

The Sunday School Lesson

HUNDAY, APRIL 14

THE KINGDOM STRENGTHENED AND ENLARGED

Golden Text.—David waxed greater and greater; for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him. 2 Sam. 5: 10. Time.—1048 B.C. Place.—Jerusalem, Valley of Jehoshaphat.

1. David Conquers Jerusalem. King Saul and his three sons were killed in battle with the Philistines. All fell in Gilboa (1 Sam. 31: 6-9). David was in exile from the court of Saul and had taken refuge with the Philistines (1 Sam. 27: 1-7). Although he was among Israel's enemies at the time the Philistines began their war, he was providentially saved from fighting against Israel (1 Sam. 29). Upon the death of Saul he asked the Lord whether he should enter Judah (2 Sam. 2: 1). He was told to settle in Hebron. For some time there was civil war in the land (2 Sam. 3: 1). Finally David established his rule over Judah. Later he was invited to become king over all Israel (1 Chron. 11: 1-3). He was then thirty years old (v. 4). For seven years and six months David reigned over Judah in Hebron (v. 5).

Evidently the place called Jebus, later Jerusalem, was the strategic center of the country. David with keen military intelligence and under Jehovah's authorization took the stronghold. He changed its name to Jerusalem — which means "founded peaceful" or "City of Peace." It is one of the ironies of history that a city which in all its long history has seen so little peace and for whose possession such rivers of blood have been shed should have such a possible meaning for its name. On one of the two hills David built Zion, a great fortress. On the other he purposed to build the Temple. Around these two emplacements he developed the city of Jerusalem.

The significance of this history is the purpose of God and His plan for the ages. The conquest was for the object of establishing a city of righteousness and godliness, from which the law of the Lord should be spread over the earth (Isa. 122: 147; 2: 3). David's conquest was a difficult one. The Jebusites were so sure of themselves in their fortifications that they taunted David by saying that the "blind and lame" would overcome him—which is the real meaning of v. 6. But David's tactics prevailed. The city was conquered and the building of Jerusalem began. From this city David ruled thirty-two and a half years. He made it, during his reign, the City of David, a place which was planned to honor God and practice His law. It is written that "the Lord God of Hosts was with him." Note God's use of man. His steadfast patience and mercy toward his weaknesses. His using David as a witness of His power and wisdom. Another dispensation is here (Eph. 1: 10) but God's principles are the same. We are His witnesses (Ac. 1: 8). His servants of purpose and plan (Rom. 8: 28). His workmen and builders and conquerors (1 Jo. 4: 38; Eph. 2: 19-22; Rom. 8: 37).

II. David Overcomes the Philistines, 17-25. The Philistines were Israel's ancient enemies. There could be no peace until they were finally defeated. They constituted at that time the strongest opponent to the Israelites. Knowing their strength, David is hesitant. He waits upon Jehovah who orders him to "Go up." The Philistines were defeated. Again they returned to the battle stronger than ever. Once more, David enquired of the Lord who gave remarkable counsel. Instead of a frontal attack, as before, this time the Philistines were to be lured to the neighborhood of the mulberry trees. Here, the Lord told David, he was to wait in what appears to have been an ambush or a flanking operation. The significant thing, however, was that the real battle was to be one of supernatural forces. "When thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines." "What says God teaching David and through his us? Surely it is (1) that the battle against sin is the Lord's (1 Sam. 17: 47; Ps. 46: 11; Isa. 9: 7; Zech. 4: 6; Rom. 8: 31, 37). This is our faith. Otherwise, who can be sufficient in himself to battle with intractable sin in the world? It is a provision made by our Lord Jesus that the Holy Spirit is sent into the world to convict of sin (Jno. 16: 7-11). (2) The power in which God's people battle sin is not of them but is supplied by our God (Ac. 1: 8). (3) We are to be obedient, dutiful and faithful (2 Tim. 4: 7, 8; Rev. 12: 11). (4) We are to be patient and wait upon God (Luka. 8: 15; 21: 19; 24: 29; Mk. 13: 34-37). (5) The ultimate victory is the Lord's (Matt. 12: 20; 1 Jno. 5: 4; Rev. 19: 2).

