with outstretched wings on her forehead had specific significance. She received this sign four times on 3 January, 16 January, 29 January, and 10 February 1933. It is no coincidence that these four dates are each separated by 13 days. The Biblical gematria of the number 13 is opposite that of the number 8. Eight represents a new beginning shown where Abraham had eight sons, seven of whom were born after the flesh and one of promise. But thirteen represents rebellion, apostasy, and depravity as when Jesus described thirteen rebellious traits in the heart of man in Mark 7:21-22.^v So the number 13 represents the rebellion against which the Holy Spirit will be operating during the Last Days. This number is bound by four instances which represent the four regions of the Earth: North, South, East, and West. So the rebellion will be world wide.

On 23 February 1933, Christ said: "O foolish soul, I have done this sign that you might understand that there is no life without blood...so there is not salvation without blood". This complements Hebrews 9:22b: *...without the shedding of blood is no remission.* This verse in Hebrews stems from probably the most important verse in Scripture:

'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'
Leviticus 17:11 NASU

As to why it was in the form of a dove and on her forehead, the answer came on 15 February when Christ said: “The Spirit moves around like a dove and settles on the head of the true believer.” From Luke 3:22a we read: *...and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him...* and from Ezekiel 9:4b we learn why the mark was placed on the forehead: *..and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.* In contrast, Satan will set his own mark upon the foreheads of those who give allegiance to him.

In summary the meaning of the dove-like imprint on her forehead is fourfold:

- 1) The great apostasy is coming. [Four 13-day intervals represent world-wide rebellion.]
- 2) There is no salvation without blood—the blood of the Messiah. [Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22]
- 3) The dove is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit residing in the true believer.[Lk 3:22]
- 4) It is the mark of the believer. Those that groan over rebellion will receive the Holy Spirit and be saved. [Ez 9:4b]

The Content of the Revelations

Four days later at 2:00 AM, she had her second apparition. During this apparition, the blood stained stigmata was removed by the Lord. More apparitions followed. A summary of all revelations by month and day in the year 1933 are as follows: **1/3**, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, **1/16**, 1/18, 1/19, 1/25, **1/29**, 2/4, 2/7, 2/9, **2/10**, 2/11, 2/15, 2/17, 2/20, 2/23, 2/24, 2/27, 3/1, 3/6, 8/26, 8/30, 9/27, 9/29, 10/4, 10/9, 10/17, 10/18, 10/19, 10/21, 10/22. Twenty-three occurred in the first half of the year and eleven in the latter half with a five-month interlude for some reason. The encounters with the Lord usually began while the seer was asleep and oblivious to her surroundings. When she was awake, she was under the power of the Holy Spirit. She would begin speaking or singing out loud. This would rouse the family. Her eldest son, Saleem, recorded the messages in Arabic with an ink pen on 4-inch x 6-inch notepads. Although she spoke only Arabic and a little English, she would often sing or speak a few short sentences in German, French, Hebrew, Greek, Italian, English, Turkish, Syriac, Romanian, or Armenian depending, for the most part, on what language the foreign observer would speak. After the second apparition, people would wait in or by the Kavar residence in anticipation of a deific encounter (Christophany) visible only to the seer. At the time of the final vision on Sunday, 22 October 1933, there were 60 people waiting in anticipation of the event. When a foreign language was spoken, Saleem, the scribe could not record this. If Pastor Whitman were recording, however, he could transcribe Hebrew, Greek, English, and some German. (I have personally read some of the few English transcriptions.) The seer would then repeat the foreign text in Arabic. Consequently, there were two indications to verify the seer's translations. By comparing Pastor Whitman's Hebrew, Greek, English, and German to the native Arabic and by interviewing a foreign observer who also spoke Arabic. The correspondence was always perfect. In some cases, the seer would have complete

memory of the dream after having been awakened. In others, there would be no recall. The concept of *sensus plenior* (splen) was also evident. Splen means that the seer, on occasion, could not interpret what she was shown in a vision without the help of Jesus Christ or an angel. This was true of Biblical seers and was especially true of Om Saleem, a simple housewife of the depression years in Amman, Jordan, who was shown visions of foreign lands, future armies, politicians, and church officials.

When the seer, in a trance, asked or answered questions, the scribe would hear this portion and copy it down longhand. On most occasions Christ's or the angel's response was reiterated slowly by the seer so that the scribe could copy the words down. On a few occasions, the answers were repeated a second time by the seer when, unbeknown to her, the scribe faltered. At other times, the words of Christ or the angel were not repeated and the scribe would have to interview the seer after she emerged from her trance. In a few cases, the seer spoke so fast, that the scribe could not keep up with her.

Objective of the Revelations

The object of these revelations was to establish a church in Jordan from which to launch the Great Commission in that area of the world. The author then deduces that another reason was to establish the indigenous spiritual infrastructure for the Highway of Isaiah 19:23-25 and the Place of Refuge in Zechariah 12:7.

In the words of Jesus Christ, the highlights of the revelations were:

- 1) Give instructions for a "First Church" format with teachings on how to receive the Holy Spirit by surrendering you heart to the Creator.
- 2) Give glory, honor, and reverence to God.
- 3) Receive prophecy relative to the Last Days (Hosea 3:5; Acts 2:17 and 1933-1-8:3) or End Time of Daniel 11:35.

The Lord wanted his Christian churches to take on the format of the "first church" also called the "church of God". On 1933-3-1:25, he said: "Behold, you shall see the first church if you remain steadfast in me, and I will cause you to prosper in all you seek."^{vi} Again on 1933-3-6:13, he said: "Strive for the spiritual gifts; bring back the first church; you shall find that which shall please you; you shall lay your hands upon the sick and they shall be healed...the evil spirits...shall come out."

In contrast to what Marian seers report, Jesus said: "I do not desire outward prayer. I am he that searches your consciences; I am he that searches your evil thoughts (1933-3-1:11)."

In contrast to the religions of the day, Jesus said: "I do not want outward appearances; I don't want rituals and sects; I want a heart surrendered to me in everything; I want you doing my will (1933-3-1:21)." Again he said: "...I do not desire denominations. I do not

desire sects. I desire believers who have surrendered their hearts to God and do keep the commandments of the Lord (1933-10-19:17).” In other words, Jesus has no need for well organized Churches, be they Catholic, Lutheran, or Presbyterian, nor does he have need for a High Church Movement or a One-World Church. He does want the Holy Spirit to pervade the believers of his first church.

In contrast to affected preachers and those who refrain from fire-and-brimstone messages, he said: “Not everyone who speaks in tongues is of God...He who strikes men with terror and causes their bodies to tremble is of God (1933-2-20:3).”

Concerning the Trinity, he said: “To God the Father, and to God the Son, and to God the Holy Ghost, let the whole inhabited earth be prostrated, and worship (1933-2-27:21).”

Dark Churches vs Churches of Light



At one point in her many visions, Om Saleem was flown over Rome and shown great churches and monasteries, but the angel said that even though their worship is regular (Daniel 8:12), it has no life in it (Rom 12:1; Mt 9:13)! They honor their “greatest one” more than God. Woe, woe to this kingdom and the arrogant idol worshipers who blind people and lead them to false teaching. He continued saying: Will

you believe that it will fall down with its great leader and the Lord of Glory will eventually triumph?

