

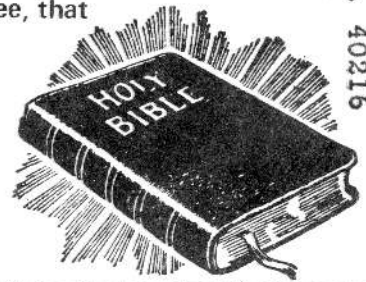
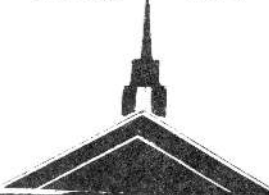
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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Psalms 60:4



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## The Brutal And Bloody Decision

By Noel Smith

On Jan. 22, the United States Supreme Court, by a 7-2 vote, struck down all state laws against a woman obtaining an abortion during her first three months of pregnancy.

The case decided was *Jane Roe v. Henry Wade*, the Texas abortion case.

The majority opinion was written by Justice Henry A. Blackmun, in which Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justices William O. Douglas, William J. Brennan, Jr., Potter Stewart, Thurgood Marshall, and Lewis F. Powell Jr. joined.

Justices Byron R. White and William H. Rehnquist dissented.

Alaska, Hawaii, New York, and Washington are not affected by the decision. They already have legalized abortion laws. All other states will have to conform their laws to the decision.

This means that today the right of women to have an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy, is the law of the land. It is an integral part of American culture. It is an integral part of American mores.

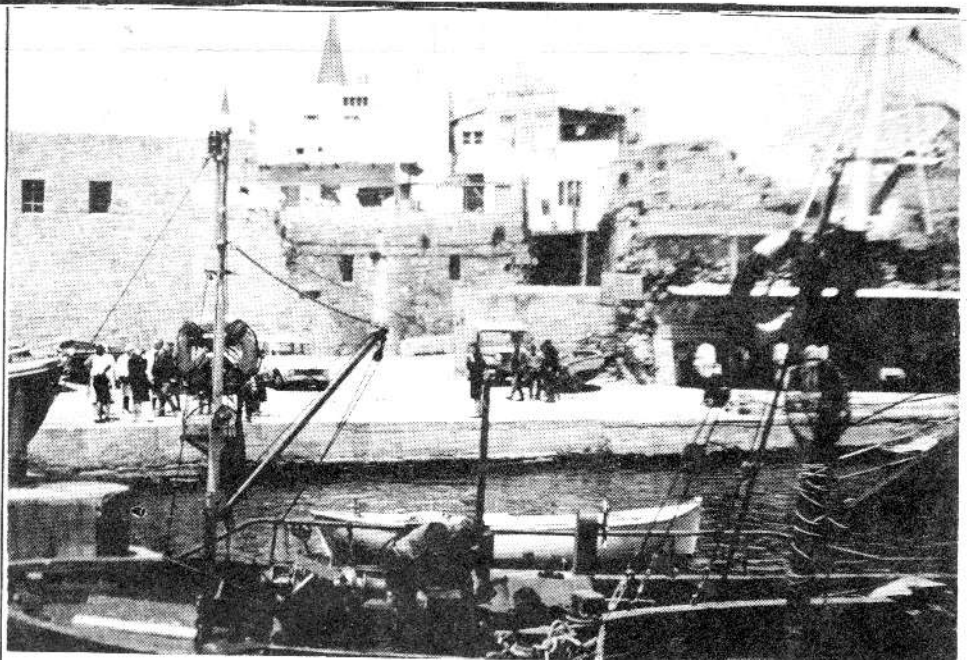
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## Revival Reports

Grace Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes St., Detroit, Mich. There were six professions of faith and five additions to the church. The interim pastor, Elder Don McDonald, was assisted by Elder Eugene Brown.

Union Baptist Church No. 2, Barren County, Ky. There were two professions of faith with three additions to the church. Pastor Rex Hunt was assisted by Elder Dexter Bacon, Jr.

Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio. There were two professions of faith and two additions to the church. Pastor Kenneth Davis was assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey.



Ancient Seaport In Acre, Israel

### NOTICE!

Some months when the deadline for me to get copy for the BANNER to the printer arrives, I'm away from home in revivals. This makes it impossible for me to work my mail and enter subscriptions received during that time or to print articles and announcements received for publication. This is due to the fact that when my schedule is such, I have to prepare copy early.

When this happens, your articles and announcements will be printed the following month (if timely) and your subscription will be entered accordingly. — Editor.

### ELOHIM (God)

The first of God's names in the order of their appearance in Scripture is *Elohim*, translated "God" in the Authorized Version. It reportedly occurs not less than 2500 times in the Old Testament and 32 times in the first chapter of Genesis.

## Editor Reports On Third Tour Of Bible Lands

By H. C. Vanderpool

(This is the sixth and final article in a series of reports on our third tour of Bible Lands. There has only been one report since April and that was in the June issue. My wife and I were co-hosts of several brothers and sisters in the Lord on this tour along with others, all together there were 243. The time was Oct. 30 — Nov. 8, 1972. Countries visited were Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. The

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## Editor Reports

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reason for giving these reports is because so many have expressed their enjoyment and blessings from reports on previous tours in the BANNER and also from my book, "Travel With Me Through Bible Lands", written on my first tour. I trust God may use these reports to give our readers a deeper understanding of Bible history and biblical facts. — Editor).

8th Day, Monday, Nov. 6, 1972 — You who have been keeping up with these reports will recall that we have visited in all the above countries and this is to be our last day in the Holy Land.

We had spent the night — Sunday night — on the Greek ship, Sounion. We were up early as usual and prepared for another exciting and inspiring day in the Promised Land. We traveled south on our buses along the Mediterranean Sea coast to Caesarea, the home of Cornelius and his household. Acts 10:1.

We visited the ruins of the ancient city and viewed the beauties of the twentieth century. We went to an olive wood factory where many objects were being hand-made in addition to the work wrought on

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## BLOODY DECISION!

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Who says so?

The almighty Supreme Court says so.

In this country today, the Supreme Court is running everything from the kindergarten to Congress.

In 1967, in DeKalb, Ill., a kindergarten teacher opened her school day by having the little children stand and recite the following:

"We thank you for the flowers so sweet;

"We thank you for the food we eat;

"We thank you for the birds that sing;

"We thank you for everything."

The U. S. District Court for Northern Illinois, Eastern Division, said that this teacher was violating the law as laid down by the Supreme Court, and she was ordered to stop the evil and sinister practice.

The case was appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court said that the order must stand.

But this same Supreme Court doesn't care how much atheism, rebellion, and sexual and moral filth are taught in the public schools, colleges, and universities of America.

This court is only interested in schools when any reference, direct or indirect, is made to God.

The Chief Justice of this court gives the oath of office to Mr. Nixon while Mr. Nixon's hand rests upon the Bible. The Chief Justice requires Mr. Nixon to say: "So help me God".

But this same court will brand as outlaws little children who open their kindergarten day by standing — with no Bible — and reciting:

"We thank you for the flowers so sweet;

"We thank you for the food we eat;

"We thank you for the birds that sing;

"We thank you for everything."

A part of the oath that Warren Burger took when he was sworn in as Chief Justice was this:

"So help me God."

The Supreme Court's brazen, cynical hypocrisy outrages every decent-minded man and woman in this country. And if it outrages mortals like us, how much more does it outrage a just and holy God.

What is it but taking the Name of God in vain?

What is it but using the Name of God as public window dressing?

The Supreme Court has for years proved itself to be a blind leader of the blind.

This majority decision on abortion is a further arrogant and presumptuous usurpation by the court of the constitutional rights and prerogatives of the states. The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution says:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

The spirit and letter of the Constitution are outraged by the Supreme Court arrogating to itself the right to govern the regulations and rules of a kindergarten in DeKalb, Ill.