CHOICE. A shipwrecked sailor spent 6 years on a desert island. One day he was overjoyed to see a ship drop anchor in the bay. A small boat came ashore and an officer handed the sailor a bunch of newspapers. "The captain suggests," he told the sailor, "that you read what's going on in the world and then let us know if you want to be rescued."

RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

BACK IN 1897

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 18, 1927

Good Friday to-morrow. The new Baptist Church which has been talked about for some time, is likely to be an accomplished fact, before many months have passed. The energetic pastor, Rev. O. T. Langford, E.A., in co-operation with a strong committee, have already in hand subscriptions and donations which amount to a very respectable four-figure sum.

The school report of Lorne school contained the following names: Miss Gamble, Maggie Barnes, Ida Johnston, Alice Snyder, Harry Reid, Clinton Swackhammer, Nellie Brown, Willie Reid, Willie Snyder, Harriet Lasby, Dollie McDonald, Edith Plank, Lizzie Lasby, Maggie Barnes.

Measles, Henderson and Company took in between 200 and 300 dozen of eggs over the counter in regular trade on Saturday.

All old machinery, boiler, engine, etc., which went through the fire at Grindell's machine shops have been shipped away. An entire new outfit will replace them in the new shops.

BORN. NELSON.—In Guelph, on Sunday, 11 of April to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nelson, a son.

SMYTH.—At South River, Muskoka on Wednesday 7th April, to Mr. and Mrs. George Smyth, a son.

SMYTH.—At South River, Muskoka, on Wednesday, 7th of April, Jennie, wife of George Smyth aged 31 yrs.

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 21st, 1927

The new street signs are very attractive and convenient.

Frank Winters guessed within one jelly-bean of the correct number in Wiles' guessing contest and won the big Easter egg.

Many neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rudd, Eden Mills, gave them a surprise party prior to their leaving the old home.

The United Church choir rendered the cantata "From the Cross to the Crown" on Sunday evening.

On Good Friday—night the Easter cantata "The Conquering King" was put on in the Presbyterian Church by the combined choirs of St. Alban's, the Baptist and Knox Churches, under the direction of Mr. Fred Sall.

BORN. MCKINNON.—In Acton on Friday, April 15th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKinnon, a daughter.

MARRIED. ADAMSON-McLAM.—At the home of the bride's parents, Main Street, Acton, on Saturday, April 19th, 1927, by Rev. R. E. Zimmermann, B. A., Stella J., younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. McLam to Mr. James B. Adamson, son of Mrs. C. Adamson of Toronto.

DIED. AKINS.—At the home of his sister, Miss Laura M. Akins, Bower Avenue, Acton on Sunday, April 17th, 1927, Thomas Brock Akins.

Only about 5000 stars are visible to the naked eye; not more than 2000 at any one time.

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of DAVID P. McENERY. All persons having claims against the Estate of DAVID P. McENERY, late of the Township of Esquesing, in the County of Halton, Retired Farmer, deceased, who died on or about the Thirty-first day of January, 1947, are requested to file proof of same with the undersigned Solicitor, on or before the Nineteenth day of April, 1947, after which date the Estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated at Acton, this Second day of April, 1947.

C. F. LEATHERLAND, Solicitor, Acton, Ontario. Solicitor for the Executor.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Estate of MARI-ON PHOEBE COOK, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Married Woman, Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the Estate of the said MARI-ON PHOEBE COOK, who died on or about the 15th day of December, 1946, at the City of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, are requested to file proof of same with the undersigned, full particulars in writing, of their claims, and take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.

Dated at Acton, this 10th day of April, 1947.

by LANGDON & AYLSWORTH, Solicitors for the said Administrator.

A WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY

Originally woman's crowning glory was undoubtedly her hair, but for centuries it has been her hat. This article of clothing or accessory of dress has been fashioned in the greatest variety of shapes, sizes, and substances than any other item of apparel, and a glance at the past is enough to assure us that history rarely repeats itself when it comes to hats. An early 16th century tapestry in the Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology reveals that each of the twenty or more women depicted in it is wearing a different hat or head-dress.

