

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE

International Sunday School Lesson For November 14

Golden Text: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and walk humbly with God?"—Micah 6:8.

Lesson Text: Amos 5:21-24; 7:10-15; Micah 4:1-4.

As every student of the Bible knows, the Old Testament is divided into four main divisions: The Pentateuch (the Books of the Law), the Historical Books, the Poetical Books and the Prophetic Books, which are divided into two parts, four Major Prophets and twelve Minor Prophets. It is with the Hebrews that the "prophet" is most closely associated, just as it is with the Greeks that we associate "philosopher."

There were a great many prophets in the history of the Hebrew race but the first recognized as such is probably Elijah, the non-writing prophet. The prophets whose written messages are found in the Old Testament are grouped as major and minor on the length of their writing, rather than upon the importance of their messages to the people among whom they lived. Of the thirty-nine books in the Old Testament, seventeen are books of prophecy.

The prophets were courageous men who represented God and stood in the breach between men and ruin. Usually, they were called from among the people, having neither political position nor priestly lineage to recommend them to those among whom they served, but depending rather upon the authority contained in a message straight from the heart of God.

The prophets were not fortune-tellers or soothsayers, as we know the category, but rather revealers of eternal truth. They were messengers of God to the people of their own day, for the good of those to whom they spoke. They were desperately concerned over moral, social and political conditions which prevailed in the day in which they lived, recognizing no distinction between the secular and the sacred. The main problem of Israel was the maintenance of sincere religious worship. From the very beginning of its existence, the nation was troubled with two tendencies—idolatry and externalism and the prophets were quick to raise their voices against both vices. While we are quick to condemn the practice of idolatry as sinful, idolatry is neither as enervating nor as insidious as the sin of externalism—the mere formal practice of forms without the spirit of worship or the dynamic of God.

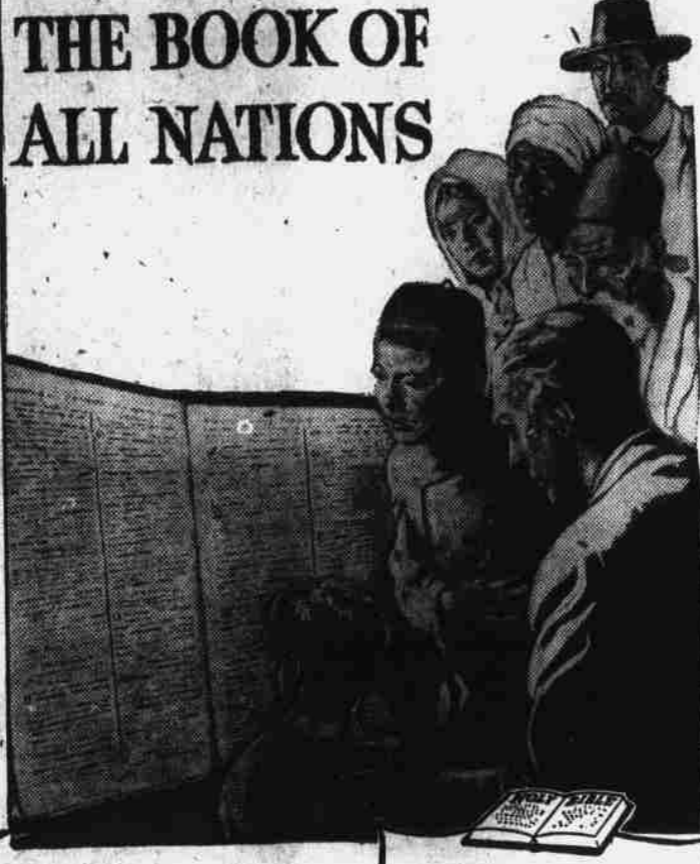
Amos warns the people against these sins. The people were going through the forms of worship—having their feast days, their assemblies, their burnt offerings and everything that went with an outward form of religion, but when it came to their everyday lives and the practice of their religion in their relationship with their fellowmen, their forms of worship became hateful in God's sight. We wonder what the opinion of Jehovah is on the religious worship of our people today. So often we go

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American Bible Society Worldwide Bible Reading Program		
NOVEMBER		
Day	Book	Chapter
25	Thanksgiving	Psalm 108
26	Friday	Psalm 90
27	Saturday	Psalm 91
28	Sunday	Psalm 23
29	Monday	Ephesians 6
30	Tuesday	Philippians 4
DECEMBER		
1	Wednesday	John 17
2	Thursday	Revelation 21
3	Friday	Psalm 121
4	Saturday	Psalm 27
5	Sunday	Acts 17
6	Monday	John 15
7	Tuesday	Habakkuk 1-3
8	Wednesday	Romans 12
9	Thursday	John 18
10	Friday	Romans 8
11	Saturday	John 14
12	Bible Sunday	Matthew 23
13	Monday	Luke 14
14	Tuesday	Luke 15
15	Wednesday	Luke 16
16	Thursday	1 Corinthians 12
17	Friday	Isaiah 55
18	Saturday	John 1
19	Sunday	Mark 4
20	Monday	Matthew 5
21	Tuesday	Matthew 6
22	Wednesday	Matthew 7
23	Thursday	Isaiah 2:1-5; 9:1-7
24	Friday	Isaiah 11:1-9; 40:1-11
25	Christmas	Day
26	Sunday	Matthew 2

If you want to follow a list of daily readings for 1949, ask your minister, write to your denominational headquarters, or request copies from AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY Dept. U 450 Park Avenue New York 22, N. Y.

THE BOOK OF ALL NATIONS



More than any other, the Bible is a world-book. It has spoken in most of the languages of mankind. On Thanksgiving this Book will be opened to a particular passage by millions of people in many lands. "Bless the Lord, O my soul." This great 103rd Psalm is the opening selection of the Fifth Worldwide Bible Reading, a program that starts each year on Thanksgiving and ends on Christmas Day.

All over the world men and women, in their own tongue, follow the suggested list of daily Scripture readings. God's Word working in the lives of men can bring all nations into one world under God.

Begin your reading with the Thanksgiving passage and nourish your spiritual growth with the life-giving message.

Read it aloud to your family. Encourage your friends to join in. A chain of Bible readers around the world will strengthen the bonds of international friendship and understanding, and will give additional faith to every individual.

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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.

Sunday Luke 4: 16-21
Monday Psalm 119:1-8
Tuesday Psalm 119:9-18
Wednesday Psalm 119:19-28
Thursday Psalm 119:29-38
Friday Psalm 119:39-48
Saturday Mark 10:17-27

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
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Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

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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.
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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.

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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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