SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VIII
JEREMIAH ANNOUNCES THE NEW COVENANT
Jeremiah 31
Printed Text: Jer. 31:31-37
Golden Text: "I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jer. 31:33.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — Between 597 and 587 B.C.

Place — Jerusalem.

In this lesson we find a remarkable illustration of the infinite wisdom, the foreknowledge, unchangeableness, and omnipotence of God, determining from the beginning what he will do even to the end, by his power bringing to fulfilment the plans which he has foreknown. God planned the very finest possible life, the greatest prosperity, for his children Israel.

Chapters 30 and 31 belong together and speak of one common theme, the restoration of Israel. The beautiful picture of Israel in new strength and prosperity, in peace and abundant joy, in freedom from her enemies, with her sins put away, has never yet been accomplished. The chapter therefore cannot refer to anything that has thus far taken place in the history of Israel.

GOD'S LOVE FOR ISRAEL

The Lord throughout this chapter is clearly speaking to Israel his people. When men respond to such a love as is here ascribed to God, then joyous praise bursts from the heart, prosperity is visible on every hand, and men will be found going up the house of the Lord for joyous worship.

THE NEW COVENANT

Jer. 31: Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32. not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; 33. But this is the covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith Jehovah. 33. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I also write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more. The new covenant here referred to, and quoted in a very significant passage by the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews, is, first of all, certainly a covenant not with the church, but with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, as is explicitly stated. The old covenant is the law-covenant, which the Lord did not make with Gentiles, but with Israel exclusively. The new covenant is of grace. The ground of this new covenant is the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ, his blood, as we learn from his own words when he instituted the supper. He died for that nation, and therefore all Israel will yet receive the promised blessing of this new covenant. This prophecy is therefore still unfilled, for Israel does not enjoy this new covenant now.

Another interpretation: The new covenant is a covenant, in its final experience, in which the human soul shall be rendered independent of the external law and of the human interpreter; the law of God within, written on the heart, received by direct revelation of the will of God within the spirit.

THEY WILL BE FULFILLED

35. Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name; 36. If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. 37. Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven up above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith Jehovah.

The leading thought in this passage is that the reign of law which we recognize in God's creative work has its counterpart in his spiritual kingdom. The stability and permanence of natural order is a pledge and earnest of the fulfilment of his promises to Israel as a people. The New Covenant of pardon and illumination is to be, what the first covenant was not, eternal in its duration.

We should now read Paul's profound exposition of the promise of God's covenant with Israel in the eleventh chapter of Romans.

Asbestos production in Canada during January, 1940, amounted to 26,651 tons in January, 1939.

Canada's Only Woman M. P. Arrives In Ottawa

Mrs. Peter Nielsen, only woman member in the Dominion House of Commons, is pictured here shortly after arriving in Ottawa from Saskatchewan with her three children, whom she will send to school in Ottawa.

Poor Students Getting Fewer

Money and Not Brains Are Becoming Basis for "U" Education in Canada, Statistics Record

The "prospect of equality in educational opportunity for persons of equal ability — the generally-accepted ideal of democracy — becomes more and more remote and university administrators concerned with the intellectual and cultural advancement of the country, now grow increasingly apprehensive," the Dominion Bureau of Statistics says in its annual review of revenues of Canadian colleges and universities.

GRANTS ARE REDUCED

Students have been called upon to provide an increased proportion of the money required to operate universities while other sources of revenue — provincial grants, interest and endowments — have declined relatively, at approximately equal rates, the review, which covers the years from 1921 to 1939, says.

"This is a trend which, unaccompanied by any substantial increase in funds available for student aid, tends to make financial means, rather than intellectual ability, the basic qualification for a university education in Canada.

HIGHER FEES

Student fees as contributing to total revenue of universities and colleges increased from 20.1 per cent. in 1921 to 32.7 in 1939. Government grants decreased from 49.8 to 42.2, endowments from 16.4 to 13.2 and other miscellaneous revenue from 13.7 to 11.9.

Common Housefly Disease Carrier

Best Control of Houseflies Is Effected by Eliminating Their Breeding Grounds

Until very recent years the housefly was regarded merely as a pest but of no serious importance but it is now known, however, that the housefly carries many serious diseases such as typhoid, infantile diarrhoea (summer complaint), cholera, dysentery, leprosy, various dangerous eye diseases (types of ophthalmia, trachoma) and tuberculosis, besides carrying the eggs of certain tape worms, says Dr. Arthur Gibson, Dominion Entomologist, Dominion Department of Agriculture.

