Prophet Ezekiel a Watchman

Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 1, 1911 Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESON TEXT-Ezekiel 3.

MEMORY VERSES-17-19. GOLDEN TEXT-"Hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from

me."—Ezek, 3:17.

TIME—Ezekiel was carried into exile B. C. 597, in the second deportation by Nebuchadnezzar from Jerusalem; when 10,000 were carried to Babylon with King Lebelsen by

The prophecy of this lesson was written B. C. 562, five years later. The first 24 chapters of Ezekiel, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem were written during the 4 years 592-588. B. C. 588 was the beginning of the last slege of Jerusalem which ended in its complete destruction.

PLACE-The Book of Ezekiel was written at Tel-abib (= Cernbill) on the river Chebar, one of the large irrigating canals of Babylonia, running across the plain between the Euphrates and the Tigris.

Ezekiel's name means "God strengthens." He was a priest, the son of Buzi, probably a family name. He was also one of the greatest of the prophets. He was probably 30 years old when he began to prophesy in B. C. 597, which would put the date of his birth in Josiah's reign, about the time Jeremiah began to prophesy. and five years before Josiah's great reformation and the finding of the book of the law.

He was a married man; and the sudden death of his wife was made by divine instruction a lesson to the people. He went on with his work "with a broken heart, but an unbroken purpose." He was a man of power and courage, holding his face as adamant against wrong, but attractive and persuasive in encouraging the people to prepare for their return from exile.

He was a man of great imagination, using simile, allegory, parables in action, symbols, symbolic actions. He saw visions, and dreamed dreams He had spiritual experiences. But he was also the most practical of men Ezekiel's model heroes were Noah Job, Daniel. They all had lost their world, but "Noah inaugurated a new world; Job ended by seeing God in the whirlwind." Daniel did great things for his native country in his new country. Ezekiel was an exile, but in that exile was a mighty force in the renewal of his native land.

The God of Israel was an invisible God, without any representation to the senses. It was hard for the people to realize his existence and his presence. It is hard for us, but much harder for them. The temple and its ritual were an aid. God's works in nature were his manifestation. The visible effects of obedience, and disobedience, were revelations of God's nature. But times of trial and disaster at first hid his face from them as storm clouds hide the sun.

Hence in this dark period Ezekiel was taught to express God's presence, power, glory, goodness, providence, by apocalyptic symbols, i. e., by symbols which expressed ideas, but could not be put into any pictorial form which might lead to idolatry. The first chapter is a vision to these symbols to make God real to the people; as to Job God made himself known in the whirlwind and the storm.

Nothing is more suitable than that the voice of God should come from the whirlwind. For air, wind, is one of the chosen symbols of God working through his holy spirit, as at Pentecost. It is invisible, as are the great natural forces of the earth.

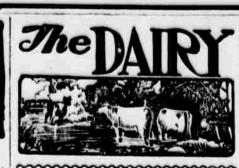
The prophet was presented with a Hebrew roll, the form in which their books were made, and was bidden to eat it. The roll represented the word of God, his message to Israel. The prophet's eating the roll meant that he was to become so saturated with God's message that it would become a part of his very being. This gives us "some guidance in forming a proper estimate of what is involved in inspiration. The prophet is to absorb into himself what is given him from above, and then give it out with his own lips and in his own language.

"It was in my mouth as honey for sweetness," that is it was good in itself. But afterwards it became bitter, for it was a terrible message to give to his people, so that God made his face as adamant harder than flint, for all the house of Israel were impudent and hard-hearted.

Ezekiel welcomed the watchman on the walls. He went from trance to action, coming out of the trance, like Peter on the housetop when he went down to the messengers of Cornelius. "And I went in bitterness . . . of my spirit," sharing with God his righteous indignation against Israel. or the bitterness of having to deliver such an awful message as he uttered in the following chapters, to his friends and neighbors and countrymen. So that when he came to them, he remained there astonished, in a stupor of grief, seven days.

The watchman's duty is clearly set forth. He must warn the people of their danger, as by the voice of God. While his business was to warn, the results were with God and the free will he has given his children.

