

Scripture—I Kings 12:25-14:20.



To keep his people from worshipping in Jerusalem, Jeroboam sets up idols at the ancient shrines of Dan and Bethel.—I Kings 12:25-33. When Jeroboam tries to silence the prophets sent from Judah, God temporarily paralyzes the king's hand. It is restored.—I Kings 13:1-10. Continuing in disobedience, Jeroboam ordains his own priests and feasts, even assuming priestly duties himself at Bethel.—I Kings 13:11-34. Ahijah's prophecies of the destruction of the house and dynasty of Jeroboam come to pass.—I Kings 14:1-20.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Galatians 6:7.

SOWING OF GOOD, EVIL

Greatly Multiplied At Harvest

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By R.H. RAMSEY  
Last week we saw how the ten tribes drew apart from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to form a separate Northern Kingdom, Israel. After the death of Solomon, the people asked Rehoboam, his son, for a reduction in the oppressive taxes and forced labor of his father. Arrogantly, Rehoboam rejected their plea, adding that he would afflict them even worse.

This foolish reply was but the straw that broke the camel's back. There were other reasons, too, for the tribal jealousies existing since the Israelites entered Palestine: Jeroboam's own ambitions, and religious apathy on the part of the people. Unwittingly, Rehoboam sparked the revolt that split the nation, even as God had promised.

Jeroboam, who had been a leader under Solomon, was a native of the tribe of Ephraim. However, when the king suspected him of a plot, Jeroboam fled to Egypt and remained there until the death of Solomon. Then he was called back as a leader of the northern tribes and was at their head when the revolt took place and the new nation, Israel, founded.

Quite naturally he was made king over Israel—as had been prophesied by Ahijah (I Kings 11:29-39)—and God promised to continue his dynasty if Jeroboam would serve Him faithfully. But Jeroboam feared it would be difficult to maintain the separation if the people continued to practice a religion centered in the Temple at Jerusalem because the religious tie would eventually return them to their former king and dynasty, the house of David.

Insecure in his position, and not quite believing in God's promise to establish a sure dynasty, Jeroboam took the "expedient" way out and established new places of worship at Dan and Bethel—ancient sacred shrines in the extreme north and south of the kingdom, respectively—setting up "calves of gold" to represent Yahweh, "the God of physical forces."

Worshipping the true God at these local shrines was no breaking of the Law. The sin lay in the making of the golden bulls, and the worship of them as "gods" of convenience was idolatry and absolute disobedience to the second commandment.

By divine command, an unknown prophet came from Judah to the Bethel altar where Jeroboam was burning incense and condemned what the king had done. When the king stretched out his hand in an attempt to silence the prophet, God rendered it paralyzed. This drove Jeroboam to plead that the prophet pray to God to forgive him and restore his hand. The prayer was answered.

Despite the prophet's rebuke and the temporary physical punishment meted out, Jeroboam turned away from God's grace and salvation, stubbornly continuing his evil practices. Realizing that the real priests of the tribe of Levi would not follow him in the establishment of idolatry, Jeroboam took it upon himself to ordain priests indiscriminately. Some of these

priests were "from the lowest of the people," possibly illiterate and certainly unfamiliar with God's law or the ordained form of worship.

As one step leads to another, Jeroboam assumed the priestly duties himself, ordaining feasts and offering sacrifices at the shrine in Bethel, thus putting himself in the place of God and, at the same time, sealing his own destruction and the final overthrow of his people.

Now an unexpected tragedy occurs in the royal household. Ahijah, the son through whom Jeroboam expected his dynasty to continue, becomes ill. Secretly the queen is sent to seek out Ahijah, the prophet who had prophesied the division of the kingdom. After enumerating Jeroboam's sins and his stubborn persistence in them, Ahijah predicts that the house of Jeroboam will be destroyed and its descendants will not continue to reign over an Israel which ultimately will be destroyed.

Ahijah died, followed by Jeroboam. Another son, Nadab, reigned over Israel, but two years before being assassinated. Thus the Jeroboam dynasty was extinguished and a new dynasty came to rule Israel.

Auto-Making Pioneer Sells Shares In GM

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP)—Auto-making pioneer R. S. McLaughlin, chairman of General Motors of Canada Ltd., has sold most of his shares in the company in a decision which he says "almost made me cry."

He sold 154,147 shares, worth about \$15,000,000, because of heavy succession duties in the United States, Mr. McLaughlin said. He has 3,575 shares left. "I didn't do it on my own volition. But with U.S. succession duties running up to 78 per cent what would you do? . . . I cried."

He added that he had the "most supreme faith" in General Motors, the world's biggest and most profitable car-maker. A statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which requires periodic disclosure of trading in a company's stock by its top executives, shows the sales were made last year.

REASONS FOR SALE  
The 94-year-old, Ontario-born industrialist is a director of General Motors of the U.S.

J. J. English, Mr. McLaughlin's business manager, said the "tax position was complicated, but there were two basic reasons for the sale."

First, U.S. succession duties are scaled according to the value of an estate with a top rate of 78 per cent. And the estate grows as shares appreciate in price.

