

# Church

## God's rule will come and his kingdom will not perish

### GOD'S RULE WILL COME

(Daniel 8:1, 15-26)  
 "There was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:14)

God is the Lord of history. Nations come and go. Leaders rise and fall. The life span of an individual on earth is limited to a few score years. "We spend our years as a tale that is told." (Psalm 90:9) But to God belongs eternity, and the ongoing sweep of history is in His hands.

Whether men and nations choose to walk the ways of God, or whether we set ourselves against Him, he will

prevail. His ultimate will shall be accomplished. Our lesson for today deals with this truth. "No nation has emerged from the womb of history as a surprise to God, nor came to its demise without God's hand." (Hershal M. Hobbs).

The Hebrew nation, about which we have been studying for the past 13 weeks, originated in an act of God. God chose this people to His mission people to a pagan world. They were in Egypt in bondage, so God, through the human leadership of Moses, removed the people from the grasp of the Egyptian Pharaoh's hand, and eventually settled them in the land of Canaan.

God gave them laws which they were to live by. They were to be a show-case nation so that the pagan

nations of the world might see the advantage in serving Israel's Jehovah, the one true God. The nation turned to sinfulness and idolatry—and continued in sin generation after generation.

God raised up prophets to be His spokesmen, and for centuries gave the people guidance and warning. When this failed to bring the people to repentance and a return to righteousness, He used Babylon as His rod of chastisement. The people were now in Babylon, in exile, having been defeated and captured by the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar.

God disciplined the people but did not destroy them for He had plans for their future—at least for a remnant of them. God used Daniel in a mighty way during the exile.

### DANIEL'S VISION

(Daniel 8:1)  
 The young prophet Daniel had been taken into Babylonian exile about the year 606 B.C. The time of this vision was some 55 years later. It was during the time that Belshazzar was the grandson of King Nebuchadnezzar.

The vision which Daniel had from God, in this instance, covered a period of but a few centuries into the future—about 400 years. In the vision Daniel saw a two-horned ram pushing west, northward and southward, with no beast able to withstand him. From our knowledge of history we understand this to be the Medo-Per-sian rise to power. The vision continues.

A goat, having one horn, comes

from the west, attacks the ram, breaks his two horns and stamps him into the ground. The he goat is the kingdom of Greece, and the great horn, Alexander, the Great. He was powerful, and the Persians were powerless before him. Alexander died less than ten years later.

The horn of the he goat is broken and four little horns come up in its place. When Alexander died, the kingdom was divided between four of his generals. From one of these four horns, a little horn sprouts and exalts itself greatly, even against "the Prince of the Hosts." (the Lord) One of the four generals was named Seleucus.

From history we understand that that king, "a king of fierce countenance," to be Antiochus IV. his reign

was a time of fierce persecution against God's people. He has been described as "the incarnation of evil." Verse 24 tells us, however, "His power shall be mighty, but not be his own power."

This evil king would rule only by the permissive will of God. Space permits us to but barely touch on this important lesson. Read the eighth chapter of Daniel for the full story. God is the God of creation and history. Men and nations may defy Him for a time, thwart His divine plan for a season but "God's rule will come."

## Church News Revival services set

The Rocky Hock Baptist Church will hold its Fall Revival August 24-29, with the Reverend Bobby Hewitt as the guest speaker.

Brother Hewitt, a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, is the pastor of the Hobbsville and Sandy Cross Baptist Churches. He is a graduate of Campbell and Southeastern Baptist Theology Seminary. He and his wife, Carol, have two children, Stacy and

Kimberly. He enjoys rabbit hunting and golf.

For good Gospel preaching, special music, and congregational singing come and bring your whole family and worship with us. Everyone is invited! Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday and at 8:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. A nursery will be provided. Please join us!

## Christian fellowship to meet

The Edenton Chowan Christian Fellowship Union will meet at Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday, August 24, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. The

Rev. R.L. Newby is the pastor, and the Rev. Curtis Newby will deliver the message.

## Providence holds revival

The Providence Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Fall Revival August 25-29, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The Rev. Thomas L. Walker, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Caro-

lina, will be our guest evangelist. The Rev. Walker is a national known evangelist, gospel singer, and recording artist. Best known by his record "One Day At A Time."