Then the angel flew her to a little church in Amman and asked her what she saw. This is your church, he said. Don’t you see that it is better than those big monasteries? Yes, she said. This is our tiny church, but it shines more than those dark monasteries. The angel then asked: Had you any idea that Italy was so dark?

The churches of Rome are not the only churches that are dark. On the afternoon that Jesus was officially rejected by the leaders of the Jews (Mt 12:24) for working miracles in the name of Beelzebub, he spoke ten parables that afternoon, the most important, in his own words, being that of the Sower (Mt 13:1-23). But there is another very important parable Jesus spoke that afternoon. It is the only parable contained within a single verse:

*He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like **leaven**, which a woman took and hid in **three pecks of flour** until it was all leavened." Mt13:33 NASU*

This parable is a look forward to the Apostate Church. The three pecks of leavened flour represent the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Protestant Churches. Today, they are all teem with heresy. Om Saleem was given the above vision to countermand the honor given to the Church of Rome for its earthly pomp and power, but the same leaven has infested the other Christian churches in the Last Days.

Complacency

The word “complacent” does not exist in the KJV and the ASV, but is carried by the NKJV, NAS, NASU, RSV, NIV, and NLT.

*Tremble, you women who are at ease;
Be troubled, you complacent daughters;
--Isaiah 32:11 NASU*

Pastor Whitman used the word “complacent” when translating from the Arabic on many occasions:

2 O son of Adam, O son of disobedience, **complacent in your rebellion, complacent in your impiety, complacent in your disobedience.** The rebellion of your heart, and your disobedience shall be turned on your own head, and you shall repent, when repentance shall be of no avail; then you will seek me and not find me (1933-2-27:2).

1 O sons of disobedience, **complacent with your wavering, complacent with your turning aside from the truth,** O you who have heard with your ear, have you not returned to the Lord? O you, **complacent with your going astray, complacent with your rashness,** return with your whole heart (1933-3-1:1).

19 O man, who is confusing mankind by many many errors. **You are complacent in your disobedience. O man, you are complacent in causing heresies and schisms; you are complacent in leading others astray by your teachings,** which are displeasing to God. Woe to him that causes schisms. God will cut him off forever (1933-3-1:19).

Rather than complacency, what the Lord wants is soldiering:

5 O you who have been blessed, stand like a brave soldier and neither fear, nor be terrified, O you, in whom my heart has rejoiced (1933-3-1:5).

From Scripture we have:

Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:3 NASU

Furthermore, the Lord does not want soldiers who are still in boot camp needing to be fed. He wants you wearing your armor on the front lines, and remembering that Roman armor does not cover your backside. Retreat at your own risk.



It is very interesting that soldiering is what the forerunner of the Anti-Christ, Benjamin Crème, wants of his energized people. Crème does not want followers, but doers, and the word he hates the most is

“complacency”. The Lord wants the same qualities of his soldiers but for different reasons.

The Last Days

The Bible has many references in both the OT and NT to the “Last Days”:

Isaiah 2:2 *In the L.D. the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established*
Jeremiah 23:20 *In the L.D. you will clearly understand it*
Jeremiah 49:39 *In the L.D. I will restore the fortunes of Elam*
Ezekiel 38:16 *In the L.D. I will bring you against my land*
Hosea 3:5 *They will come trembling to the LORD...in the L.D.*
Mica 4:1 *In the L.D. the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established*
Acts 2:17 *In the L.D. I will pour out my Spirit upon all mankind*
2 Ti 3:1 *In the L.D. difficult times will come*
2 Pt 3:3 *In the L.D. mockers will come*

Daniel uses the term “End Time”:

Daniel 11:35 *refine, purge, and make them pure until the end time*
Daniel 11:40 *At the end time the king of the South will collide with him*
Daniel 12:9 *these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time*

In *Signs and Wonders*, Jesus does not use the term End Time, but does say Last Days seven times:

1933-1-10:3 Behold, you are in the Last Days.
1933-2-24:15 for these are the Last Days. Behold, I warn you; take heed.
1933-8-26:14 God shall give his Spirit to those who are worthy in these Last Days.
1933-8-30:15 These are now the Last Days, and I will pour out my Spirit on everyone who has returned to me, and I will manifest wondrous works among you.
1933-10-19:8 Understand, O man, that these are the Last Days, and from now on great sorrow will befall man.
1933-10-22:13 O rebellious one against God, know that these are the Last Days. These great marvels, I am performing in your midst so that your souls, spirits, and bodies will not perish. You have grieved the spirit of the Living God by turning away, by doubting, and by being fickle toward God.
1933-10-22:15 The years will pass swiftly and the days will flash by like lightning for these are the Last Days.

Sequence and Timing of the Rapture

Posttribulationists maintain that the Rapture, if it comes, will be after the Great Tribulation. Midtribulationists hold that the Rapture will occur sometime after 3 ½-years into the Tribulation. Finally, Pretribulationists say that since the Lord does not want his church to suffer, the Rapture will occur prior to, but not necessarily at the beginning of the Great Tribulation. In *Signs and Wonders*, the Lord says this:

- 1933-1-29:3-6 3 My people shall soon be gathered and come together. 4 Blessed be my own, every one of them...6 The church shall be gathered and the tares removed.
- 1933-1-29:18 18 We have gained the Lord. He will take us all to himself as he hovers over. 19 The death of the bird is near. Man is pondering and the Lord will judge.
- 1933-2-10:8 Then I will gather my people, says the Lord, and great trouble shall come to pass.

What the above three verses say is that the Rapture or gathering will occur before “great trouble shall come to pass”, i.e., the Tribulation. The death of the bird refers to the Restrainer of 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 which will be removed in the first half of the Tribulation. The Rapture will have occurred before that event.

There is one further reference to the timing of the Rapture. In another discussion with the angel who frequently passed the word of the Lord to her, she asked the angel if the Rapture of the believers would precede the appearance of the Anti-Christ. The angel replied that it was difficult for him to answer that question, but that Jesus Christ would know. Then unprompted, the angel added: I think that they will see the beginnings of the Tribulation, but we angels do not discuss these things in Heaven for God does not give his secrets to angels.

Later, when speaking to the Lord, Om Saleem asked the question about the timing of the Rapture and he replied: After a year from the appearance of the Anti-Christ, the Rapture will occur:

بعد عام Arabic: “after a year” two words read from right to left [*ba’ad aam*].

But the Arabic word *ba’ad* (after) could be like the Hebrew word *achar* (after) used after the 62 weeks prophecy in Daniel 9:26 (See above.) which means it could be “long after”. But I feel that the sense here is shortly after, maybe even just after the year expires and certainly on the Feast of Rosh Hashanah and in the evening. It will be shown later that there is Biblical reinforcement for this interpretation in the parable of the Ten Virgins.

Predicted Events

The Lord told Om Saleem that the Anti-Christ would be born later that year on Thursday, 23 November 1933. She was told that his birth would be miraculous in the sense that his mother, a Roman, would be impregnated by Satan. A short birth narrative of the child was then given. It was told that when he turns thirty, he will inaugurate his ministry by killing a great leader, and when he turns sixty, he himself will be a great leader. At some point in his career, he will present himself to the public. At that point, only Christians would recognize him for what he really was, and sometime after a year from this public debut, the Rapture of the church would take place.

