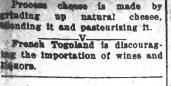
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"I've been figuring on a new car soon as the shooting stops."



"But that auto expert said in the paper that we may have to make our old cars last for 2 or 3 years after victory. That's bad news for mel"

sheltered, sequested.



"My Gulf man had some good news, though. He said Gulfpride\* and Gulflex\*\* will help keep my car on the road for a long time-more than likely until I get a new one."



Sunday School Lesson For Sunday. May 20 By Dr. Paul Caudill The house of David; And throughout The Defeat Of Topic: her 380 years she had had but Southern Kingdom nineteen kings. All of this contri- during the reign of King Josiah, Bible Material: 1 Kings 12:1buted to the stability of the king-17; 2 Kings 11 to 25; Jeredom and made for its survival. miah 18 to 89 Good and Bad Kings The story of the defeat of the Judah had both her good and Southern Kingdom can be dealt bad kings. There were, for inwith only in a limited manner stance, Hesekiah and Josiah who within the scope of the present

furnished the inspiration for relesson. Certainly the careful student will wish to study closely the kingdom. Under the influence the above passages of Scripture of such men of God as these tell- and immovable like iron, for his as well as the immediate coning reforms were brought about text. One cannot appreciate the present series of lessons from the throughout the nation.

The Scriptures tell us, for in-Old Testament without doing stance, that when Hezekiah came more than casual reading in the Scriptures. One needs so to fa- to the throne he did not follow miliarize himself with the various in the footsteps of his wicked forebears but, rather, it is said epochs in Israel's history that he will be able to enjoy from many that he did that which was right vantage points a short perspectus in the sight of the Lord, "accordof the whole. In other words, he ing to all that his father David shall want to become so through- did." The high places were rely acquainted with Israel that moved by him; the images brokher experiences, from beginning en, and the groves of pagan to end, will stand out before him worshipers were cut down and at all times as a vast panorama. destroyed. He even went so far as to do away with the brazen ser-

The Survival of Judah Following the downfall of Isra- pent that Moses had made peel (722 B. C.) and the consequent cause some of the people had exile of the inhabitants to Assy- come to revere it idolatrously. ia, the Kingdom of Judah con- His loyalty to Jehovah was of tinued for an additional 135 such high order that it was said years. The two kingdoms, be it of him "after him was none like remembered, had existed side by him among all the kings of Juside already for 250 years. There dah nor any that were before are a number of reasons that him."

may be given for the continued The story of Hazeklah's intersurvival of Judah. To begin with, cession before God in connection Judah was more advantageously with the siege of the Assyrian situated geographically. She was host under Sennacherib is thrillless on the beaten pathway of ing beyond words. The result of invasion and attack from the northeast. Her life was a bit more well known for mention. "It came to pass that night that the angel But more than this, Judah, of the Lord went out and smote despite her periods of infidelity, in the camp of the Assyrians one had manifested a greater regard hundred four score and five for Jehovah than the Northern thousand; and when they arose Kingdom. This can be easily un- early in the morning, behold

derstood in the light of the minis- they were all dead corpses." But the reigns of the kings of try of such a man as Isaiah. There had been periodically in her Judah were not all good. Some of midst outstanding leaders whose them were bad! Hanasseh reigncourageous voices had served to ed for fifty-five years, having becall her back repeatedly to Je- gun at the age of twelve, and his hovah. No nation can hear the reign was one of the most tragic voice of an Isalah without feeling in the history of Judah. A word to its remotest bounds the impact of summary will suffice: He did of his compelling message. Then, the opposite to what his father too, Judah had been ruled by the had done before him, building up



him it was said, "Manasseh setroyed before the children of Israel." Tragedy upon tragedy his reign!