And if the states don't have the constitutional right to govern their kindergartens, what constitutional rights do they

have?

This is one reason why Justice White dissented in the abortion case. He said:

"I find no constitutional warrant for imposing such an order of priorities on the people and legislatures of the states. In a sensitive area such as this, involving as it does issues over which reasonable men may easily and heatedly differ, I cannot accept the court's exercise of its clear power of choice by interposing a constitutional barrier to state efforts to protect human life and by investing mothers and doctors with the constitutional protected right to exterminate it. This issue, for the most part, should be left with the people and to the political processes the people have devised to govern their affairs."

The severest critics of the Supreme Court's arrogant and activist usurpation of the constitutional rights of the states have been Supreme Court justices themselves.

You have just read what Justice White said about the abortion case. Listen to what the late Justice Harlan said in an apportionment case:

"The court's holding that the Constitution requires states to select representatives either by elections at large or by elections in districts composed 'as nearly as is practicable' of equal population places in jeopardy the seats of almost all the members of the present House of Representatives . . . Only a demonstration which could not be avoided would justify this court in rendering a decision the effect of which . . . is to declare constitutionally defective the very composition of a coordinate branch of the federal government."

The claim for judicial relief in this case strikes at one of the fundamental doctrines of our system of government, the separation of powers . . . This court, no less than all other branches of the government, is bound by the Constitution. The Constitution does not confer on the court blanket authority to step into every situation where the political branch may be thought to have fallen short."

In another apportionment case, Justice Harlan supported the familiar assertion that the court unjustifiably interferes with the independent legislatures of the states and writes its own prejudices into law:

"These decisions give support to a current mistaken view of the Constitution and the constitutional function of this court. This view, in a nutshell, is that every major social ill in this country can find its cure in some constitutional 'principal' and that this court should 'take the lead' in promoting reform when other branches of the government fail to act. The Constitution is not a panacea for every blot upon the public welfare, nor should this court, ordained as a judicial body, be thought of as a general haven for reform movements . . . For when, in the name of constitutional interpretation, the court adds something to the Constitution that was deliberately excluded from it, the court in reality substitutes its view of what should be for the amending process."

The late Justice Harlan says there that the Supreme Court adds to the Constitution what was deliberately excluded from it.

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# Editor Reports

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the machines. We found this very interesting. My wife and I, as well as others, purchased a number of these for souvenirs. I have some in my study which I treasure very much. From here we visited a home, formerly an orphanage, and now used as a Baptist school and educational center. In meeting the people in charge, I was surprised to meet a young man from a town in Kentucky near where we had lived in Bowling Green.

It was now noon and we went back to the ship at Haifa for lunch. After eating we traveled north to Acre (called Ptolemais in Paul's day — Acts 21:7). This is an old city and today one can still see the fishing boats and activities among the people living in the area — see picture on page one.

Returning to our ship, we ate another delightful meal (not to everyone) and soon set sail for Cyprus.

9th Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1972 — This was national election day back in the States, so the night before while sailing on the Mediterranean to Cyprus we had a mock election. Of course, most everyone had cast their votes back home before leaving on the tour.

In Cyprus 80 percent of the people speak Greek, 18 percent Turkish, and two percent Armenian, and other languages. The guides are always English speaking.

We toured the island and especially enjoyed visiting again the ruins of the old city of Salamis where Paul and Barnabas went as they began the first missionary tour (Acts 13: 4-6). We toured Famagusta and spent some time in the afternoon at leisure as it turned out, our Overseas National Airways plane was several hours late. After supper we went to the airport at Nicosia. Still waiting for our plane we spent much of our time singing. One minister had an accordion and as he played the two hundred plus joined in singing old favorites as "Amazing Grace," "Love Lifted Me," "How Great Thou Art," "Standing On The Promises," "I'll Fly Away," and many others. This was truly a fellowship. Workers at the airport just folded their arms or leaned over to rest on something and listened.