It was also prophesied that Israel would again become a country in 1948 and that within ten years of that date, the foundation would be laid for the One-World-Government. He named many future regional wars with Israel, their combatants, outcomes, and dates. He showed her how the Japanese would war against the Americans and how 57 years into the future, a consortium of world powers would be assembled under the auspices of the future One-World-Government for the first time to war against a small country called Iraq. The Lord prophesied that in 1979 a new and terrible disease would begin to sweep the world. Coded dates were given for events before and during the Great Tribulation. Apparently, the entire reign of the Anti-Christ is 28 years.

To these Last Days prophecies, we are admonished to regard the words of Paul to the Thessalonians in 51 AD:

19 Do not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 NASU

I personally do not believe in horoscopes because I think that the original meaning of the Mazzarot has been perverted from the story of Redemption to that of fortune telling. Also on the History Channel lately is the touted convergence of End-of-the-World prophecies to be in the year 2012 by the Mayans and other civilizations. This is nonsense. That year will be like any other. I also disregard Nostradamus' Quatrains because of their ambiguity.

In Retrospect



In retrospect, it can be seen that Israel was founded on 16 May 1948, and ten years later the United Nations had organized all the necessary Commissions, Committees, and Special Bodies necessary to function as an organic whole. Furthermore, it had corralled or created the following Specialized Agencies to do its bidding: UPU, IAEA, IMCO, ICAO, IBRD, IFC, IDA, GATT, ECOSOC, HCR, ICJ, ICC, FAO, IAEA, ICAO, IFAD, ILO, IMO, IMF, ITU, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNIDO, UPU, WB, WFP, WHO, WPO, WMO, and UNWTO. And now it appears as though NATO will be co-opted as its military arm to put teeth into its pronouncements.

Concerning the war against Iraq, the presiding President of the United State, George Bush, said that the New World Order had coalesced in the Persian Gulf between 2 August 1990 and March of the following year. In his first speech concerning the Gulf War, Bush Senior, at one point in his address to the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington D.C. said: "You know what is going t solve all our problems? There is something new called the New World Order."^{vii}

Regarding the dates in the prophecies mentioned above, it should be noted that they are reckoned at Jerusalem. This means that in the U.S., the afternoon of the 22nd is the 23rd in

the Holy Land, since the new day begins with three second magnitude stars being seen in the gloaming sky. The great leader predicted to be killed at the inauguration of his ministry was, of course, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States.

It is interesting to note that Bishara and Nazih (pictured above) were grade school children on this date. They knew nothing of the prophecy. But their father, Saleem B. Kawar, told them to come home without stopping right after school, because something bad was going to happen. When the children returned home that afternoon, they learned of the assassination of the U.S. president. It was not until the two children as adults in the eighties, read the prophecy, that they understood what their father had known on the morning of Thursday, 23 November 1963.

William T. James,^{viii} a Christian author, recently made this very perceptive comment about what the Kennedy assassination really inaugurated: "...the floodgates of evil seem to have opened wide, and it appears that no one and nothing can stem the flow of violence." I know of no one else to have made this connection. If one simply checks the murder rate per 100,000 of the population in the U.S., it can be seen that the post-WWII rate of 4.5 ended dramatically in 1964 when the rate began a steady climb reaching 10 by 1980.^{ix} Yes, the ministry of the Anti-Christ has begun.

Pre-Conditions for the Rapture

The Bible gives no immediate preconditions for the Rapture, although Dispensationalists like me place it before the Great Tribulation. In *Signs and Wonders*, the same timing is given. The appearance of the Anti-Christ also has to be before the Tribulation, otherwise who is there to cause it. But in *Signs and Wonders*, the Lord goes further saying that the Anti-Christ will precede the Rapture or "gathering".

We know from Scripture that there are seven Jewish Feasts in Leviticus 23 that form a timeline for Redemption history. They are as follows: (For a detailed explanation, see Fruchtenbaum Manuscript #62.)

<p>Passover: Fulfilled by the death of Jesus Christ (14th of Nisan) <i>Pesach</i> Lv 23:4; Ex 12:4 Four Cups: Blessing (Thanksgiving), Plagues, Redemption, Praise</p> <p><u>Unleavened Bread</u> : Fulfilled by Jesus' deliverance from bondage (15th) <i>Hag Hamatzot</i> Lv 23 Dt 16</p> <p>First Fruits: Fulfilled by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (17th) <i>Reshit Ketzivchem</i> Lv 23</p> <p><u>Weeks:</u> Pentecost. Birth of the Church. Jesus Ascension. (6th) <i>Shabuot</i> Lv 23:15 Pause between feasts is to labor in the summertime for the Harvest.</p> <p>Trumpets: Shouting of Joy. Day of Remembrance. Day of Judgment. (1st Tishri) Lv:23 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>. Regathering of Israel Is 27:13. Rapture.</p> <p>Day of Atonement: Fulfilled by Great Tribulation and Israel confessing (10th) <i>Yom Kippur</i> its national sin: Is 52:13—53:12; Hos 5:15 ff; Ze 13:8-9 Lv 23:26</p> <p><u>Feast of Tabernacles:</u> Fulfilled by the establishment of the Messianic (15th) <i>Sukkot</i> Kingdom. Attendance will be obligatory for Jews and Gentiles through their representatives. Feast of Booths. Lv 23:33</p>
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I explain the relationship of the above seven feasts to the Rapture in *Anti-Christ and the Rapture*, but let's just say here that the first four feasts were filled consecutively on the very day of the feast by Jesus Christ. When he returns for the harvest after the church has labored in the fields for 2000 years, he will fulfill the remaining three feasts consecutively on the very day of their observance.

In the first edition of this booklet, I thought that the Anti-Christ might reveal himself in 1993 since that was the year in which he was to be actively involved in the affairs of the world as a leader. Yes, he was actively involved, but did not reveal himself. When that will happen, I do not know, but suspect that it will be soon. His campaign headquarters under his forerunner, Benjamin Crème, maintains that the time is imminent and will occur as soon as there is a major upheaval in the world such as a stock market crash, devaluation of the dollar, or nuclear exchange. So a guess on my part would be that he could reveal himself anytime between 2009 and 2030.

Prophecy to Warn His People

Are there previous examples in history where God has given prophecy to his church to warn his people of pending disaster? I know of two such instances. One comes from Scripture itself. In 61 A.C., Luke, the Evangelist and close companion of Paul, wrote:

27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. 29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. 30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders. Acts 11:27-30
NASU

Claudius Caesar reigned from 41 to 54 A.D. Josephus records that the great famine occurred in 46 A.D. The Christian community among the 500,000 people in Antioch was ready for the event because the Holy Spirit was in constant contact with his people of the first church.

The second example is the Om Saleem prophecies, which says essentially that the Last Days are now here, time is short, draw close to the Lord, and do your jobs as soldiers in his army while gathering together in the spirit of the first church. Remove all evil thoughts and dross from among you! To Him be glory, honor, and worship!