One of the chief dangers from flies lies in their varied food habits. Not only do they feed on all kinds of filth, but will alight on the most of the food laid out on the table for a meal, contaminating everything they touch.

EFFECTIVE FLY SPRAYS

To control this dangerous pest, fly traps, door and window screens, fly swatters, sticky papers, poisoned baits and fly sprays are used. An effective and safe bait is made by adding a teaspoonful of formalin to a pint of water or dilute milk in a saucer. It should be placed out of reach of children. Fly sprays made of ½ pound of flowers of pyrethrum to a gallon of kerosene are effective.

The best control of houseflies is by eliminating their breeding places. The most important of these are manure piles and garbage dumps. Manure storage should be so constructed as to discourage breeding and the pile treated with borax solution. Garbage should be stored in fly-proof containers until disposed of. Community action is essential if the fly population in any district is to be sharply reduced.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

NEWS OF THE HOUR

Reports are crackling over the ether from all fronts of action these days. War News, Political Maneuvers and Economic changes happen every hour during the day — and you can know about them minutes after they occur by listening to your radio.

CBL, CKOC or CFRB — all offer up-to-the-minute news from everywhere, and from three different news services. Then too, CBC also brings you an informative midweek commentary of the situation on Wednesday nights at 10:30 — while CKOC presents Prof. E. T. Salmon on world affairs each Sunday at five.

You can keep up with things in the fast-moving world by listening to the news from these stations.

AROUND THE DIAL

On the lighter side of things there's this man, Benny, heard every Sunday night from NBC-Red network at seven. Jack Benny, Mary Livingstone, Rochester and Phil Harris' band seem to get better every week — in fact Rochester was offered a chance to make a series of two-reel comedies, but he advised the studio before he would sign he would have to see if he could hire Jack Benny, as he was a good comedian too!

One of the most entertaining programs from any station is the Believe It or Not feature presented by Bob Ripley over WABC — Columbia each Friday night at 10:30 p.m. Bob has spent his life digging up queer facts to entertain people. You can sit back on this one and relax — and at the same time hear a new fact or two.

Few greats in any sport make much of a hand at trying to explain their particular field to other folks — but not so with the great Waite Hoyte, major league star for 19 years. Hoyt no does a baseball summary each afternoon at 5:15 from WOR, in New York, and it is one of the better sport programs on the air.

Weekly Radio Highlights — Sunday, Empire Parade from CBL at 12 noon . . . Symphony via CBC at 3:30 . . . Music you know from CKOC at 4:45 . . . House of Charm from WEAF-NBC at ten . . . Tuesday — Cats and Jammers from WOR at 8:30 . . . Fibber McGee and Molly at 9:30 CBC . . . Thursday, Myrt and Marge from the Columbia chain at 4:15 . . . Reflections in song from French Canada via CBC at seven . . . Singin' and Swingin' with WJZ-NBC at 8:30 . . . Saturday — for the children from Vancouver via CBC at 7 . . . Musical Caravan with Bob Crosby on NBC-Red network at ten . . . Music Hall at CBL at 10:30.

Forgiveness Has Certain Limits

Last week in Omaha, Neb., Mrs. Lee Felthauser told a Judge she couldn't go on forgiving her husband any longer. She had forgiven him when he broke her arm in 1928. When he broke her nose in 1937 their children had kept them together. She had forgiven him the time he cracked her hipbone and the time he cut her eye open. But last January he cracked her backbone over a davenport and she wasn't going to forgive him again. The Judge said she needn't.

Farm Notes . . .

Improving Pastures As War-Time Policy

Better pastures for cheaper production and higher profits is a logical wartime agricultural programme for the Canadian farmer. Grass is the cheapest and most nutritious livestock feed produced on the farm. Thus, this year, with the increased need of conserving grain for feeding, grass assumes a place of more than usual importance.

A desirable type of pasture is one that enables the dairy or beef herds to satisfy their requirements sufficiently rapidly to permit of their spending many hours beneath the shade trees, chewing the cud in absolute contentment, says G. R. Snyder, soil chemist.

TYPES OF PASTURE

In districts where the soil is high in lime and favourable for the growth of alfalfa and red clover, high yielding, short rotation pastures are most favoured. Premliminary preparation for success with this type calls for the application of a liberal amount of fertilizer, according to the needs indicated by a soil test.

