

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for July 9, 1922.
Subject—"Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream."
Golden Text—"The kingdom's of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."—Rev. 11:15.
Time—600 B. C.
Place—Babylon.

If we study the Book of Daniel we cannot help but be charmed by the style of the writings therein. This book has been the battle-ground over which the critics have fought for centuries and doubtless will continue. The critics have done their utmost to change the date of the writings of this wonderful book; and thereby make it a matter of history instead of prophecy. All the critics of the ages may march around this book and try with their worldly wisdom to tear it to pieces; but when all the critics are dead and rotten in the earth the book will stand, like the eternal rocks forever.

Two important characters are brought to the attention of the reader in this lesson. It is well for us to study their lives for a little and see the difference in their makeup. The prophet Daniel was the second son of David, born unto him in Hebron. Little is known of his history except what is revealed from the book bearing his name. As a youth he was carried captive to Babylon in the third year of Jehikam 605 B. C. There he was placed in the court of Nebuchadnezzar, and became versed in the science of the Chaldeans, attaining a wisdom superior to their own. Nebuchadnezzar, or more properly Nebuchadrezzar, was son and successor of Nabopolassar the founder of the Babylonian Empire 605-562 B. C. Space forbids the giving of much interesting history connected with this old wicked monarch. He besieged Jerusalem for the third time. This connects us with the lessons of the past quarter. Here this old monarch as he stands and makes his boast: "Is not this great Babylon which I have built?"—Daniel 4:30. This comprised more than twenty temples, excavations of canals, construction of quays, reservoirs, aqueducts, vast embankments and celebrated gardens. Much of the excavation during 1908-09 have proved that the description of his grandeur has not been exaggerated. Here we leave these scattered fragments of his history and go to the lesson proper.

Soon after Daniel arrives at Babylon, the testing time comes to him. Nebuchadnezzar was the greatest ruler of his time, most of the then known world was under his domain. Recent years of excavation work show his name inscribed on most of the tablets. No prouder man ever lived than this ruler, Nebuchadnezzar. In the second year of his reign God speaks to him through Daniel, now only a boy. God's eye was ever on this old proud, haughty king. Man has never had such high authority that he has not had to account to almighty God. The image of our lessons today is God speaking to this heathen king, but the dream went from him; consequently there was trouble in the palace. The king calls for the wise men of his realm to interpret the dream—either do his bidding or die. This command from the king of course involved Daniel and his three young companions; in the face of the king and all his threats they were not disturbed in the least however. Can you in these modern times picture these three Jewish boys fasting and praying for light from heaven in order that they might attend to the king's important matter. They seem to be in no hurry, they take time to get ready and when God directs they act in accordance with His will. These boys met the requirements and the agonizing prayer moved the great heart of the eternal God. They do not fail to give God the praise for answered prayer. How often we pray for certain things and then fail to return thanks; taking it for granted that it was only God's business to give us what we ask, as if He were under special obligations to us. Their prayer was seasoned with faith and gratitude.

Daniel is now in the presence of the King. The question of the king is pointed direct to Dan—"Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?" Daniel cannot do this, neither can any other earthly wisdom. "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days." Daniel is modest in the matter and seeks no opportunity to display his wisdom. He ascribes to Jehovah all the honor. Can you for one moment unharness all your imagination and see this boy standing face to face with the ruler of the then known world? Can you see the expression playing across the face of this old heathen monarch as this boy relates the meaning of this dream in its entirety? No doubt Nebuchadnezzar was amazed

beyond measure because this is something new under the sun, the like of which has never been seen nor heard before. Here stands face to face the mightiest of all rulers and a Hebrew boy. God has drawn the canvass and painted this picture for men to read, one that will last as long as time shall last.

"Thou art this head of gold" which meant the Chaldean dynasty to which Nebuchadnezzar belonged, but this must fall before the Fedes and Persians under king Cyrus, this represented by the chest and arms of silver. This dual dynasty must give way under empire with Alexander the Great, represented by the belly and thighs of brass. The legs of iron represented the great Roman empire; would overthrow the Grecian empire and begin its world rule. The feet and toes of clay and iron mixed, represented the great Roman empire after it was divided into a number of smaller kingdoms; these could not be united into any solid government. The interpretation of this dream has been going on ever since, throughout all the centuries.

Daniel interpreted the king's dream but the vision is not yet complete. Nebuchadnezzar is still standing before this wonderful image; note what he saw as he stood in wonder and amazement: He saw a great stone cut out of the mountain without hands, it began to roll and crush all these kingdoms, and finally grew to be a great mountain over all the earth. If we fail to get some conception of the latter part of this vision we shall fail to get the heart and core of the lesson. This stone refers to nothing more than the "Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ." There is a teaching in the world that this stone has not yet begun to roll; but that it is waiting for the Millennium. This stone was cut out by the Divine artisan in beginning; "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God; and the Word was in the beginning with God"—John 1:1,2. This stone has been in operation for ages. Kingdoms have more than once been ground to powder by this stone, they will never rise again because there is nothing left out of which they can arise. Thank God this stone is rolling now and will continue till it covers the whole earth. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"—Isaiah 11:9. "Jesus Christ shall be known to the ends of the earth. The time is coming when he shall be crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This old earth is sick from sin, nauseated and full of putrefaction and rottenness to the core; but there is no indication that men are ready to repent. What we need is the presence and power of earth's King and Savior.

