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## Saving through Visions - from Armenia to California

And it shall come to pass afterward, [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: JOEL 2:28

Dear friends, brothers and sisters,

because the above Bible-verse is still current and is experienced his reality, still among spirit-filled Christians, especially

THE AMAZING SHAKARIAN STORY

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within the union of that working world-wide "Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International" -FGBMFI -, we would like to go in this Newsletter Nr.4 to the spiritual roots of the union and their founders back, as we that in the Newsletter Nr.2, September 05 already announced. The VOICE magazine of the October 1953 will be us very helpful to it, on side 3, we read under the title:

"THE AMAZING SHAKARIAN STORY" By Thomas R. Nickel, Editor and Publisher from the early Full Gospel Men's Voice. (in excerpts)

This story begins in Old Russia, more than a hundred years ago, when the Czars still reigned in Saint Petersburg. There was a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost in much the same pattern as on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem. The nation rejected this visitation of God even as the Jerwish nation rejected a similar visitation several centuries before. Russia, the first nation in comparatively modern times to receive the Pentecostal outpouring, is now the only nation on earth that officially denies the existence of God. To it a commentary of William Branham, October 3, 1954: The baptism of the Holy Spirit fell the first time since Pentecost, in Russia, one hundred years ago. That's right. That's history. And they had the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and worked signs and wonders, a hundred years ago, and rejected It as a nation, and turned It down.

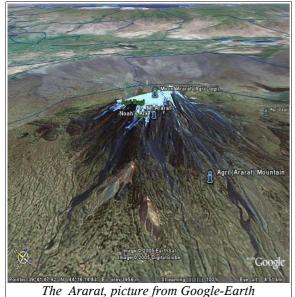
And when they did, they have turned now to anti-God, anti-religious, and become communists, cold, brutal-hearted. If you won't listen to God, He will give you over to a spirit that'll condemn you, be turned over to a reprobate mind, to believe a lie and be damned by it. That's where Russia stands tonight, damned in the sight of God, because it failed to receive the jubilee message of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They was turned over to a reprobate mind. They believed a lie, and are damned by it in the sight of God. The next place It fell was in Turkey, and the Turks rejected It. And crucified, and dropped into cisterns, and so forth, with swords sticking up like this, those Armenian people, and so forth, and slayed them by the hundreds. And look where Turkey is tonight. Yes sir! (Jubilee. Year, Jeffersonville, IN. 54-10.03E)

Twenty-five years after Pentecost fell in Russia, a migthy Pentecostal outpouring was experienced in Armenia and the Shakarian Family accepted this marvelous Gift from Page Six God. Now, everything that still happens in Kara Kala in Armenia, in a Christian embossed country, which was brought by 2 apostles, Thaddaus and Bartholomaus to the belief at the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthäus 10:2) Harry Missirlian- Pastor Emeritus, October 1998: The Story of our Church... Christianity came to Armenia in the first century A.D. Tradition tells us about the Apostles Thaddaeus and Bartholomew having preached in Armenia. There were also small bands of devout Christian women headed by Hripsime' and Gayane', preaching and teaching the Christian Gospel and making new converts. Many of these Christian women were martyred for their faith including Hripsime' and Gayane'. To honor their memory, two churches were built in 618 A.D.- St. Hripsime', and St. Gayane' in 630 A.D.. They are still being used today in Armenia. It was in 301 A.D. that the Armenian King Dertad became Christian and proclaimed Christianity as State religion for the first time in



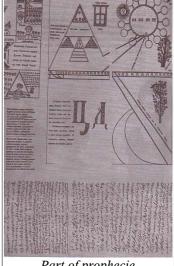
Here is the Shakarian Family, in whose home the first Pentecostal Church in Los Angeles was established. Seated, each holding an Armenian Bible, are Demos and Grace Shakarian, with daughter, Hamas, between them. Standing, daughters and son are, left to right: Erchen, Lily, Isaac, Margaret, Esther and Sirron.

The Shakarian Family



history. The first Armenian Church was built in 301 A.D. in Echmiadzin, near Erevan, Armenia. This church is still used today, it is the Mother Church, Until today in the year 2005, Armenia is shaped through the apostolic faith, however the real strength-development came back first with the outpooring of the Holy Spirit and the gifts interconnected with it, like prophecies,

dreams and visions, again. Just like it also 1855 through the 12 year old Russian boy, Efim Gerasimovitch Klubniken happened, we quote from the VOICE of 1953 further: In 1855, a twelfe-yearold Russian boy who lived in Armenia received a wonderful, supernatural visitation. For seven days and seven nights he was under the power of God writing prophecy of things to come. He neither ate, drank nor slept



Part of prophecie

during the seven days and seven nigths. Although he was an illiterate boy, he wrote in beautiful handwriting and drew pictures and maps and charts. He foretold that peace would be taken from the earth and that Armenia would be overrun by the Turks and the Armenian Pentecostal Christians would be massacred unless they went to a land across the ocean, which the pictures and charts and maps showed to be America. God promised to bless and prosper everyone who would heed His warning, and go to the country where they would be free from persecution. The Russian prophet, now more than fifty years of age, was still living in the community (Kara Kala) and still remembered his wonderful experience with God. He had another visitation and told Isaac's father, "The time has come. Now is the time to leave this country." Word was spread among the Pentecostal Armenians and many of their neighbors began their exodus to America that year, 1900. Five years later the Shakarian Family, consisting of father and mother, five daughters and the thirtenn-year-old son, Isaak, left Armenia for America. Unbeliefers mocked them just as Noah and his family were mocked before the Flood.

The Bible describes in Gen 8:4, that Noah's Ark in the mountains of Ararat, original situation in Armenia, after the deluge went down. (The ark was discovered meanwhile - sees Link on our website www.rainbowanchorstone.de)

Fragments of Noah's Ark The coat of arms of Armenia carries the picture of the Ararat, on his summits came according to the biblical tradition the ark to country. It is called, the Armenians descend directly from Noah, an old people, from God chooses from the beginning. Select like Noah - and rejected like he. Paintings of the religious Noah hang in many schools. (Sources: chrismon)

After the mythology, the Armenians of Hayk come, son of Togarmak (Togarma), who is a grandson of Japhet, on the other hand from this son of Noah. Gen 10:1-3, (The English historian Chahin assumes Togarmak and Hayk as



Death-march of the Armenians, 1915. s.: ACP 6/05

the two origins of the Armenians). We want to continue in our historic VOICE - contemplation on side 4.... The Armenian Exodus to America continued until 1912, when the last Pentecostal family left village where the prophecy was delivered. Two years later, the great World War 1 broke out and the terrible onslaught, when Turkey overran Armenia, every soul in the village was wiped out. The prophesy was fulfilled and the Armenian Pentecostal Christians who had believed God and obeyed Him were safe in America, among them Isaac Shakarian, his five sisters and his father and mother.

In Newsletter № 5, reports we over the outpooring of the Holy Ghost in Los Angeles, which was in Azusa Street, draws near the house of the Shakarian family 1906.

> God bless you, your brother Paul Maler and Christian Bornholdt, FGBMFI Chapter Hamburg-Germany