



The prophet Zephaniah lived at a time of great corruption in Judah, before Josiah's reign. He prophesied that because of these sins the Lord would utterly destroy the nations and all created things.

Jerusalem, stormed Zephaniah, is filthy and polluted, her princes are corrupt and oppressive; her prophets are light and treacherous persons, and her priests have polluted the sanctuary and done violence to the law of God.

After the destruction, Zephaniah foretold, the Lord would turn again to His people, purify their language, that they might call on His Name to serve Him and bring to Him their offerings.

"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments," and is with thee. MEMORY VERSE—Psalm 67:4.

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UNIONVILLE NEWS

Mrs. A. Toogood spent the past weekend at the Home and School Camp at Lake Couchiching.

Miss Ruth Ramer visited for the weekend with relatives at Zurich.

Mrs. Janet Harper entertained a number of young friends in honour of her daughter's birthday last Saturday afternoon.

Greetings to Rev. and Mrs. Butt who will celebrate a wedding anniversary on June 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lunan attended the Lunan reunion picnic held at Thornhill Park on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. L. McMullen, Mrs. E. Lamoria and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Morley Jones and family, Terry, Bonnie and baby son, and Mr. Butch Allen enjoyed a trailer trip to Haliburton for the weekend.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Alfred Dyke is ill and wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Joan Thurston of Toronto spent Thursday visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Thurston.

Grade Eight of Unionville Public School enjoyed a special treat this week when Principal Hill took them on a sight-seeing trip to Niagara Falls.

Mr. Wilbert Latimer, a dealer on Main St. with the Cockshutt Machinery Co. for a great many years is closing his place of business here on July 1st and is going to Brougham, where he will be in business with Mr. Joe Champion.

The W.A. of Central United Church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the parsonage on Thursday, June 23rd.

Mr. Campbell of Toronto visited on Sunday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Deacon.

Miss Marguerite Coulson of Markham visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chadwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkinson and family attended the Routley family picnic held this year on Sunday afternoon at Woodland Park.

Miss Beatrice McInnis of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McInnis.

Miss Beryl LeGrice of Toronto spent the weekend at her home with her parents.

Mrs. H. Findlay and son Dean and friend Miss Aundrea Lalonde of Toronto visited on Sunday at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bigelow and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richards of Tyrone.

The Lutheran Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Bruce Cameron with Mrs. Jack Wettleson, Assistant Hostess, on Thursday. The prayer was by Mrs. Jack Harper, scripture reading by Miss Dorothy Silver. The topic, "I Was A Stranger in Your

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Church" was given by Mrs. Wm. Harper. It was decided to hold a picnic at Greenwood Park in July.

Congratulations to Miss Sylvia Easton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Easton, laymore Farm, Unionville, who graduated from Toronto East General Hospital on Saturday, June 11th. She won the award for the highest standing in theory and an award for medical nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Weir and Elizabeth were guests at a tea on Sunday night in honor of Doctor and Mrs. Cowan of Vancouver, at the home of the doctor's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Butcher of Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. James Weir and Mrs. Goddard attended the anniversary services of Old St. Andrew's at Bendale on Sunday morning.

Despite the hot weather, Central United Church was well filled on Sunday morning for the Sunday School Anniversary which took the form of a combined service with the church at 11.15.

Dr. Horwood of Toronto was guest speaker. There was special music by the junior choir under the leadership of Mrs. Jean Cuthbertson. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Butt and Assistant Superintendent Mr. K. Deacon. The attendance of 46 Sundays in the year were given out to twenty-six children. These diplomas are for a period of seven years. This year it was decided to add a gold plated cross pin for eight years attendance. Miss Maureen Gayman completed her eight years and was presented with pin and certificate by Dr. Horwood. The Sunday school and congregational picnic was announced for June 29th and will be held at Musselman's Lake. Bus and car conveyance will leave the church at 3.30 p.m. Please bring enough lunch for your family and one extra. Holy Communion will be administered next Sunday morning.