Before we leave this lesson we desire to call the attention of every young man to the test put to Daniel in the first chapter of his book. See how true he was to the principles of truth and soberness. O God help our young men today! To the old doper who walks the streets and tell men that prohibition is a failure we would say take to the tall timber with your damnable teachings. These old dopers would have you believe that men are worse off without their drink; when they know that reason and common sense based on the teachings of God's word make them out a liar. Their business is outlawed by public sentiment and is dying a hard death; all they can do is to minister as best they can from their false argument.

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PLAIDS, CHECKS AND STRIPES LEND NOVELTY TO FASHION



IF YOU have a special fondness for plaids, stripes or checks, this will prove a season to your liking. They greet the eye at every turn of fashion's path. Frocks of checked silk gingham show that not all the plaids are reserved for cloth wraps and outing togs. So great is this appeal of checks and plaids, that a certain high-class milliner is lining every one of her hats, except the transparent dressy modes, with a regulation brown and beige checked silk gingham. This is becoming known almost as a trademark for this establishment.

The stores are showing the most wonderful shawl or rather steamer rag plaid wraps. These are of quality superb, and the plaids are enormous with heavy fringe at collar and bottom all around. The best of these wraps are you can turn them inside out, being reversible.

If you want to arrive at the very top notch of fashion, buy a cape like the one pictured to the left above. These come in many Scotch weaves.

The penchant for black and white finds expression in a very fine French serge whose stripes become orn-

amentation in that they are combined horizontally and vertically in the one-piece frock of our illustration. This model has that intangible quality called style. The Peter Pan collar with silk tie is especially worthy of mention, because the necktie effects are considered especially smart.

Designers look upon the new checks as a welcome ally in the creation of the three-piece "compose" suit. This, by the way, is fashion's way of saying that the costume is composed of two materials—a leading vogue this season.

The top waist part, the collar lining, cuffs and collar proclaim the effectiveness of checks combined with plain fabric, in the three-piece suit, a view of the upper portion of which we give herewith. This model is of brown gingham, silk check on a beige ground combined with beige wool hop-sacking.

Julia Bottomley

SUITS WIDELY VARIED MEET SUMMER'S NEEDS



STREET clothes, or "tailor-mades," have become so diversified in style that they must be classified as two-piece suits, three-piece suits, cape-suits, coat-frocks, one-piece dresses, and no one knows what next. Each of these divisions has its own story, but that of the two-piece suit compels most attention; none of the others has the same wide-spread following.

The story of the two-piece tailor-made is long and interesting. It begins with plain utility suits "for street or country or travel, and ends with formal suits, that draw style inspiration from many sources, and go their independent way wherever they will. An example of each of these is shown here, and that of the utility suit at the left is typical of nearly all such suits, while that of the costume suit at the right speaks for itself alone. Tweeds and homespuns in the spring styles have not eclipsed the twills, tricotines, coverts and serges that are always with us, but they have managed to occupy a good part of the horizon. They were introduced early, in many new, spring-time colors, and they made an instant success. They are made with plain skirts and long, smartly tailored coats, without adornment, other than

a few buttons or occasional braided binding or a little, simple stitching. The suit illustrated is in tan tweed and explains why every woman wants one.

The summery suit at the right, with loose, hip-length coat and wide sleeves, is evidently a Chinese inspiration, with embroidery of silk in a motif that is repeated on the straight blouse, which is made expressly for the suit in a vivid, contrasting color. It tells little of rivals in its own class, but entices us to investigate for ourselves among suits that will repay and charm us.

In the matter of becomingness the widely varied styles in formal suits are a great advantage and every woman may look for a type that seems as if made especially for her. If she doesn't find it among the numerous two-piece models she will run across it somewhere in the collections of other "tailleurs." Every woman should possess a plain, utility suit and the next most useful article in her wardrobe is a dressier suit.

Julia Bottomley

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That lot or parcel of land in the town of Winton, N. C., and bounded as follows: Beginning at point on the east south side of Main street in the town of Winton at or near the present corporate limits and running one hundred yards at right angles to said Main Street, in a southeast direction from Main street; thence twenty-five yards parallel to Main street towards Chowan river; thence one hundred yards back to Main street; thence twenty-five yards up Main street to string point or first station; it being a lot one hundred yards by twenty-five yards in the town of Winton whereon said S. M. Ried and wife now reside, and being same land described in deed from J. S. Mitchell and wife to S. M. Ried, dated Oct. 17th, 1905, which deed is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Hertford county in book 26, page 425 and referred to for more particular description.

Place of sale, Court house door, Winton, N. C.

Date of Sale—July 17, 1922.

Terms of Sale—Cash.

Hour of sale—12 o'clock M.

This the 12th day of June, 1922.
JNO. A. SHAW, Trustee.
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