Micaiah Speaks the Truth

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON





Ahab, the most wicked of all Israel's kings, and Jehoshaphat, one of the best of Judah's kings, came together at Samaria to plan an attack upon the armies of Syria. Jehoshaphat was trying to be a good neighbor to the wicked Ahab



The good king suggested that they inquire the will of God in the matter. So Ahab got 400 of his wicked prophets to say they should go. But Jehoshaphat asked for a true prophet of God and Micaiah was brought whom Ahab hated because he always told the truth.



Micaiah came before the two kings as they sat on their thrones in the gate of Samaria and said, "What the Lord says to me that will I say to you". And he spoke against going into battle, Micaiah was brought whom Ahab hated because had him imprisoned.



In the battle Ahab tricked Jehoshaphat into wearing his royal robes while he wore common clothes to escape danger. But some unnamed soldier shot an arrow without aiming at anything and God guided it to strike Ahab and kill him. Those who fight against God and truth meet justice (GOLDEN TEXT-I Kings 22:14)



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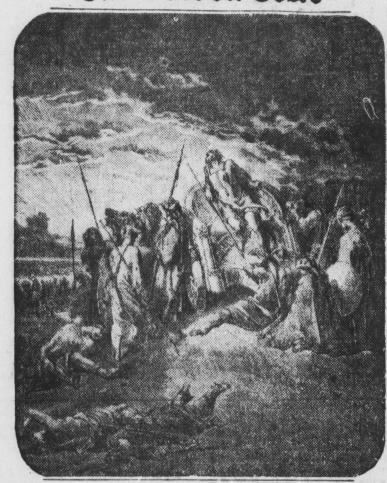
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. The Golden Text



7 Kings 22 14- "What the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak

(The International Uniform Leson on the above topic for July 29 is I Kings, Chapter 22, especially verses 1-14, the Golden Text being berse 14, "What the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak".)

By DR. ALVIN E. BELL

to one's conscience always worth deserbed. Almighty God? shaphat and God's prophet Micaiah.

A Good King in Bad Company

When Jehoshaphat the good and godly king of Judah permitted himself to bed rawn into an alliance with the wicked andi ldoiatrous King Ahab, the worst of all the kings of Israel, he was "walking in the counsel of the ungodly." Ahab wanted Jehoshaphat's help in winning back from the Syrians part of his realm they had taken from him. Jehoshaphat, as his custom was, suggested that they insuire the will of Jehovah in the matter. Ahab sought to meet this condition by making up in quantity what his fasle prophets lacked in quality, so he gathered some four hundred of his prophetic flunkies together to impress the pious Jehoshaphat with the weight of their advice. Their answer was the answer they knew Anab wanted them to give, and they spoke their little piece like school boys in recital: "Go up and prosper: for the Lord shall deiver it into the hand of the king." Ahab thought it was fine! But Jehoshaphat asked Ahab: "Is there not here besides a prophet of the Lord that wem ight inquire of him?"

A Good Prophet Speaks Up Ahab replied, "There is yet one man whom we may inquire of the Lord, volumes, Micaiah, the son of Imlah: but I hate hom; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." What a compliment paid Micaiah by his hatred and this explanation of it! "Woe unto you when all men speak well of

you," said Jescs to his disciples. Facing the two kings mounted on their thrones this lone prophet began by mouthing the identical words of he false prophets, probably mimicking their identical holy tone and solemn jestures: "Go up and prosper for the Lord shall deliber it into thy hand." Ahab caught the point of the lone prophet's irony, so he shouted: How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak ento me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?"

anab's Doom Pronounced Then came the prouncement Ahab's doom, the forecasting of his death in the impending battle with the Syrians and the leaving of his

ECZEMA

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armies leaderless: "I saw Israel scat tered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the oLrd said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace" To the king's childish "I told you so", the lone prophet replied by explain Are truth and right determined by of victory as a 'lying 'spirit' to entice majorities or minorities? Is fidelity Ahab into the judgment he so richly The results of the battle while? Does anything "just happen" vindicated the lone prophets revelain the providence of God? Is there tion. Ahab treacherously attempted not attempt to reach that goal withsuch a thing as the retributive jus- to divert the Syrian attack from him- out getting at the root of the trouble. These are self to Jehoshaphat, and almost sucsome of the living practical suestion: ceeded until some unnamed soldier somed rug to stop pain; but the disanswered in this week's lesson from "drew his bow at a venture and smote ease goes on just the same. Only great the lives of Kings Anab and Jeho- the king of Israel". The soldier took integrity, balanced budgets, sound no aim, but God aimed it for him and currency, international and domestic it struck the mark and the dogs licked | cooperation, and increased production up Ahab's blood from his chariot as Elijah had promised. It was the retri- there can be more goods to divide only butive justice of God. In his probidence nothing "just happens" when men "draw bows and shoot arrows at a venture"!

