

**Manasseh Leads Judah Into Sin** ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Alfred J. Boescher



Manasseh destroyed Hezekiah's reforms and covenants, restored idolatry in its most evil forms, and led the people away from God. — II Kings 21:1-9; II Chronicles 33:1-2.  
 Prophets warned of God's impending judgment of captivity, death and destruction, but Manasseh scorned them and continued his evil ways. — II Kings 21:10-15; II Chronicles 33:10.  
 Captured and carried away in chains by the Assyrians, Manasseh listened to the prophets in prison, repented and prayed for deliverance. — II Kings 21:16; II Chronicles 33:11-13.  
 God returned Manasseh to Jerusalem where he tried to atone for his years of evil. — II Kings 21:17-18; II Chronicles 33:14-20.

MEMORY VERSE: "Therefore, to him, that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." — James 4:17.

**KING MANASSEH BECAME CORRUPT**  
**Turned From Religious Youth**

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By R.H. RAMSEY

From the standpoint of history it would seem that Manasseh should have been among Judah's most outstanding kings. He had the good example of a righteous father—Hezekiah, who did so much to lead his people back to God, and their destiny as the chosen people—and he had the advantage of an excellent religious upbringing. Yet Manasseh turned out to be a degenerate ruler, one whose very name has become a by-word for all that is evil.

It has been suggested that environment and the tender age of the young king when he ascended the throne were basic factors responsible for Manasseh's early departure from the ways of God. He became king at the age of 12, and it may well be what he came under the influence of corrupt royal courtiers, for he began his reign by forgetting God and all He had done

measured by the same line of justice that measured Samaria and sent it to destruction, the people delivered into the hands of their enemies, becoming prey and spoils.

The text gives us no indication of why, merely stating that Manasseh was captured by the Assyrians, chained and bound with fetters and carried off to Babylon where the ruler was apparently holding court. It is possible that Manasseh joined with the brother of Ashurbanipal, king of Assyria, in an abortive revolt against his authority.

In captivity and chains, Manasseh heard the words of the "seers," or prophets that God continued to send to him, and he humbled himself and repented for the wickedness he had done. In his extremity, he prayed to God for deliverance, and it is certainly a prime example of God's unfailing grace and mercy that Manasseh was allowed to return to Jerusalem.

There he began making amends for his years of sin, evil and deliberate defiance of Jehovah in which he had led the people. He reformed the city, cleansed the temple of its idols and altars to false gods, repaired the Lord's altar and resumed the regular, divinely-ordered peace-offerings and thank-offerings.

But it was too late. Probably some good was done, but the people were too deeply enmeshed in wickedness to suddenly change their habits. Manasseh found that it was almost an impossibility to rebuild and inculcate true religion in the hearts of his people.

**Bible Society**  
**Making Its Contribution**

The ancient kingdom of Iran (Persia) is changing its quiet villages are receiving an influx of new life. Educated military conscripts are being sent out to villages to teach children and adults, to supervise the building of schools and roads, to help improve farming, to raise health standards. Sixty-70 per cent of the people are still illiterate; but 166,000 children and adults in the villages learned to read last year.

The Bible Society is making a spiritual contribution to the progress of the nation. The Protestant community in Iran is under 5,000 with a further 400,000 members of the Orthodox Churches. But the Bible Society, which has been spreading the Word of God in the country for 150 years, distributed last year almost 80,000 Scriptures in 40 languages—most of the copies reaching the hands of non-Christians.

Most of these Scriptures were sold by the Bible Society's eight full-time and one part-time colporteurs, who travel throughout the country. Since their customers are mainly non-Christians, they sell mostly portions or selections of the Bible, which introduce the new reader to the Word of God. Many of these booklets are read immediately and passed on to friends and neighbours; for with growing literacy, demand for reading material is increasing.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS:**  
 Sunday, June 12: Psalms 10, Mon, June 13: Psalms 23, Tuesday, June 14: Psalms 29, Wednesday, June 15: Psalms 33, Thursday, June 16: Psalms 34, Friday, June 17: Psalms 46, Saturday, June 18: Psalms 65.