The U.S. tax applies to holdings that derive their income in that country although the holder may be a citizen of another country.

Second, the U.S. tax law makes no provision for charitable giving and that puts a heavy penalty on philanthropy.

Mr. McLaughlin is almost as well known for his philanthropy as for his car-making. His most recent gift was a \$2,000,000 planetarium for the University of Toronto.

New Find Of Oil Reported In Libya  
LONDON (AP)—British Petroleum announced Friday it has made a new oil find in Libya. The well is just north of the existing Sarir oil-field and is producing 1,200 barrels a day on test.

A BP spokesman said the oil is "of lower wax content than that of the Sarir field, making for easier pumping. The wildcat well, the second in the area, is close to a pipeline to Tobruk now under construction."

BP, 51 per cent of which is owned by the British government, shared the find with Nelson Bunker Hunter, a U.S. oilman with whom BP is operating its Libyan concession.

Smallwood Reimbursed  
HALIFAX (CP)—Newfoundland Premier Smallwood was reimbursed Friday for a parking ticket he paid here by a service club he befriended last year.

Premier Smallwood was telling in an interview on radio station CHNS how it cost him \$5.75 when he parked a rented car too close to an intersection Thursday.

Following the broadcast he was met by a delegation from the Moose Patrol who presented him with the \$5.75, an honorary membership and a cigarette lighter engraved to "Pall Joey."

The Premier had come to the club's rescue last year when they were unable to find local mooseburger day in aid of the Children's Hospital. Mr. Smallwood, whose province has an abundance of moose, sent over a supply free of charge.

The Premier later turned back the \$5.75 to the Children's Hospital.

PAINTINGS STOLEN  
PARIS (Reuters)—Thieves stole more than 30 valuable paintings from the Millet Museum at Barbizon, in the forest of Fontainebleau, Friday. They were all by the 19th-century French landscape painter Francois Millet, after whom the museum is named. The thieves, who broke in during the night, also took important sculptures and bronzes. The full extent of the losses was not known.



A NOTE OF THANKS

My dear wife died a year ago. Now there's just myself and my little daughter Janice. Don't feel sorry for us, though, because we're managing pretty well.

Last year when the blow came, I admit I went to pieces. We'd only lived in the neighborhood for a few weeks, and it's hard to say what would have happened if it hadn't been for our church. Suddenly I was surrounded by friends. The minister came at once with convincing words of comfort that helped me to face life again. His wife alerted other members and they brought meals, laundered clothing, took care of Janice, and ultimately found the wonderful elderly housekeeper we have now.

I had never given much thought to the meaning of Christian fellowship! Today I know that miracles of kindness can result when people unite in following the "perfect pattern" of self-sacrifice and unquestioning love.

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Sunday John 15:12-16	Monday Acts 9:26-31	Tuesday Romans 12:1-8	Wednesday Philippians 2:1-8	Thursday II Thessalonians 2:13-17	Friday Hebrews 2:14-17	Saturday Revelation 21:1-4
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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE  
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Scriptures Sold In Pakistan  
A few weeks before hostilities broke out between India and Pakistan 53,000 Scriptures were sold in two months during a campaign with 18 students. They came from four seminaries and two colleges in various parts of India.

Along the southern borders of Tibet, Nepal and Sikkim, and western border of East Pakistan, these students travelled in temperatures ranging as high as 115 in the shade, by bus, cycle and on foot, covering up to 40 miles a day.

"There is a great potential in these concentrated student distribution programs," writes the Rev. Russell Self, a Canadian serving in India. "Young men who will soon become church leaders, receive the thrill of direct confrontation as well as enjoy a dignity of earning income towards their fees and school books."

The Bible Society in India finds this the most economical and effective way to reach areas untouched by the Church. Literate intercontinental missionaries of young people stills.

NEED 14 YEARS  
BONN (Reuters)—European defences will not be able to meet a massive attack by medium-range missiles until 1980, Karl Gumbel, state secretary at the defence ministry, told the West German Bundestag (lower house) Friday. He blamed this on exceptional difficulties in the development of anti-missiles against the medium-range rockets and said American knowledge involving anti-missile missiles could not be used as the U.S. rocket defences were built to handle high-altitude intercontinental missiles.

Sherwood Church of Christ  
(Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School)  
WORSHIP SERVICES NOW BEING CONDUCTED  
Sunday, April 24  
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages  
Nursery through adult class  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship: The Lord's Supper and Preaching.  
Presiding: W. A. MacRae  
Sermon: Kenneth T. Norris.  
"THE LOYALTY OF OUR LORD"  
Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting in homes of members.  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

A church-planting project of Central Christian Church, Charlottetown

The Salvation Army  
176 Great George Street  
Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson  
Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School—10 a.m.  
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.  
"UNCONSCIOUS DECADENCE"  
"An interview with a man who knew what he wanted."  
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting)  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.  
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH  
13 Christie Drive, Parkdale  
Rev. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs  
MORNING:  
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes  
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: "REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GIDEONS"  
Anthem: "The Lord's Prayer"—Gates  
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School  
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP  
Sermon: "BLESSING IN OUR TEMPTATIONS"  
Anthem: "The Lord My Shepherd Is"—Lovelace  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

The Kirk of St. James  
Minister:  
The Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, A. B.D., Director of Music  
Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B. Mus., ARCCO  
11:00 A.M.  
Sermon:  
"THE EMMAUS ROAD"  
Anthem:  
"The Day Draws On"—Bairdrow  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery  
11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner  
7:30 p.m.—Fellowship  
You Are Invited To Worship With Us

Charlottetown Bible Chapel  
233 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.  
11:00 a.m.—"THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF LOVE"  
7:30 p.m.—"BACKWARD BEATTITUDES"  
James A. Stahr, B.Sc., M.Th.  
"The Old Book . . . the New Birth . . . the Precious Blood of the Blessed Hope."

