

RELIGION



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Sunday
School Lesson

Huldah: Prophet of Wisdom

Scriptures: 2 Kings 22:14-20

By the end of this lesson, we will:

- *Analyze the prophetess Huldah's message from God for King Josiah;
- *Reflect on Josiah's behavior after hearing the words of the Book of the Law;
- *Seek godly advice about the future.

Background: Isaiah had rendered what Babylon would take from Judah – “Behold, the days are coming when all that is your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,” says the Lord (2Kings 20:17). Read chapters 20 and 21 on Manasseh and Amon to see how Josiah became king at eight years old and was the last God-fearing king of Judah before Jerusalem fell to Babylon. Enter Huldah the prophetess who was held in regard for her prophetic gift. God rarely used women to speak to the nation, but though Jeremiah and Zephaniah were both prophesying at the time, God sent the priest Hilkiah and company to Huldah. Huldah was one of four named women prophets in the Old Testament, including Miriam, Deborah and Noadiah.

Lesson: 2Kings chapter 22 introduces Josiah by saying, “He did what was pleasing to the Lord and he followed all the ways of his ancestor David; He did not deviate to the right or to the left” (22:2). The Book of the Law is also discovered in the first part of the chapter by the priest Hilkiah. The Law is read to King Josiah who responds by tearing his clothes for both the guilt of Judah and the punishment God promised for their disobedience. Josiah knew immediately that the teachings in the Book (thought to be Deuteronomy) were not being followed. Action must be taken – first step, confirm the authenticity of the book. The priest Hilkiah and company went to the prophetess Huldah and spoke to her. Huldah's pronouncement: “Thus said the Lord, the God of Israel ...” authenticated the divine source of the scrolls' teachings and confirmed two things. First, God was surely going to bring His judgement upon Jerusalem because of their idolatry (verses 15-17); and second, Josiah because of his tender and humble response to God when he heard the scroll describe Judah's future devastation (verses 18-19). Josiah would be spared the experience of the coming judgement: “Therefore, behold ... you will be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring on this place” (verse 20). Josiah's remorse postpones the inevitable punishment until his death.

Josiah led a reform to bring the people back to good standing with the Lord. Read chapter 23. Josiah died in battle and as God promised, did not witness Nebuchadnezzar's attack on Jerusalem. (The UMI Annual Commentary 2020-2021, The Jewish Study Bible, The Modern Life Study Bible, The MacArthur Study Bible and

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What is Truth?

Fellowship of Christian Athletes urges Christians to pursue truth in God's voice and word

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— In life, we are always pursuing something – relationships, promotions, meaning and accolades. Our human nature craves success. But to measure our success, we must know the standard and our anchoring point.

truth over everything else. And we dedicate effort and pursuit into finding what and how we believe. We seek it because our souls want certainty.

