

### Civil Defense in U. K.

Sir Anthony Eden's British Government has decided that civilian defense in England will have to be handled by the Army. This is a far-reaching decision in its significance, since England is the country which relied, so successfully, on civilian defense workers in World War II.

However, since World War II, conditions likely to arise as a result of enemy air attack have changed so radically that the British have decided only Army units, properly trained for the task, will be able to handle a crisis which will arise if a hydrogen-bomb attack is suffered.

The idea is to train 48 battalions of 600 men each. These men will be lightly armed to combat looters and even enemy airborne troops that might be dropped to spread confusion. They will be spotted around the country at points where a hydrogen bomb or atomic bomb might be dropped.

The British change of plan naturally poses the question whether similar procedure will be followed in the United States. Talking about civil defense, President Eisenhower recently explained to reporters why he declared a state of martial law in the June defense test in this country.

Mr. Eisenhower said the situation described to him the day of the air drill was one of utter chaos. Fifty-three cities were in ruins, and confusion was everywhere. The President explained he felt martial law would be the best way to maintain order, prevent confusion and regain effective control of the country's vital services. (He has been criticized for ordering martial law in some sections of the press.)

This would indicate the President feels the Army will be needed in any air raid crisis in the future. It may be, then, that the administration should give special attention to the training of specific battalions for this purpose. Whether the Army should take over the job

of civilian defense is an issue which yet may have to be faced, and the British Government's decision certainly points up the possibility that this country may be forced to take that step.

### BURGESS W.M.U. MEETS

The Burgess W.M.U. met Monday night with Mrs. Frank Ward. The meeting was opened with the theme song and prayer. The minutes were read and the roll called with 9 members present. Mrs. Sidney Layden had charge of the program on "All Roads Lead to London." Mrs. J. E. Bealight gave the devotional. Special music was furnished by Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. Sidney Layden, Sr., and Mrs. Winston Lane.

The meeting closed with the Watchword. The hostess served candy and cookies with bottled drinks.

### Too Young

"These eggs are very small," complained the young housewife as she stood in front of the egg case at the grocery store. "They're straight from the farm this morning, ma'am," said the greener. "That's the trouble, with these farmers," she replied, "they're so anxious to get these eggs sold they take them off the nest too soon."

**"YOUR SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS"**

**LET'S FACE IT!**

**Safety is up to YOU**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

International Sunday School Lesson for July 24, 1955

Memory Selection: "Be not deceived! God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Galatians 6:7.

Lesson Text: II Kings 24:20; 25:1-12.

As pointed out in our lesson several weeks ago, Zedekiah was the 23rd king of Judah, an irreligious, vacillating character, in a position of authority. Apparently helpless to change the tendency of affairs, Zedekiah lacked even the courage to try. One of his few decisive actions, breaking with Babylon, led to the utter destruction of Judah.

Judah had previously felt the sting of the Babylonian lash and, at first, Zedekiah submitted completely to the power of Nebuchadnezzar. He even wrote to some of the Jews already in exile, advising them to submit peacefully and become good citizens. As the years passed, however, a powerful group in Judah began to flirt with the idea of overthrowing the Babylonian yoke. Moab, Edom, Tyre and other countries wanted to arrange a general uprising, against which Jeremiah warned, but when the King secured the promise of Egyptian help, he was willing to enter into an alliance to defy Babylon.

It so happened that the king against whom Zedekiah was rebelling was one of the ablest rulers yet produced by any country. Navo-Iassar had restored the Babylonian Empire, and his son, Nebuchadnezzar, had been one of his capable generals, having defeated the Egyptians in the battle of Carchemish. Nebuchadnezzar ruled Babylon for 43 years, and his fame rests more upon his statesmanlike and constructive ability than upon his military achievements, although in that regard, he is entitled to rank as a great leader.

When Zedekiah rebelled, Nebuchadnezzar promptly came to Judah at the head of a large army, which divided to lay siege to several cities simultaneously. In those ancient days, the walls of a city were its defense against destruction, and so the subjects of Zedekiah defended Jerusalem for eighteen months. Every effort to provide the necessities of life had been made, in order to withstand a long siege. However, it was inevitable that, sooner or later, the horrors of famine would bring about destruction unless some relief came. An Egyptian army marched to the assistance of the beleaguered people and this brought diversion, but it was only temporary. In the closing months of the siege, famine and plague took a terrible toll of the people inside the city walls.

Eventually, the battering rams and offensive power of Babylon made a breach in the walls of Jerusalem, whereupon the king and the army fled, hotly pursued by the Babylonians. This was in the year 586 B.C. Zedekiah was captured as he endeavored to escape and he was horribly punished for his treason by the Babylonians. Before his eyes, his sons were all slain and then his own eyes were gouged out. He was taken in chains to Babylon. Here he was condemned by a court for treachery and suffered a painful and life-long punishment.

Many of the prominent leaders of the Jews were executed and the king's wealth was confiscated. A month or so later, the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonian army. The protective walls were torn down so as to render further defense impossible and a large number of the better class of the surviving people were carried prisoners to Babylon.

Solomon's Temple, one of the ancient wonders of the then known world, which had been admired and revered for more than 400 years, was entirely sacked and destroyed. The King's palace, upon which Solomon spent thirteen years in building, the Armory and Treasury of the Royal House, with its magnificent reception hall, throne room and other apartments, were likewise razed to the ground. Only a limited portion of the inhabitants of Judah were allowed to remain in the land.

The history of Judah has a value for all modern nations. The Jews prospered and grew in strength just so long as they were moderately obedient to God's laws but when the moral fiber of the nation had been shattered, all of the glory and power of Jerusalem and her people

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Have enough gas for where you're going, Mister? Well, little matter. You can always get more at some service station. The same goes if unexpected guests drop in at home. You can buy bread, meat, or eggs at a nearby store . . . or you can borrow from a neighbor. But this is not possible when a serious emergency strikes. You have to be prepared beforehand. You can't buy strength of spirit. Not can you borrow it. It grows within you, little at a time. So be prepared when disappointment discouragement, trouble, or grief strikes. Through worship at Church fortify yourself with faith and courage. Get acquainted with God's love and wisdom. Come what may, you'll be ready for any emergency.

**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 wisdom. 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 the sake of his community and nation. (3) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and spiritual support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Matthew	23	1-11
Monday	Mark	16	20-27
Tuesday	Ephesians	6	1-11
Wednesday	Philippians	4	1-12
Thursday	Timothy	6	2-11
Friday	Timothy	6	2-11
Saturday	Timothy	2	1-13

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Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday:  
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Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday:  
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New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
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Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
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