Zion Presbyterian Church  
Corner Prince and Graiton Streets  
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister  
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess  
Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.Mus., B.Mus., Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages  
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School  
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: Mr. Alfred E. Wilber of The Gideons International in Canada  
Anthem: Heaven Is My Home—Geo B. Nevin  
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: WHAT IS YOUR COMMITMENT?  
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess  
Duet: The Lord Is My Shepherd—Crimmond  
Misses: Barbara MacRae & Marilyn Mutch  
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

St. Peter's Cathedral  
Rochford Square  
Anglican Church of Canada  
Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector  
Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D., Honorary Assistant Priest  
Miss Suzanne Brentnall, L.C. Mus., Organist  
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director  
April 24—The Second Sunday After Easter  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
8:45 a.m.—Mattins  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Infants' Class)  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and sermon  
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon  
Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.

The Guardian, Charlottetown, Sat., April 23, 1966  
Central Christian Church  
219 Kent Street  
MORNING—  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper  
Special Speaker: Mr. Stephen Steves of Moncton, N.B., speaking on behalf of the Gideon Society.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service  
Message: "THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS"  
Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale  
Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.  
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

CALVARY TEMPLE  
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA  
Upper Prince Street  
Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor  
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerdale station  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
1:00 a.m.—Worship service  
Speaker: Mr. McLeod, Gideon Representative  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service  
You will find a warm welcome at Charlottetown's Full Gospel Church.

LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT!  
The Bible Is The Word Of God  
It is written of Christians at Thessalonica, "When ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the Word of men; but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh in you that believe. . . . And ye became followers of us and of the Lord." I Thess. 1:5-7:13.  
Surely we must do the same in order to rightly call ourselves Christians.  
You are invited to hear the Word of God each Sunday in the Montague Bible Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
(Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.)  
Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A.  
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship  
7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship  
VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

Christian Reformed Church  
155 Mt. Edward Road  
(The first church in Sherwood)  
Rev. M. Dornbush, Minister  
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (English)  
Elder H. J. Kampthuis officiating.  
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School  
2:30 p.m.—Afternoon Worship (Dutch)  
Elder Melis Visser officiating.  
You are always welcome.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Presbytery of P.E.I.  
SHERWOOD - PARKDALE  
EXTENSION CHARGE  
Church School will commence on Sunday, May 1st 9:30 a.m. in Sherwood Women's Institute Hall.  
ALL ARE WELCOME

First Baptist Church  
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets  
Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—"ADD SOME SALT, PLEASE"  
Children's Choir  
Solo: "Someone"  
—Miss Debbie Wood  
7:00 p.m.—"WHY MAKE FAITH DIFFICULT"  
Anthem: "All In The April Evening"  
Solo: Mrs. Douglas McKenney  
Wednesday 7:30—Prayer Meeting  
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH  
Kirkwood Drive  
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis  
Organist and Director of Choirs:  
Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.  
9:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten  
11:00 a.m.—SERMON: Mr. Harold W. Thorne, Gideon Representative.  
Men's Choir  
7:15 p.m.—Adult Study Group  
"You Are Welcome to Worship With Us"  
"A WELCOME AWAITS YOU"

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
Ministers: Rev. John E. Ball, B.A., Rev. Gerald G. Wray, B.A., B.D.  
Organist and Director of Choirs:  
Mr. J. B. Herdman  
9:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors  
11:00 a.m.—Primary and Kindergarten  
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery up to two years  
11:00 a.m.—MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS  
—Rev. J. G. E. Ball  
Anthem: "Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace"  
—Lee Williams  
7:00 p.m.—Explorer—C.G.I.T. Graduation  
Dedication to Mission Service  
Sermon: "OUR CALLING" Rev. G. G. Wyrwas  
(6:45 p.m.—C. E. Groups meet in Social in Uniform)  
"A WELCOME AWAITS YOU"

St. Paul's Anglican Church  
Established 1769 by Royal Foundation  
The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector  
Organist and Choir Director  
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M.  
EASTER II  
8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION (First Communion for those recently confirmed)  
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL—Junior, Senior and Bible Classes  
11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Crib Nursery, Primary and Beginners Classes  
11:00 a.m.—Morning PRAYER AND SERMON  
Anthem: "CHRIST the Lord Is Risen Again"  
Eric Thuman  
SERMON: by Rev. Rodney Ives  
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON  
SERMON: by Rev. Rodney Ives  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES