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Sunday School
Lesson

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 1

THE REVOLT OF JEROBOAM.

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 12-21.
GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them.—Ex. 20:3, 4.

REFERENCE—MATTHEW—1 Kings 11:26-40, 12:10-21, 12:22, 12:23, 12:24, 12:25, 12:26, 12:27, 12:28, 12:29, 12:30, 12:31, 12:32, 12:33, 12:34, 12:35, 12:36, 12:37, 12:38, 12:39, 12:40.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of Two Kings.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Two Kings Who Disobeyed God.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Two Kings Who Lost Their Opportunity.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Industrial Unrest and Its Cure.

The movements leading up to the division of the kingdom began during Solomon's reign.

1. The People's Demand (vv. 1-14).

This was occasioned by the burden of excessive taxation, and enforced labor required by Solomon in order to build costly houses and temples for his heathen wives. Owing to the multiplicity of his wives, this became very burdensome. The people were groaning under its weight. Upon the accession of the new king, Rehoboam, the people through their leader, Jeroboam, came with the request that their burdens be lightened, promising loyalty to him on the condition of lightened burdens.

2. Rehoboam's Foolish Decision (vv. 15-19).

Rehoboam consulted with the old men (vv. 5-7). He at once consulted the old men of experience who had been Solomon's advisers. Being acquainted with the conditions as imposed by Solomon, and knowing the temper of the people, they advised that the people's request be granted.

Rehoboam consulted the young men who had grown up with him (vv. 20-21). These young men were mostly half-brothers, sons of Solomon's many wives. Being thus brought up in the luxury of the harem, they were ignorant of the real rights of the people; therefore they advised that the burdens be increased.

Rehoboam follows the advice of the young men (vv. 12-13). At the appointed time he announced his decision to the people. He answered them roughly, asserting his purpose to increase their burdens and sorrows. Rehoboam lost the great opportunity of his life.

3. The Revolt of the Ten Tribes (vv. 14-24).

Upon Rehoboam's announcement of his rash purpose, all Israel cried out, "What portion have we in David? Neither have we an inheritance in the son of Jesse: to you tents, O Israel! Now see to thine own house, David!" Rehoboam attempted to collect tribute from the ten tribes was met by a severe rebuff. The tribute gatherers, who had been sent to collect tribute from the ten tribes, were met by a severe rebuff. The tribute gatherers, who had been sent to collect tribute from the ten tribes, were met by a severe rebuff.

4. Rehoboam's Substitute Religion (vv. 25-33).

1. He established calf-worship (vv. 25-28). (1) His pretext (vv. 25, 27). He feared lest the religious unity should lead the political separation. His plan was that the people would go back to Jerusalem to worship, and therefore would gradually be led to acknowledge allegiance to Rehoboam, and his own life would be taken. This act of his had its root in his heart of unbelief. God had promised through the Prophet Ahijah to build him a sure house, even as he had built for David (1 Kings 11:38). Had he believed God, this fear would have been dispelled. Rehoboam only used religion to secure personal ends. He was too shrewd a politician to do away with religion. He knew that religion was a powerful factor in man's life. (2) The calves set up (vv. 28-30). When Jeroboam set up these idols he said, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of Egypt!" His religion was the religion of convenience.

2. His scheme of worship (vv. 31-33). (1) He built houses of high places (v. 31). This was against the direct command of God. (2) He made priests of the lowest of the people (v. 31). God had set aside the tribe of Levi to fill the office of priesthood. In this again, he disobeyed God. (3) He changed the day of the feast of the tabernacle (v. 32). The time of this feast was set by Jehovah (Lev. 23:33-34). (4) Jeroboam himself intrudes into the priest's office (v. 33). This act of presumption on his part was the climax of his unbelief. All this grew out of a wicked heart.

Israel Turns From Moses.

And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.—Exodus 32:1.

Faith is Substance of Things.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1.

Some Good Advice

**LISTEN KID—
BETTER GET YOURSELF
SOME OVERALLS 'CAUSE
IT'S GOING TO BE
A BUSY YEAR.**



New Year Parties

Here's to the old year, drink boys, drink.

Here's to the days that have fled,
Old friends, old wine, old memories;
Drink to the joys that are dead.

Here's to the New Year stretching ahead,
To the days that are blithesome and gay.

May the joys of the old be the joys of the new.

Its sorrows fade gently away.

ANOTHER New Year comes to us with a volume all pure and unspiced, on which we will soon begin to write a history that will go on to be bound with the thousands of other records we call years. Many 1922 bring us counterpoints of the happiest days of the year just ending, and a heart for "any fate," and we will learn the lesson of how "to labor and to wait."

Now for a joy New Year's eve party that you may like to keep. Send out invitations for a "watch night" party or "rememberance" party, as one girl is going to call the intimate little affair she is arranging for New Year's eve. If you can sketch, draw an hourglass, a "watcher" figure, or clock face with the hands at midnight or the last leaf on the calendar with "December 31" done in scarlet. Ask each one to tell of their happiest day in the year that is past and in what month it happened.

You may play cards, dance or "rememberances," just as suits you best. Have a cake with 12 candles surrounded by a wreath of holly and mistletoe.

HER RESOLUTION.

"Have you made any good resolutions for the new year?"

"Yes, I'm going to quit bustin' men's hearts."

Good-bye, Old Year

Farewell, old year; we walk no more together.

I catch the sweetness of thy latest sigh.