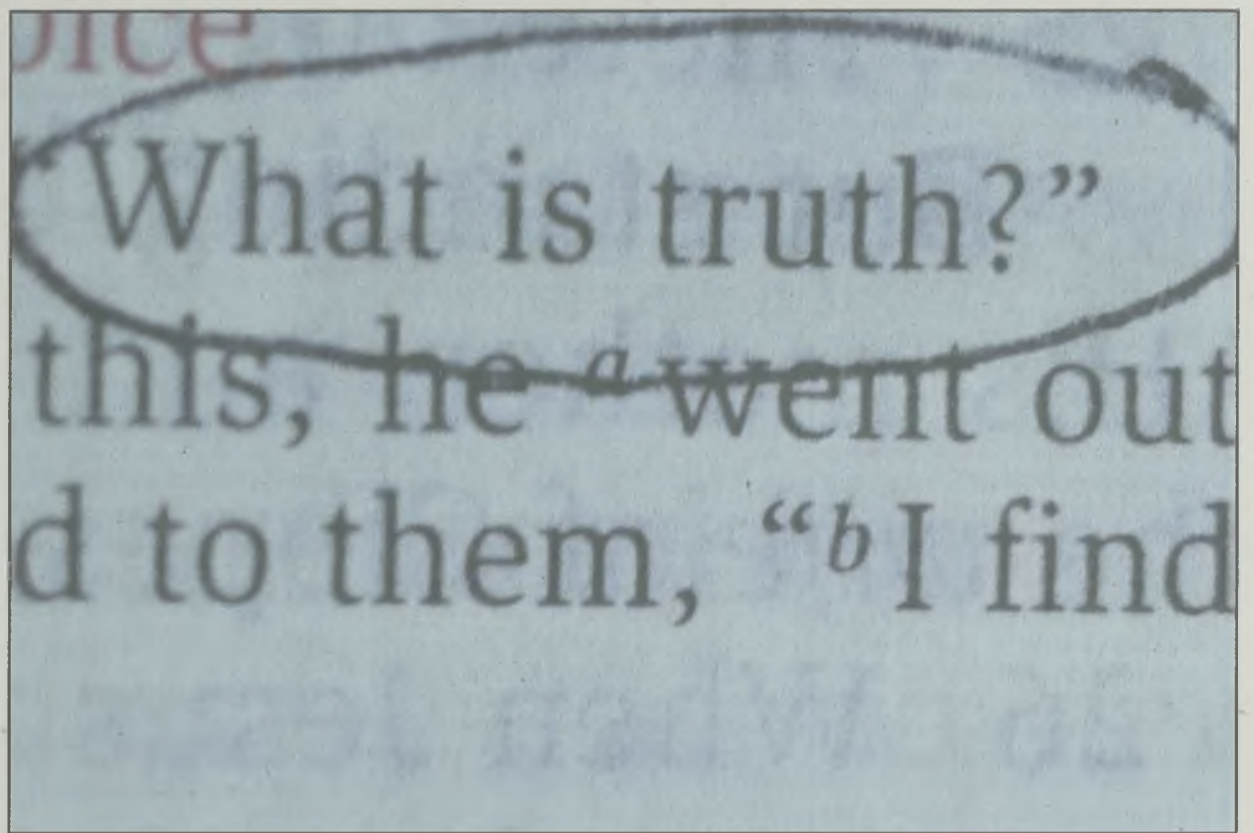
“If we feel uncertainty within us, it's because there is something more to our days. There is some-

going, Jesus grafts a greater Truth as His followers make a point to learn more about God through His Word.

FCA explains that if Christians want to improve their skills in their sport, it only makes sense to spend time practicing, studying

and the Bible centers us in the unchanging certainty of God.”

Throughout the year, FCA will be sharing stories that focus on what it means to pursue Jesus and the calling that He has on our lives. The four elements of Pur-



The 2021 theme of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA, www.fca.org) is “Pursue,” and will explore what it means to pursue Truth, Life, Team and Mission. Each of these themes connect to engage in intentional pursuit of God and His great call on His children's lives (or on the lives of His followers).

“For this, we start at the root of things: truth,” said FCA President and CEO Shane Williamson. “Truth comes to us in many forms from many people and ideas. We wonder what is right and if there really is a standard of one specific

one who knows our name and has shown us a way in which to live that brings truth to life. Jesus Christ brings us to the Father and sets the standard for how we love our neighbor, respect ourselves and seek first the will of God that has been already reconciled through the blood of His Son.”

In just a few short sentences, Jesus points all toward truth: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) In a world that can make many feel as if they don't know where they are

of themselves to become better. In the same way, spiritual training should be exercised if Christians want to grow in Christ. Therefore it is important to be in God's Word every day.

According to FCA, the first layer of pursuing truth is to read the truth. “How do we read truth? By pursuing God's voice, which He shares with us in His Word, the Bible. The more we read the truth of God, the more natural it will be brought into our daily life. It's important to know why we believe what we do,

sue that FCA will be exploring this year are: Pursue Truth, Pursue Life, Pursue Team, and Pursue Mission.

