

# Sunday School Lesson---Young Peoples Topic

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AN OLD WRITER-REFORMER.

The International Sunday School Lesson for November 19, "Ezra's Journey to Jerusalem." Ezra 8: 15-36.

Now that it has grown so notably the fashion for literary men to enter the sphere of practical politics and reform, it is especially suggestive to study the career of a more distinguished literary man than they all, who lived half a century before the beginning of the Christian era. This famous author bore the name of Ezra, and he might have lived the congenial life of a bookish recluse amid the prosperity of Babylonia. Instead, he chose the distasteful hurly-burly of administrative work, sacrificing himself for what he considered the greatest public cause of his time.

Ezra is one of the great figures of his romantic period which has bulked so largely in Jewish and Christian history and which now the spade is digging up from beneath the arid soil of Mesopotamia. Ezra came to a place of power by sheer native force. He had visionary's dreams and an executive's practical abilities. His administrative capacity transformed his dreams into political realities.

**A Nation in the Furnace.**  
"All ships look stately except the one upon which you ride," says the proverb. It is hard to perceive the importance and magnitude of one's own age. So the Jews who lived through the period of the exile in Babylon did not understand the big meaning of it. That it was a national furnace or the purification of the Jews is better understood now than then. The individual experiences of misery, of imperial prosperity, and of safety under the protection of the law of Babylonia, were all that the average Jew got out of the exile. There are Chinese in plenty who are troubled by the unsettled state of their land at the present time, who cannot at all see that their nation is passing through its greatest crisis. The extraordinary unsettling of American thought in our day means to some persons merely that business is not good. They are blind to the larger interpretation of their times.

This crisis of the Jewish exiles consisted of the three deportations to Babylonia, the period of sojourn there, and the three returns—the first, already studied, the second under Ezra at a period eighty years later, and then the third under Nehemiah. The present lesson touches a period eighty years later than the lessons of last month, which also treated of the return.

**By Desert Ways.**  
The thought of travel in the desert appeals to every lover of the picturesque and the adventurous. Just as a caravan of camels on the alk line is a thing of rare beauty and staidness, but common and even unpleasant when seen close at hand, so these desert journeyings are made attractive by distance. The exiles could tell you that the camel is infested with vermin and that there is no beast of burden which so racks its rider. These same Jews, who left comfortable homes in Babylonia, could tell of the choking misery of dust and sand storms; of the dirt, barrenness and discomfort of caravan life. They could paint with many a graphic picture the torrid heat of the desert at this time of year.

To the spectator they were doubtless as interesting as the caravans which one may see today. I have watched the Persian pilgrims travel across this Mesopotamian desert; some on camel back, some of the children in panniers swing at each side of the beasts of burden, some on donkeys, the rich on horses, some afoot. The speed of the journey is a camel's pace—about three miles an hour. Probably then, as now, the camels were decorated with blue shells and musical bells. A devout Jew, seeing the cavalcade set out from Babel, would watch it from the heights, just as I watched an expedition set out across the desert from old Asshur. Did their imaginations foretell the testing times they were to have by the way, and the regretful thoughts they would send backward to the far land of Babylonia?

**Literary, But Business-Like.**  
It is the visionary who sways the minds of kings, and it was Ezra the scribe who secured the favor of Artaxerxes for the return of some seven hundred exiles to Jerusalem. He won the good will of the government, and secured immunity from taxation by the way, and the promise of help from local officials as well. In gifts they bore with them sums aggregating more than two million dollars in American currency. That best business methods are thoroughly consistent with high idealism, was shown by Ezra's conduct

## HEALTHY MOTHERS

Women who bear children and remain healthy are those who prepare their systems in advance of baby's coming. Unless the mother aids nature in its pre-natal work the crisis finds her system unequal to the demands made upon it, and she is often left with weakened health or chronic ailments. No remedy is so truly a help to nature as Mother's Friend, and no expectant mother should fail to use it. It relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the ligaments, makes pliant and elastic those fibres and muscles which nature is expanding, prevents numbness of limbs, and soothes the inflammation of breast glands. The system being thus prepared by Mother's Friend dispels the fear that the crisis may not be safely met. Mother's Friend assures a speedy and complete recovery for the mother, and she is left a healthy woman to enjoy the rearing of her child. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for our free book for expectant mothers which contains much valuable information, and many suggestions of a helpful nature. BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ALBANY, N. Y.

closer relationships than, say, America and Africa. Until recently South America was called "the neglected continent," in both a commercial and religious sense. The fixing of attention upon the Panama Canal has helped people to look still further south. The amazing possibilities, as well as the equally amazing present achievements of the South American countries, are engaging the increasing interest of their big neighbors to the North. To promote fraternity and fellowship is plainly a duty of both patriotism and religion. All ties that bind the two western continents into unity should be strengthened. This long stretch of land, broken only by the Panama Canal, is "the western world" and the heir of tomorrow.

