

Scripture—II Kings 24, 25; II Chronicles 36.



When Josiah is killed, his son Jehoiachin takes the throne. Three months later he is deposed by the Egyptian Pharaoh who makes Jehoiachin king of Judah. Jehoiachin dies in Egyptian captivity. II Chronicles 36:1-4.

For eleven years Jehoiachin's loyalty vacillates between Egypt and Assyria. His rebellion provokes Nebuchadnezzar into a disastrous war. Jehoiachin's sudden death ends his reign. II Kings 24:17; Chronicles 36:5-7.

Jehoiachin continues the war with Babylon. Jerusalem falls and many Hebrews—including Jehoiachin—are carried into captivity. Later Jehoiachin is freed and given some privileges. II Kings 24:16, 25:27-30.

Placed upon the throne by Nebuchadnezzar, Zedekiah rebels. Jerusalem is destroyed, the people exiled, and the Southern Kingdom ends. II Kings 24:17-25; II Chronicles 36:11-21.

MEMORY VERSE: "For the Lord will not cast off forever; but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies."—Lamentations 3:31, 32.

THE LAST YEARS

Tragic End Of A Kingdom

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By R.H. RAMSEY The history of the reigns of the last four kings of Judah is an account of one foolish act after another, a series of personal and national catastrophes culminating in the fall of Jerusalem in 588 B.C.

Josiah, the last "good" king of Judah, did everything in his power to restore Jehovah worship and make it effective in the lives of his people. Unfortunately, he became a pawn in the power struggle between Egypt and Assyria and met an untimely end.

Jehoiachin, his son, became king, but reigned only three months before being dethroned by the reigning Egyptian Pharaoh, who placed Jehoiachin, another of Josiah's sons, on the throne. A will o' the wisp, Jehoiachin

first paid tribute to Egypt, became a vassal of Nebuchadnezzar, then took the Egyptian side in a war with Babylon during the war, Jehoiachin suddenly died and was succeeded by his son Jehoiachin.

This king also did evil in the sight of the Lord, so, in the eighth year of his reign (597 B.C.), the Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar to take Jerusalem and send 10,000 people—including Jehoiachin—to Babylon as captives.

Giving the Hebrews one last chance, Nebuchadnezzar installed Zedekiah, still another of Josiah's sons, on the throne of Judah. Zedekiah, however, was as sinful as his brothers, and the Lord caused him to rebel unsuccessfully against Nebuchadnezzar.

His patience completely exhausted, Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem, burned it to the ground, and took the people into a captivity which lasted 70 years.

After killing Zedekiah's two sons in the presence of their father, Nebuchadnezzar put out Zedekiah's eyes and appointed

Gedaliah governor of the land. Seven months later the people revolted, killed the governor, and fled to Egypt. Thus the Southern Kingdom came to an end.

Still, a gleam of hope flickered briefly in the historian's account of the disaster. In the 37th year of Jehoiachin's captivity, a new king of Babylon freed the Jewish monarch from prison, allowed him to eat at the king's own table, and gave him an annuity for the remainder of his life.