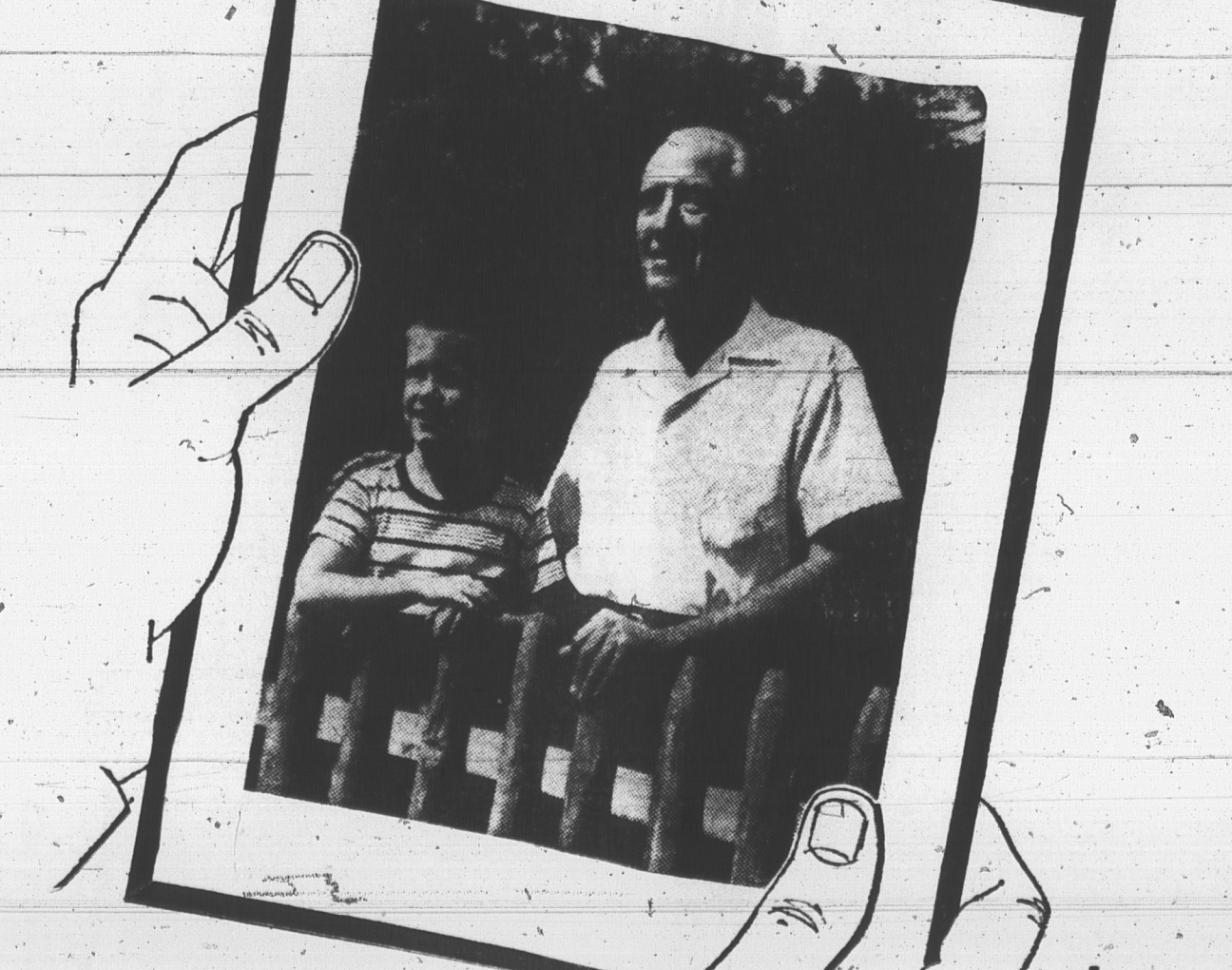
I'm missing from this picture. I belong right between the subjects. For the old gentleman on the right is my father . . . and the young gentleman on the left is my son. But someone had to snap the picture.

It was taken on a Sunday afternoon. Earlier the three of us had walked to church. And Grandpa — (you know how you come to call your own father "grandpa" after you have a son) — well, Grandpa put his hand on Jimmy's shoulder.

"You know, Jimmy," he said, "I've been walking to church down this street ever since it was a cowpath. And I used to think real proud-like when I walked your father to church, that the Lord never gave me a bigger job to do than raise my son a Christian. But I feel just as proud walkin' by you — like all my important work isn't done yet!"