And, crowned with yellow brake and withered heather,

I see thee stand beneath this cloudy sky.

Good-bye, kind year, we walk no more together.

But here in quiet happiness we part; And when thy breath of faded fire comes, and heather,

I take some sprays and wear them on my hair.

—Sarah Doubdrey.

OPPORTUNITIES.

Men must look forward, and do what they can to prepare for the future. Indeed, the whole of life is a preparation. But it is easily possible to be too anxious. The best preparation is good work honestly done in the present. For that, the general welfare of mankind, and also to the development of personal character. There is in these days much seeking after careers. Opportunistic right at our doors are overlooked or despised by those who want to do "some great thing."

Summa Leaves Valuable.

The leaves and branches of black sumac, which grows wild in the central-eastern states, are used in tanning and dyeing operations and are in demand this fall. The gatherers will receive about \$1 per 100 pounds for first-grade material.

Duty.

"Does your husband enjoy dancing?"

"Dear me, no. He does it in the sidewalk way he does everything else."

Good Reason.

Owens—I don't think I'll go any place this summer.

Owens—Why not?

Owens—Well, you see all my creditors have left town and I think the city will be about as cool a place as I could strike.—Boston Transcript.

MARKETS

FOOD AND GRAIN

WHEAT—Cash No. 2 red, 82 1/2; May, 83 1/2; No. 3 white and No. 2 mixed, 81 1/2; OLD YELLOW CORN—Cash No. 2, 56 1/2; No. 3, 55 1/2; No. 4, 54 1/2; No. 5, 53 1/2.

WHITE—YATS—Cash No. 1, 40c asked; No. 2, 39 1/2c; No. 3, 38 1/2c; No. 4, 37 1/2c; No. 5, 36 1/2c.

MEANS—Immediate and prompt shipment. 142 1/2 per cent.

BARLEY—Feeding, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 per cent. 100% FEED—11 1/2 to 12 1/2 per cent.

FEED—Jan. 21; standard middlings, 11 1/2; No. 1, 12 1/2; No. 2, 11 1/2; No. 3, 10 1/2; No. 4, 9 1/2; No. 5, 8 1/2.

LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

CATTLE—Best heavy steers, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair heavy steers, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed steers and heifers, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

POULTRY—Best spring chickens, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair spring chickens, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed spring chickens, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

EGGS—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

BAKING POWDER—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

SOAP—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

PAPER—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

GLASS—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

IRON—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

STEEL—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

COPPER—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

ZINC—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

LEAD—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

BRASS—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

ALUMINUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

TIN—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

SILVER—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

GOLD—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

PLATINUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

PALLADIUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

RHODIUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

IRIDIUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

OSMIUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

SELENIUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

TELLURUM—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

ANTIMONY—Best, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; fair, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2; mixed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

DICE LONG KNOWN TO WORLD

Amusement is Probably the Most Ancient Game, According to Records of Old Writers.

The oldest amusement in the world is dice-throwing.

In some form or another, dice have existed in every period of history.

They are shown on early Egyptian monuments, and some dug up at Thebes recently are exactly similar to those in use today.

They are mentioned in laws regulating games played in ancient Greece and Rome and most other countries in Europe.

The invention of dice is attributed to Palamedes, one of the heroes who sailed against Troy, about the year 1244 B. C., but the use of cubes with numbered sides for gambling purposes is probably much earlier.

Frequent passages in the works of ancient writers and numerous representations in marble and paintings show how popular dice-playing was among them.

WOULD HAND LORD DOLLAR

But Some People Will Doubt Whether Such a Man Will Ever Get Close Enough.

A young man in Missouri was collecting funds for a benevolent institution. He tried hard to get a dollar from an old gentleman who was noted for his closeness.

When the young man had stated his mission and asked for the dollar, the elderly person asked:

"Well, young man, how old are you?"

"I am twenty-five," said the youth.

"Well," continued the old gentleman, "I am seventy-five years old, and you are only twenty-five years. I think that I will get to see the Lord sooner than you. I will hand him the dollar myself."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

MOTHER, QUICK! GIVE CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP FOR CHILD'S BOWELS

Even a sick child loves the "fruit" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little tongue is coated, or if the child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, a teaspoonful will never fail to open the bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poison, sour bile and waste from the tender, little bowels and gives you a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.—Advertisement.

Queer Feels of Hawaii.

It had just been announced from the Leland Stanford, Jr., university that as a result of the eruption of Mauna Loa, Hawaii, two years ago, six specimens of fish entirely new to science were thrown upon the shore of the islands. One was a curious cod, with hooks on its snout, resembling blackberry thorns. They were all deep-water fish, coming from a depth of 150 to 1,000 feet.

Strictly Neutral.

Denn was playing with his brother, Dick, and a neighbor boy, John, when John and Dick began to fight.

Denn came in the house and I asked him why he didn't help his brother, for I had been watching out the window.

"I just told him he could battle his own fights," he said.—Chicago Tribune.

Dry Goods.

"Colonel, should a dry goods store sell soda water?"

"Yes, I guess it's dry enough."

One man believes everything he hears; another doesn't believe anything he hears. Both are foolish.

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Desirable Interchange.

"Statesmanship often indulges in lengthy discussion."

"I approve of it," declared Senator Sorghum; "the hope of civilization depends on making conversation so pleasant and interesting that people will not permit it to be interrupted by fighting."

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