

Achievements Of A Nation

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By R.L. RAMSEY
JOSHUA first appears in Exodus 17:8, 9, 14, where his name is connected, interestingly, with a book. He was the minister of Moses in Exodus 24:13, and spies sent into Canaan. As the time of Moses' death drew near, he formally appointed Joshua his successor. Throughout his life, Joshua remained a courageous, God-fearing, unblemished military leader of Israel.

There has always been something quite mysterious about the death and burial of Moses. There was a man, a great leader, to whom entire preceding books had been devoted. Yet his death and burial take just two short verses—a total of 46 words! He was 120 years old at his death; and, even today, no man knows where he was buried.

It has been argued that Moses was buried by Jehovah's, placing him in the same category with Enoch and Elijah, to prepare for him a condition of body and soul resembling these two men of old. The book of Joshua refers to the time of the Transfiguration (Luke 9:30) this may be true.

The book of Joshua refers us into another great period of Israel's history and is a continuation of the book of Deuteronomy, as the opening verses indicate. Prior to Moses' death, Joshua had words of exhortation and guidance from Moses, but now he receives a commission

direct from God. The words of the Lord here are but a repetition of earlier promises made to him during the continuing presence of God, and, because of His presence, continual victory. Most of these promises can be called conditional, for in exchange for His presence and victory, God commanded obedience and faith from the Israelites.

Joshua was to prove the first great student of the Bible. His book is saturated with references to the Law of Moses, from which he constantly sought advice. He always admonished his people to adhere to the Law of Moses, and to the Book of the Law.

Joshua did this in obedience to God. For God had told him that in doing his strength and guarantee of his courage would lie in the secret of all according to the Law.

Immediately after receiving his commission from the Lord, Joshua informed the Israelites of their impending entry into the Promised Land. He sent out spies, who brought back favorable reports.

Then Joshua moved his people to the Jordan River which he miraculously caused to become dammed up. All the people, and his tribes bearing the Ark of the Covenant, passed over, standing firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan.

Other miracles followed. The walls of the besieged city of Jericho fell flat at the sound of trumpets blown by priests and the shouts of the people. After deliberate preparation, everything in the city was utterly destroyed and Jericho burned to the ground. After this the city was built in ruins for five centuries.

After the Promised Land had been received, a commission

was somewhat occupied, a few tribes returned across the Jordan to occupy land previously assigned to them. Joshua left behind a list of names, and he recorded the names of the people who were to be the first to enter the land.

Joshua's death was recorded in the Book of Judges. He was buried in the land of Ephraim, near the tomb of his father. His death was a great loss to the people of Israel.

Joshua's life was a life of faith and courage. He was a man of God, and his life was a model for all of us. He was a man who was willing to die for his faith, and his life was a testimony to the power of God.

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Possessing the Promised Land ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

made for new priests to come to Cuba. The latest was a contingent of six Diocesan priests from Bogota.

The government has designated Faust Guanabara as a lawyer and head of the Prensa Latina news agency, as responsible for changing matters. Through him, church needs are met—four for boats, cloths for a habit transportation and travel arrangements.

Church and government officials agree that conditions vary and that acts against the church are often the result of petty of factionalism on the local level.

GO TO STATE
Two bastions of Catholic strength surround most local church offices by going directly to the government.

Archbishop Perez Serantes of Santiago derives his strength from his personal stature as a man and his close ties with Castro's life. He intervened with the Batista regime to prevent execution of the survivors of the Castro-led attack on Monday Barracks July 28, 1953.

The archbishop did not know Castro but was concerned with the fate of a band of young men facing death.

Mex. Cesar Zacoichi is treated as a young man because of his actual age. He is only 21 years old but is an experienced diplomat. He moves in diplomatic circles and the highest echelon of the Cuban revolutionary government. Catholics, lay and cleric, in trouble usually can get their problems solved quickly through him.

Enemies try to discredit him as "the Red messenger." There are Communists who would prefer to see the church eliminated from Cuban life, and an official government promise of a "church of silence" rather than one coexisting with a Communist regime.

They're newcomers. They moved into the neighborhood just last week, and this is their Sunday in our church. Very soon they'll be making friends, and joining in many ways.

While church activities, Mr. Jones may develop his talent for organization, or fund-raising, or youth leadership. His wife may find her place in one of the busy organizations for women, or discover that she loves to teach. The children will settle happily into Sunday School classes suited to their age group.

Above all, this young family will share in the secure feeling of Christian fellowship and spiritual well-being that comes from serving God and His Church. They will be better people, better neighbors and better citizens because of their decision to put God's work first.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL
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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 reasons why every person should attend services regularly and actively in the church.

1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his family. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the world.

At this point, the shoguns (rulers) began to be uneasy—not on religious but political grounds. They began to suspect that the Japanese Christians were a potential "left column" in the event of trouble with Spain.

Thereupon, edicts were issued, ordering the friars to leave Japan on pain of death, and designed to expatriate the foreign faith, root and branch, from Japanese soil.

The edicts met almost total defiance. The friars continued to preach openly, and the people continued to worship in the churches.

Then the terror began. At first, it took the form of executions, but it did not achieve its purpose. This fragment of a letter from a condemned friar indicates the reason.

Murder Of Jews Food For Thought

By CARDINAL MCGUIGAN
The murder of some 6,000,000 Jews during World War II is a well-known Christian tragedy. It is a tragedy that should be a constant reminder to us of the dangers of prejudice and hatred.

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Church Murals Are Uncovered After 300 Years

NEW YORK (AP)—Not long ago, in the old cathedral in Cuernavaca, Mexico, a little-known figure in Christian history came to light.

Workers were scraping paint from the walls of the cathedral, preparatory to renovation. As successive layers were removed, a set of murals depicting the life of a young man came to light.

Further cleaning showed the murals cover huge expanses of wall space on both sides of the cathedral. They hid hidden for perhaps 300 years.

And they depict a religious tragedy, not in Mexico, but on the other side of the world—in Japan. It is a scene of execution, of Japanese and European faces dying by crucifixion or beheading.

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St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1763 by Royal Foundation
The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector
Organist and Choir Director: George A. Thompson, F.R.C.M., (GRM) A.R.C.M.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8:30 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Subject: THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

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St. Peter's Cathedral

Rochford Square
Anglican Church of Canada
The Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector
The Reverend Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D., Honorary Assistant Priest

August 30—The Fourth Sunday After Trinity
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Matins
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon,
7:00 p.m.—Evensong

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Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.
11:00 a.m.—Family Bible Hour
4:15 p.m.—Bible Study
8:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Conducted by James Stahl.

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