Understand why I wanted this picture? And why I call it "Unfinished Business?"

**Unfinished Business**



Sunday Leviticus 18:1-5	Monday Deuteronomy 8:5-10	Tuesday Joshua 22:1-6	Wednesday I Kings 9:1-9	Thursday Isaiah 2:1-4	Friday Ephesians 2:1-10	Saturday Isaiah 5:3-10
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**ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE**  
 READ THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS PAGE FOR TIMES OF SERVICES

**Presbyterians Will Accept Marriage Between Races**

By ARTHUR ZELDIN  
 TORONTO (CP)—Interracial marriages are entitled to the full blessing of the church, the 92nd general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada decided.

The issue was carried easily, although the moderator, Dr. G. Deane Johnston, told the assembly it did not mean the church encouraged such marriages.

"The individual must consider the society and culture in which he lives" before he takes such a step, Dr. Johnston said.

Dr. John C. Robson of Toronto said in an interview that he had personal reasons for seconding the motion. He and his wife have adopted a colored boy, now aged three.

Dr. Robson said it was important for the church not merely to indicate there were no objections to interracial marriages, but that they were entitled to as full a blessing as any other marriage.

**SEEK RELEASE**  
 Thursday the assembly added a new clause to the remnants of its stand on the Viet Nam war. It asked that Canada, through the International Control Commission, attempt to secure the release of three missionaries captured by the Viet Cong May 30, 1963, if they are still alive.

Dr. Johnston called for a special committee to investigate the authority of any committee to issue statements without prior assent of the assembly.

An international affairs committee resolution opposing the U.S. position in Viet Nam had been made public through the Canadian Council of Churches last February.

Shortly before the close of the assembly, Dr. D. M. Warne of Toronto registered his dissent from the stand finally adopted by the church.

He said defeat of the committee's motion left the church open to the "misinterpretation that it is in favor of the continuation and escalation of the war."

**Charlottetown Bible Chapel**  
 235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.

Sunday School (continues all summer)—11:00 a.m.  
 Services: 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**SPEAKER: A. G. CLARKE OF BERMUDA**

Mr. Clark's meetings continue nightly at 8:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday—"THE RECOVERY OF BIBLE TRUTH"  
 Wednesday—"RITUALISM VS. THE BIBLE"  
 Thursday—"THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT"  
 The Old Book . . . The New Birth . . . The Precious Blood . . . The Blessed Hope

**Central Christian Church**  
 219 Kent Street

**MORNING—**  
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper  
 Sermon: "A CHRISTIAN ONLY"  
 Solo: Miss Carolyn Ling

7:30 p.m.—Evening Service (note change of time)  
 Sermon: "THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL"  
 Duets: Miss Rosina Beck and Mr. Preston Beck Selected

Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale  
 Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.  
 WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

**Sherwood Church of Christ**  
 (Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School)

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages  
 Nursery through Adult class  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper  
 Presiding: Mr. W. A. MacRae  
 Sermon: Mr. Kenneth Norris  
 YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

**PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH**  
 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale  
 Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister  
 Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Chorus

9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School  
 11:00 a.m.—Nursery Class  
 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
 Sermon: "EVANGELISM FOR TODAY"  
 Solo: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"—Little  
 Mr. Gordon Jensen

7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP  
 Sermon: A study period re proposals for Church Union.  
 Music by Intermediate Girls' Choir  
 Solo: Miss Mary Lee Gamble  
 YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP—WITH US

**The Kirk of St. James**

Minister: The Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, A., B.D., Director of Music  
 Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B. Mus., ARCCO

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1966**  
 11:00 A.M.  
 Sermon  
 "IS YOUR GOD DEAD?"  
 Solo: "Jerusalem"—Mendelssohn (Miss B. Rogers)

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery  
 11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner  
 You Are Invited To Worship With Us

**Zion Presbyterian Church**  
 Corner Prince and Grafton Streets  
 The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D.  
 Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.Mus., B.Mus. Organist and Chorus-Director.

9:45 a.m.—The Church School Classes for all ages  
 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School  
 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
 Sermon: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD  
 Solo: Miss Shirley Graham

2:30 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP, Calvin Church, Mermaid  
 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
 Sermon: NEW LIVES FOR OLD  
 Solo: Miss Faye Rogerson  
 A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

**St. Peter's Cathedral**  
 Rochford Square  
 Anglican Church of Canada  
 Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., L.Th., Rector  
 Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. LL.D.  
 Honorary Assistant Priest  
 Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist  
 Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Chorus Director.