Mr. Jim McLaren leaves on Friday for the Western Provinces with the Deacon cattle, which will be exhibited at the Western Fall Fairs.

Mrs. Bruce Findlay visited on Thursday with her mother, Mrs. McDonald, at Locust Hill.

Mr. G. I. Hamby is in St. Michael's Hospital this week.

Mrs. Ina Middleton has sold her residence on Main Street to a Toronto family. Mrs. Middleton intends to build another home.

Mrs. Howard Summerfeldt spent a couple of days last week visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, at Gormley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Metcalf spent the past weekend visiting friends in Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Huson and Joey of Thistleton had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gardhouse and family.

The Unionville Horticultural Society held their June flower show in the United Church basement Wednesday night. Mrs. F. Warne was convener and was assisted by Mrs. M. Rainey. Owing to the dry weather, no iris were shown. The exhibits of neonies, lupins, poppies, sweet william, lilies, violets, house plants and baskets of cut flowers were very fine. The exhibit of strawberries, rhubarb, lettuce, radishes, bunch onions and plate spinach was of an excellent quality. The judge was Miss Jane Little, Richmond Hill, Gardening Editor of Canadian Homes and Gardens. Mrs. Nehemiah Ogden received the prize for the best peony of the show. The next show will be the summer flower show on Wednesday, August 17th.

Mr. Fred Conley who has been teaching at Orillia for many years will be teaching this year in York and is building a home in Markham. Mrs. Conley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Ogden, Unionville.

Mrs. A. Hunt of Toronto is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James McConnell.

DOORWAY - McCARTY decorated with white and pink peonies, Central United Church

Mr. Jim McLaren leaves on

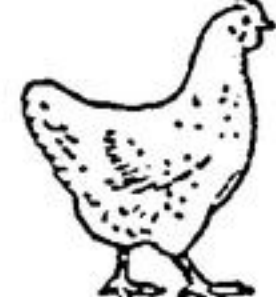


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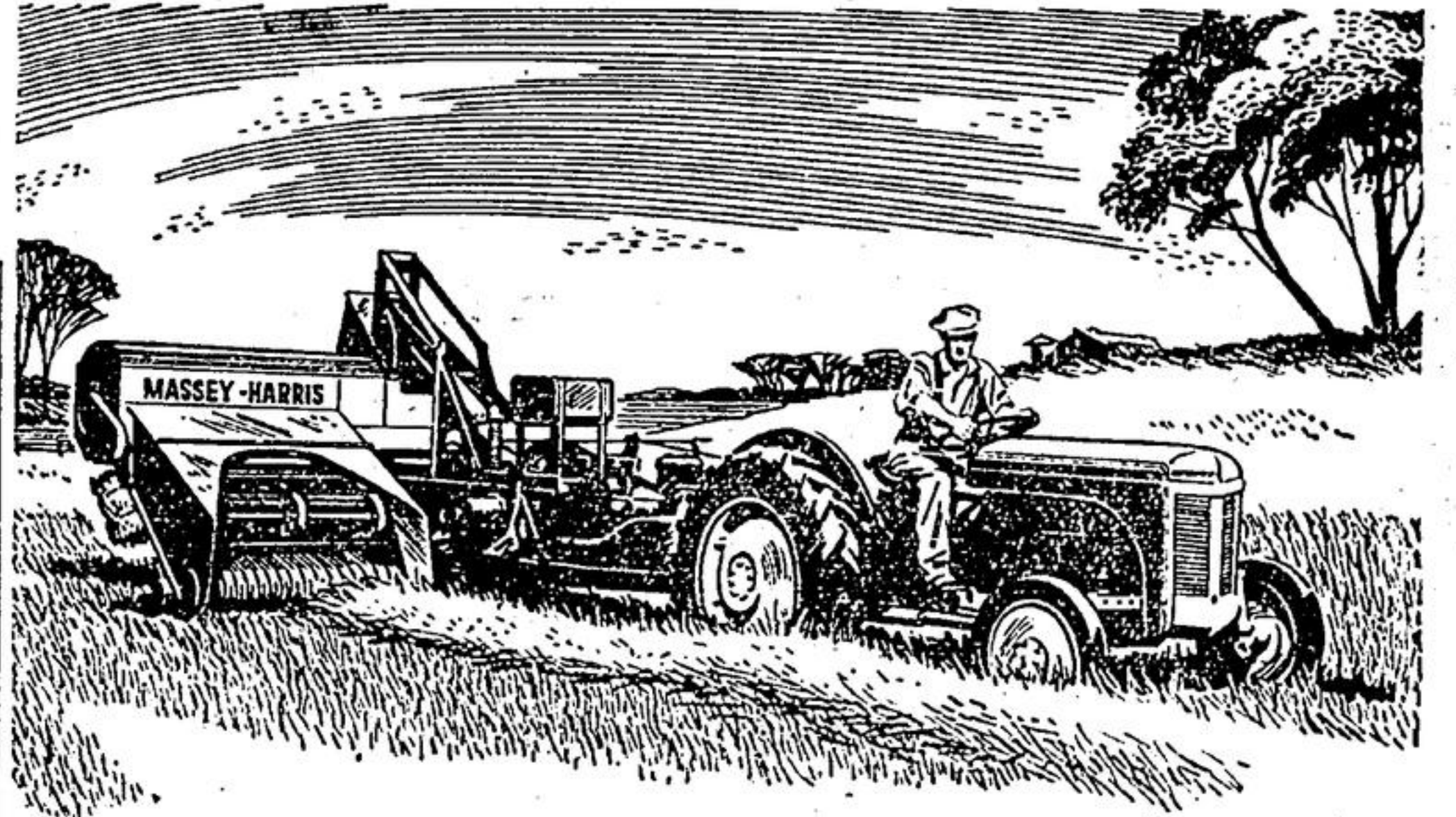
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God and the Nations

