

Scripture—Jeremiah 31, 32.



Though Judah is now to be destroyed and God promises He will return His people to their own land after the exile, there are still perilous time ahead.—Jeremiah 31:1-21.

He will make a new covenant with Judah and Benjamin, putting His law in their minds and writing it upon their hearts. They will enlarge Jerusalem.—Jeremiah 31:22-40.

To demonstrate his faith in Judah's future, God commands Jeremiah to purchase property in his native city, already overrun by invaders. Jeremiah obeys.—Jeremiah 32:1-15.

In prayer, Jeremiah voices misgivings. God reassures him of the great future for Judah after the invasion and exile.—Jeremiah 32:16-44.

MEMORY VERSE: "Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and gather him and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock."—Jeremiah 23:10.

GOD'S PROMISES

Jeremiah Voices Confidence

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Today's lesson takes place during the last weeks, or at the most, months, before the fall of Jerusalem to the invading hordes of Nebuchadnezzar. It was a time of tension, fear, plotting, suspicion and spiritual depression. With the Babylonian armies at the city gates, it was but a matter of time before the city would go up in flames. Jeremiah— and certainly the many godly people in Judah— knew this and he went about prophesying doom and destruction. But the religious and civil leaders professedly unaware of this fact, and looked upon Jeremiah as a traitor and imprisoned him.

Amid the turmoil of a doomed city he preached a message of hope and spirituality, of the ultimate restoration of the Jews to Judah and Jerusalem.
God loved His chosen people with an everlasting love. Though Judah would be destroyed, the people scattered, the land made desolate, the day would come when He would rebuild the people of Judah and make the land flourish. In the midst of this glorious prophecy, there is a parenthetical paragraph telling of the dark days Israel is yet to experience, ending with a promise of a new covenant between the Lord and the houses of Israel and Judah. This new covenant will be unlike the old one made with the Hebrews when they came out of Egypt. Instead God would put His law in their inward parts and write it on their hearts. He would be their God and they His people, and all shall know Him: He would forgive and forget their past iniquities.
Jeremiah 31 concludes with a prediction concerning the future expansion of Jerusalem. Interestingly enough, Jeremiah's prediction was accurate, for it is in the two directions designated—to the north and northwest—that the city is today enlarged. The "Old City" of Jerusalem is the city within the walls, such as existed in Jeremiah's day; the "New City" of Jerusalem is the locality outside the walls where Jeremiah predicted the enlargement.
In the midst of impending disaster, God called upon Jeremiah for a concrete demonstration of his faith in Judah's future. He was commanded to obey the quest of his cousin Hanamel that he make use of his right and duty as next of kin to purchase a field situated in Jeremiah's native city, Anathoth.
Inasmuch as the armies of Nebuchadnezzar had already overrun that section of Judah and were probably encamped upon that very field, this, to some, may have seemed an absurdity. Yet, obedience to this command—and Jeremiah obeyed it to the letter—set forth in a dramatic fashion God's assurance that after purging, retraining and renewal, the people of Judah and Benjamin would return from exile, settle down again in their own land, and build up a new and better kingdom.
There was nothing secretive about the transaction. It took place before witnesses. The deed was signed, placed in a jar and sealed. A copy of the deed remained outside the jar so that if any deceit were attempted later, the two copies could be compared.
Almost as if the completion of the transaction had released his spiritual energies, Jeremiah turned to Jehovah in thanksgiving and confession. In one of the most beautiful prayers recorded in the Bible Jeremiah pours out his doubts and misgivings, praises the Lord's absolute omnipotence, His grace and justice. His wise, mighty and just providence. His deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, and acknowledges the shameful ingratitude and disobedience of the Chosen People; but, he confesses, the Lord's word and command remain a riddle to him.
As Jeremiah 32 closes, once again the impending doom of the city of Jerusalem is reiterated to the prophet, but in greater detail than any of the preceding similar prophecies. Here again God not only tells of Jerusalem's doom, but gives the reasons for it.
However, the chapter does not end on this note of gloom and disaster, but with the great promise that in a future time—not specifically designated—God would gather His scattered people and bring them back to the land of promise, where they will dwell safely, whither they will have unbroken fellowship with God, where they will spontaneously be obedient to the laws of God.