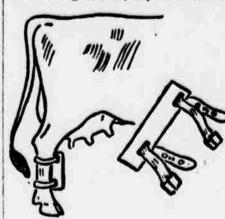
God warns us in love in various ways that we may not go heedlessly on to our ruin. He gives warnings in our bodies, by sicknesses, pains and weakness, against courses that will ruin the body, and to teach us to prepare for death. God gives warnings to the soul, by the pangs of conscience, by troubles and afflictions, to keep us from losing our souls. He warns our country, by discontent, internal commotions, by strikes, outbreaks, anarchies, war, against the oppressions, inequalities, luxury, irreligion, injustice, which will bring final ruin unless we turn from them.



HANDY ANTI-KICKING DEVICE

Cow's Legs Strapped to Strong Stick Will Keep Animal Quiet While Being Milked.

By the use of the device shown in the cut we succeeded in breaking one of our cows of the habit of kicking while being milked, says a writer in



Anti-Kicking Device.

the Homestead. We put a strap through each end of a strong stick and buckled this around the cow's leg just before milking.

DAIRY RECORDS ARE USEFUL

They Serve as Tab on Milkers and Make Excellent Barometer of Cow's Condition.

(By J. BAILEY BRUCE.)

Accurate records of each cow's milk yield enables us to weed out the herd and retain only the money-makers.

They serve as a tab on the milkers If the cows are not milked clean the fact is discovered. Poor milking by hired help is discouraged and the drying off from imperfect milking reduced to a minimum.

The cow's daily record is an excellent barometer of her physical condition. Derangements are more quickly discovered and checked and better methods of feeding are encouraged.

Both owners and help are stimulated to increase the product and it educates them in the matter of dairy

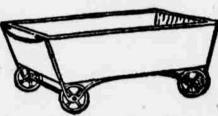
They induce better business in the management of the business. A place where business methods have been too long ignored.

They serve as an excellent gulde in selecting heifers that are to be raised to replace the cows we annually discard from the herd.

CONVENIENT TRUCK IN BARN

Easy of Construction and Will Lessen Dairyman's Labors to a Consid-

No dairyman can afford to ignore that which will lighten his labor in any way whatever. Be his stable ever so conveniently constructed, he has



A Convenient Barn Truck.

enough to do. Hence the importance of his considering the truck or car presented in the cut, for which we are indebted to an exchange. Made of good lumber, the only iron about it is the handle at each end by which to draw or push it, and the straps which are screwed against the ends, engage the ends of the axle outside the wheels and are screwed flat againsth the bottom of the truck.

The Silo for Dairymen. This is the time of year when the dairyman or dairy farmer who owns a silo likes to talk about sllage. Good silage comes as near being June pasture in January as any feed with which the dairyman is familiar. Its succulent or juicy nature especially fits it for stimulating the milk flow and keeping the cow in vigorous health. Probably the most important rule in the profitable dairy is to keep the cow's milk flowing as freely as possible after the flow has once been started by parturition or calf-birth. To do this demands right feeding and good care. Silage is also necessary to right feeding. Silage is a cheap feed to cut up and valuable to use. It is grown on the farm. This fact is of importance in this day of high-priced mill feeds.

Clean Milk.

A maker of certified milk, and head of a company which owns 800 cows, kept for this purpose at a sanitary milk producing plant, asserts that every dairyman can get clean milk in any barn if he takes proper care. This statement should prove interesting to those who lay so much stress on changes in the barn equipment, rather than upon the one all important item

A Valuable Cow. At the cattle sale of H. W. Woods of Easterville, Ia., a black Galloway cow called Gentle Annie brought \$2,-

Prof. E. H. Fraser of Illinois Experi ment Station Explains This Feature of Dairying.

