

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

MICAHIAH, A PROPHET OF ISRAEL

International Sunday School Lesson  
For July 4

Golden Text: "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak."—I Kings 22:14.

Lesson Text: I Kings 22:1-40.

This lesson begins a series of studies of "unheralded Bible characters" and include such characters as Michiah, Bezarel, Naomi, Jonathan, Baruch, Ebed, Melech, Andrew, Dorcas, Ananias, Aquila and Priscilla, Barnabas, Eunice, Lois and Timothy.

A perusal of the Scripture text reveals that at the time of this lesson the Syrians had seized a city of Israel on the east of Jordan called Ramoth-gilead. As, at that time, there was peace between the kingdom of Israel and of Judah. Ahab, king of Israel, requested the king of Judah, Jehoshaphat, to help him free the city. Jehoshaphat agreed and sent soldiers to assist Aham, accompanying the army himself.

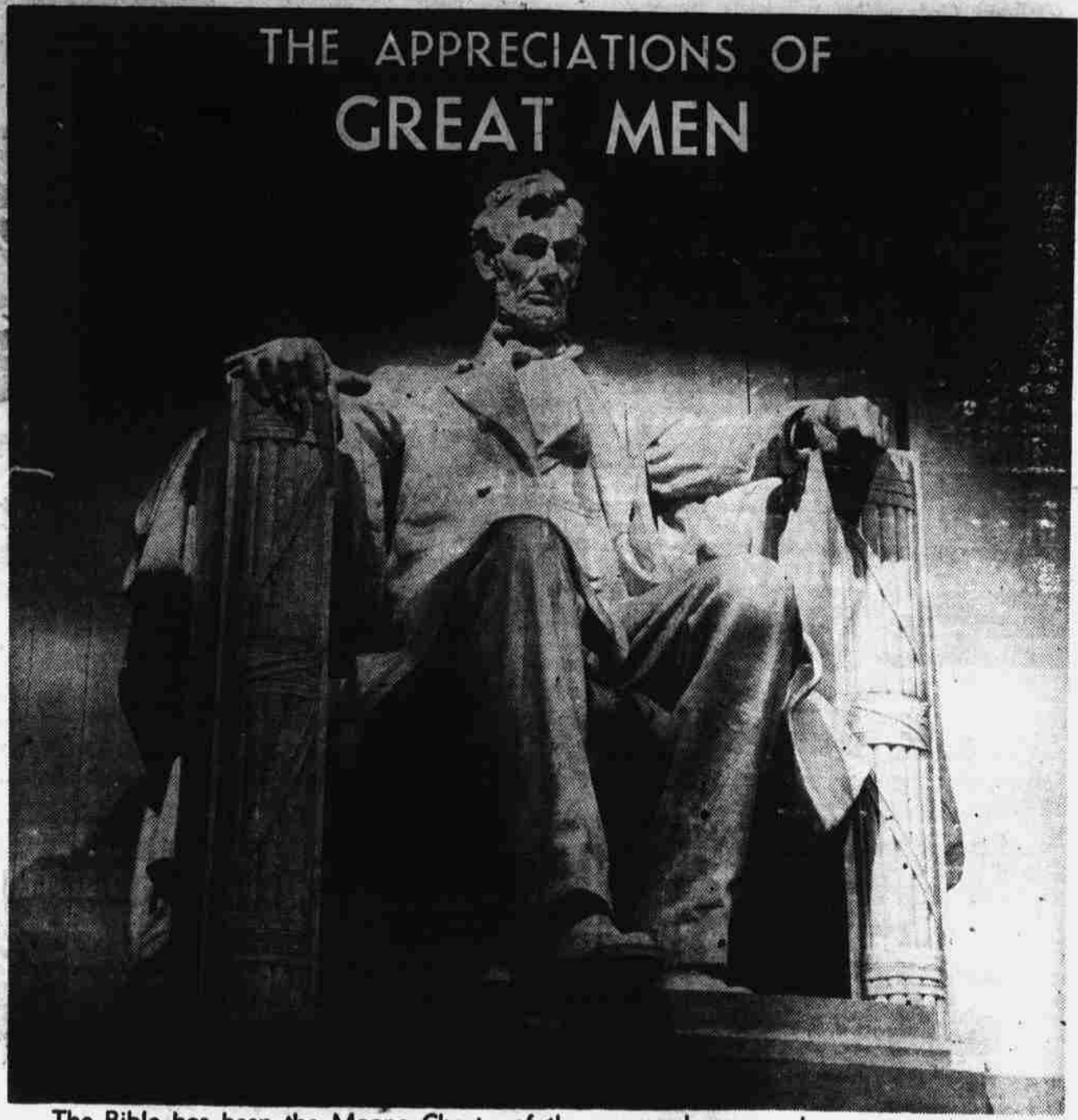
When they gathered their armies to fight the Syrians, Jehoshaphat, who was a worshipper of the Lord, was anxious to learn whether God was on their side, so he asked Ahab to call together the priests to hear what they had to say on the subject. Four hundred priests responded and, with one voice, declared that the venture would be successful. But Jehoshaphat was suspicious of so unanimous a prophecy and he inquired if these were all of Israel's prophets. Ahab replied that there was one prophet yet, Micaiah, left, but Ahab hated him for Micaiah never "prophecies any good about me, but always evil."

Jehoshaphat asked that Micaiah be called and Ahab sent for him. The officer who informed Micaiah that the king wanted him to prophesy for him told him, "All the prophets have spoken good to the king; now I pray you, let your words be like theirs, and do you speak good also." Micaiah replied, "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord says to me, that I will speak." And that is exactly what he did.

He told Aham that the forces of Israel would be scattered as a flock of sheep without a shepherd (prophecy of Ahab's death in battle) and also declared that the prophets of Israel had been deceiving the king, having "lying spirits" in their mouths. Of course, Ahab was very much displeased with Micaiah and, as a punishment for his forthright prophecies had him put in prison and fed only bread and water. Subsequent events proved the accuracy of Micaiah's prophecies, as the Israelites were defeated and Ahab was slain in battle, an arrow piercing his armor.

Micaiah appears in this one story (Concluded on Page Two)

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Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.  
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Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
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Evening Worship, 8 P. M.  
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E. B. Edwards, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

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Sunday School third Sunday, 2 P. M.  
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Church Services, 11 A. M.  
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Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
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Bible School, 10 A. M.  
Meeting for worship, 11 A. M.

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