June 12—The First Sunday after Trinity

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
 8:45 a.m.—Mattins  
 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (closing session) 11 a.m. Infants  
 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon  
 7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon  
 Visitors are most welcome at all services

**LONDON (CP)—**The British Communist Party is launching a campaign to attract more members to its ranks. The executive plans to spend more than 13,000 on a recruitment drive to double the present strength of 5,189 by next spring.

**The Salvation Army**  
 176 Great George Street  
 Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson

Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School—10 a.m.  
 Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.  
 Sermon: "CLAY IN THE POTTER'S HANDS"  
 (Part 2)  
 Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.  
 Sermon: "NO GREATER SIN"  
 Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public Meeting)  
 Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
 A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

**CALVARY TEMPLE**  
 PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA  
 Upper Prince Street  
 Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor

9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summer-time station  
 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service  
 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service  
 You will receive a warm welcome at Calvary Temple

**BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 (Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.)  
 Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A.  
 10:30 A.M.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.  
 Rev. E. E. MacDougall will assist at the service.  
 7:00 P.M.—Evening Worship  
 VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

**Christian Reformed Church**  
 155 Mt. Edward Road  
 (The first church in Sherwood)  
 Rev. M. Dornbush, Minister

10:00 a.m.—Morning Service  
 11:15 a.m.—Sunday School  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Service  
 Everyone cordially invited.

**SHERWOOD - PARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall  
 Maple Avenue  
 The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister

9:45 a.m.—Church School Classes for all ages  
 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
 Sermon: "DON'T BE AMBUSHED"  
 A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

**First Baptist Church**  
 Corner of Prince and Elfray Streets  
 Rev. Malcolm F. Barlow, B.A., B.D., Minister  
 Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.  
 11:00 a.m.—"THE TRINITY"  
 Solo: "The Man of Galilee"  
 Mrs. Douglas McKenney

7:00 p.m.—"HOW TO HAVE HAPPINESS"  
 Solo: Selected—Miss Vicki Robertson  
 Wednesday 7:30 Prayer Meeting  
 A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

**SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH**  
 Kirkwood Drive  
 Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis  
 Organist and Director of Chorus: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M.

**ANNIVERSARY SERVICES**  
 11:00 a.m.—Nursery  
 11:00 a.m.—"THE CHURCH'S WITNESS—AT SPRING PARK"  
 Senior Chorus: "O Praise God in His Holiness"  
 Junior Chorus: "Fairrest Lord Jesus" Willis Weiden  
 Reception of members by Transfer  
 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "THE CHURCH'S WITNESS—FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION"  
 The Baptist Male Eight  
 Senior Chorus: "The Children of the Hebrews"  
 —Palestrina  
 Dedication of Memorials and Gifts.  
 Guest speaker at morning and evening service—Rev. M. Dawe, B.A., B.D., D.D.  
 Come Worship With Us This Day.

**TRINITY-UNITED CHURCH**  
 Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
 Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A., Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.  
 Organist and Director of Chorus: Mr. J. B. Herdman

11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Nursery up to five years in Social Hall  
 11:00 a.m.—SHALL WE UNITE? (Rev. J. G. E. Ball)  
 Solo: "The Sun Shall Be No More Thy Light"  
 —Miss Maida Rogerson, mezzo soprano  
 7:00 p.m.—GUIDE LINES TO THE GOOD LIFE  
 The Might of the Meek  
 —Rev. J. G. E. Ball  
 Note: Service in Hartz Memorial Hall  
 "A Welcome Awaits You"

**St. Paul's Anglican Church**  
 Established 1769 by Royal Foundation  
 The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector  
 Organist and Choir Director  
 George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION  
 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER—CHILDREN'S DAY.  
 All Sunday School children are expected to go to Church in a body. Please meet at the Parish Hall first in order to accompany your Sunday School Teacher to the Church.  
 CHILDREN'S SERMON: "THE BUTTERFLY AND SOLOMON'S PRAYER"  
 Anthem: "Around the Throne of God in Heaven"  
 —Junior Choir  
 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON.  
 Sermon: "SOLD OUT TO EVIL"  
 YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES