

LAWRENCE DUFF-FORBES 1899-1964

Lawrence Duff-Forbes, although born in Australia, spent some of his earliest years in India, Burma, China, and the Philippines. Returning to Australia, he completed his education at various accredited institutions including Hawthorn College in Melbourne. During his life he served as soldier, business executive, lecturer and examiner on educational and technical subjects, author, editor, journalist, orator, theologian and finally, minister of the Jewish people as a congregational and radio rabbi in Messianic Judaism.

His military career began at the early age of fourteen. He served in World War I and rose to commissioned rank. After the war he returned to Australia and entered the fire, marine and accident insurance business with great success. Continuing his study in philosophical, theological, military, and technical subjects, he soon secured an important educational degree with honors and was attached to the faculty of a Commonwealth educational and technical institute as lecturer and examiner.

Whilst yet occupying the twin positions of Commanding Officer of the 12th (mixed) Brigade, Commonwealth Military Forces, and State Manager and Attorney of one of Britain's oldest and largest insurance companies, Lawrence Duff-Forbes, by sovereign grace, found personal peace and a vital living relationship with the God of Israel through the efficacy of the promised and prophesied Messianic Redemption.

Intensifying his study of the Jewish Holy Scriptures, he gradually abandoned his military and commercial vocations and in due course attained ordination and graduation from two separate theological seminaries. His graduation from a fully accredited Jewish theological institution was with special mention for "Outstanding Achievement."

Among his degrees and honors were Doctor of Literature, an elected Fellow of the Philosophical Society of Great Britain, a member of the Society for Biblical Literature. He had participated actively as a member of several important Jewish educational and communal organizations.

Among the major works of Rabbi Lawrence Duff-Forbes are his famous "Treasures from Tenach," a fascinating series of expositions of the Scriptures, which are heard over the radio both in the U.S.A. and overseas, and also appear from time to time in the periodical ISRAEL'S ANCHORAGE, of which he was the editor. He also wrote "Hebrew the Happy Way!" "Gems from Genesis," "Out of the Clouds," "Peril from the North," and "Excursions into Exodus."