Significance of 23 November

As I wrote in *The Rapture and the Anti-Christ*, it is no coincidence that the Anti-Christ was born on the 23rd of November. On that date in 962, Otto the Great (912-973) established the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (*Sacrum Romanum Imperium Nationis Germanicae*). Since the Anti-Christ is the Seventh Head who succeeds the sixth head which was the Holy Roman Empire, his birth date commemorates the birth of his

empire. Also, I was surprised to discover that the False Prophet, who is alive and well today was also born on the 23rd of November. There is also Biblical gematria in the number 23. It is the components of 10 plus 13 which individually symbolize law plus rebellion. Law plus rebellion equals death (Ref: Ro 7:9; 1 Cor 15:56). Evangelist Ed. F. Vallowe in Biblical Mathematics notes that the 23rd time Noah's name is mentioned (counting two possessive forms) death is implied (Ge 7:23). The 23rd time Abraham's name is mentioned, there was death to Sodom and Gomorrah (Ge 19:27). The 23rd time Jacob's name (Ge 27:42) and Peter's name (Acts 9:34) are mentioned, death also is the subject. So you can be sure that the Anti-Christ and False Prophet will represent death.

Are We Allowed to Know the Date of the Lord's Return?

Are we allowed to know the date of the Lord's return? Does not the Bible say:

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. Matthew 24:36-37 NASU

One could argue here that Jesus was not talking about the Rapture, but the Second Coming here since previously in Verse 15 he spoke about the Abomination of Desolation which will occur at Midtribulation and in Verse 29 the Tribulation is again mentioned, which comes after the Rapture. Even so, it looks like Verses 36 through the end of the chapter (Verse 51) form a pericope that is speaking solely about the Rapture.

The verb used in Verse 36 is the Greek eido (to see) which has the third person singular perfect tense form of oiden (he has seen) from which we get the Latin word *video*. The translation no one "knows" is linguistically possible being derived from no one "has known" coming originally from no one "has seen". Since this was said by Jesus on Wednesday (12 Nisan 33 AD), he meant that up to that day no one had seen the day or the hour. This was true, but it does not preclude our knowing it now. Here is why.

Speaking about putting a lamp under a basket, Jesus said: *For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor any thing secret that will not be known and come to light (Lk 8:17)*. When speaking to the sleeping church of Sardis (which is true of many in the church today), Jesus said: *Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.*^x This means that all secrets will be known, but not to those that "do not wake up". So wake up, O church of Laodicia! Finally, in giving the Great Commission, Jesus said to the apostles: *It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority...*^{xi} This was true 2000 years ago, but continuing the sentence, Jesus added: *but you will receive will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...*^{xii} Concerning Scripture, the Holy Spirit has three functions: to reveal, to inspire, and to illuminate. The power the church received after Pentecost includes the illumination or understanding of the Word. Those not asleep at the wheel will have a keen understanding of the day and the hour.

Despite having said this, I still do not know the exact day or hour of the Rapture. Assuming that Jesus was talking about the Rapture in Matthew 24:36-51, then in light of what I have said previously, we have to consider the date and the time of day. The seven Jewish feasts show that Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets) occurs on the first of Tishri. Two things put the exact solar date in ambiguity: First, modern Judaism celebrates the New Year on two successive days. So is it the first or second day? Secondly and more importantly, what year are we talking about? Even though the prophecy stated “After a year from the appearance of the Anti-Christ, the Rapture will occur,” it could be more than a year, i.e., the Arabic word for after (*ba’ad*) like the Hebrew word (*achar*) in Daniel 9:26 (*Then after the 62 weeks, the Messiah will be cut off...*)^{xiii} could mean long after. The allegory of the Jewish wedding as seen in Matthew 25:1-13, however, argues against a long period of time.

With the appearance of the Anti-Christ, the Biblical Jewish wedding, which began 2000 years ago with the death of the Groom as the price the Father had to pay,^{xiv} enters the final phase. The betrothed will now be put to the test. During the entire betrothal period, the groom is not allowed to speak publicly with his bride but may do so in secret or through an intermediary. In a similar fashion, Jesus accomplishes this with an intermediary, the Holy Spirit, or by himself in secret. The groom is also frequently asked the date of the marriage, to which he would give the standard reply: “No man knows the day or the hour, only my father.”^{xv} This betrothal period would normally last from one to two years, long enough to prove that the bride was not with child and that she had prepared for the marriage. So too will be the testing period for the church under the Anti-Christ. In preparation for the fetching of his Bride at her house for the Rapture, Jesus said at the Upper Room Discourse on the eve of his death: *I go to prepare a place for you.*^{xvi} This he did in his Father’s house in Heaven. There each member of his church has a chamber or *chador* awaiting him. The groom will then fetch his bride. This Jesus Christ will do at the Last Trump on the Feast of Rosh Hashanah. The church will be purified. With glorified and immortal bodies there will be a brief ceremony in Heaven with two witnesses and some guests. The church will live there for at least the seven years of the Tribulation. After this, the Jewish groom would then take the bride to his own house. This will be fulfilled by the Second Coming when the Messiah takes his Bride to Earth (*And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen,^{xvii} white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*)^{xviii} on the Feast of Tabernacles to celebrate the marriage feast per Revelation 19:6-8. This will officially inaugurate the Kingdom. Since it is the responsibility of the groom to provide for his wife for ever, following the Millennium, Jesus Christ will move his church to the New Jerusalem in the eternal order as seen in Revelation 21:2ff and 21:10ff.

The foregoing is another indication that the Betrothal under the Anti-Christ will be an intense period lasting for one or two years--then the Rapture. I anxiously await the Betrothal because of what follows.

I wrote in *The Anti-Christ and the Rapture* that from the allegory in Genesis 24, Isaac lifting up his eyes in Verse 63 “*toward evening*” gives an indication of the time of day. This brings up a question of the diurnal timing of the Rapture. Will it occur *toward*

evening everywhere in the world, in which case it will be like a rolling wave sweeping meridianally around the Earth with the shofar blasts going before it? On the other hand, it could be that time only in Jerusalem, in which case some may be raptured as much as 12 hours earlier according to the clock or 12 hours later yet in actuality all being raptured together simultaneously.

So there is some room for contrary opinions regarding the day and the hour for the Rapture. But this is not the case for the Second Coming. Once the Great Tribulation begins with the signing of a *firm covenant*, there will be seven years until the Second Coming.

As the ritual count down of the shofar blasts begins, it will be a time of soul searching for those who are not sure of their salvation. For others, their anticipation will be palpable and their expectations unbridled knowing that the crown is nigh. But for the majority it will be a time of indifference or amusement.

Sensus Plenior (Splén)

After receiving a vision of the End Time, Daniel, a prophet in sixth-century Babylon, said rather exasperatedly to the Lord: *And I heard, but I understood not* (Daniel 12:8a). The Christian need not close the Book with an uneasy feeling fueled by Daniel's *sensus plenior* (lack of understanding), however, for six centuries later, the Book of Revelation arranged many of these events in an understandable chronological order. And nineteen centuries after that, the Om Saleem prophecies are said to add hope, exhortations, and a few events that fit within the skeletal outline of the Bible for the Christian community of the Last Days.

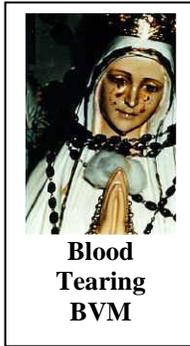
Looking at Daniel 12:10b, we see that "...*none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*" For this reason, those lacking the saving grace of Jesus Christ shall read these words and scoff, but the wise shall heed them. The majority of New Agers that will follow the World Savior with unparalleled élan and resurgent Nazi enthusiasm in the next few years will not understand that the Coming One whom he represents is Satan. In fact, they will be mortified to hear him called the Anti-Christ.

