

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.
Rev. M. F. Hodges

March 19, 1922.
Subject of lesson—"The Downfall of Israel." 2 Kings 17: 1-18.
Golden Text—"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people"—Prov. 14:34.
Time—B.C. 722. Place—Samaria.

In this lesson is depicted the downfall of Israel. In our last lesson we studied the solemn warning of Almighty God to Israel. They were warned by the best prophets, by the commands and precepts of God as given them in the written code, lived under a divine providence, and favored by every mercy that could be given them. Notwithstanding all this they had repented themselves with every heathen villainess that could be found or imagined. In the face of every threat they continued in sin till they drank from the bottom of the cup of iniquity the very last dregs.

The trouble began in the days of King Solomon when he took unto himself heathen wives and imported into his household and into his kingdom the idolatry of the heathen nations about him. Before the death of Solomon, the Lord spoke through Ahijah and said the kingdom would be rent asunder and that Jeroboam would be ruler of the ten tribes. The split came in the reign of Rehoboam, Solomon's only son.

Jeroboam was instructed as to how he should conduct himself and the affairs of his kingdom. He however acted so badly that for a long time when his name was called, he was spoken of as "Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin." You go to the polls and vote for a wicked man for office and you commit a sin against God. Take the officer who is sworn to enforce and uphold the dignity of the law and let him wink at sin and accept bribes and tips from law-breakers and the community suffers. Not very many towns are free from gambling dens and the common bootleggers when at the same time the officers are aware of the fact and for different reasons keep their lips closed and wink at the evil.

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule the people mourn." As a proof this statement scan the pages of history and see the evidence written in blood and plunder.

Solomon did not for once realize what his unwise act meant. Never did he think what it would bring upon the nation. Not for once do we believe that Solomon intended to go to the point of utterly forsaking Jehovah. Like many others he decided to make a compromise. He maintained the services of the sanctuary but to amuse his wives he brought in many worldly amusements. I challenge you to show me today truer picture of the Church than this. Give us a little sermonette, a little entertainment for a few minutes. Let the preacher tickle the fancy of the most fastidious and preach to suit the big payers—if there be any—and whatever is done let the folks rest at ease in Zion. Above everything else do not preach any of this stuff about living above sin. Compromise with the world, whatever the world does, do that very thing. Wear all the Sunday religion you can get but for heavens sake don't talk about taking religion down into the office and shop. The beginning of downfall of Israel was when King Solomon made a compromise.

Israel lasted for 250 years and had nineteen kings and not one good ruler was found among them. What a sad commentary upon Israel. What a sad commentary upon a community and its churches when no one has any confidence in its leaders or men of high Christian character. Israel has had her last warning. They have been led by the Divine hand all the way from the wilderness to the present event. Mercy has made her last appeal. They like we often do, became wrapped up in the gifts and forgot the giver. Justice now calls for settlement. "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel; and removed them out of His sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah." The curtain is drawn and the scene changes. Israel goes out into a night of darkness and slavery out of which she comes to be hated by every pure-blooded Jew.

We are prone now to think of our God as quite different from what he used to be. We look upon Him now as taking sin lightly in this new day in which we live. Not so, however we may think of it. "He is the same yesterday, today and forever."

All the trouble Israel met was the result of disobedience. Sin is the destroying agency in the world now as it has ever been. "Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin." When you and I have past off the stage of action what will be said of us? Will it be said that by our acts of disobedience and ungodly living men have been made to sin?

BREED YOUR OWN SEED.

Start a seed breeding patch of your own. It will certainly pay you. With the low price of farm products, starting you in the face—to plant only the best seed to be had this year, even more so than usual. For to make a profit farming now you must have big yield per acre, and yet you must keep your cost of production down. Our variety tests here in the county last year proved conclusively that you can increase your yield on an average of 25 per cent by simply using the best seed to be had. Put it this way, for every four acres you cultivate in cotton you throw away your time, fertilizer, land rent, labor, etc. on one acre, if you don't use the best seed obtainable. Can you afford to plant and fertilize one acre in every four for nothing? Do you think the six or seven dollars necessary to buy first class seed for the whole four acres is worth more than the yield of that acre (or one fourth)? Now remember, these figures aren't anybody's estimation; they are actual results obtained from field tests here in this county last year. If you grow a large acreage of cotton under tenant system and feel that you can't afford to buy seed from a breeder every year to plant your whole place, buy a few bushels from a reliable breeder every year and have seed only one year from the breeder to grow in your general crops, the next year. In this way you can keep up good seed at small cost.
H. L. MILLER.

BUCKHORN NEWS

The ground hog's six weeks are out, so now we have reason to expect better weather.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hill, Sunday, a fine girl.

Little Sam Whitely who has been quite ill is able to be out again.

We regret to report that Mr. Bennie Whitely is very ill with fever.

There has been no school here for 10 days. Some of the teachers are ill—quite a number of the pupils also.