The Comforts of Home

To our forefathers, this was living at its best... but the hard chair, the iron pot and the open grate would not be our idea of comfort!
Today kitchens sparkle with bright, easy-to-clean metals, and cupboards are filled with helpful appliances. We relax in foam-padded chairs and sleep on spring-filled mattresses. Almost every aspect of modern life is slanted toward speed and convenience.

Man, with his marvelous God-created brain, has overcome many obstacles, and there seems to be no limit to his inventiveness. God has given us a world full of possibilities, and minds that constantly seek to improve our environment.
But to make the most of our opportunities, we must ever develop and renew the resolute "faith of our fathers." Come to church and with others receive that heritage of inspiration and light.



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Claim Marriage Breakdown Should Be Main Divorce Basis

OTTAWA (CP)—The United Church of Canada said today it is time marriage breakdown replaced matrimonial offences as the main basis for divorce in Canada.
In a detailed, 96-page brief to the special Commons—Senate committee on divorce, the church expressed "deep dissatisfaction" with present Canadian divorce laws in which adultery is practically the only ground on which divorce is granted.
"Some homes in our society are a living hell for a husband, wife and children," said the brief.
"By the granting of a divorce would relieve the situation and lead to a better arrangement for all concerned, we believe that the Christian church should not oppose but rather support such action."
However, the brief said that all possible means of conciliation—advice from ministers, social workers, marriage counselors, medical doctors, lawyers and the court—should be compulsory to help preserve marriage and the family before divorce is granted.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL
The brief, prepared by a five-man group after a six-year study, was approved by the 22nd general council of the United Church in September.
The brief recommended the courts, in dealing with divorce, provide:
1. Means whereby either partner could require the other to participate in conciliation procedure with a view to avoiding further legal proceedings.
2. That an attempt at conciliation be compulsory as a requisite to obtaining a separation or divorce.
3. That no divorce proceedings be initiated, except by special permission of the court, until three years of marriage have elapsed.
4. That, while conciliation or separation or divorce proceedings are in progress, the court shall have the power and the means to protect the interests and welfare of the children involved.
5. That no decree or divorce become absolute until the court, by order, has declared that it is satisfied that proper arrangements have been made for the welfare of the children.
CRITICIZES LAWS
The United Church criticized present divorce laws for encouraging acts of adultery and falsification of evidence by persons seeking divorce.
It questioned present procedures which require taking "adversary action in court", where one partner must accuse the other of a matrimonial offence and prove the defendant's guilt while maintaining his own innocence in court.
"Such procedures aggravate the differences, multiply the bitterness and harden the antagonism and one partner for the other," the brief said.
Many unhappy couples could not get a divorce because they would not commit adultery or falsify evidence.
These "broken and dead marriages become festering sores in our society and a threat to the sanctity of marriage."
The United Church is also opposed to the present provisions of granting a divorce by resolution of the Senate, because it is inappropriate to expect a legislative body to exercise the necessary judicial functions required in divorce actions, and there is no provision for considering the needs and welfare of the children.
CITES REASONS
The brief said that failure in marriage could result from such things as immaturity, personal inadequacies, marked differences in background, inadequate preparation for marriage, and external interference such as in-laws.
There are also many forces in society—economic, moral and social—which threaten family life, it said.
Members of the committee

Bible Lovers Get Items Of Interest
World Church News has recently issued items of interest to Bible lovers. The first Swedish-English edition of the New Testament has been published by the Gideons International.
An important conference on Bible Translation was held recently in Tokyo for translators in the Far East.
Rev. J. R. Hord of Toronto, secretary of the board of evangelism and social service of the United Church.
SEE MIDDLE EAST
The number of foreign tourists in Israel is rising at 20 per cent yearly.
BLOW UP A STORM
A symphony orchestra of 100 instruments can produce about 75 decibels of sound.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel
235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.
11:00 a.m.—Adult Service and Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—"WHO ARE THE 144,000?" MR. STAHR
"The Old Book... the New Birth... the Precious Blood... the Blessed Hope"

The Kirk of St. James
Presbyterian Church in Canada
Cor. Pownall & Fitzroy
Founded 1825
Minister: Rev. Malcolm R. McCuaig, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music: Mrs. Raoul Raymond
ORGANIST: Miss Elizabeth Taylor
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1966
8:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
Sermon: "THE MIRACLE OF NEW MEN"
Church time Nursery
1:30 a.m.—Children's Corner
7:30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship
You are invited to worship with us.