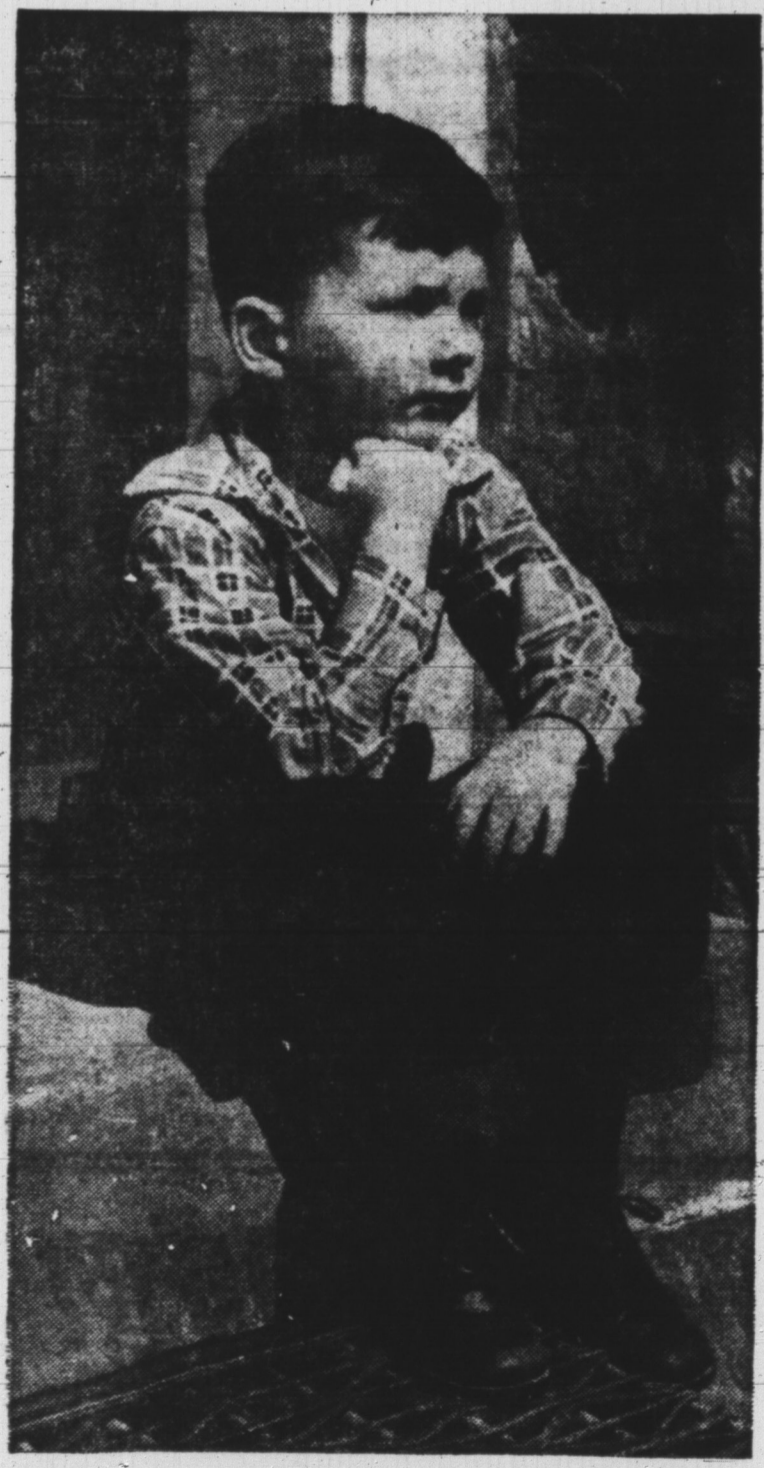
Two themes are recurrent throughout this lesson. First that evil of any kind does not pay. The Bible goes to great lengths to show that evil—the flouting of God's law and purpose—results in suffering and the destruction of life's most precious values. God's will must be obeyed, or we suffer punishment.

But it is not punishment inflicted in a spirit of revenge, for God is love, and His purposes are loving. Rather, it is punishment intended to awaken us to

the evil we are practicing and to teach us certain eternal truths. What often appears to us as stark punishment is, viewed from God's standpoint, not punishment at all. It is God attempting to teach us something; punishment for the purpose of reformation.

The second theme is that of the remarkable qualities of the Jewish people. They endured, during their long history, beginning with Abraham, roughly two thousand years before Christ, they have had a tumultuous history. Hunted, hounded, persecuted through the ages, scattered over the face of the earth, they have survived, overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles and handicaps to occupy places of honor and importance throughout the world.

They are God's people. All Scripture testifies to this fact. God chose them and set them aside to render to mankind the greatest of all possible services. Through this nation—springing originally from the twelve sons of Jacob—God has revealed His nature and His divine purposes to and for mankind. The culmination of this message came in the personal life, teachings, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, who was Himself, a Jew.



MUST Think IT OVER!

That's what my parents said when I asked if I could go to Bible's Sunday School. You see, there are lots of churches in town. And my parents haven't decided which one we ought to attend. These are important decisions. They take time!

Table with 7 columns: Day, Bible Reading, Time. Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 30:15-20; Monday: Joshua 24:19-28, 24:19-28; Tuesday: II Chronicles 29:1-11, 29:1-11; Wednesday: Psalms 33:4-12, 33:4-12; Thursday: Isaiah 41:8-13, 41:8-13; Friday: Philippians 1:19-26, 1:19-26; Saturday: Hebrews 11:23-28, 11:23-28.