Finally at 11:30 P. M. Cyprus time, we boarded our plane and began our flight home. This, of course, was 4:30 A. M. Louisville time. We stopped at London for fuel and continued our homeward flight.

10th Day, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1972 — We arrived at New York. After going through customs we boarded our plane again for Atlanta. There our happy tour family had to sadly separate and take flights to our home towns. We were soon home in Louisville. We were happy to be home, but the past ten days, fifteen thousand miles and all the experiences were to continue to live in our lives and memories.

(The End)

## BLOODY DECISION!

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This gowned oligarchy is no longer content with exercising its power over the kindergarten; now, it claims it has the right to exercise its powers over the fetus.

The court employed voodoo logic in reaching its decision. The court protects the pregnant woman for the first three months of her pregnancy. If she wants an abortion during that time, the court will see to it that she has it.

But after the first three months, the court steps aside and leaves her to the discretion of the state. The court's hands are off after the first three months.

If the states have the right to decide whether a woman shall exterminate the life developing in her after the first three months, what principle in law, logic, or morals can deny the states the right to decide whether she shall exterminate that life during the first three months?

Don't argue with the United States Supreme Court!

The plain truth is, the Supreme Court, like just about everybody else in this country, works both sides of the street and plays both ends against the middle. It wants to be for everything in general and nothing in particular.

After the first three months, it's no longer the court's baby!

The court justified its decision by saying that the fetus is not a "person" within the meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment.

But — wait a minute; the court doesn't want you to construe that as being absolutely true.

"The unborn have never been recognized in the law as persons in the whole sense."

"In the whole sense."

Then in some sense.

Let's get away from this semantics juggling and do as one of the greatest Chief Justices, John Marshall, did — deduce propositions from self-evident truths.

A "person" is the completion, the climax of the life developing in the womb of a woman.

If a woman is pregnant, it is because life is developing into a person in her womb.

If the life of a person is not developing in her womb, she is not pregnant.

The first three months of pregnancy is as much an integral part of the "person" as the last six months. Without the first three months, there can be no last six months.

What is it the doctors and nurses are destroying when they are performing an abortion on a woman? It is life. Human life.

The question is:

Does a woman have the right to destroy human life? Do doctors and nurses have the right to destroy human life?

Listen to Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention:

"I have always felt that it was only after a child was born and had life separate from its mother, that it became an individual person, and it has always, therefore, seemed to me that what was best for the mother and for the future should be allowed."

But does the mother, do the doctor and the nurses have the right to destroy the life that is developing into an individual?

Does the mother, do the doctor and the nurses have the right to destroy the life developing into the child before the child is born?

Do you have the right to exterminate life?

A loud-mouthed atheist woman told the Supreme Court that for 171 years the Congress, the state legislatures, and the federal and state courts had been wrong in permitting prayer in the public schools. This woman demanded that the court outlaw prayer.

The court said she was right. It outlawed prayer.

A loud-mouthed gang of rebellious women is responsible for the court's decision to permit wholesale abortion in this country.

The basic claim of these liberation kine is the "right of privacy". These females don't want to be females or males. They want to be some kind of a hybrid.

But the "right of privacy" is not an absolute right. The court itself admitted it. Said Justice Blackmun:

"On the basis of elements such as these, appellants and some amici argue that the woman's rights is absolute and that she is entitled to terminate her pregnancy at whatever time, in whatever way, and for whatever reason she alone chooses. With this we do not agree."

The "right of privacy" is not absolute. The "right of privacy" doesn't permit you to serve narcotics to your guests. The "right of privacy" doesn't permit you to establish a house of prostitution next to the house of your neighbor.

And the "right of privacy" doesn't permit you to destroy life — by any means, anywhere, any time.

And the "right of privacy" is not as great as the right to be born.

Here again the court's logic is wobbly. The woman has the right to destroy life during the first three months of its development; after the first three months, she must destroy it in accord with the laws of the state.

**"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5)**

Well, if a pregnant woman is going to have an abortion, won't she have it as early as she can instead of having it as late as she can?