Dr. O. McConkey of the Ontario Agricultural College, suggests the use of a light nurse crop, usually oats or barley and a seed mixture composed of and sown at the rate of: alfalfa 6 lbs.; red clover 4 lbs.; alsike 1 lb.; timothy 5 lbs.; brome 5 lbs., and Kentucky Blue 3 lbs. per acre.

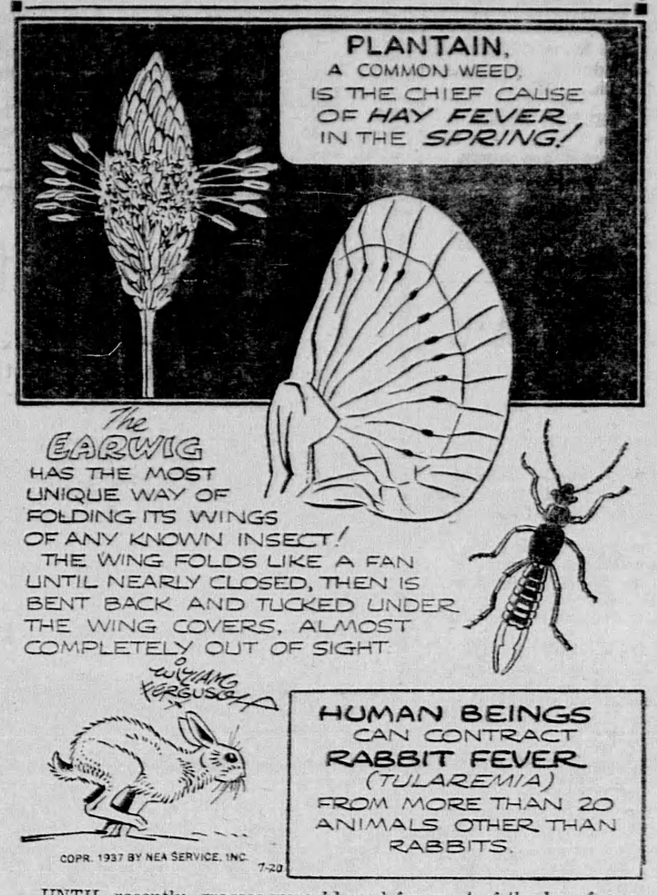
A more permanent type of pasture mixture consisting of Kentucky Blue, Canadian Blue, timothy and wild white clover is favoured for beef cattle pastures and is the most practical and economical type for areas of strongly acid soils and high rainfall. Wild white clover is an exceedingly nutritious legume and thrives when moisture is plentiful.

Infants Are Quicker Than Adult Monkeys

A tentative conclusion that infants are quicker to grasp an idea than are adult monkeys, was reported to the Middle Western Psychological Association.

Dr. Ben Weinstein, of the University of Wisconsin, said that he had subjected two children, 37 and 34 months old, and two four-year-old monkeys to similar tests and that the children had proved more apt.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



UNTIL recently, grasses were blamed for most of the hay fever occurring in the spring. Now it has been proved that about 20 per cent of it is due to the plantain family. The English, or narrow-leaved type, appears to be the worst offender in this respect.

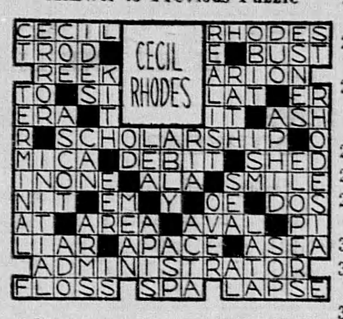
NEXT: What really does most of the tree girdling attributed to rabbits?

