

# Jeremiah: Reluctant Prophet

# ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buecher

Scripture—Jeremiah 1; 20:7-18.



Though ordained a prophet before his birth, Jeremiah was extremely reluctant to accept God's command to warn Judah of impending doom.—Jeremiah 1:1-8.

God gives Jeremiah the necessary words, promises him His support and deliverance, and sets him with nations and kingdoms to do His will.—Jeremiah 1:1-19.

His prophecies of doom and exhortations to repentance unheeded, persecuted and depressed, Jeremiah cries out against his misery.—Jeremiah 20:7-10, 14-18.

Remembering the Lord's support, Jeremiah's courage is renewed and he sings the joy in his heart.—Jeremiah 30:11-18.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be not afraid of their forces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord."—Jeremiah 1:8.

## DESPITE UNWILLINGNESS

# God Expects Obedience

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By R.H. RAMSEY

With today's lesson, we begin a five-part study of the great prophet Jeremiah. We know more of this stalwart spiritual figure's personal life and experiences than of other Old Testament prophets, and far more than of the elusive prophet Isaiah.

Jeremiah was a man of the people, the son of a Benjamite priest who lived in Anathoth, a town a few miles northeast of Jerusalem. Though he worked mainly in Jerusalem, Jeremiah came to have maintained strong ties with his native village, where he spent at least some of his time carefully observing the nature and ways of birds, beasts and plants.

Jeremiah was a lonely man. He sought no public authority and he believed his vocation as a prophet precluded marriage

and family ties. His unpopularity and difficulties with his own people began early and continued throughout his more than 40-year ministry. He called for spiritual reform when the nation was hard pressed and threatened by surrounding foreign powers.

It was a time of conflict, political breakup and maneuvering among the great powers surrounding Palestine—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon (Charidea). In 598 B.C., the Chaldeans invaded Judah and captured Jerusalem. Eleven years later, Zedekiah staged an abortive revolt against the Babylonians and Jerusalem was destroyed.

Jeremiah has been called the "prophet of tears," not too harsh or inaccurate capsule judgment of his ministry, for he had much to weep over. His nation was about to be destroyed, his people carried into captivity, and God had chosen him for the sad task of bringing this message of impending doom.

The kingdom of Judah had been saved from Assyria in the time of Isaiah. It could also have been saved from the Babylonians more than 100 years

later had not the people sinned themselves into a situation which required judgment and redemption through suffering. They had forsaken God, they had burned incense to other gods, and they worshipped the works of their own hands. For this they will be punished and Jeremiah will prophesy the coming judgment among them.

Jeremiah had a divine vocation. God sanctified him and ordained him a prophet before he was born. Yet, such ministry was the last thing Jeremiah wanted for himself. He tried to avoid it. He protested that, being an immature, inexperienced youth, he could not speak—and the Lord touched his mouth and gave him words. He protested he was afraid, for such a message would not make him popular—and the Lord assured him of His presence with him and deliverance. He tried to remain silent—and God's words became a fire within him until he could no longer endure the conflict and spoke out.

After he had been reminded that God was his Creator and therefore knew his capabilities and would further supplement

them with additional power and wisdom, Jeremiah reluctantly accepted God's command. God seldom gives greater burdens than man can bear; and in those rare instances when He does, the Lord also provides greater strength with which to bear them.

Jeremiah was set over the nations and the kingdoms by God, to use His words to root out and destroy the plants not of God's own planting; to overthrow and pull down the buildings for which God had not laid the foundations; but he was to use God's words constructively, as well, to plant according to God's will and to build according to His line and plummet. As signs of this, God showed Jeremiah an almond tree and a boiling pot facing north. Jeremiah correctly interpreted their symbolism: he was to be awake, alert, for the critical hour of judgment was upon Judah and it would be executed by a nation coming from the north.

Later, depressed and discouraged because none would heed him, persecuted and reviled by his contemporaries, and knowing his enemies were plotting to catch him in some utterance for which he could be condemned and put to death, Jeremiah cried out bitterly against his misery, cursing the day he

had been born into such a life of labor, shame and sorrow. In the midst of overwhelming circumstances, Jeremiah remembered that the Lord was with him, and, in remembering, sang with the joy in his heart.

## New Book On Sale In Moscow

A new book of biblical tales was placed on sale in Moscow a few weeks ago and immediately became a Soviet literary sensation, reports the New York Times. For the first time since the Russian Revolution, Muscovites were able to read what Western observers here described as a "Bible without sneers."

The book, a collection of Old Testament stories as told by a Pole, Zenon Kosibovsky, is written in simple prose style. It was published by Politizdat, the state political publishing house.

Queues formed outside bookstores and all the 100,000 copies were sold within a few minutes. With the exception of the few Russians who have seen the limited editions of the Bible published by the Russian Orthodox and Baptist Churches, millions have grown up in the Soviet Union without having seen the Scriptures.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
Sunday, Oct. 30: Genesis 48.  
Monday, Oct. 31: Genesis 50: 4-21.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Hebrews 11: 17-40.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Exodus 17.

Thursday, Nov. 3: Exodus 34: 1-17.

Friday, Nov. 4: Exodus 34: 18-35.

Saturday, Nov. 5: Deuteronomy 31: 1-13.

## Immigration Inquiry Adjourned

By DON LEBLANC  
HALIFAX (CP) — An immigration department board of inquiry has been adjourned until next week after a 31-year-old Halifax lawyer volunteered to help a young South African couple in their fight against deportation from Canada.

Walter R. E. Goodfellow offered to act as counsellor for Michael Neill, 24, and his wife Effie, 20, and promptly asked for adjournment to allow time for research into the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill, both natives of Cape Town, arrived here Sept. 30 from The Netherlands after several months of hibernating through Europe, living most of the time in a tent. They came as tourists but hoped to become immigrants. However, they were ordered out of the country by midnight Wednesday because they had violated their tourist visas by finding jobs here.

Mr. Goodfellow said adjournment "gives us a chance to have Immigration Minister Marchand exercise his discretion."

DON'T WANT TO RETURN  
Mr. Neill said he and his wife will "jump ship if they try to send us back to South Africa. If we arrive back there, they'll have a police van waiting to carry us to prison."

He said they left South Africa a year ago because the country lives under a dictatorship and because they always wanted to live in Canada—"a vast country with a spirit of individuality."

The Neills bought a car Wednesday for \$50 and with it they hope to drive to British Columbia where Mr. Neill, a qualified navigator, wants to study forestry and game life preservation. Mrs. Neill would like to finish her studies for an arts degree and become a teacher.

Mrs. Neill says she is of French and Dutch ancestry, although one of her distant ancestors was Chinese. Mr. Neill says his ancestors were white South Africans.

## Imperial Oil Earnings Up

TORONTO (CP) — Imperial Oil Ltd. had net earnings of \$66,000,000 or \$2.08 a share in the first nine months of this year, compared with \$61,000,000 or \$1.93 in the similar 1965 period.

The improved earnings were due to higher sales and production volumes, combined with more stable product prices, President W. O. Twaits said.

"The outlook for the remainder of the year appears favorable," he added.

FEED WORLD'S STOCK  
The United States exported \$1,000,000,000 worth of feed grains in 1965.

# Challenger Of Dalton Camp Has Big Talent As Pleader

TORONTO (CP) — Arthur Maloney, who has challenged Dalton Camp for the presidency of the Conservative party, is a Toronto lawyer with a large talent as a pleader and a disposition to give it away to anyone needing it.

"Many a man with \$20 has got \$1,000 worth of legal service from him," a fellow lawyer said Thursday.

In lining up with John Diefenbaker against the challenge to his leadership, Mr. Maloney, 46, is rejoining the leader he served in Parliament as MP for Toronto Parkdale from 1957 to 1962. That was his only political office.

But he comes from a family steeped in politics. His father, the late Dr. M. J. Maloney, represented Renfrew South in the Commons for a dozen years and his late brother James—

representing the same provincial area—was Ontario minister of mines.

Before his own entry into politics, Mr. Maloney had attained a national reputation as a criminal defence lawyer. One of his offices was chairman of the criminal justice section of the Canadian Bar Association.

HANDLED COFFIN CASE  
In the 1950s he became concerned with the case of Wilbur Coffin, a Gaspé prospector convicted of murdering three American hunters in the bush in 1953. Without fee, he stepped into the case and stayed with it in the Supreme Court of Canada before Coffin was hanged.

During his Commons term he strongly supported legislation for the abolition of the death penalty and more recently he became founder, president and chief voice of the Society for

the Abolition of the Death Penalty.

Among the legal fraternity, he's known as an idealist. "If he's convinced of an injustice," said a friend, "he'll fight it out for the sake of justice."

He's also known in the Toronto area as a soft touch for a hard-luck story, whether it calls for free service or cash. He has as many uncollectible debts as debts kicking about as anyone in town.

A couple of years ago, some of his friends got together and gave him the unusual accolade, for this blasé town, of a testimonial dinner at the plush Royal York Hotel. Hundreds, fanned up from John Diefenbaker to pub-crawling peddlers.

NEW WORLD LANDMARK  
St. George's, Bermuda, founded in 1612, is one of the oldest settlements in the Western Hemisphere.

WORK DEEP UNDER  
The power house on the Peace River's Portage Mountain dam will be 500 feet underground.

