

**★ WEEKLY BIBLE COMMENT**

**Bible Story Illustrates Today's Problem**

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D.

AN experience some years ago in Providence, R. I., revealed to me how interesting the Bible can be, even for those who are unfamiliar with it.

I had preached in the morning in the famous "Round Top" Church, a landmark in downtown Providence.

I was spending a pleasant Sunday afternoon in the University Club library. Over in a far corner of the large room were two young men, and one of them was reading to the other what I recognized as the Book of Esther, in the Authorized Version of the Bible.

As the one read the terse story, the other would break in with, "Isn't it great?" I wondered why two red-blooded young men, on a bright Sunday afternoon, were indoors and so much interested suddenly in the Bible. The explanation came as one of them said, "I bought a boat yesterday, called the Vashti, and we were looking up the book where the name came from."

THE incident reveals the rich quality of that story in the Bible, called the Book of Esther. To get the full effect of the literary and spiritual quality, and the striking contrasts, the Book must be read as a whole.

The story is eastern and ancient in its setting and in some of its details, but very understandable and modern in the light—or one

should say the darkness—of the persecution and destruction of Jewish people in our own time.

Back in the days of King Ahasuerus, a Hitler-like courtier named Haman sought to destroy the Jews by assuring the king that there were in his realm people who were disloyal. He did not name them, but the king gave him blanket authority to destroy the supposedly disloyal elements.

Here is where Esther comes in. Queen Vashti had displeased the king by disobeying his demand to display her beauty before his companions. Esther was then chosen from many maidens to become the king's favorite.

Her own father and mother were dead, and she had been adopted by an uncle who adored her but she must not admit she was a Jewess or related to him. It was an act of great self-abnegation on his part. But now he appealed to Esther to save her people.

But Esther could gain access to the king only at the risk of her life. For his own protection the king had decreed that anyone found in the inner court without being called should be put to death. Esther took the risk, and the king saved her and her people, and Haman was hanged.

It's all there in the book. Haman is dead, and Hitler is dead. But the spirit of racial prejudice and hatred lives on, even in our own land. What have Christians to say, and do, about it?

Sunday school activities at the 11:00 o'clock hour will also highlight the educational goals of the Crusade. Superintendent Lester Thimigan will review the School's work in the Crusade for the fiscal year which closes June 30, and speak of plans for the new year which begins July 1.

Young people of the church will leave Sunday afternoon, June 20 to attend East Cotner Youth Fellowship Conference at Crete, Neb., on the Doane College Campus. The delegation will be escorted to Crete by Rev. Hanson, who will be serving on the Conference faculty through the week.

July 4 will be observed as Freedom and Democracy Sunday in the Christian Church. The pastor has arranged a special order of service for the day, and the Independence Day address will be brought to the congregation by Chaplain Gurley, post chaplain at Fort Crook.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
Sixth Street and Second Avenue Church Service 11:00 A. M.  
"Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" is the subject of the Lesson Sermon which will be read in Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, June 20, 1948.

The Golden Text is: "Though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him" (1

Corinthians 8:5,6). Other Bible citations include, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches" (Psalms 104:24).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "God, Spirit, dwelling in infinite light and harmony from which emanates the true idea, is never reflected by aught but the good" (p. 503).

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
Dr. H. G. McClusky, Pastor  
Seventh Street and Second Avenue Sabbath School at 10:00 a. m. Ralph Wehrbein, Superintendent. Morning church worship at 11. The sermon: "A Father of Fortune."  
At 5 o'clock there will be a program at this church given by the combined Sabbath Schools of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools which have been in session for the past two weeks. Every one is invited. The children will give the program and a display of the handwork will be exhibited. Their busy fingers have molded many fascinating designs of religious interest. An offering to defray the expenses of the Bible school work will be taken.

**EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN**  
Rev. Ivan Kilpatrick, Pastor  
Myard, Nebraska  
The vacation bible school continues through this week. There has been a fine attendance. The program at the closing will be held at the church on Sunday, June 20 at 8:30. All children are asked to be there at 8 p. m.