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Half-Million Bibles For Ghana Schools

In an address given in New York recently, Dr. Oliver Beun, General Secretary of the United Bible Societies, said: "I wish we could imagine those outstretched hands grasping for liberation, joy, forgiveness, comfort, hope—the quest for a better life. The African markets when the Bible van stops, hundreds of thousands of migrant workers in Europe; millions of destitute in Brazil; refugees in Vietnam and Uganda. Last July a call came from Ghana for half-a-million Bibles for schools there. Tanzania is lining up for similar orders, and Malawi, Zambia and Kenya seem to be moving in the same direction. One day, no doubt, Nigeria will have its turn. The wider circulation of the Bible is not an out-of-bounds territory of the Bible Societies alone or a few other Christian organizations within the mission of the Church. It is part of the total witness of the Church. The world has grown beyond the reach of the individual color-people employed by the Bible Societies in the 19th century."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, June 26: Isaiah 40:1-17; Monday, June 27: Isaiah 40:18-31; Tuesday, June 28: Isaiah 43:14-28; Wednesday, June 29: Isaiah 44:21-28; Thursday, June 30: Mark 4:1; Friday, July 1: Genesis 3; Saturday, July 2: Genesis 4.

Malagasy Bibles Are Presented

The President of the Malagasy Republic, Philibert Tsiranana, was presented with two copies of the Malagasy Bible, reprinted in Madagascar after 130 years on March 10th, by Pastor Rajaonarivony, Chairman of the Malagasy Bible Society. The President, in expressing his appreciation, stated: "I have a Bible right here on my desk that never leaves me. Thank you for the good news of the printing of the Bible again here among us. That is one of the marks or proofs of our independence. Now independence in all things is returning to us, whether it be concerning the Bible or the Church. That is an important fact. May your work ever go forward to the fulfillment of your responsibility to our native land, and may God help you to accomplish this. There are still many Malagasy people who do not know the Bible, which it would be good for them to know, that we might forsake idol worship throughout Madagascar." After accepting a Bible for his personal use, and one for the President's office, President Tsiranana donated 25,000 francs to be used to give free Bibles to those who need them. The Malagasy Bible was first printed in 1835, but the persecution and martyrdom of the Christians made it necessary for printing to be done outside the island. The Bible was published last year in Tananarive by the newly independent Malagasy Bible Society.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, June 19: Psalms 66; Monday, June 20: Psalms 67; Tuesday, June 21: Psalms 91; Wednesday, June 22: Psalms 97 and 98; Thursday, June 23: Psalms 104:1-15; Friday, June 24: Psalms 104:16-35; Saturday, June 25: Psalms 121.

INVENT RADAR DEVICE MOORESTOWN, N.J. (AP)—Engineers at Radio Corp. of America's laboratories here have developed a radar device so sensitive that in the dark it can detect the difference between the walk of a man and a woman. The unit is 12 inches wide, nine inches high and one inch thick and weighs only two pounds. ELECT PRESIDENT. OTTAWA, (CP)—Dr. Ray E. Ives, 78, of Stayner, Ont., has been elected president of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Other members of the new executive are vice-presidents, Mrs. George Lemke, Pembroke; Frank Lefebvre, Ridgeway; secretary, R. F. Gomme, Toronto; treasurer, H. E. Markle, Guelph.

Inter-Faith Services For Centennial Year

OTTAWA—To show unity through diversity is the goal of a series of multi-faith services which will be held across the country throughout Canada's Centennial year. The Canadian Inter-faith Conference, which has brought together an unprecedented 31 faiths to promote and co-ordinate religious observances for 1967, views the Inter-faith Community Services project as a "people to people" Centennial venture designed to appeal to everyone from teenagers to senior citizens. It is one of seven nationwide religious projects being planned for 1967 in a spirit of ecumenism by the Conference. The Canadian Inter-faith Conference was established through a grant from the Centennial Commission. Working through provincial and local Centennial and inter-faith committees across the country, the Ottawa-based Conference is allotting major planning responsibility to church laymen and interested young adults in individual communities. Each community will move at its own pace, planning joint services of various kinds during, for example, National Prayer Week or Christian Unity Week, celebrated in January; Brotherhood Week and on World Religion Day, marked by the Bahai religious community on Nov. 11. Special inter-faith services and events are also planned for the national capital and the 10 provincial capitals. Mindful of the possibility that inter-faith religious services could appear to give the general public the idea of total unity among the faiths, the Conference committee planning the community services project explained: "As much as we desire this as our goal, we accept the reality that we are trying only to express some degree of unity in our diversity. The inter-faith concept allows us to keep our own identities and still reflect the role we have all had in varying degrees in the history of Canada." "We in all our diversity also have something to say to those for whom religion is not a vital