Then, as now, they were a means of expressing one's individuality; but, if, after looking in hat shop windows, some of you think this form of expression is being carried too far, just turn back the pages of the history of fashion to the 18th century. There, particularly in France, we find fantastic hats beyond our wildest dreams. Novely beyond anything else was the desire of the fashionable French lady and the milliners sought to please. This they achieved, as may be seen in drawing and paintings of that period. Historic events, incidents of current interest, and even a popular song were enough to inspire new creations in hats. The "piece de resistance" of the period was one commemorating the courageous action of a ship in a battle against the English in 1778. It consisted of a ship in full sail complete in detail, which was balanced precariously on an elaborate coiffure.

Coming down to the 19th and early 20th centuries, the Royal Ontario Museum's collection of hats and bonnets does little to shake the evidence that variety is the spice of life. From the dainty little bonnets of the mid-19th century with their laces and ribbons, to the large hats of the early 20th laden with flowers and feathers there were, just as the hats of to-day, masterpieces of the milliner's art and ingenuity and the joy of the women who wore them, as their crowning glory.

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HOME TOWN PROSPERITY

Everyone who is working faithfully and earnestly in his occupation makes an important contribution to the welfare and development of his home town. All faithful work helps business to grow, and thus it brings a prosperity to the town which benefits the whole community.

The students who study faithfully and do their best to learn their lessons, do their part by their excellent scholarship. Whether they go on to higher institutions of learning, or work in some industry or business, their high attainment reflects great credit on the instructor where they study. All faithful, industrious and enthusiastic work is a great force for town progress.

OWLS, MICE AND MATHEMATICS

Ground sufficient to produce ten tons of grass will support 1,000 field mice with a total weight of about 65 pounds. An owl weighing half a pound or so can devour 1,000 mice in one season. Owls obligingly count their own mouse consumption by means of regurgitated pellets containing the skeletal remains of the rodents, neatly packed in an envelope of fragmentary fur. Ours of all species, their pellets and the tiny bones enclosed therein, make a striking display at the Royal Ontario Museum.

UNRESERVED ANNUAL AUCTION SALE IN ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP

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ALFRED WINTERS To sell by auction at Lincolndale Farm, Lot 27, Con. 8, Ermosa Twp., situated on the Rockwood Line, one-half mile north of Ouelic, on

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th, 1947 Commencing at 2 o'clock, the following:

COWS—Red and White Shorthorn Cow, due May 8; Roan Shorthorn Cow, due May 15; Holstein Cow, fresh 2 weeks, calf at foot; Guernsey Cow, milking 2 months, bred again.

YOUNG STOCK—Red Steer, rising 1 yr.; Black Heifer, rising 1 yr.; 4 Fall Calves; 2 Winter Calves; Reg. dual purpose Shorthorn Bull, 5 mos. old; purebred Shorthorn Bull, not registered, ready for service.

SHEEP—6 Reg. Lincoln Ewes, lambs at side; 3 Reg. Suffolk Ewes, with lambs at side.

GRAIN—100 bus. of O.A.C. Barley, cleaned for seed.

PIGS—Reg. York Sow, Ardlyne Clingstone, 127 Y., bred March 18, this is a sister of the top price sow at the Galt sale; 2 York Sows, bred March 15; York Sow, bred March 17; York Sow, open; York Sow, bred March 18; the young sows are daughters of the Reg. Sow and are tattooed; Sow, due May 7; Sow, due May 16; Sow, due May 26; Sow, due May 28; Yorkshire Sow, bred March 26; all Yorkshire Sows are bred to a Berkshire Boar.

BERKSHIRES—Reg. Sow, Lynwood Duedrop, 162, due at sale date; Reg. Sow, Lynwood Beth, 252, bred March 10; Reg. Sow, Lynwood Lady, 208, bred Feb. 20; Reg. Sow, Cowan, 167, due at sale time; these sows are bred to a Berkshire Boar; Sow, due May 30; Sow, due May 9; Sow, due May 10; Sow, due May 15; Sow, bred March 26; Sow, bred March 27; 2 Boars, 3 mos. old; 8 Sows, 3 mos. old; Boar, 7 mos. old; a litter of 9 Berks, just weaned, all eligible for registration; 7 Berk. Shoats; 17 Berk-York cross, just weaned. This herd has always been free from disease. If you are in the market for good hogs, you will find them here.