## Revival services scheduled

Summer Revival Services will be held at the Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church Sunday August 24 through Sunday August 31, with Dan and Christyna LeRoy as Evangelistic Workers.

The Sunday morning Revival Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. and all evening services will be held at 8:00 p.m.

The LeRois are natives of Ashland, KY, and have served as pastor of Wesleyan Churches in Kentucky, Ohio and North Carolina. Their son is pastor of the Bagley Swamp Wes-

leyan Church. The Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church is located five and one-half miles northeast of Hertford, between Winfall and Belvidere, one and one-half miles east of Highway 37. For more information, call 426-7476.

## Chorus to perform

The Perquimans County Male Chorus and the Chowan County Male Chorus will render a musical program at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Hertford, N.C. on the fourth Sunday Aug. 24, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. The

general public is invited to attend. The church is located on the corner of Edenton Road Street and Dobbs Street. The Rev. Thomas McPherson is the pastor.

## Fellowship union scheduled to meet

The third Sunday Perquimans County Fellowship Union was cancelled last Sunday. The meeting will be held this Sunday night (Aug. 24, 1986) at 7:00 p.m. at the Leigh

Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. The Rev. Walter A. Davis and Ellis Temple Baptist Church is in charge. The Rev. John London is president.

## Back to school sale set

Back To-School Sale!! Come buy without price First Baptist Church youth invite you to go back to school with Christ Jesus Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School. Morning worship starts at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. William Sawyer of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Camden, N.C. rendering service. All of the young people of the church will be in charge. The theme is based on scrip-

ture Isaiah 55:1 "Ho every one that thirsteth, Come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; Come ye, buy and eat; yes, come buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Refreshments will be served after the morning worship. Come fellowship with your children in the name of the Lord.

## Peoples Bank closes Warrenton office

ROCKY MOUNT, NC—Peoples Bank & Trust Co. has applied to the State Banking Commissioner to close its office in Warrenton and serve Warrenton customers at its larger office in North Carolina.

Marshall Tetterton, President of the bank, said the Warrenton office, which opened over two years ago, failed to generate enough business to justify remaining open.

Tetterton said, "We knew it would be a challenge for the Warrenton of-

fice to meet the financial requirements we have for any office. But we opened the office here because our Bank has always had a commitment to serving smaller communities in rural areas."

He added, "Our experience has not been satisfactory, so we have reluctantly requested the Banking Commissioner for permission to close this

office."


Tetterton noted that the bank's larger Norlina office is only four miles from Warrenton and that customers can be served there.

"Because the Warrenton office has operated as a 'satellite' branch of Norlina, our personnel in Norlina are familiar with our customers in Warrenton and their needs," he said.

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## SORROW AND REPENTANCE

George Wilmore Pastor  
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There is one way to avoid sorrow, avoid sin. Even then sympathy will arouse sorrow on account of sin of others. As long as there is evil in the world there will be tears and sorrow. It is not the sorrow which is to be regretted, but the sin which is its cause.

"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death." (II Cor. 7:10).

The ungodly may sorrow because they have sinned. What are the characteristics of this sorrow? When the irreligious are rebuked or chastened for wrong-doing, their vanity is wounded, anger is aroused, resentment is built up and, of course, an excuse must be made. Times have changed, everyone else is doing it, I just thought I could do it one time to see how it felt. The outcome of this sorrow is death; instead of being profitable, it is a no win situation, drawing the thoughts away from the moral heinousness of sin, and confining the sinner in courses whose only end is spiritual death.


The sorrow which is godly is occasioned by the recognition of the sin as an offense against the Divine Law. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned." Godly sorrow recognizes that sin grieves the Divine heart. As a tender child grieves to heart his father's spirit, so a truly sensitive nature is pained in grieving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus suffered on the cross, that's enough. Let us not abuse the grace of God.

The repentance to which godly sorrow leads is a change of mind and purpose. It is a turning from temptation, excuse making, even societies whims, to a God who has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

Godly sorrow and true repentance issue salvation. To be sorry for sin and turn from it only leads one place, Jesus Christ.

"I am the way, the truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

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 Even if your child passed the eye test at school, you should not take it for granted that he doesn't have a vision problem. Eye tests given at school are usually simple tests of what a child can see at 20 feet. Passing this test with a "20/20" rating, however, does not mean that he has perfect vision. It means only that he can see at 20 feet what the normal child can see at 20 feet.  
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