part of life." Rev. Keith Woodard of Toronto said, explaining the intended scope of the inter-faith services project. Mr. Woodard represents the United Church of Canada on the Conference's 19-member board, of directors made up as well of representatives of the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran, Anglican, Orthodox, Minionite, Baptist and Presbyterian faiths. Chairman of the Canadian Inter-faith Conference is Lavy W. Becker of Montreal, who represents the Canadian Jewish Congress on the board. National headquarters of the Conference are at 227 Laurier Ave. west, Suite 204, Ottawa, Ont. OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons gave a desk-thumping birthday congratulations Thursday to Transport Minister Pickersill, who was 61, and External Affairs Minister Martin, who was 63. Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said both ministers were "2000 parliamentarians." He noted that Agriculture Minister Greene and J. Waldo Monteith PC—Perth, former health minister, were to celebrate birthdays today. Mr. Greene is 46, Mr. Monteith 63.

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. Sermon: "MOUNT MORIAH AND ABRAHAM" Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Sermon: "FROM SINKING SANDS HE LIFTED ME." 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 Lagaworth 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 158 Mt. Edward Road (The first church in Sherwood) Rev. M. Donahue, Minister 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (English) Elder J. Kamphuis officiating 11:15 a.m.—Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship (Dutch) Elder M. Visser officiating You are cordially invited 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: "A GREAT FUTURE" 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. Digwell, Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—"TAKING A VACATION" Guest Soloist: Mrs. T. D. DeBlois (Broadcast, CFXY) 7:00 p.m.—"THE MAN WHOSE DREAM CAME TRUE" Duet: Selected—Misses Mariene and Joanne Carmichael Rev. Edward G. Britten, Pastor, Tryon-Bonshaw Baptist Churches will be the Guest Preacher at both services. 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. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY" (Rev. C. C. Lewis) Solo: Miss June Foster, Guest Soloist The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. You are welcome to worship with us.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A., Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D. Organist and Director of Choirs Mr. J. B. Herdman 11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Crib Room in Social Hall 11:00 a.m.—"A GOOD TABLE" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) Duet: "The Sabbath Morn" (Mendelssohn)—Lynda and Marly Drake Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.—"THE DEMANDS OF GOD'S KINGDOM" (Rev. G. G. Wyrwas) Duet: "O Lord, Our Governor" (Telemann) Mrs. Christopher Gledhill and Mr. Reg MacLean Guest Organist: Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.M. You are welcome to worship with us.

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 III 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON Sermon: "SONGS AT MIDNIGHT" 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND CONTINUATION OF HOLY LAND SLIDES It was delightful to see a goodly number of people in Church last Sunday night and we hope to see many more as we together view the scenic land and Holy places where our Lord lived two thousand years ago. YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Grafton Streets The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D. 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: THE TWOFOLD EFFECT OF THE GOSPEL Mr. Hugh Lowry Solo: Fairest Lord Jesus Miss Vicki Robertson 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD Solo: We've A Story To Tell To The Nation Miss Marlene Matheson A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

Charlottetown Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. Sunday School (continues all summer)—11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—James A. Stahr The Old Book... The New Birth... The Precious Blood... The Blessed Hope

Central Christian Church 219 Kent Street MORNING— 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages Sermon: "QUO VADIS" Solo: "Beside Still Waters" (Hamblen) Miss Shirley Graham 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.—Evening Service Sermon: "THE NEW MORALITY—A MISNOMER" Minister: Mr. W. O. 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 Speaker: Mr. Rankin MacKinnon from the Maritime Christian College We extend a warm invitation to all.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 15 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Biscott—Organist and Director of Choirs 10:00 a.m.—Child care in Church Hall 10:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP (Please note time) Sermon: LOOKING OUT Solo: Mr. Donald Hutchinson Sacrament of Holy Communion Visitors Always Welcome

The Kirk of St. James Minister: The Rev. Malcolm A. McCusg, A., B.D. Director of Music Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., ARCCO JUNE 26, 1966 11:00 A.M. Sermon "WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE ABOUT 'THE CHURCH'" Rev. Stephen Andrew Hayes, B.A., B.D. Solo: "The Lord Is Long-Suffering and Merciful" Mrs. Christopher Gledhill 11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner You are invited to worship with us.

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada Ven. Archdeacon J. B. 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 June 26—The Third Sunday after Trinity 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Mattins 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evening and Sermon Summer Church Camps for boys and girls at Orapond in July. Application forms available at back of cathedral. Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.