Signs

After Jesus Christ was officially rejected by the Scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 12:24 for working his second Messianic miracle (# 12 of 35), these leaders had the temerity to ask him: *Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.* Amazing! These hypocrites had just condemned him for doing a sign that their own culture had said only Messiah would do. So how did Jesus reply?

*39...An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but **the sign of Jonah** the prophet; 40 for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.* Matthew 12:39b-40 NASU

On the very afternoon of his official rejection by the Jewish leadership, Jesus promised The Sign of Jonah, which means that Lazarus, Jesus Christ, and the Two Witnesses would be resurrected just as Jonah was resurrected. So if Jonah did not die in the belly of a fish, then Jesus only swooned in the tomb and was revived by the cool air three days later. No! Jonah did die in the belly of a fish.



Contrast Jesus' response with that of Benjamin Crème the forerunner or John-the-Baptist of the Anti-Christ, who takes credit for and promises miracles such as crop circles, tearing statues of the Virgin Mary, miracle healing wells, dazzling unknown light displays, UFOs in the sky, and appearances of the Virgin Mary. Unlike Jesus Christ who promised only the Sign of Jonah (Mt 12:39) after his Official Rejection (Mt 12:24), the False Prophet will dazzle throughout his tenure.

There will, however, be signs that the Jews will find to be of particular significance and that eventually will play a role in their repentance on the Day of Atonement called *Yom Kippur* the result being that *all Israel will be saved* according to Acts 11:26:

- 1) *Signs and Wonders in Rabbath-Ammon, 1933*
- 2) Appearance of the Anti-Christ
- 3) Rapture of the Church on Rosh Hashanah
- 4) Preaching of the Two Anointed Ones and the 144,000
- 5) The Abomination of Desolation within the Third Temple
- 6) Blood Flowing in the Streets of Jerusalem.

Is Om Saleem a Saint?

God often works through the hands of ordinary people like you and me. That is why in the Christian community, we are all called saints. In the Roman Catholic Church, however, this is definitely not the case. Only thaumaturges (miracle workers) are officially called saints. Indeed, Satan once tried to entice Om Saleem with a promise of fame, but she quickly saw through this ploy. "If you come with me to the Catholic Church where there are many people and the Church is rich," he said, "there I will give you signs and wonders, and you will have a name, and you will be very rich. I will cause them to elevate (advance canonization) you and you will be called Saint Hanneh." If Om Saleem had the slightest inclination toward lucre or fame, this was the opportunity of her life. But she did not, and today she is a great saint (Phil 4:21) in Christ's invisible church as is every humble believer in the visible church.^{xix}

Pastor Roy Whitman



A glowing testimony to the veracity of these prophecies is the clean, God-filled, and humble life of Pastor Roy Whitman. After being co-scribe and English translator to the Om Saleem prophecies, he continued to preach first-church principles in Jordan for the remainder of his ministry. In the eighty-eighth and final year of his life, this man was still active using an old-age home in Mafraq as his base. Often times he would be gone for a week on end preaching in the neighboring town of Amman making it difficult for me to reach him on the phone. Toward the end of December 1992, he was given a vision which warned him of his pending death three days hence. He quickly called his friends together, made the final arrangements, issued his bequeathments, and gave instruction for his departure. Above all, he did not want any mourning after his demise. Three days later, on Christmas morning, he lapsed into a coma. By evening he was dead and in the arms of the Lord. Memorial services were held at Arabic Christian communities in Amman and California. No one really mourned. But tears of happiness were in the eyes of many Christians who knew fully well that shortly they too would be enjoying his bliss.

Why was Pastor Whitman told that he would die in three days and not four days or the next day? Here again there is Biblical numerological significance. Three is the number of resurrection and divine completeness.^{xx} Roy Whitman's life was complete in God's eyes and he would be a part of the First Resurrection of the dead church saints at the Rapture.

When he was 88 years old, he was comfortable speaking to me on evangelism, praising the Lord, and doing his will but refused to be drawn into any of the specific Last Days prophecies that the primary scribe, Saleem B. Kavar, had written in Arabic 59 years ago. This is a testimony to his staid character, because the subject matter he selected for publication in *Signs and Wonders*, 1933 was of the same general character. There were local conflicts between personalities in his church, and the Lord did mention it a few times in his discussions with Om Saleem, but Roy would never mention names. He also did not mention the Islam vs. Christianity conflicts that the Lord predicted nor other rather spectacular predictions. To get a better idea of who he was, reading the following statement by the 29-year-old pastor is very revealing:

Pastor Roy Whitman--1933

On the night of 3 January, 1933, a Christian woman living in Amman, the capital of Trans-Jordan, Hanneh Elias Aghaby by name, the wife of Bashara Mutanis Kavar was granted a supernatural visitation which must rank with those recorded of the saints in medieval times such as Francis D'Assisi and others. Elements of these manifestations will bring to mind those Divine phenomena, which accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit in Apostolic days; for this was but the beginning of a series of Divine visitations and supernatural manifestations that have continued for months at varying intervals. Great interest was stirred up locally and in the Arabic speaking countries of the Levant, especially since accounts were published in various Arabic newspapers. The result has been to many a spiritual quickening [enlivening] and revival of faith in God. Eventually relatives and friends of Mme. Kavar arranged and published in

Arabic an account of these miracles and prophetic utterances, for as such they must be classed. The result of the publication and circulation of these Arabic pamphlets has been a blessing to many, and it has seemed right to give to the English speaking world an account of these modern miracles, in the belief that in a materialistic age it will be a proof of the reality and power of the Divine.

It may be added that this account is in the main a translation of the Arabic, which was drawn up by Mr. Saleem Kwar, the eldest son of Mme. Kwar, and a clerk in one of the departments of the Trans-Jordan Government. As such it largely follows the arrangement of the Arabic pamphlet, which was entitled, "The Wonderful Occurrence in Amman, 1933."

Witnesses to this series of Divine phenomena are many and include both local people and foreigners. The writer of the foreword and translator, in the main, of the Arabic account has had the privilege of following up these occurrences from the beginning and, being a neighbor of the family, has had every opportunity of obtaining first hand information, or of personally witnessing these events.

It is to be hoped that the value and power of these accounts and messages will not be lost in translation but, as in Arabic, so in English, they will prove a blessing and inspiration to many. (Written by Pastor Roy Whitman in 1933)

The Amanuensis Saleem B. Kwar

With the excitement of the prophecies still fresh in his mind, the following was penned by the primary scribe, Saleem B. Kwar, who was just 21 years old at the time. Later in life he would attend seminary and become a Baptist minister, but on the day of this writing he was a clerk working for the Trans-Jordanian government. It was written in Arabic as the Afterword for *Signs and Wonders, 1933* and translated by Pastor Whitman.

Saleem B. Kwar--1933

Some word of explanation for the salient features in the phenomena recorded in the foregoing pages may seem to be fitting before sending out this little booklet. This is all the more necessary as, to many, the fact of the supernatural in the Christian religion seems to have been overlooked, or to have been relegated to the bygone days of Apostolic Christianity or Hebrew history, if not altogether explained away by a rationalistic interpretation of Scripture. There is another class of honest spiritual souls who have an unreasoning fear of the supernatural, and would reject it hastily, forgetting that the supernatural in religion is not to be rejected as such, (or else the very foundations of our faith in the records of the word of God would be removed), but to be examined in the light of Scripture with its very plain canons for testing such phenomena, when a reasoned opinion may be formed. If such a manifestation stands the test of Scripture, then it becomes a Divine Voice to a generation plunged in materialism and infidelity, a challenge to the church to return to its pristine purity and power, an encouragement to the humble believing soul to continue steadfast, for God still lives and works as in the days of old.