TERMS: CASH. No reserve. This sale will be conducted as formally, fair and above board. Call and look the offering over before the sale.

HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Auctioneers, Phone 4711 or 4712, Lincolndale Farm is situated midway between Rockwood and Ferguson on the County road. Albert Gray, Clerk. B-40-2

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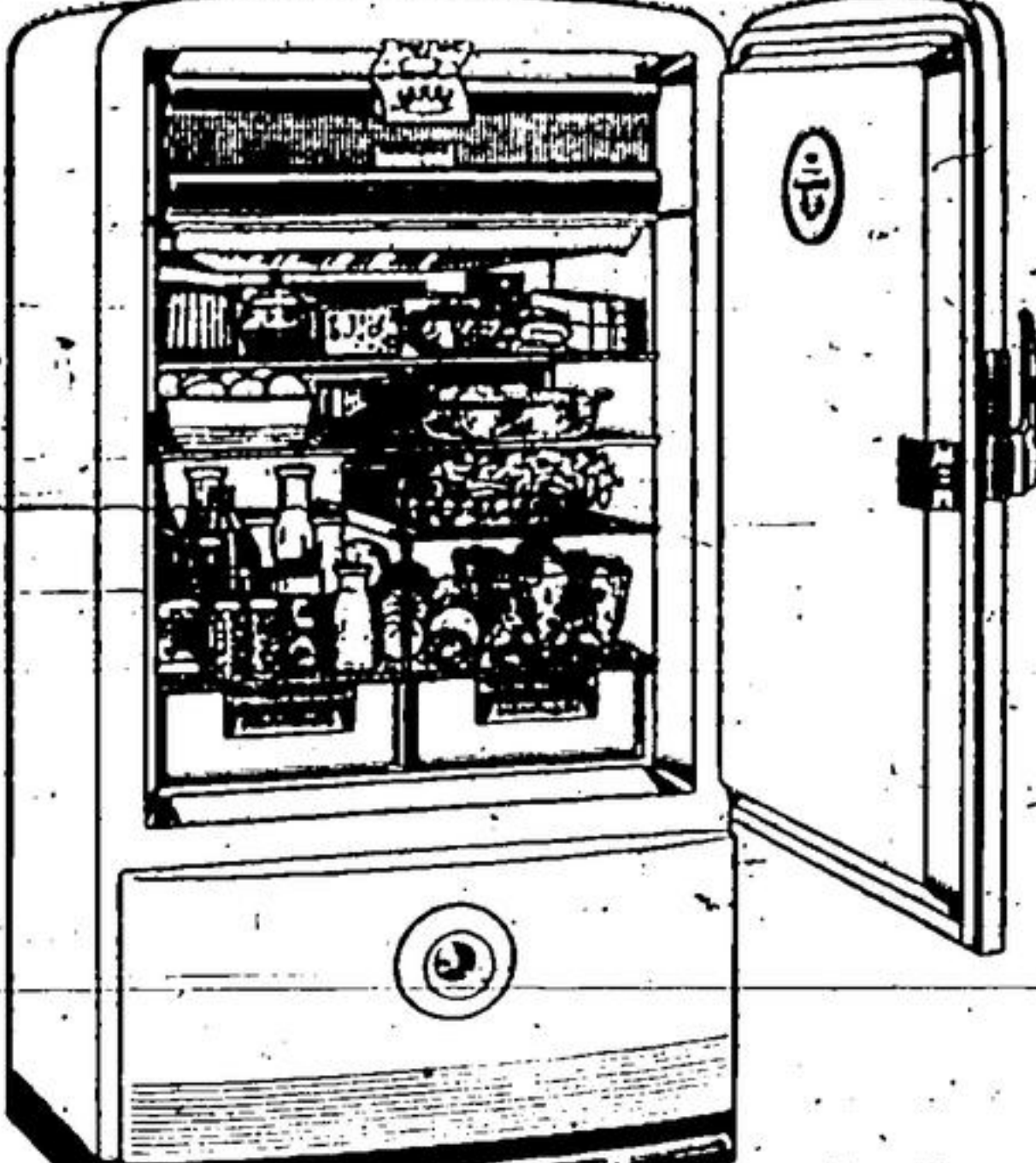
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