AFTER ZEPHANIAH'S WARNINGS, BLESSINGS REST ON ISRAEL'S PEOPLE

Scripture—Zephaniah 3.

BY NEWMAN CAMPBELL. THE PROPHET Zephaniah was young man in the time of Judah's worst period of corruption, before the reign of good king Josiah. His book is short, only three chapters, but it is very precious. He did not mince words with his erring people, but in the most graphic language described to them what the outcome of their sinning would be, for he felt that the Lord was very angry with His people, and not only with them, but with all nations.

Read his words: "Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city—Jerusalem. She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction, she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God. Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. The just Lord is in the midst thereof; He will not do iniquity; every morning, doth He bring His

prophecy of doom upon after his denunciations, if the people would only be true to their God and put away wickedness!

"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments. He hath cast out thine enemy; the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more."

People may be very ill of a disease which can only be overcome by having an operation. After that they may be in fine health and happy again. So Zephaniah may be said to have cured his people by an operation, or at least with warnings of painful things to come.

Later, this was true of Israel. The people did give up their licentious ways of life and turn back to the Lord, and were blessed. So it may be with all of us, if we, too, turn to God and live so as to deserve His blessings.

We may not be wicked people—worshipping idols instead of our God of love, but don't many of us, large or small, have our idols

MEMORY VERSE

"O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth."—Psalm 67:4.

judgment to light. He falleth not, but the unjust knoweth no shame.

All nations should be cut off, said Zephaniah, the Lord's prophet; their streets would be made waste and desolate. The cities would be destroyed.

After all the earth was "decreased with the fire of My jealousy," however, Zephaniah declared that "then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."

"In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against Me; for then I will take out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride; and thou shalt no more be haughty because of My holy mountain."

"I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.

"The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid."

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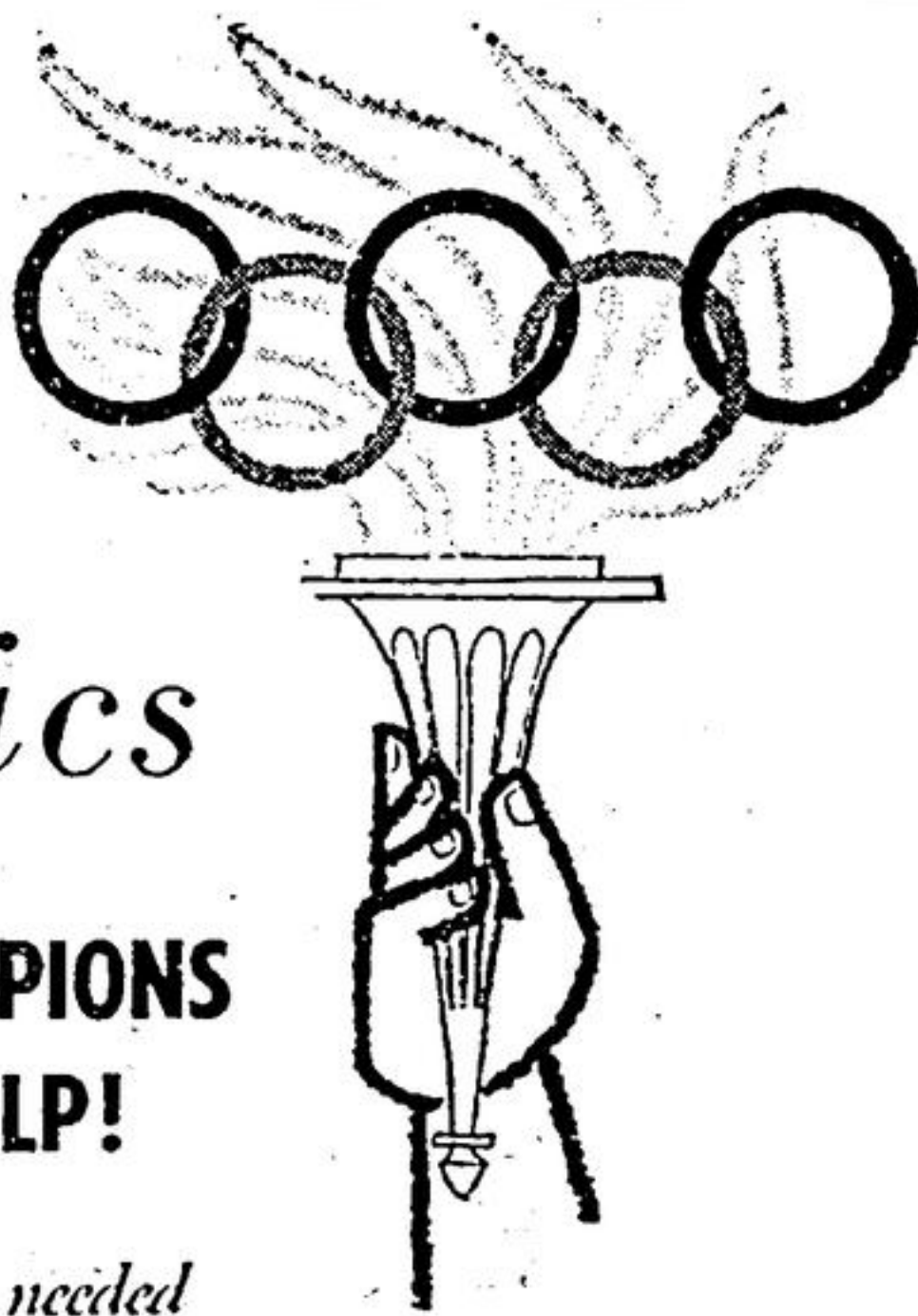
Men may make idols of making money and business success so that they have no time to be good, thoughtful, companionable husbands and fathers. Women may be too much interested in their clubs, even in their church activities, or social position to the detriment of their families.

Let us put first things first, separating the important things in our lives from the others—they are important, yes, but not of first importance. Let us humbly ask God to direct our feet, too, into the right paths, and lead us by His clearer vision.

The prayer was by Mrs. Jack Harper, scripture reading by Miss Dorothy Silver. The topic, "I Was A Stranger in Your

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