Zion Presbyterian Church
Corner Prince and Gratton Streets
The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D.
Mr. Royston F. Magford, A.R.C.O.
Organist and Director of Chorus
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: "THE RELATION OF THE AVERAGE MAN"
Anthem: "Lift Thine Eyes"—Mendelssohn
Intermediate Girls' Choir
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "STIR UP THE FLAME"
Anthem: "Unto Thee, O Lord"—Aulbach
Soloist: Mrs. J. W. Fletcher
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30th—MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY.
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

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
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Minister: William Weale
Organist: Mrs. Shirley Beck
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Sherwood Church of Christ
(Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School)
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Nursery through Adult class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
Presiding: Mr. W. A. MacRae
Sermon: MR. KENNETH NORRIS
We extend an invitation to all.
A Church-planting project
Central Christian Church, Charlottetown

St. Peter's Cathedral
Rochford Square
Anglican Church of Canada
Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., L.Th., Rector
Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. LL.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director
Nov. 27—The First Sunday in Advent
8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist.
8:45 a.m.—Matsins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Nursery)
11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Established 1789 by Royal Foundation
The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector
Organist and Choir Director
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CEM) A.R.C.M.
ADVENT SUNDAY
8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION—Celebrant: the Rev. W. J. Phillips
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.—CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SERVICE
Officiant and Preacher: the Rev. W. J. Phillips
Anthem: "O David Was A Shepherd Lad"
D. W. Dearnle
by the Junior Choir
CHILDREN'S SERMON
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON
SERMON: "IS IT WORTHWHILE"
by: the Rev. W. J. Phillips
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES.

The Salvation Army
176 Great George Street
Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson
Final Services in old Citadel
Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.
A glimpse in the past portions of Corps history will be read.
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

CALVARY TEMPLE
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Upper Prince Street
Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
You will receive a warm welcome at Calvary Temple

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 (Phone 4-6721)
10:00 a.m.—"WILL THERE BE A BODILY RESURRECTION?"
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School
2:30 p.m.—Advent: "THE ROLE PLAYED BY MARY"
You are always welcome to worship with us.

SHERWOOD - PARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall
Maple Avenue
The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister
9:45 a.m.—Church School Classes for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship
Sermon: "THE SHEPHERD AND THE FLOCK"
3:00 p.m.—ERECTION OF NEW CONGREGATION
Sermon: "THE CHURCH'S WITNESS"
Rev. D. Nicholson
Anthem: I will lift up mine eyes
Kirk of St. James Choir
Reception following this service.
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

First Baptist Church
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00—"HERE IS WATER"
Children's Choir: "Go, Ye, Said Jesus"
Soloist: Miss Debbie Wood
7:00 p.m.—Gospel Team, Acadia University will conduct the service.
Youth Choir
Wednesday 7:30—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
(A Union of Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians.)

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
(corner of Prince and Sydney Streets)
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A. B.D.
Organist: Mr. Joseph B. Herdman
9:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors (ages 9-18)
11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery (3-5)
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room up to two years (Social Hall)
11:00 a.m.—"A HARD LESSON" (Rev. John G. E. Ball)
Anthem: "Incline Thine Ear"—Himmel
7:00 p.m.—"IN THE MIRE OR THE CHOIR?"
(Rev. John G. E. Ball)
Selections: The Canadian Legion Men's Chorus
Under the Direction of Leslie Hiscott
Accompanist: Albert Blanchard
"YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH
13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Chorus
9:45 A.M.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School
11:00 A.M.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—Crib Care in the Old Hall
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "EACH ONE AN EVANGELIST"
Anthem: "Bless The Lord"—Ippolito-Ivanoff
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School
7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
Sermon: "ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE"
Anthems: "Brother James' Air"—arr. William
"Let All the World in every Corner Sing"—C. S. Lang
(Trinity Intermediate Girls' Choir)
Guest organist Mr. Joseph B. Herdman
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH
Kirkwood Drive
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Interim Organist: Mr. William Matthews
9:45 a.m.—Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors (9 years and up)
11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary (up to 8 years)
11:00 a.m.—"GOD WILL COME"
Solo: "Higher Ground"—Mrs. Bruce MacLennan
C.G.I.T. Choir: "Under God's Rainbow" (Piersen)
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US