ELON WILL START ITS TERM SEPT. 4

Elon College, July. 27.-Elon College will begin its forty-sixth school year Tuesday, September 4, with the annual two-day freshman period.

Registration day for upper class men will be held September 6, and the annual faculty reception will be held September 8. The opening address of President L. E. Smith will be delivered September 9,

The 10 large college buildings, fibe of which recently underwnt an enlarged rebuilding program, are being cleaned and inspected for repairs by a crew of college men, under direction of Alfred Apple.

The Carlton Memorial Library, of which Mrs. Oma U. Johnson is librarian, has been enlarged and orders been placed for several new

Radicalism Being Curbed As Pendulum Swings Back

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Fascism in one form or another. The growth of the Machine Age has created tremendous problems in this country in recent years. It is now very evident that the brute force of unrestrained capitalism must be curbed Governments will gradually take over more and more of private business, but this will be a slow process and need harm no one who has his in vestments proper diversified. Radicalism at Flood Tide

Furthermore, we must remember that the law of action and reaction applies not only in economics and physics, but also in human relations. that it will control business perman- to the complaint in said action, or the ently. This country of ours is forever going crazy about something-war, woman's suffrage, prohibition, cross-word puzzles, Florida, the stock market, or what next. Only six years ago Wall Street was in the saddle and J. M. PEACE, Congress was a joke. Today Wall Attorney for Plaintiff.

Street is a grey ghost and the coun- political or personal relations. Mr try has gone Washington crazy. But Bailey got to the Senate on his rec-Washington's popularity may now be ord of regularity in party service. He at its zenith. There will be an end to the Wash-

ington boom just as there was an end to the Florida boom and the Wall Street boom. People will come to their senses when they realize the CCC, TVA, OLC, FERA, etc., have all turned out to be IOU's. The Ten Commandments and the multiplication table cannot be ignored for long. Already there s a feeling throughout the nation that the present socialistic experiments have gone far enough for the time being. I expect to see a conservative reaction from the brain trust's alphabet building; otherwise this country may be forced to adopt some form of Fascism. Foresees Return to Conservatism

I say the above merely because it will be absolutely impossible for our country, with capital and labor fighting one another, with our curtailing of production and destruction of crops and with our lack of experienced leaders, to compete with foreign industrialists operating efficiently under a dictatorship. With the situation set up as it now is in the United States, only higher tariffs can prevent a flood of European goods from coming into our country. Eventually, however, these higher tariffs would means the loss of almost all of our foreign trade. Therefore, I believe that the great middle class of people will ultimately demand a return to conservative government in order to compete successfully with other countries and at the same time have people normally em-

Of course, there are many things about conservative capitalism waich are contrary to the teachings of Jesus. The world, however, has been slowly getting better ever since He preached the great "Sermon on the influence to bring about more equal opportunities for all. Not only is this our duty to humanity, but our own life and prosperity are safe only as others enjoy similar privileges. Ultimately, the health and prosperity of each is dependent upon the health and prosperity of all. But in redistributing wealth and opportunities, we must not ignore the laws of reward and punishment

Obey Fundamental Law The goal of President Roosevelt and his brain trust is right; but they must Congress may pass laws distributing can eliminate unemployment. Surely as more goods are produced! Also, remember that permanent social changes are brought about not by radicals in Congress, but by scientists in laboratories, preachers in churches,

Business, as registered by the Babsonchart, is now 11 per cent below a year ago, and 23 per cent below nor-

and teachers in universities.

Henry Stevens Is To Oppose Bailey

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tack from any source on the ground of "ingratitude"

Mr. Stevens would, of course, furnish big opposition. His personal popularity yon him the State commandership in 1925 and that administration led to his eventual selection as commander of the national Legion post. The Duplin attorney is regarded the most powerful cardidate who could be offered. He would make it a race if he should decide to do so.

He is known to have made a great friend of former Governor Cam Morrison, whoses hort term in the United States Senate with Mr. Bailey as the junior senator, did not enhance their

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN SUPERIOR COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1934; STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF VANCE: JAKE R. NORWOOD, JR.

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VIOLA CAMERON NORWOOD The defendant, Viola Cameron Norwood, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Vance County, N. C., to procure for the plaintiff a divorce absolute on the grounds of more than two years separation; said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Social trends move in cycles just as Clerk of Vance County Superior business trends move in cycles. Be- Court, at the courthouse in Vance cause the government is momentarily County, N. C., on Monday the 27th day in the driver's seat does not mean of August, 1934, and answer or demur

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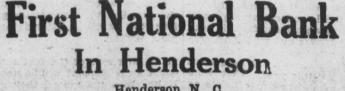
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