

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## HISTORY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

International Sunday School Lesson For October 24

Golden Text: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."—Psalm 33:12.

Lesson Text: I Kings 4:21-28; 11:6, 9-11.

Of the thirty-nine Books of the Old Testament, almost half, or seventeen, are clear histories and of the twenty-seven Books in the New Testament, five are histories. In addition to these, there are many other Books in both the Old and New Testaments which, although not classed as historical Books, contain pronounced historical elements.

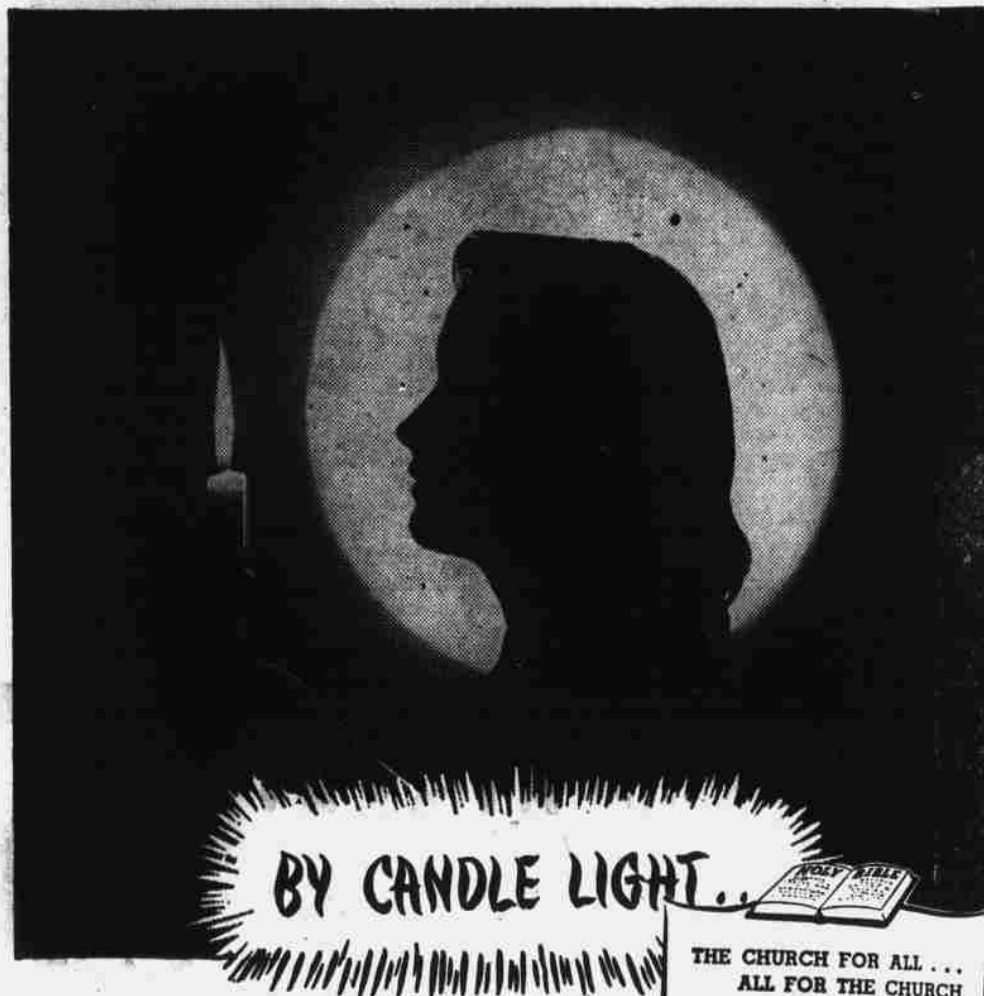
The history of the Old Testament begins back before there was any written history and continues down to a few centuries before the coming of Christ. We have no accurate dates in connection with this history, as we have in secular history, but it is remarkable that the Old Testament furnishes a story—His story—of God's dealing with his creation.

Of course, Hebrew history begins with Abraham, of whom God said, "I will make of thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great. (Gen. 12:2). We can follow Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, the Judges, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon and the prophets, tracing a people who are being formed and fashioned into a nation, but who have not yet found unity or power. Beginning as a migrant people, wandering in the wilderness, they supplanted the Canaanites and settled in the land of Canaan, now known to all the world as Palestine or the Holy Land. The natives gave these new people the name "Hebrew," meaning "one who has come from beyond" or "one who has crossed over." The Hebrews are known to us as Jews, a word which is frequently found in the New Testament. It comes from the word Judah, as they were inhabitants of Judah, but the name favored by the people themselves was "Israelites" or "Israel."

Hugh Thomson Kerr points out that "in a most interesting book, Our Heredity from God, the author argues that God has in the course of the world's history turned a new page every five hundred years. His analysis is interesting. He begins back in 2,000 B. C. and points out that at the time Abraham was journeying from the land of his father, the first pathfinder of faith, looking for a city that had foundations whose builder and maker is God; and at the same time India was awakened by the religious message of Brahmanism.

"Five hundred years went by and in 1500 B. C. God turned another page of history and we see Moses, the great emancipator, guiding the leaders of the world out of Egyptian slavery; and at the same time Manu was promulgating his laws for Southern Asia.

"Five hundred years again pass and about 100 B. C. another page of history is turned and David sits upon the throne of Israel in his glory singing his immortal Psalms, and Homer at (Concluded on Page Two)



BY CANDLE LIGHT...

This picture portrays a sight that was common a few generations ago. The tallow candle was an essential commodity in nearly every home, and much of the world's activity was carried on by its flickering beams.

From the earliest days, man has sought means of lighting his darkness. In this quest, he has progressed from the burning of sticks and candles to the use of the gas burner and electricity.

Thus man has robbed the night of its terrors, and has used the dark hours to serve his own purposes. He does not have to cower in a cave or den as many wild animals do. With light, he can work, study, travel, play, or be entertained.

Spiritual darkness is more to be feared and shunned than the darkness of night. Man needs a light within to guide his heart and mind as he moves onward through life. God is that light, and the Church and the Bible are the sources from which it shines.

### THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

- Monday ..... Proverbs 20:26-30
- Sunday ..... Psalms 18:25-28
- Tuesday ..... Matthew 5:14-16
- Wednesday ... Luke 11:33-36
- Thursday ..... John 1:4-9
- Friday ..... John 8:12-21
- Saturday ..... John 12:35-46

For schedule of yearly readings, write American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

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# Perquimans Church Services

**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
W. H. Marler, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.  
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. R. Byerly, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Burgess and Bethlehem Churches hold Christian Union together on second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
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, 10 A. 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.

**WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
W. J. Berryman, Pastor  
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 11 A. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Elizabeth White, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church Services, 11 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. E. G. Willis, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.

**PINEY WOODS FRIENDS MEETING**  
Bertha V. Smith White, Minister  
Bible School, 10 A. M.  
Meeting for worship, 11 A. M.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
G. M. Singletary, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. on first and third Sundays and 2:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.  
Church services, 3:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
D. L. Fouts, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

Be a Better Citizen! Go to Some Church Next Sunday

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

**BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Rev. Preston Cayton, Pastor  
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except fourth Sunday, at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship on fourth Sunday at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
E. T. Jilson, Rector  
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.  
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.  
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

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