Thursday and Friday will be big nights in the Youth Fellowship. Your co-operation will be very much appreciated.  
Church school at 10 a. m. Royal Smith, supt.  
Worship service at 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor.  
The quarterly conference of the church will be held June 22 at 8:30. Conference superintendent in charge. Every officer and member should be present.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN**  
Rev. Roy P. Morris, Pastor  
Murray, Nebraska  
10:00 a. m. Bible School, with classes for all ages. James Comstock, superintendent.  
11:00 a. m. Morning worship with sermon "A Disgraceful Confession."  
8 p. m. Children's Day, with a special program by the boys and girls. Everyone invited.

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL**  
Canon Geo. St. G. Tyner, Rector  
Third Street and Avenue "A"  
Sunday Services—  
Holy Communion and sermon at 9:00 a. m.  
Church School at 10:15 a. m. Edward Egenberger, Supt.

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH**  
Rev. E. J. Moritz, Pastor  
Fifth and Avenue "A"  
Church School at 9:30 a. m. Worship Service at 10:30 a. m. Congregational meeting Sunday, June 27 at morning worship.  
Program with the children on Sunday, June 27 at 10 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to the closing exercises of the Community Daily Vacation Church School, Sunday June 20, at 5 o'clock to be held at the Presbyterian Church. An offering for school expenses will then be received.  
Coffee social of the Women's Guild Thursday, June 24, at 2:30 o'clock. Circle 2 will entertain with the following as committee: Mrs. George Kaffenberger, Miss Ann Hassler, Misses Emma and Elizabeth Hitz, Mrs. Emma Kaffenberger, Mrs. Fred Kaffenberger, Mrs. Carl Kraeger, Miss Laura Meisinger, and Mrs. J. P. Meisinger.  
You are cordially invited to attend our Church School and Worship Service.

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
"The Church of the Lutheran Community"  
Cleo Kautsch, Pastor  
The public is cordially invited to the dedication of our new church, Sunday, June 20th. The dedication service is at 3:00 p. m. The Rev. O. W. Wehrmann, Scribner, Neb., will deliver the dedicatory message. He is chairman of the Northern Nebraska District Mission Board.  
The evening program begins at 7:30 o'clock. Speakers will be the Rev. H. G. Cattau, former pastor, and the Rev. Fred J. Schieff, of Omaha.

**Leave on Vacation At Wichita, Kansas**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis and daughter, Carol Ruth, departed Friday evening for Geneva, Nebraska where they visited until Saturday at the home of the relatives of Mr. Davis, going from there to Wichita, Kan., where they were guests over the week end with relatives.  
Mrs. Merle Long was a visitor for several days the past week at Concordia, Kansas, with friends.

**South Ashland**

Mrs. John Remmings

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Boller and Eddy took Mrs. Olive Whitlatch to Greenwood Wednesday evening, spending the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Timnean.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Luehr of Lincoln spent Saturday afternoon at Bert Rager's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fries and Mr. and Mrs. Elza Winget called on Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rager Sunday afternoon.

Bert Rager returned home Wednesday from the Clarkson hospital after spending five days there for observation and x-rays.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Volkmer of Kimball visited Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stander and family on Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Durr returned to her home near Talmage on Friday after spending several weeks at the Peter Stander home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Boller and family spent Friday evening at Ashley Boller's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ault of Lincoln spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Elton Erickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gergens and Nancy and Miss Florence Gergens of Dunbar visited Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stander Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Boller spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Haase.

Mrs. Emmett Cooke and Miss Margaret Toeker of Elmwood, Mrs. George Erickson and Ruth Mardell called on Mrs. Elton Erickson Thursday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stander and Marcella spent Sunday evening at Davey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zink and Mary called on Mr. and Mrs. George Bornman Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roebber and John visited Mrs. Roebber's mother, Mrs. Frank Reister at the Methodist hospital in Omaha on Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roebber accompanied them, they also visited Mrs. L. J. Roebber's uncle, James Stander at the same hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klipp and LaVerne spent Saturday afternoon at Ashley Boller's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Haase and Donald were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Boller.