The wholesale extermination of life is now permitted by the law of the land.

And when you add all the mental and emotional frustration and feelings of guilt and shame of these women to the nationwide homosexuality, to the reign of terror by criminals, to the sexual filth, and violence on TV, to the cynicism and fatalism of the American mind, you are going to have an America that is somewhere between Sodom and Babylon.

The Supreme Court and Dr. W. A. Criswell to the contrary notwithstanding, the wholesale destruction of human life is an abomination in the sight of God. It sickens decent-minded people.

The Supreme Court's decision is a brutal and bloody decision.

# Missionaries Returning From Israel



Elder and Mrs. Henry Smith

## Elder & Mrs. J. H. Smith Returning From Israel

P. O. Box 7305  
Jerusalem, Israel  
June 25, 1973

To our Baptist Churches  
United States of America

Dear Friends:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you; Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy. For your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now;"

I can't think of any words that could better describe our feelings toward you than the ones in the Scripture passage given above in Philippians 1:3-5. We do remember you in our affections, in our prayers and thoughts, thanking God for your faithful support through the years. Certainly it is a great joy and a blessing to know that we have such friends, some of which have fellowshiped with us in the Gospel from the first day until now; even from the beginning of our work as foreign missionaries when we left for Japan back in 1950. We are truly grateful to our home church, McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, which church sent us out as their missionaries and has been our sponsor since that time.

After much prayer and sleepless nights, seeking the Lord's will, we are convinced that we should leave Israel and return to our home in the States; and as far as we can see now this will be permanent, for it seems there is such a little that we can do here, as far as it goes with the Jews. Except, to pray for them, and that we want to continue to do, and to admonish others to do the same. I can't have but just a few more years as an active minister of the Gospel, even if I live to a ripe old age. So I would like to be where I can be more useful in the Lord's work. However, this decision is not just mine, but the Lord has definitely impressed this upon us. I had rather wear out here than to go against His good will, because He has been so good to us, having amply supplied all of our needs for these twenty-three years. He has rejoiced our hearts so many times when the way looked so dark, and for us to turn back from following Him is not in our thoughts, not at all.

I would request that you don't send any more funds to us, unless you definitely are led of the Lord to do so. I am writing this now so that you can channel your mission money somewhere else. We have sufficient funds for the rest of the time that we expect to stay here and enough for our travels back home. Our intentions are to return home early in the fall. We do want you to continue to pray for us, and we shall always try to remember you in our prayers. May the dear Lord richly bless you and make you fruitful in His service.

Sincerely yours in Him,  
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

## Revival



## Announcements

SUNDAY — JULY 29

Lyons Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is being assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey. Members of the church are in charge of the music and singing. Services at 11:00 A. M. and 7:00 P. M. Sundays and each week night at 7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY — AUGUST 5

White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor James Gardner is to be assisted by Elder Woodrow Story. Services each night at 7:30 P. M.

Long Fork Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor L. W. Smith is to be assisted by Elder William Johnson.

SUNDAY — AUGUST 12

Faith Baptist Church, 921 E. 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor James Suttle is to be assisted by Elder Hilman Duncan with members of the church in charge of music and singing.

SUNDAY — AUGUST 19

New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Road North, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor F. L. Ray is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Bethel Baptist Church, 879 Orchard Dr., Toledo, Ohio. Pastor Charles Stapleton is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith and Elder D. C. Barton.

## Judging Others

Sometimes I'm guilty of a fault  
(Perhaps you have been too)  
Of criticizing other folk  
For wrongs they say or do.  
But one good day I came to see  
That it would wiser be  
To cease my finding fault with  
"them"

And right what's wrong with me.  
For from my heart my God and I  
Must banish evil's smudge;  
And since that is a full-time job,  
I'd best let God be judge.

—Roberta Beck

LET HIM ASK IN FAITH



"A PESSIMIST is one who feels bad when he feels good for fear he will feel worse when he feels better."