**Charlottetown Bible Chapel**  
235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.  
11:00 a.m.—JAMES A. STARR, B.Sc., M.Th.  
7:30 p.m.—STANLEY STREIGHT of Montague  
8:40 p.m.—Color film on Viet Nam.  
"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:  
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Director of Music:  
Mrs. Raoul Raymond  
ORGANIST  
Miss Elizabeth Taylor  
REFORMATION SUNDAY  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
Sermon: The Great Scot—John Knox  
Churchtime Nursery.  
11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner  
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. Muggford, A.R.C.O.  
Organist and Director of Choirs  
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  
STEWARDSHIP & BUDGET SUNDAY  
Sermon: ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN  
Anthem: "Bless The Lord"—Ippolitov-Ivanov  
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: ON CHANGING OUR ADDRESS  
Anthem: "Incline Thine Ear"—Himmel  
Soloist: Mr. Frank Wood  
INSTALLATION OF PYES OFFICERS  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2nd, 7:15 p.m.—MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE & 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  
Sermon: "LESSON ON PRAYER"  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Sermon: "TRANSFORMATION"  
Minister: William Weale  
Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.  
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: Kenneth T. Norris  
We extend a warm welcome 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  
Oct. 30—The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity  
8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist.  
8:45 A.M.—Mats  
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 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.  
TRINITY XXI (Children and Family Worship)  
8:30 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION  
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.—SPECIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN (FCFY Broadwood)  
Anthem: By the Children's Choir  
Sermon: "THE STORY OF THREE SYMBOLS" (Sunday School pupils will be attending Church Service with their teachers.)  
7:00 P.M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON  
Sermon: "BE SLEEPLESS IN YOUR PERSISTENT PRAYER"  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES.

**The Salvation Army**  
176 Great George Street  
Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson  
Sunday: Directory Class—8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School—10 a.m.  
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.  
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, Summerdale 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  
6:30 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP  
VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

**Christian Reformed Church**  
128 Mt. Edward Road  
(The first church in Sherwood)  
Rev. M. Dornbush, Minister (Phone 4-6721)  
10:00 a.m.—"THE GOSPEL MESSAGE UNCHANGED" (Reformation day service)  
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School  
2:30 p.m.—"WHAT IS THE CHURCH?"  
Everyone heartily welcome

**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  
REFORMATION SUNDAY  
Sermon: "WHERE DO WE STAND?"  
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 a.m.—"CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP"  
Anthem: "See God We Children Come"  
7:00 p.m.—"HEART TROUBLE"  
Solo: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"—Alva Douglas McKenney  
Wednesday 7:30—School of Christian Learning.  
Thursday 7:00—Congregational Fellowship-Stewardship Program.  
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 and Kindergarten (ages 3-8)  
11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery up to two years.  
10:45 a.m.—Primary Pupils (5-8) assemble in Social Hall to go in a body to Worship.  
11:00 a.m.—49th CHURCH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY  
Dedication of Teachers and Officers  
Sermon: "A MATURE FAITH" (Rev. G. G. Wyrwas)  
Anthem: "O Ye that Love the Lord"  
—Coleridge-Taylor  
3:00 p.m.—RALLY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERIAL UNITED CHURCH WOMEN—TRINITY HALL  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service (conducted by The U.C.W.)  
Address with Slides—Rev. Whitney B. Dalrymple, B.A., B.O.—Guest Speaker  
Anthem: "The Lord My Shepherd Is"—Loveless  
23rd Psalm—Brother James' Air—arr. Willen (Intermediate Choir of Trinity United Church) (Everyone Welcome)

**PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH**  
12 Christie Drive, Parkdale  
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choirs  
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: "PUT UP A REAL FIGHT"  
Solo: "Hear My Prayer"—Mendelssohn (Mrs. Ruth Sommers)  
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School  
7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP  
Sermon: "DOES GOD ASK TOO MUCH?"  
Anthem: "Bless The Lord"—Ipp-Ivanoff (Senior Choir)  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US  
**SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH**  
Kirkwood Drive  
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis  
Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.  
9:45 a.m.—Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors (ages 9 years and up)  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten (ages up to 8 years)  
Sermon: "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

**HERB'S HANGOUT**

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH**  
The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs financial and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and support the Church.

An alley off Grover Street . . . headquarters for a "big operation." This is Herb's hangout. And Herb is "the boss." Here the kids report for their assignments. Here the loot is divided. Here strategy is mapped out for the next foray against a rival gang.

An alley off Grover Street . . . and while a proud community hardly lifts an eyebrow, tomorrow's underworld is growing, flourishing.

Two blocks away is old Trinity Church with its Sunday School, its Youth Fellowship, its dedication to God. What a difference old Trinity could have made in Herb's life; what character might have been molded among the boys who are now "Herb's gang!"

But Herb's folks and the parents of the other boys are among the millions of Americans who are uneducated.

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Sunday Poems 3:1-8	Monday Poems 37:1-11	Tuesday Mark 7:14-23	Wednesday Ephesians 2:11-18	Thursday Ephesians 2:19-22	Friday James 4:1-10	Saturday 11 Peter 3:14-18
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