Irene Timm and George Planer spent Sunday at the Henry Timm home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leady spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore.  
Willie Jean Mansfield came from Los Angeles Sunday to spend her vacation with her parents' Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield.

Willie Jean Mansfield attended the Class reunion of the Class of 1943 of Ashland at a picnic at Linoma Beach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellogg and family spent Sunday evening at the Peter Lenhard home at Murdock visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lenhard of Harlan, Mont.

Mrs. W. P. Bailey was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bailey.  
Martha Dean Bailey is spending this week with Mrs. W. P. Bailey while attending Bible school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwenck and family called on Mr. and Mrs. John Maack Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sandy and Evelyn spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson.  
Mary Alice Nelson is attending Summer School at the University in Lincoln.

Mrs. Harold Richards spent Wednesday and Thursday at the Raymond Nelson home. Mrs. William Ziegenbein and Rickie spent Thursday at the Nelson's.  
Warren and James Odell are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Odell.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Rikli spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kuehn at Malcolm.  
Mrs. Charles Buell accompanied Mrs. Bruce Sowards to Omaha.

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ha on Wednesday to meet her sister Ethel Kramer. Mrs. Kramer spent Thursday night and Friday with Mrs. Sowards.

Joan Richards and Darlene Sowards are attending the three weeks course of Fine Arts, Music and Speech at the University. Joan Richards, Darlene Sowards and Rosemary Castner sang with the choir of the First Plymouth Congregational church over KFAB at 9:30 Sunday morning and are to sing with the choir the next two Sundays.

Lois and Billie Hauschild spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Zeigenbein.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kiser of Wabash were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore.

**Realty Transfers**  
Matvin L. Johnson and Irma to Harry McGee and Audra; 6-7-48, L. 4 to 7 B. 8 Orchard Hill. Add to Plattsmouth, \$7,500.00.  
Marvin L. Johnson and Irma to Harry McGee and Audra; 6-7-48, L. 8 to 11 B. 8 Orchard Hill, \$1,000.

H. E. Barkhurst and Rosa to Lloyd L. Barkhurst; 6-1-48, L. 5 B. 84 Weeping Water, \$1.00.  
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John Albert Peterson to Arthur F. Jarman; 5-26-48 E½ SW¼, 17-11-9, \$10,000.00.  
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29-48 L. 1 to 7 B. 1 Hayes Add to Platts. \$250.00.  
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Ada P. Clark etal to John W. James & Vantine A.; 5-28-48, S½ NW¼, 12-10-13 \$18,000.00.  
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Edgar Parriott and Doris to Howard A. Pool & Merl E. Land; 6-28-47 L. 8 B. 4 Elmwood \$3,000.00.

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**Our Churches**

**UNION METHODIST CHURCH**  
9:45 a. m. Morning worship  
10:30 a. m. Church school.  
Friday evening at 8 p. m. the Youth Fellowship.

**FIRST METHODIST**  
Rev. E. C. Williams, Pastor  
Seventh and Main Streets  
9:45 Church School.  
11:00 a. m. morning worship with sermon by the pastor.  
5 p. m. Closing service for the Vacation Bible School at the Presbyterian church.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
Rev. Sherman E. Hanson, Pastor  
Eighth Street and Avenue "C"  
Sunday, June 20 will be CRUSADE SUNDAY at the Christian Church. During the 10:00 a. m. Communion and Worship services the congregation will study reports of its present standing in the total program of THE CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD of the Disciples of Christ, and hear plans for further Crusade activity.  
The Rev. Hanson, pastor of the church, just back from the annual convention of Nebraska Christian churches, will speak on the progress of the Crusade nationally, statewide, and locally.


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