Good neighbors never selfishly exploit one another.

South America is a changing land. It is, practically, much newer than Canada and the United States, and the tide of immigration has been later in reaching it. Therefore the newcomers from Europe and Asia are making proportionately, a greater impression upon South America than upon the older nations of North America. This is still the formative period with them. Their national debts are not finally fixed as yet. The influences brought to bear at the present time will largely determine the character of the civilization that is to prevail there.

Concerning South America Amos R. Wells has written:  
"Europe has never sent to the United States more than one per cent. of our population in a decade, but for a quarter century Europe has increased the population of southeastern South America two per cent. a year. "South America contains twice as much habitable land as North America, with vast forests, enormous mineral wealth, and unbounded possibilities in the soil. It is the great continent of the future, and in this view is especially important as a missionary field."

"The republics of South America are all modeled on the United States, and yet the tide of emigration has set so strongly from Europe that European ideals prevail rather than those of North America. Many of the governments are very unstable, and revolution succeeds revolution as heroes and ambitious men use the power of office for their own aggrandizement."

As in the Philippines, so in South America, a debased form of Christianity prevails among the people. It would be as proper for the Roman Catholic Church in North America to send missionaries there as for the Protestants. The grossest abuses exist, and the darkest ignorance and superstition, even among the nominal Christians.

Religious liberty is coming to pass increasingly in South America, and it has gone out of fashion to burn Bibles. There is now, in the greater part of the continent, liberty to circulate and teach the Book which is the cornerstone of the North American type of civilization.

The republican form of government has been chosen by the people of South America. We of the more stable north often smile at their farcical "republics" and their numerous "revolutions." Yet they are seeking the type to which the western world is committed. They may not have the antecedent training for it; but they are on the way. The neighborly office of all other Americans—for these also have a right to the name "American"—should be to help the people of the southern half of the western hemisphere to realize that democracy is not so much a form of government, as it is principles of government. The ideals of the people are a more determining factor than the type of official machinery. What is most vital of all, they should be assisted to a realization that principles and ideals are born of religion. The character of the people's religious beliefs will ultimately determine the nature of their government.

The pagah population of South America, which has been beyond the touch of all forms of Christian missionary effort, are alone a field great enough to arouse the activity of Christians.

The missionary agencies at present working in South America are the Presbyterians, North, South and Canadian; the Baptists, the Methodists, North and South; the Moravians; and the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and half a dozen British societies.

### SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.—Emerson.  
Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes  
After its own life working.—Anon.

**Carr-Boylan Nuptials.**  
Special to The News.  
Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Mr. Clairborn Carr, of Durham, son of General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, the distinguished manufacturer, led to the hymenial altar in Christ Episcopal church here Wednesday evening Miss Margaret Jordan Boylan, daughter of Mrs. James Boylan and granddaughter of the late Mrs. R. S. Tucker, for many years Raleigh's wealthiest citizen and whose large estate is still held intact by a trustee under the provisions of her will. It was a pink and white wedding especially beautiful in its simple tasteful arrangement. There was quite a large bridal party with sisters of the bride, Mrs. Stedman Thompson, as dame of honor and Katharine Boylan as maid of honor, and Marvin Carr, of New York, and Julian Carr, Jr., brothers of the groom, as best men. Notable among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flower, of Kansas City, Mo.; Francis Chadwick, of Norfolk; and Mrs. I. E. Hill and Mrs. Douglas Hill, of Durham; and quite a party of other relatives and friends from Durham.

**John Jack Frost is Dead.**  
By Associated Press.  
Quincy, Ill., Nov. 17.—John Jack Frost, a civil war veteran 82 years old, is dead here, having been stricken with apoplexy yesterday while walking the street.

Frost led the famous attempt to escape from Andersonville prison during the civil war.

Each one sees what he carries in his heart.—Goethe.

**Blames Men For Fall of Women.**  
By Associated Press.  
Evanston, Ill., Nov. 17.—James A. Patten, millionaire wheat and cotton operator, last night was elected head of a new vigilance association for the suppression of the social evil.

Mr. Patten in an address urged an education campaign in universities where a special department might be established to give instruction to student teachers who might later be sent forth to spread the teachings in lower schools.

"The men should be educated," Mr. Patten said. "I place the blame for evil social conditions that exist not on the unfortunate women but on the men that lead them down."

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Handsome qualities of all the wanted materials, Empire effect with large buttons on the side.  
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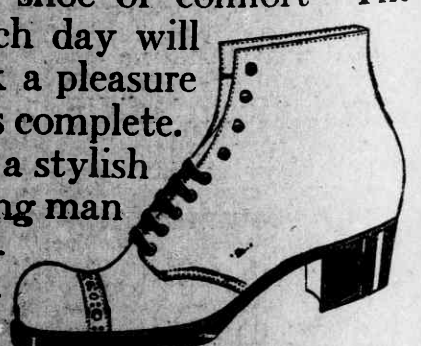


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