More about FCA's 2021 ministry theme of Pursue can be explored at www.fcacamps.org where visitors can also watch the Pursue theme video, as well as the 2021 Camps video. FCA also offers an outline to coincide with the Pursue theme that addresses sacrifice, surrender, surround and serve over four days of camps, events or other meetings.

RELIGION CALENDAR

*Please call ahead to make sure your event is still happening. We will post cancellations/postponements announcements when received.

Thursdays and Saturdays

Free Meals

Christ Rescue Temple Church, 1500 North Dunleith Ave., will serve hot meals as part of the People Helping People Feeding Program. Meals will be served every Thursday and Saturday from noon until 1 p.m. at the church's location. For more information, call 336-722-9841.

Sundays

Virtual worship services

Green Street United Methodist Church, 639 S. Green St., invites you to join online worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. The service, which is available via Facebook and YouTube, is a celebration of the diversity of the human family. Visit www.greenstreetumc.org or email admin@greenstreetumc.org for more information.

NOW

Zoom services

New Birth Worship Center (NBWC) in East Bend has gone virtual. Please join Dr. James L. E. Hunt, Senior Pastor on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. on Zoom webinar. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84789021891> or Dial-In: 1 301 715 8592 ID Mtg. #: 84789021891. In addition, Sunday School is taught by Deacon James Henry at 9 a.m. via telephone conference call #: 1 917 900 1022 ID#: 868433#.

All are welcome to join us for Zoom (virtual) Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Our Pastor, Dr. Hunt, will be the teacher. The Zoom Link: [https://us02web.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89195349778)

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Mar. 20-21

Women's Day celebration

Emmanuel Baptist Church invites the public to join our free virtual Women's Day celebration, March 20 - 21 beginning at 10 a.m. each day. The theme, “Choose To Challenge Gender Bias & Inequity,” will surely bless all souls attending. On March 20, activities begin with a Wellness Day for Women Zoom session. Register at www.tinyurl.com/yc67xm4y to receive the link and dial in information.

Rev. Dr. Renita J. Weems, Ph.D. will be the Guest Speaker for the March 21 at 10 a.m. Worship Service, which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd6PA6gOuKPa3IyoUyPR1g>. For additional information access Emmanuel's website: <http://www.emmanuelbaptistws.com/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Emmanuel-Baptist-Church-228894687164517.

March 21

First Waughtown Baptist Church live stream

First Waughtown Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, will live stream its service at 10 a.m., Sunday at www.facebook.com/FirstWaughtown and on its website, www.firstwaughtown.org, click on the virtual messages link on the homepage. Senior Pastor Dr. Dennis W. Bishop will continue the series “Suggestions for How to Survive a Storm” with reference scriptures Acts 27: 29-32, 42-44.

March 25

“Mandate to Collaborate for the Common Good”

“A Mandate to Collaborate for the Common Good” will be presented on Zoom on Thursday, March 25, at noon by Elder Tembila Covington, President, Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem & Vicinity and program director for Strengthening Neighborhoods, Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods. The event is sponsored by the Faith and Justice Committee of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. To register, please email kathyausen@gmail.com.

April 26-29

Baptist Training Institute

The Forsyth County Baptist Training Institute will be held this year on Monday, April 26, thru Thursday, April 29. The text this year is “God's Power to Help Hurting People.” There will be classes for the following unions: pastors and ministers, deacons, missionaries, Sunday school, nurses, trustees and youth and young adults. All classes will be held virtually. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

How to submit items to the Religion calendar:

The deadline is Sunday at 11:59 p.m. to have all calendar items submitted for that week's paper. Send your calendar items to news@wschronicle.com. You can also drop them off, Monday through Friday before 5 p.m., or mail your items to Winston-Salem Chronicle, 1300 E. Fifth St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101; or send them via our website, www.wschronicle.com.