It will be remembered that the sign was that of blood placed upon the forehead on four separate occasions. The significance of this will be readily recognized by those instructed in the Scripture of Truth, but it may be well to quote one of the prophetic messages occurring in the foregoing pages, with regard to its bearing on the subject. "O foolish soul, I have done this sign so that you might understand that, as there is no life without blood, so is there no salvation without blood." (33-02-23:2) To this must be added the testimony of Scripture: "...without shedding of blood is no remission,"--Hebrews 9:22, and "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin,"--1 John 1:7.

In so far as the placing of the blood was on each of four occasions resembled a bird, and at times clearly that of a dove, it may be pointed out that these messages again give the interpretation. "The Spirit moves around like a dove and settles on the head of the true believer." (33-02-15:6) Scripture says, speaking of Christ's anointing by the Spirit: "...and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him,"--Luke 3:22. The fact of the sign having been placed on the forehead will recall the mystic

sealing of God's servants on their foreheads. (Ezekiel 9:4 and Revelation 7:3 and elsewhere.) It would seem that this manifestation, viz, the miraculous sign, emblematic of the Blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, was a revelation of that sealing of which every true believer is partaker. "*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise*" Ephesians 1:13.

One of the most remarkable features of these phenomena has been the speaking in languages unknown by the speaker, many of which have been recognized as clear modern languages, and in some cases understood in part by those having some knowledge of the languages used. They have included German, French, Hebrew, Greek, Armenian, Italian, and other languages. Such a phenomenon recalls that of the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles and those with them: "*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance,*"--(Acts 2:4) The Holy Spirit is still being poured out, endowing believers with graces for life, and supernatural gifts for service. He would have us return to the purity and power of the Primitive Christian Church, as these messages have stated on 6 March. "Listen very well. I warn you, O believers, to go on. Go on in all that the Spirit promises you. Strive for the spiritual gifts. Bring back the First Church. You shall find that which pleases you."(33-03-06:13) And Scripture itself says, "*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant,*"--1 Cor 12:1, and again, "*Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts,*"--1 Cor 14:1.

It would seem that a mark of the near return of the Lord is to be an especial outpouring of the Spirit. "*...the husbandman waiteth...until he receive the early and latter rain...the coming of the Lord draweth nigh,*"--James 5:7-8. See also Joel's great prophecy as quoted by Peter in connection with the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Verse 17 given in full: "*And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.*"—Acts 2:16-17. Prophecy, or inspired utterance, is given as one result of this outpouring. It was so, on the Day of Pentecost, and the foregoing pages are proof of its having been fulfilled in this manifestation also. These messages have many references to the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. As in Scripture, so through His instrument in these messages. He spoke, "*Behold, I come quickly,*" and we must believe that such a manifestation with its clear prophetic utterance is designed to add another witness to the many that show the soon coming of him who is the "*Desire of all nations*" from Haggai 2:7. In connection with Joel's prophecy, it may be mentioned that dreams and visions were to accompany the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Not only in those remarkable visions recorded in the foregoing pages, but in the general spiritual quickening which has accompanied this manifestation. This phase of the prophecy has found a fulfillment in the event. Many have been given remarkable dreams and visions, the value of which has been shown by the results in the lives of those who have received them. Even small children while praying together have seen visions which must have been objective [apparitional] as they were seen by more than one.

Some word as to the Scriptural tests of the supernatural in connection with this manifestation would seem to be suitable at this juncture. The instruction of Scripture is this: "*Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good,*"--1 Thessalonians 5:20-21.

The first we would cite is that of 1 Corinthians 12:3. "*...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*" The test is to be applied in cases of supernatural utterance as the context shows. If one speaking under such inspiration ascribes Lordship and Deity to Jesus, the inspiration is that of the Holy Spirit. While praying in languages unknown to herself, the speaker was heard to say, "Komm, Herr Jesu!" meaning "Come, Lord Jesus," (33-01-10:22) in German. In the messages given by interpretation on the night of 10 January, the expression, "Come, Lord Jesus," occurred twice. Among other references, one from the early morning of 1 March may be quoted: "God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost--all of them One God. Fall down and worship the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Make a joyful noise to the Lord of Glory, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." (33-03-01:17)

A second test implies the confession of the humanity of Jesus Christ. From 1 John 4:1-2, we have: "*...try the spirits ...Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.*" The humanity of Jesus Christ is referred to in an expression occurring in the messages of 24 February: "Kneel before me now. Seek mercy, crying: 'Have mercy on me. O Son of David, have mercy on me.'"(33-02-24:13) (The expression, "Son of David," shows the human lineage of Jesus and consequently His real humanity as the subsequent expressions show His mediatorship as God-Man and real Deity). "*It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*"—Rom 8:34

A third test is that from the lips of our Divine Master in the days of His flesh. From Matthew 7:16--"Ye shall know them by their fruits." Unlike the false prophecy found in such systems like Spiritualism in which the character of the medium does not relate to his psychic gift, Christian prophecy demands holiness of life and heart in the one used by the Holy Spirit for the spiritual gift; and in the lives of others produces faith in Christ, love for God, holiness of heart, and uprightness of walk. It may be confidently stated that these have been the results of this manifestation. Christian people on witnessing these scenes have been made conscious of the holiness and power of God's presence. A minister on entering the room, in which the sister sat with the blood sign on her forehead, was made so conscious of the overpowering presence of God that he might almost have fallen, and in his own words he then knew the meaning of the word, "*Be filled with the Spirit.*" He went away and has ministered in new power ever since. A missionary of long experience, who came to see, stated that she felt she was on holy ground when she was there in Amman in the days of this manifestation. Blessings of a revival nature were the immediate result. On the first appearance of the sign, within a few minutes of its being seen, a member of the household was truly converted and has lived as such ever since. Young men, in the subsequent stir, were truly transformed from sin to true witnessing Christian lives, leaving off habits of the old sinful life. Women have been changed and children also. Not only so, but those farther afield have been stirred, and in other towns the news produced in some repentance, faith, and spiritual life. Even Jews and Moslems have come under the power of the manifestation. It has resulted in the salvation of souls and glorified God in Christ; and to many this will be the conclusive test.

As a final test, the words of the liberal sage, Gamaliel, may be cited. In Acts 5:38-39 it says: "*...if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it.*" Nearly six months after the first appearance of the sign, as these lines are being written, one is conscious that it was but the beginning of a work of God that continues to bring blessing to souls and to exert its influence as the days go by. Other manifestations have followed and these include the healing of the sick in answer to prayer, and the reappearance of the sign on the forehead of Mme. Kawar under extraordinary circumstances. She was in Jaffa, Palestine, and while talking to others the sign, not as blood, but bird-like in shape and as light, reappeared in the sight of many people. Blessings are still being given both to those who hear or read the account of the manifestation, and through the ministry of those who have been saved or quickened through it. God had begun to work in a new way and will yet do mightier things.

And so, this account is being sent forth accompanied by many prayers so that it will be used to bring life--and life more abundant--to many, as the power of God's working is realized afresh, and as that blessed hope of the near return of the Lord Jesus is revived through the promise of these messages and the lessons which will be drawn from the fact of a manifestation that is so indicative of His coming.

Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus—Rev 22:20b.

Over the years, did Saleem B. Kawar, the former scribe, change his opinion of what had happened in that fateful year when the Lord appeared to his mother on many occasions in the middle of the night? Read what Saleem Kawar, now a pastor, had to say without translation 40 years later in 1973 when he was 61 years old.

Pastor Saleem B. Kawar--1973

It is now forty years since the manifestations of the Divine presence recorded in the first section of this booklet took place. The accompanying messages given in the Spirit through the medium of an Arabic booklet and its English translation have been reissued a number of times. A second series of messages in the Spirit given over another period of three months from 26 August to 22 October in the same year was issued in the original Arabic with reprints, but the English translation of the same has not been printed at the present time. It is of real profit after the lapse of a generation in which world-shaking events have taken place of which the Middle East has had its share of upheavals, wars, and bloodshed, to see how these messages have pin-pointed the place of this generation in the prophetic time-table of Scripture. Rabbath-Ammon, the modern Amman, swelled by successive waves of refugees and displaced persons as well as by

normal urbanization is now estimated to have a population approaching three quarters of a million. It has had its baptism of fire with destruction and death in its streets as intimated by these messages; and the promises of Divine protection have been marvelously fulfilled for those who trusted in their Lord. The sister used as the channel of these messages has passed on to be with her Lord as have many who were eye-witnesses of the 1933 revival in Amman. Meanwhile the churches of the redeemed in these lands continue to increase in numbers and to grow in grace waiting for the coming of the Lord Jesus with keen discernment of the signs of the times as to what is taking place around them and in the world at large.

May the re-reading of these messages quicken (enliven) in all senses, the responsibilities and privileges of those living in these Last Days when we can almost hear the cry: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,"--Matthew 25:6b.

One Story of Evangelism in the Life of Om Saleem

Just after the document Signs and Wonders had been published, Om Saleem had a dream unlike any she ever had before on the night of 14 December 1933. The Lord, for an inexplicable reason, showed her the way through side streets and alleys to a certain residence, and said: "A young lady will be saved in this house and through her many other souls will be saved." Upon remembering the dream the following afternoon, she traced the route she remembered on foot and stood before the house at the end of the trail. She knocked on the door. A forty-year-old Kurdish woman opened the door, invited her in, and led an eighteen-year-old girl into the room. Her name was Alia and she was holding a copy of Signs and Wonders. She had many questions and Om Saleem answered them all. Finally as she was about to leave, the girl asked that she stop by again, to which Om Saleem assented.

That night in a dream the Lord said to Om Saleem: "Blessed are you because you left your house and children and followed me. Your efforts and forbearance I appreciate. She replied that her efforts were not worthy of this, to which the Lord replied: Your faith, believing, and endangering your self is great to me. I told you I have a purpose for this house. Heavenly fear has taken place in Alia's heart. She is going to have a great influence on many others. She will win **twenty persons** and her witness shall be great. So go there frequently and visit her. Teach her the true faith because she has a good heart. Go there and fear not. There are those who want to delay your work in fear of disturbances. Do not turn to them but stay steadfast in your obedience to me and I will bless you and be with you. Go to wherever I send you."

On the night of 16 October, Alia was visited by the Lord. She began by asking: Please, "what must I do to settle? I am troubled a lot." The Lord answered: "Do not think of your sins anymore, because I forgave them. Forget them. Live now a new life. I want you to be a witness for me. Do not be afraid for you will be **the cause of the salvation** of many souls." Then she asked him his name, to which he responded: "I am the Light of this world. He who walks in this Light shall not be lost." Alia then asked for more of his teaching and was given this reply: "The Light overshadowing you will teach you. The lady I sent to you will also teach you."

The teaching continued for another month and then on the night of 21 December she told Alia who lived in a comparatively hostile Islamic community: “Bear witness and do not be afraid! You must do some other things too. You must not only believe, but believe and be sanctified and abandon bad social relationships. Also you must accept the gift of the Holy Spirit.” This challenge rooted in the Great Commission, remains true for all Christians.

Later, Alia’s father was converted by a miracle that occurred during Ramadan. And as it implies in Acts 16:31, he and his family came to the Lord. [The full story can be found on www.kawars.com.]

Picture of Hanneh Elias Aghaby



Except for her passport and family photos, this picture is the only known likeness of Hanneh Elias Aghaby (1893-1958), the wife of Bashara Mutanis Kawar, and mother of six children. Shown here, she is 40 years old. The picture was most likely taken on 18 January 1933 when a large group of people came to observe the stigmata on her forehead. It can be described as a silk-screen in blood, not welling from beneath the skin, palpable to the touch, and removable by wiping. This was the second of four occurrences of the stigmata all separated by three 13-day intervals. The bird or dove pictured in the band was narrower on this occasion than the first. A witness to the generation of the stigmata, her older daughter, said that the image materialized quickly from right to left taking the shape of a dove with outspread wings. Her mother was asleep when the image was formed. Although the word “stigmata” is used, it is unlike that seen in Roman Catholic saints, which are actual bloody skin eruptions where the saint suffers great pain in supposedly taking part in the scourges of the Crucifixion for the reparation of sin. In Om Saleem’s case, there was no pain, no skin eruptions, no reparation, and it could easily be wiped off. As discussed previously, the meaning of the dove imprint is fourfold:

- 1) The great apostasy is coming. [Three 13-day intervals represent world-wide rebellion.]
- 2) There is no salvation without blood—the blood of the Messiah. [Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22]
- 3) The dove is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit residing in the true believer. [Lk 3:22]
- 4) It is the mark of the believer. Those that groan over rebellion will receive the Holy Spirit and be saved. [Ez 9:4b]

Salvation

The point of the Om Saleem revelations is to bring souls to Jesus Christ. But you cannot fulfill the Great Commission by doing this unless you yourself are saved. Do you have the assurance of Salvation? In Catholic theology, any assurance is a sign of arrogance,

which would be true if salvation were the result of our own works. But it is not. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit based on the Messiah's blood atonement for our sins.

Charles Spurgeon once said: "Just before the full assurance of salvation, there marches humility." The proud do not inherit Heaven. Another preacher once said that if he did not have the full assurance of Salvation, he would spend every waking moment finding it. Theologically it does not matter if you believe once saved always saved, or as some do that one can fall away of his own volition, because Jesus Christ said: *Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles (Mt 7:22 NASU)?"* So regardless of whether you think you are saved, some certainly will not be saved.

Are you born again? This means that your life was completely changed when you came to the Lord. If it was not, then you are not born again. There were six ways to be born again in Jesus' day—marriage was one of them. As a prison chaplain, I meet many inmates to whom marriage was a casual event. It did not transform them. In most cases, they are divorced or appear stumped when I ask the question: "Are you married?" If it is not a born-again experience, then you will not be married for long. And so it is with salvation.

There is a test to determine if you are born again, i.e., if you abide in the Lord. It was given by John, the apostle Jesus loved, in his letter to the churches in Asia Minor when Gnosticism and Roman persecution were stirring the waters. Here were his questions. Can you answer them?