The Parable of the Potter

by nature gentle and tender in his feelings and sympathetic; a found in the hard and unmerciful judgement which it was the

prophets to suffer through the flict his people."

again the high places and erect-ing altars for Baal, even as Ahab, to the potter's house for the pur ling and at the evidences of woe-to the potter's house for the pur ling and at the evidences of woethe king of Israel, had done, In pose of hearing his words. By this message now, God has a plan worship and in service he departed from the ways of Jehovah. Of means of an object lesson Jere- for every life, and that plan is miah is instructed to proclaim to always best, but it can be marred duced them to do evil than did Israel shat just as marred and by the individual; it can be ignor-the nations whem the Lord desthe potter into another suitable leet. The propliet reminds us how

The prophet Jeremiah is com- and remold her life according to remake, the penitent life. his will and purpose. But Israel monly regarded as one of the must be willing to be in the hands greatest prophets of the Old Test-ament. Called into his holy office the potter. It is a striking picture, the Southern Kingdom. "Because during the reign of King Josiah, one that is so simple that even a. my people hath forgotten me, his ministry extended over a pe-child could understand. It is a they have butned incense to vaniriod of some fifty years. "He was picture that has afforded inspiration for the transformation of tens of thousands of lives in the. enemy." The court at Jerusalem decided contrast to this being centuries that have followed the ministry of Jeremiah.

furnished the inspiration for restant judgement which is anounce. It numerity today, numerity ing Jeremish, but they could not vivals that were felt throughout mission of Jeremish to announce. that is wasting itself upon the nullify the awakening utterance the kingdom. Under the influence God made him strong and firm, shameful indulgences of life, of Jehovah. In their hold and could be induced to hear this mission. He loved his people as message of Jeremiah, the parable nobody else, and yet was always of the potter, there would be tens compelled to prophecy evil for of thousands of other transformathem, and seemed to be the ene- tions still. And humanity needs my of his nation. He was com-pelled more than all the other world history have there been more evidences of perverted lives anger of God, which was to af- and wasted talents than today. One needs only to glance at the

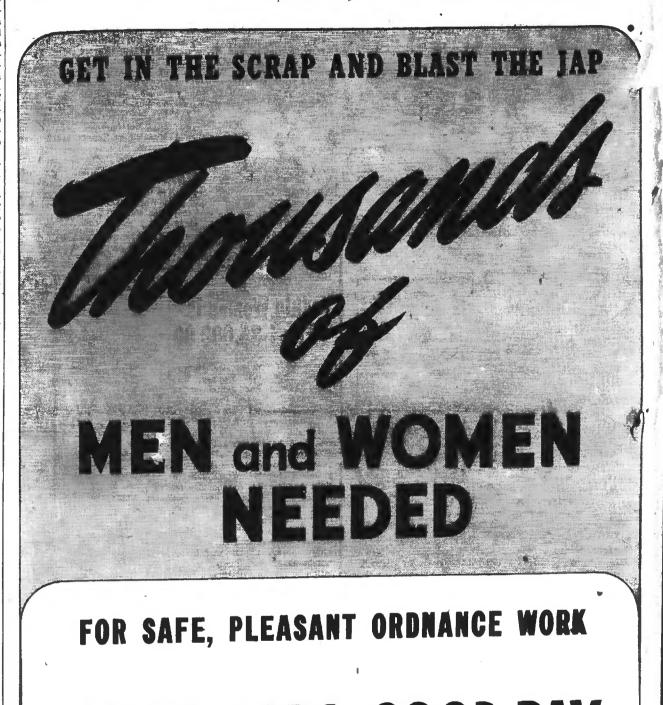
In the parable of the potter the nation's annual drink bill and the BUY MORE WAR BONDS

vessel, "as seemed good to the ever that so long as there is a potter to make it," even so God spark of faith laft, an iots of is able to take the nation Israel trust, God is able to reshape, to

> Impending Doom ty . . . I will scatter them as with an east wind before the

could reject. if they so desired. the plaintive appeal of the weep-If humanity today, humanity ing Jeremish, but they could not

of Jehovah. In their bold and daring apostacy they had made their way into the very jaws of doom. Already the hot, scorching breath of the east wind could be felt approaching their threshold. And this is the tragic end that must be faced ultimately by all who fail to heed the gracious admonition of a loving God.



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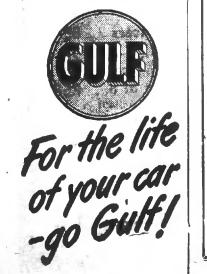
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