Rev. Mr. Gardner left Manday for Richmond, Va. to meet his wife and baby who have been in Louisville, Ky. for several months at the home of Mrs. Gardner's parents. They will also spend some time with relatives in Franklin, Va.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Davis, a fine boy.

Dr. T. I. Burbage is out again after being laid up for several days with illness.

The W. M. S. of Buckhorn church had to postpone their week of prayer service which they were to have last week on account of the very inclement weather and sickness.

Mr. R. A. Mayette was a visitor in Murfreesboro Monday afternoon on business.

We were glad to see Miss Hardee, one of the graded school teachers, out again this week.

Mr. W. M. Howell's family who has been quite sick for a long time are able to be out again.

Mr. J. L. Howell's family is improving.

Mr. Harsey Barnes' boy is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. J. B. Whitely expects to fish at the Mead Hole fishery on Meherrin river this season.

BETHLEHEM NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. James Overton and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Wilson.

Mr. Wilton Askew spent Saturday night with Mr. Glenn Simmons near Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hughson expect to move in their new home near Hickory Chapel in a few days.

Little Miss Dorris Lowe is very ill at this writing.

Miss Thelma White is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Godwin at Suffolk.

There will be regular services at Bethlehem next Saturday and Sunday. There will be a special program of the B. Y. P. U. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Askew and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lowe spent Sunday afternoon the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Wilson.

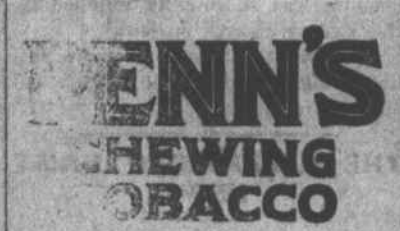
Miss Caroline Vaughan is sick with pneumonia at her home near Brantleys Grove.

There will be regular services at Brantleys Grove Church next Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Barnes will conduct the services.

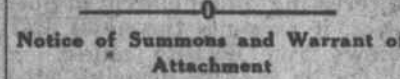
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Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment

North Carolina, Hertford County. Ahoskie township. E. D. CHERRY vs. J. D. Powell.

The defendant above named will take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by J. H. Mitchell, a justice of the peace of Hertford county, on the 7th day of March, 1922, against him which warrant of attachment is returnable before the said justice at his office in Ahoskie, N. C., on the 15th day of April, 1922, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the plaintiff will be granted the relief demanded. This 7th March, 1922. J. H. MITCHELL, Justice of the Peace. W. R. Johnson, Attorney. mr-17-4t.

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North Carolina, Hertford County. Ahoskie Township. Old Dominion Tobacco Co. vs. J. D. Powell.

The defendant above named will take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by J. H. Mitchell, a justice of the peace of Hertford county, on the 8th day of March, 1922, against him which warrant of attachment is returnable before the said justice at his office in Ahoskie, N. C., on the 15th day of April, 1922, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the plaintiff will be granted the relief demanded. This 8th day of March, 1922. J. H. MITCHELL, Justice of the Peace. W. R. JOHNSON, Attorney. m-17-4t

LEGAL NOTICE

North Carolina, Superior Court Hertford County Before the Clerk. Annie Weaver vs. NOTICE Wallace Weaver.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court, of Hertford County, North Carolina, to obtain "A divorced vinculo matrimonii"; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Courthouse in Winton, N. C. on the 10th day of April, 1922, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 14th day of March 1922. D. R. McGLOHON, Clerk of the Superior Court. C. W. Jones, Atty. for Plaintiff. m-17-22-4t.

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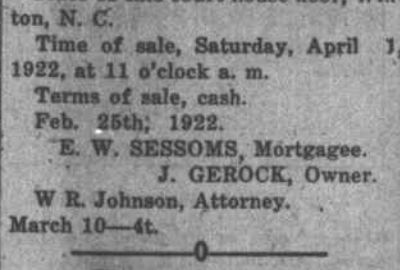
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER MORTGAGE.

By virtue of the power and authority given by a certain mortgage, executed by Alfred Jenkins and wife to E. W. Sessoms, which is recorded in the office of the register of deeds will be sold at public auction, viz: 54, page 259, the following property will be sold at public auction, viz: the Alfred Jenkins interest in that tract of land lying and situated in Hertford county, Ahoskie township, N. C. adjoining the lands of J. T. Mitchell, J. W. Godwin, and the Beverly land and known as the Selvia Jenkins old home. It being lot No. 4, in the land division adjoining lot No. 8, and Whiteoak swamp, containing 12 acres more or less. See Book of Orders and decrees E, page 126, clerk's office for Hertford county, N. C. Place of sale court house door, Winton, N. C. Time of sale, Saturday, April 1, 1922, at 11 o'clock a. m. Terms of sale, cash. Feb. 25th, 1922. E. W. SESSOMS, Mortgagee. J. GEROCK, Owner. W. R. Johnson, Attorney. March 10—4t.



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