The value of a good bull in the dairy herd is something that dairy farmers are now giving more attention to. Prof. E. H. Fraser of the Illinois experiment station has made this feature of farm dairying a study, and explains its benefits in this way: "If, for example, the good pure-bred sire improves the milking capacity of his daughters by only one and one-haif pounds of milk at a milking, above the production of their dams, this would mean an increase of 900 pounds of milk for the ten months or 300 days during which the ordinary cows should give milk; they would also be much more persistent milkers; that is, would give milk for a longer time in the year, and would regain their flow of milk better after an unavoidable shortage of feed as in a summer drought. Such daughters may certainly be credited on the average with 1,000 pounds more milk per year than their dams produced. At the low estimate of one dollar per 100 pounds this extra amount of milk would be worth \$10 per year: The average cow is a good producer for at least six years, or until she gets eight years old. Each daughter having a pure-bred sire will, therefore, earn \$60 more money in her lifetime because of the good qualities of her sire. It will on the average be four years after purchasing the sire before his first daughters will have finished their first lactation period and brought in the first extra \$10. Eight dollars and twenty-three cents kept at compound interest for these four years at five per cent. will equal \$10, so a daughter's improvement or increase of income the first year is worth \$8.23 at the time her sire is purchased."

JERSEY COW'S GOOD RECORD

Pedro's Estella, Bred by Missouri Agricultural College, Produces Much Butter.

(By C. H. ECKLES.) This Jersey cow, Pedro's Estella 197245, as bred by the Missouri Agricultural college. Her record for



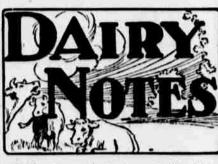
12 months as a three-year-old is as follows: Milk, 11,068 pounds; fat in milk. 605 pounds.

The average per cent. of fat for the entire year was 5.476 pounds. Computing the yield of butter on basis of 85 per cent, according to the rule of the Jersey Cattle club, this cow produced 712.12 pounds of butter in the 12 months.

beginning of the test and increased to 960 pounds at the end of the year. The best previous authentical year's record for an animal of this age is 518 pounds fat, which is exceeded 87.8 pounds by the record of Pedro's Es-

The average amount of grain fed per day was about fourteen pounds, or a total of 5,110 pounds during the year, which consisted mostly of corn, oats, bran and oil meal.

Green Food for Cows. As in the case of cows, swine also should be fed plenty of green food in order to keep their digestive tracts in the best condition. They should be supplied with plenty of pure, cold water and an abundance of shade and sanitary wallowing place.



Milk clean, but do not "tug" to keep up the milk flow.

Never forget the importance of cooling milk in a clean place. Dairying is one of the profitable

lines in which a farmer can engage. Churning is soon out of the way when the cream is in proper condi-

Notice the cream once or twice the first ten minutes after starting the churn.

To do good work the cream separator must be level and on a good solid foundation. Stop the churn as soon as the butter

granulates if you want to work out all the buttermilk. Veal calves in hot weather will grow better if kept during the day in

a dark, cool stable. Some dairymen make it a practice to give some mild purgative to cows at the time of parturition.

A bull tied in the stall will get lazy and useless, besides making extra work in his care and feed.

If you have not a good cellar, nor ice, nor cold water, making good butter in hot weather is out of the ques-

tion. The cream separator, the silo and the manure spreader should find a place in the equipment of every dairy

VALUE OF PURE-BRED SIRES HAVE YOU SUSPECTED YOUR KIDNEY8?

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PHYSICIAN SAID ECZEMA CAME FROM TEETHING

"When my little girl was about eight months old, she was taken with a very irritating breaking out, which came on her face, neck and back. When she first came down with it, it came in little watery-like festers under her eyes, and on her chin, then after a few days it would dry down in scaly, white scabs. In the daytime she was quite worrysome and would dig and scratch her face nearly all the time.

"I consulted our physician and found she was suffering from eczema, which he said came from her teething. I used the cintment he gave me and without any relief at all. Then I wrote for a book on Cuticura, and purchased some Cuticura Soap and Ointment at the drug store. I did as I found directions in the Cuticura Booklet, and when she was one year old, she was entirely cured. Now she is ee years and four months, and sh has never been troubled with eczema since she was cured by the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. (Signed) Mrs. Freeman Craver, 311 Lewis St., Syracuse, N. Y., May 6, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 2 K, Boston.

Lingering.

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