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The International Sunday School Lesson For January 1st Is "The Revolt of Jeroboam."-1 Kings 12:1-13:6. By William T. Ellis.

Straight into the social perplexi- pire." The "hard" and "strong" polties of our times falls this plummet icy toward people is always a blunof ancient Jewish history and pro- der. In the very lands and times phecy. If I had but lately returned when the heavy hand of the Rehofrom a journey to the Near East, for boam-minded fails, the missionary the purpose of portraying conditions policy wins. there, I could not tell a more appropriete story than this one of Jeroboam of long ago, who is the theme of this first Sunday School Lesson of leaders. Responsibility changes men's the New Year.

minds. Jeroboam became afraid he

It means something tremendous should lose his popularity. Therethat more than twenty million per- fore the zealous humanitarian and sons are going to spend the next nine patriot became a politician. He acmonths in studying, week by week, cordingly set up religious high places. the rise and fall of Patriotism, social -stark heathenism-in opposition justice and religion, in the history to Jerusalem. On these he erected of the Hebrews. Double and drama- golden calves, after the Aaron model tic pertinency may be given to the at Sinai. theme if the dreadful rumors of ex- Thus his collapse was one of faith, tensive new Jewish pogroms in the He tied to his own ankle the chain East are fulfilled, as predicted, this that has been heard clanking downwinter. Many adult classes will link through the ages-"Jeroboam, who the lessons to the present predilec- made Israel to sin." He failed his tion of Jews everywhere for so-people in religion, which is the sucial reform and radicalism. It will preme failure of all. save many persons from race bitterness to be kept, by the International Lessons, in the consciousness that the Jews were really the Chosen People, and the custodians of the highest revelation of the Infinite.

A Man Who Married Wrong. Despite the warnings of their prohets, the Jews, a thousand years before the Christian era, had adopted the king-fashion of their neighbors. The record of three milleniums ago reads like Kiplings "The Old Issue":

"Here is naught at venture, random nor untrue-Swing the wheel full circle, brims the cup anew.

Here is naught unproven, here is nothing hid: Step for step and word for wordso the old Kings did!

"Step by step and word by word: who is ruled may read, Suffer not the old Kings-for we know the breed-

'All the right they promise,—all the wrong they bring. Stewards of the Judgment, suffer not this King!"

From the pastoral simplicity of the times of the judges, the Jews were led, by Saul and David and Solomon, into all the state and splendor of royal city life. Israel reached the apex of its civil and material and political glory under Solomon. For the sake of political alliances, Solomon married many wives, most of them heathen. The wives brought their religions and idols to the palaces and the capital. I suppose a The Vogue of Black Is Emphasized modern novelist could amplify the thème of Solomon's deterioration by the sex complex. His harm came by his harem. The degradation of the moral tone of the kingdom and plicity of its fashioning will also apthe loss of sterling qualities of char- peal to the woman who makes her acter in the princes, all trace back own clothes. A long piece of the crepe to the king's polygamy. Departure is taken and slashed in the centre from the stern morality taught on so that he head may be slipped Sinai inevitably was followed by de- | through. parture from the living Jehovah.

All sorts of evils to the people falls in most graceful lines. An inter-flowed from their leader's sensual esting decoration is revealed in the indulgences and worldly pride. Solo- border of hemstitching which enmon's splendor dulled the lives of his riches this creation. subjects. His ivory palaces were Across the front are tiny roses built on the bones of overdriven toil- made of black crepe, and from beers. In glaring contrast to his own neath them rises a narrow girdle magnificience and wealth was the in- which is tied in the rear. The slip creasing squalor and poverty of the is worn with this gown is made of masses. It was the king, and not black satin. the kingdom, that grew in greatness. Today's problem of excessive wealth of the few and excessive want of the many is not a new thing.

A Labor Leader Who Became King. It is no new thing for toilers, pressed too far, to go on strike or into rebellion. Most writers upon the grandeur of Solomon's reign pass over the discontent of the people who were taxed sorely to support his magnificence. We need to have it recalled to our attention that there was a strike of the workmen in Jerusalem against the king's rigors, so that their leader, Jeroboam, an outstanding personality, had to flee to Egypt, an exile during Solomon's reign. This Jeroboam became a popular figure, a hero of the masses. He was filling somewhat the same role as Moses during the days of Israel's oppression in Egypt. Abijah, a prophet of Jehovah, had foretold that Jeroboam should become the ruler of the peo-

At Solomon's death, the people sought relief at the hands of Rehoboam, his successor, a pampered, enervated princiling, who listened to his own boon companions and sycophants, rather than to the wise word of the elders. He was persuaded by youths as foolish as himself to adopt a "strong" policy toward the people; even as some white men have of late vainly done in the East. He did not realize that no people will endure the heavy hand of injustice any longer than they are able to resent it. In this case the cry went forth. "To your tents, O Israel!" The bigger, richer part of the kingdom called for the leader who had returned from exfle at Solomon's death. The split n Israel came almost along the geographical lines that divide the French and the British mandates in the Holy Land today. Rehoboam was left with the sterile south for his only domain; and Jeroboam was made king of the northern tribes. The tory reminds me of the remark made by a brilliant British journal-"Amrittar may cost Britain har om-

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