

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from Page Seven) wretched king Jehoiakim, placed on the throne by the king of Egypt as his tributary, seems to have had all of the vices of eastern sovereigns. He was covetous, cruel, tyrannous, lawless, heartless and senseless. He had neither valor nor goodness and so little understood the forces at work in his time that he held onto the support of Egypt against the grain power of Babylon and, of course, when Egypt was defeated by Babylon, Jehoiakim shared the fate of Egypt, Judea was overrun, Jerusalem captured and the king bound in chains to be carried to Babylon.

Jeremiah warned again and again that the only possible hope for Judah was to surrender to Babylon. This message, of course, was very unpopular and, as a result, Jeremiah was often severely punished. Jeremiah was forbidden to enter the temple, so utterly was he in conflict with the official guardians of the national religion. It was during these days that Baruch, in close attendance upon Jeremiah at all times, dared to read aloud in the temple the words of the prophecies which had made his master so hated. His daring is emphasized by the fact that Baruch waited for a time when his reading of Jeremiah's message would have the largest audience and the widest public appeal—the fast-day, even though such an act endangered his own life and safety.

In chapter 32 we read that Jeremiah was finally cast into prison as a defeatist, but Baruch is still with him, fearlessly showing his friendship when to be a friend of the prophet was not only very unpopular, but also fraught with the danger of being considered an enemy of the state. Our last glimpse of this courageous man is his being dragged away into exile by his embittered and despairing countrymen because of his continued loyalty to Jeremiah. Faithful to the end, Baruch goes with his master into exile in Babylon from which the prophet did not return.

What did Baruch accomplish? First, he preserved for time and eternity the story of Jeremiah's life and the record of his teaching—an important part of the Old Testament. He helped to make the written word of God a power by which the great prophets have multiplied their influence. All the books of the Bible were written by men like him, inspired by a profound faith that the word of God's prophets was a word of saving grace. Second, his loyalty to his friend serves as an example to oth-

ers of the great truth, spoken by Jesus, when he said, "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Mark 8:35).

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

N. W. Chappell, J. L. Lane, H. H. Butt, Freeman Umphlett, E. T. Kirby, M. T. Griffin, E. J. Riddick and Joe Harrell recently had soil samples taken for fertilizer recommendations on their fields. Soil Conservation Service technicians working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District take the samples. They are sent to the testing laboratory of the N. C. State Department of Agriculture. The laboratory finds out the amount of nitrogen phosphate and potash in the soil. They send the farmer this information and advise him how much additional fertilizer to apply for a certain crop.

Perquimans County farmers are becoming more interested in better drainage. A group of farmers owning farms in the Lake Section have requested assistance from the district to help solve their drainage problem. Farmers who fertilized and seeded permanent pastures last fall are well satisfied with the amount of grazing these pastures have furnished this summer.

Test wells to study the water level in a field were installed recently in a field on the J. J. Skinner farm. These wells were put in as a field test on a cooperative project sponsored by the State Experiment Station and the Soil Conservation Service. The purpose of this study is to obtain information on the rate at which water moves down through different types of soil and how much under drainage can be expected from open ditches or tile. When all of the field tests are completed it is expected that better information on the spacing of open ditches in different types of soil will be available.

L. W. Smith plans to clean out his lead ditch which drains into the White Millpond Canal. Soil Conservation Service Technicians working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District surveyed the ditch for Mr. Smith and staked it out to grade.

Frank Skinner recently harvested his Kentucky-31 Fescue grass seed. Farmers in the Burnt Mill Creek section of Perquimans and Chowan Counties are planning to improve the drainage on their farms. They are organizing a Drainage District for the purpose of digging a main ditch through the Burnt Mill Creek Swamp. R. M. Dailey, Drainage Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service, has completed the survey of the project and will prepare the plans and specifications for the canals.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Hertford, N.C. (Hertford-NO. 1). Includes names like Lewis, Mrs. Elsie Goodwin, Long, Mrs. C. A., and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Hertford, N.C. (Hertford-NO. 2). Includes names like Baker, Andrew, Blanchard, John, and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Belvidere, N.C. (Belvidere-NO. 1). Includes names like Baber, Frank L. and wife, Bunch, Elizabeth Thurston, and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Belvidere, N.C. (Belvidere-NO. 2). Includes names like Archie, Paul, Billups, Ed, and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Hertford, N.C. (Hertford-NO. 1). Includes names like Bellezza, Russell G., Campen, Jesse, Sr., and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Parkville, N.C. (Parkville-NO. 1). Includes names like Winslow, Eliza J., Winslow, Mrs. George H., and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Parkville, N.C. (Parkville-NO. 2). Includes names like Armstrong, J. T., Billups Heirs, and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in New Hope, N.C. (New Hope-NO. 1). Includes names like Barclift, Mrs. Elizabeth A., Bateman, H. W., and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in New Hope, N.C. (New Hope-NO. 2). Includes names like Banks, Golden, Granby, Lee and wife, and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Bethel, N.C. (Bethel-NO. 1). Includes names like Ashley, H. P., Bateman, G. R., and others.

Table listing property owners and acreage in Bethel, N.C. (Bethel-NO. 2). Includes names like Barco, Charlie, Bemby, Archie, and others.

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MELVIN G. OWENS Sheriff Perquimans County

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