FUR-BEARING SEA BEAST

HORIZONTAL

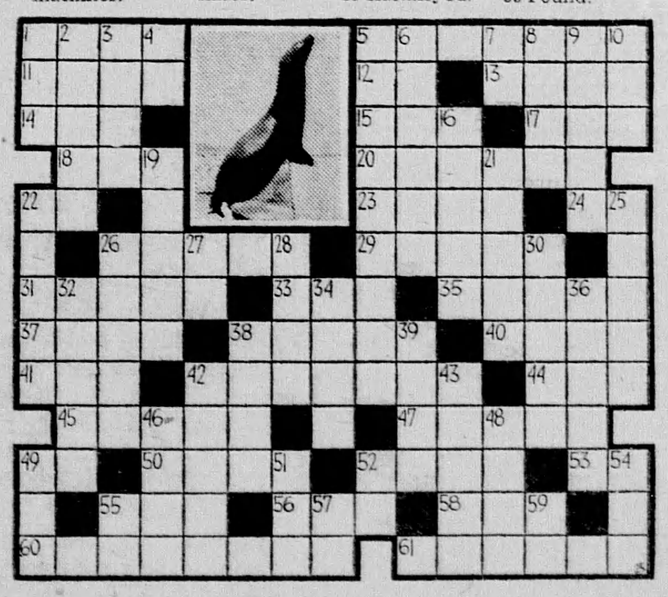
1 Pictured furry marine mammal.
5 Forceps.
11 Jar.
12 Upon.
13 Wings.
14 Mesh of lace.
15 Soft broom.
17 Industrious insect.
18 Black-backed gull.
20 Wasting time.
22 Court.
23 Adjacent.
24 Exclamation.
26 Breaks sharply.
29 Star-shaped flower.
31 To alleviate.
33 Kindled.
35 Part of a fishing line.
37 Sheep's coat.
38 Private teacher.
40 Otherwise.
41 To cut off.
42 Picture taking machines.
44 Circular wall.
45 Danger.
47 Company.
49 Bone.
50 To affirm.
52 To stupefy.
53 Railroad.
55 Single thing.
56 Data.
58 Sun.
60 It inhabits seacoasts and —— ice.
61 It has —— limbs.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1 Male child.
2 To select.
3 Singing voice.
4 Musical note.
5 One who nominates.
6 Genus of fan palms.
7 Papa.
8 Enthusiasm.
9 Scope.
10 Coterie.
16 Charts.
19 Hackneyed.
21 Goddess of peace.
22 It sometimes ——s on land.
25 Its ——, fur and oil are valuable (pl.).
26 To slant.
27 Alas.
28 Squalid neighborhood
30 Biscuits.
32 Folds of thread.
34 Passage.
36 Basket twig.
38 Story.
39 Tense.
42 Animal.
43 To pickle.
46 Genus of frogs.
48 One that snubs.
49 Idiot.
51 Hied.
52 South Africa.
54 Scepter.
55 Bird.
57 No good.
59 Pound.



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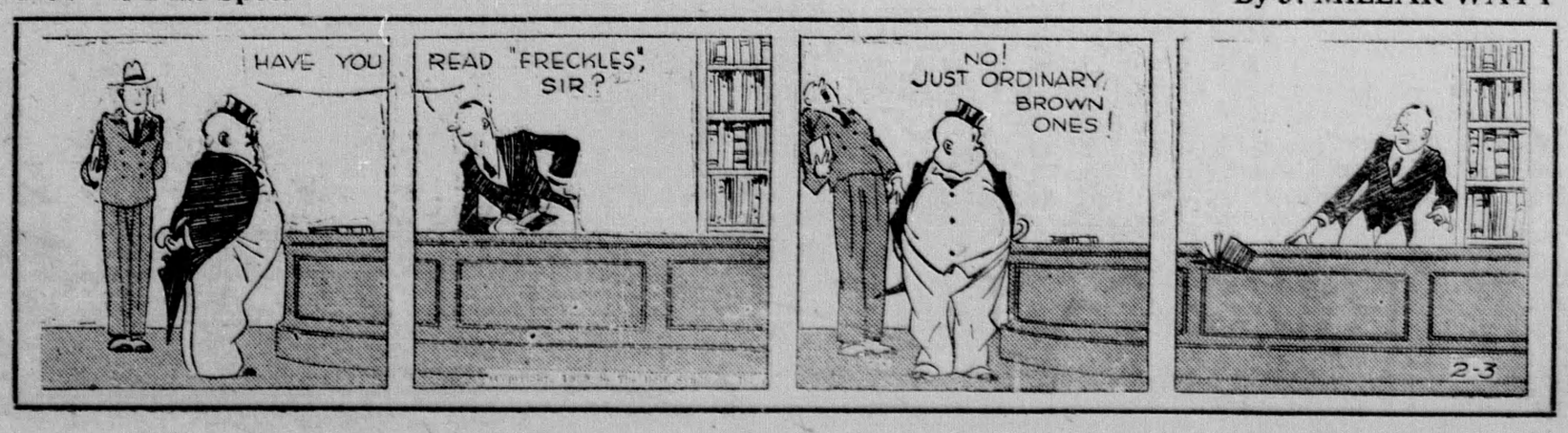
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