Test Questions for Salvation from 1 John:

- 1) Do you enjoy fellowship with God and with his saints?
- 2) Are you sensitive to sin? Do you know it when you see it? Does your sin bother you?
When you see sin are you inured or do you groan and sigh (Ez 9:4) or mourn (Mt 5:4)?
- 3) Do you obey God's commands? Do you know what they are?
- 4) What is your favorite time of the day? Do you love your activities more than God?
- 5) Do you love Jesus Christ and look forward to his return?
- 6) Do you have habitual sin—that is a particular recurring sin?
- 7) In a group, do you promote divisiveness or harmony?
- 8) Has God ever answered your prayer? Are there long dry spells between answered prayers? (When was the last time you cried? Was it in prayer?)
- 9) Do you try to abide in Jesus Christ? (1 John 3:24)
- 10) Is your discernment of right and wrong the same as other Christians?
- 11) Do you have inner peace? Do you have fears or worries? Are you depressed?
- 12) Do you believe fundamental Biblical doctrine?
 - a) The Bible is true, normative, and self-interpretive to the Christian.
 - b) There is one eternal God in three persons, who cares about every person.
 - c) Jesus Christ as the Son of God is both fully God and fully man. By his death on the cross, the price was paid for our sin.
 - d) We are saved by faith in Jesus Christ and not by our works.

- e) We are required to live by the precepts of the Bible, which we must read or listen to. We must pray daily.

Come to the Lord!

How can one find inner peace when seven billion people are about to go through the most trying time in the history of mankind? The Bible shows that there is but one war to Heaven:

1) **Admit that you are a sinner.**

...for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...--Romans 3:23

2) **Repent!** Turn away from all sin fettering your spiritual life.

I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.—Luke 13:5

3) **Believe that only the Lord Jesus Christ can save you.**

Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4:12, (Mark 1:15)

This means that there is no other mediator than Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5)—not the Virgin Mary, not the saints, not Mohammed, not rituals, sacraments, rosaries, medals, images, symbols, novenas, processions, masses, penance, good works, tradition, priests, rabbis, imams, and man-made commandments.

4) **Confess and believe that you have been redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ who shed his blood, died on the cross, and rose again from the dead.**

...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;--Romans 10:9

5) **Ask God to save you.**

For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Romans 10:13

You must believe that only Jesus Christ shall save you—no other saint, prophet, miracle worker, healer, holy man, living being, dead spirit, tradition, Sabbatine Privilege, institution, or religion can save you or, for that matter, must be obeyed for salvation.

6) **Ask Jesus Christ to be the Lord of your life.**

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.—Romans 12:1-2

If Jesus Christ truly becomes the Lord of your life, you will talk to God many times during the day especially when trouble threatens and decisions must be made. You will read the holy Bible daily and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in interpretation. Worship at a church where the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God—not at a church where the ecumenism of the One-world Church is taught. Finally, be baptized (Mark 16:16) as an adult, not because it will save you

(It will not.), not because it imparts grace or remits sin (It does not.), but because it is Jesus Christ's command, and you now love him so much that you will do whatever he says. Submitting to Jesus' will in baptism must be a conscious act on your part. This cannot be done if you are an infant or child, and Confirmation at a later age is not the same thing. If this is too embarrassing, imagine how the Messiah felt being flogged naked at the post, dragging his cross through streets lined with jeering spectators, and being crucified with thieves. He loved you this much. How much do you love him?

Do this and you will be of the First Resurrection!

ⁱ When World War II was breaking out, England, Australia, and France declared war on Germany. The date was 3 September 1939. Emir Abdullah of Jordan (called the State of Trans-Jordan at that time) also declared war on Germany, but no record will be found of this in most history books. Some history accounts maintain incorrectly that the State of Trans-Jordan remained neutral during the war, but that is untrue. Immediately after war broke out, Prince Abdullah cabled Britain the full support of the 1350-strong Arab Legion (*Al Jeish al Arabi*) and his countries resources under Capt. Peake Pasha. The Trans-Jordan became England's only ally at a time when the Axis forces had controlled Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and the Germans and Italians were advancing on Egypt. Trans-Jordanian soldiers fought beside the English in three significant campaigns: 1) They marched with the British 500 miles to Habbaniya on the Euphrates and then invaded Iraq, a country of 5 million forcing Baghdad to surrender. 2) In Syria they marched with the British and accompanied a column that outflanked the Vichy-French and captured Palmyra and Homs. 3) After Germany invaded Russia, a supply route opened from Haifa, to Baghdad, to Persia, and into Russia. The Arab Legion kept the depots, military stores, roads, harbors, and camps bulging with military supplies open the Russia. The Christians within the Trans-Jordan and some Moslems also condemned Germany's flagrant anti-Semitism. This prompted Hitler to make a public display of the issue. Standing with his aides before cameras and a map of the Mid-East, he mockingly asked where Jordan was. After being shown, he quipped that he would add a few marks to the defense budget to cover the disturbance. About six German paratroopers were dispatched to Jordan. They were immediately captured and spent the remainder of the war as POWs.

ⁱⁱ See Micah 2:12, Matthew 24:16, Revelation 12:6, Revelation 12:4, Isaiah 33:13-16, Isaiah 41:17-20, and Isaiah 65:8-16.

ⁱⁱⁱ Lewis, David Allen. *Storming Toward Armageddon: Essays in Apocalypse* "Israel—the Heart of Prophecy," P.O. Box 311, Green Forest, AR 72638: New Leaf Press, 1992, p230

^{iv} Be careful to distinguish among apparition, vision, and dream. An apparition comes to a seer via his normal senses. If his glasses are missing, he will not see clearly. If an object is placed between him and the subject, he will not see the apparition. The apparition can be material or immaterial as a hologram. A vision comes directly to a seer's mind, bypassing his senses. This is also true of a dream. But a dream occurs while the seer is asleep, and a vision while he is awake. So in a certain sense, a dream is a sleeping vision and a vision is a waking dream.

^v See "Number in Scripture" by E.W. Bullinger, Kregel Publications 1984, p 196 ff. See also "Biblical Mathematics" by Ed. F. Vallowe, The Olive Press, 1998, p 85 ff and 102 ff.

^{vi} Pastor Roy Whitman. *Signs and Wonders in Rabbath-Ammon: Being an Account of Divine Visitations in Amman, Trans-Jordan.* P.O. Box 1677, Amman, Jordan: The Cooperative Printing Presses Workers Society, 1933.

^{vii} Lindsted, Robert. *Storming toward Armageddon: Essays in Apocalypse.* "The New World Order in Prophecy." P.O. Box 311. Green Forest, AR 72638, 1992, p 203.

^{viii} *Ibid* p 23.

^{ix} *American Rifleman*, April 1993, pp 18, 20.

^x Revelation 3:3b

^{xi} Acts 1:7b

^{xii} Acts 1:8

^{xiii} Daniel 9:26

^{xiv} *You were bought with a price* (1 Corinthians 7:23). *Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her* (Ephesians 5:25). *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son* (John 3:16).

^{xv} Similar to Matthew 24:36

^{xvi} John 14:2b

^{xvii} Angels do not wear white linen. White linen is a sign of salvation reserved for the saints.

^{xviii} Revelation 19:14

^{xix} Roman Catholics would use the term "Communion of Saints" meaning the Church Militant (faithful on Earth), Church Suffering (souls in Purgatory), and Church Triumphant (souls in Heaven). In Protestantism the invisible church includes those in Heaven and the visible church includes those on Earth. There is no Purgatory.

^{xx} *Biblical Mathematics* by Ed. F. Vallowe, the Olive Press, 1998, p 53 ff.