

Bible News

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NEW YORK—In politically tangled Indonesia, with students demanding a time limit on President Sukarno's term of office and public criticism of his cabinet increasing, there is a growing hunger for the Word of God evidenced by the avalanche of requests for Scriptures, reports the American Bible Society.

To combat the embargo on importing books in Indonesian languages, the Indonesian Bible Society opened its own plant in Bogor recently. The plant was also built to help supply Scriptures for Indonesian schools where religious instruction is mandatory. Most Bible Societies do not have their own printing presses, but the government embargo caused overtime operation of existing presses, making it impossible for the Bible Society to supply sufficient Scriptures for Indonesia's six million Christians.

For the opening of the printing plant, a new translation of Philipians was printed in modern Indonesian. Through a donation by a New Jersey printing firm, the American Bible Society recently shipped two much-needed modern typesetting machines to the new plant, presently printing Scripture portions and New Testaments. Production of modern Indonesian whole Bibles is slated to begin in 1968 and expected to reach 100,000 by 1970. Less than 2,500,000 Scriptures have been distributed in Indonesia since 1954.

Another unique way of meeting the need of Scriptures in Indonesia was the delivery last year, under an embargo prior to the embargo, of more than 250,000 Bibles printed in Japan in Indonesian. When some of Japan's war reparations were allocated to print 500,000 copies of the Koran, the Bible Society's request that Bibles also be printed as part of the war reparations was granted.

Still another unusual method of reaching Indonesians with the Word of God is a 24-lesson correspondence course on the Gospel of John conducted by one of the American churches. In Indonesia a single newspaper ad for the course brought such an avalanche of requests that the Bible Society's supply of Gospels of John was exhausted in three months.

The Indonesian Bible Society and the American Bible Society are two of 27 national Bible Societies comprising the United Bible Societies.

Celebrating its 150th anniversary in 1966, the ABS is the world's largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to translating, publishing and distributing

Scriptures here and abroad without note or comment. During its first year the ABS distributed more than 6,000 Scriptures. In 1966 alone, the annual figure is expected to reach 75 million copies of Scripture. President Johnson recently received the 750 millionth copy of Scripture distributed by the ABS in its 150-year history.



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TRAFFIC TOLL
RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, June 20, 1966:

Killed to date 701
Killed to date last year...627

Boy Scout News

David Copeland, an Eagle Scout of Troop No. 156, directed a tent pitching contest at the weekly meeting June 20.

Plans were made for the 18 Scouts who will attend summer camp at Pispico Scout Reservation. Elbert Copeland, Scoutmaster, divided the Scouts into three patrols: Wolf, Stag and Moose. The leaders of the patrols are: Wolf, Jimmy Lambeth; Stag, Tom Gamor and Moose, Tommy Shepard. Each Scout was given a list

This Is The Life

By DONALD THOMAS
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CHEATING

What is cheating? A person who does something unfair or deceitful in order to gain something for himself. We have a lot of cheating in this old world today. It is time for the American people to wake up. There is cheating going on in almost every thing you can name. In business, politics and so on. Our churches aren't God's houses any more. They are meeting places. We as Christians have shut our eyes to these sins around us. Money talks now days. There is always cheating or deceiving where a fast buck is passed. The preachers are cheating the people of salvation when they don't tell them how they can be saved. We are cheating God by not surrendering our lives to Christ. We are not our own. We are bought with Jesus' own blood. Things aren't going to get better but worse until Jesus comes. I am not making this up; this is happening all over. Start reading your Bible and accept Christ as your Lord today. Cheating is forbidden.

The Bible says: "Thou knowest the commandments. Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, defraud not, honor thy father and mother."—St. Mark 10:19.

of equipment to take to camp.

The Scouts will leave the Scout Cabin at 10:15 A. M., Sunday, June 26, for Camp Pispico.

TOMMY JACKSON,
Publicity Officer.

Let's go to Church Sunday

Sunday School Lesson

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM
International Sunday School Lesson for June 26

Memory Selection: "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.

Lesson Text: II Kings 24-25 II Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 38-39; 52.

The subject of our lesson for today is the fall of Jerusalem because of her Godless existence. And the ultimate display of God's loving mercy in her hard-won prosperity.

How like life the history of this nation! Narrowed down from the scope of nationality—is it not the story of each and every individual? Led by God from captivity that was often brutal and often unbearable—led to the Promised Land—Israel met all the temptations that life had to offer her subsequent generations. She stumbled and fell, she struggled and won, only to fall again as generation succeeded generation; but still she strived. And the striving did not go unnoticed by God!

Perhaps therein lies the spiritual comfort that everyone—nation or individual—needs; times may be hard; faith may falter; but always there is Hope! Of such timber are heroes hewn; of such fortitude are nations born!

In this lesson the fact is brought home to us forcefully that God requires much of those upon whom His blessings are bestowed. Judah resisted God's persistent grace too long, and she paid a bitter price for that resistance.

To a certain extent Zedekiah personifies each and every one of us who feels pride in the fact that we are individuals. He had a hard lesson laid before him, in kings who had failed to live

up to God's covenants, but he refused to learn that lesson. He had, finally, to face the reckoning of his wrongdoing, and a bitter pill it was to swallow! For while God is all-forgiving, He can only forgive those who earnestly desire forgiveness.

When Zedekiah embarked on his reign he faced certain responsibilities as a ruler of the people. And he failed miserably in assuming these responsibilities. But—before we condemn him—perhaps we should examine ourselves in regard to the way in which we accept our responsibilities!

As individuals, we were created in God's image. Surely with this compliment comes the responsibility of a God-like life.

As members of a family we are responsible for the welfare of that family—not only materially, but spiritually. Are the members of our family well-fed, well-clothed and well-equipped in the intangibles of faith, of courage, of Christianity? As collective individuals we are responsible for what our nation stands for. Are we concerned for our country's image? Do we consider the stature of the men we vote into office? Do we pray for guidance in the way that is just, fair and right in these war-torn times in which we live?

God's chosen race failed because they did not square up to their responsibilities. They refused to learn the lesson revealed to them in what happened to those who had gone before them. Are we—in our national pride of man's accomplishments—equally blind?

How fortunate we are that God is a God of love and compassion! Let us not waste this plenitude of concern! Let us guard against being another Judah!

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NEW PERSPECTIVE

She went up and up. "Again, Daddy, again," until from her great height she looked down on a strangely distorted scene. Daddy was different from the top, Mommy was little and far away. Even the familiar old tree had hidden its friendly trunk and she caught her breath with a thrill of the unknown. I saw her expression change and suddenly there was a cry tinged with fear, "Don't Daddy!"

I dropped back while the swing slowed down. She tumbled out of the swing into my arms and I realized that there was a vast and unfamiliar world ahead for my child, with many distorted themes. I looked across the house tops to a church spire and thanked God for a foundation of faith... to guide her through the uncertainties ahead.

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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 his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.



Sunday Genesis 42:7-17	Monday Genesis 42:18-25	Tuesday Exodus 14:10-18	Wednesday Numbers 14:4-9	Thursday Isaiah 42:5-9	Friday Jeremiah 1:13-19	Saturday Acts 2:22-28
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