

★ WEEKLY BIBLE COMMENT

All Types of Women Found in Bible

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THE 20th century, in spite of two world wars, has seen much advancement in what we commonly call "the emancipation of women." Not only in the most progressive democracies, but even in backward countries, women have become voters and have now an active part in almost every phase of public life.

But when one looks over the vast field of history an amazing thing is the discovery of the way in which, even in times and places in which the position of women was inferior to that of men, women have occupied positions of great power and dominance. Sometimes good, sometimes bad, sometimes in characters and actions strangely blended of both good and evil. Women have been powerful as queens and warriors, as sirens luring men to destruction, and as ambitious wives and mothers.

One thinks of queens, like Cleopatra, Catherine of Russia, and Elizabeth of England; of warriors, like Boadicea and Joan of Arc; of ambitious women, like the mother of George III, whose admonition to her son, "George, be king," had something to do with the revolt of the American colonies.

NOW, in the Bible, all these phases of women in outstanding character and action are fully represented. There is the great judge-warrior, Deborah (Judges 5); the good and pure Hannah,

mother of Samuel (Samuel 1); the beautiful Bathsheba, mother of Solomon, but lured and luring in the adulterous commerce with David (II Samuel 11); and there is the vicious Jezebel (I Kings 16-21), whose name has become a byword for vengefulness and evil. All these, and many more, are there in the pages of the Old Testament.

But a whole book of the Old Testament, the Book of Ruth, is devoted to the story of two women, one an Israelite, the other a Moabitess. Their character shines with undiminished beauty, as types of noble womanhood, as true for our time as for that ancient day in which they lived, suffered and triumphed.

That story is commonly emphasized as an example of friendship and womanly devotion. It is all the more remarkable because it relates to daughter-in-law and mother-in-law, who don't always get on so harmoniously. But the story is a great deal more than that. If Ruth is a type of the loyal, devoted woman, Naomi, the mother-in-law, is a type of womanly courage in adversity—the type so common in the pioneer history of our country.

Exiled from her homeland by famine, bereaved of husband and sons, Naomi's courage and her love of her religion and her homeland never failed. And her persistent courage had its reward, for the ancestry of Jesus goes back to Ruth.

Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself" (John 5:26). Other Bible citations include, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalms 16:11).

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, "Because Life is God, Life must be eternal (self-existent. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase" (p. 290).

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E. J. Moritz, pastor
Church School at 9:30 a. m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a. m.

Women's Guild Circle number one will meet with Mrs. Orville Muller on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, July 20. Mrs. Otto Pitz and Mrs. Elsie McClintock are assistant hostesses. Everyone is cordially invited to the only circle meeting this month.

Church School Picnic Sunday in late afternoon and evening, July 25, at the Leonard Born home. Everyone is cordially invited.

You are cordially invited to attend our Church School and Worship Service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Dr. H. G. McClusky, Pastor
Seventh Street and Second Ave.

Sabbath School at 10:00 a. m.
Ralph Wehrbein, Superintendent.
Morning Church Worship at 11:00. The sermon: "The Joy of the Believer."

Choir Rehearsal on Thursday evening at 7:30.

There will be two more Sundays before vacation of the pastor and wife, who will go to Minnesota for the month of August.

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. E. C. Williams, Pastor
Seventh and Main Streets

9:45 Church School.
11 a. m. Morning Worship with sermon by the pastor.

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

CHRIST EVANGELICAL AND LUTHERAN CHURCH
Dr. A. Lentz, Pastor
On Plattsmouth-Louisville Road

Sunday, July 18
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
10:30 Services.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Rev. Sherman R. Hanson, Pastor
Eighth Street and Avenue "C"

Church service at 10:00 a. m.
Sunday school at 11:00 a. m.
Evening worship at 8 o'clock.

Omaha Ladies Pay Visit to Old Home

Tuesday Mrs. Lillian Allen and son, Myron and Mrs. Rose Young, both of Omaha, were here for a few hours while enroute from Union where they had attended the committal services for Pfc. Glen Albin. They were accompanied by Elmer Darrough, a former resident of the Union community.

The two ladies are daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. John P. Thacker, old time residents of northeast of Union and in their girlhood were known as the "Thacker twins."

They had the opportunity of meeting many of the old neighbors and friends at the funeral services as the Albin and Thacker families were residents of the same neighborhood over a number of years, the children of the families knew a great many of residents of that part of Liberty precinct.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Hetherington, Mrs. Ed Creamer and Mrs. Roy Huffer of Omaha, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bains and daughter, Barbara Ann, of Port Arthur, Texas, are visiting in Plattsmouth and vicinity with relatives and friends.

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Wheat Dries in the Midwest



As the scarcity of box cars and elevator space spreads throughout the Wheat Belt, farmers and grain men started piling southwestern Nebraska's harvest on the ground. Above, after the elevators of the T. W. Jones Grain company at Trenton, Nebr., were blocked, 75,000 bushels of wheat were mounted in the open. (NEA Telephoto.)

Watch Out for That Chow Hound



Ice cream's awful nice on these dog days, two little Woodlyne, N. J., girls agree. But every dog has his dog days, too, and White likes ice cream as much as the girls. So, with 2-year-old Lela Volpe watching, Janet Brooks, 6, has her cone licked by the dog.

Leaving for Seattle On Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tigner and daughter of Nebraska City, were here Wednesday for a few hours visiting with old friends. They have been visiting in Iowa with relatives of Mrs. Tigner and are planning on leaving in a few days for the west coast.

Guests at the R. R. Furse Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Polley and daughters, Joan and Billy, of Belleville, Kansas, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Furse of the Journal over Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Polley were enroute home from Decorah, Iowa, where they have enjoyed a visit with relatives.

Returns From Trip To Lake Okoboji

Attorney and Mrs. James F. Begley returned home Monday from Lake Okoboji, Iowa, where they have been spending a week with Dr. and Mrs. Souders of Nebraska City.

They had a very delightful time as the summer colony there is quite large and it is especially popular with the residents of western Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

Visitors in City From Sheridan

Mrs. J. A. Enberg and daughter, Olga, of Sheridan, Wyoming, have been here this week visiting at the home of Misses Gerda and Alpha Peterson, the sisters of Mrs. Enberg.

The visit was very much enjoyed by the ladies and gave the visitors the opportunity of meeting many of the old time friends in the community, where Mrs. Enberg made her home a great many years ago.

Returns From Trip To Old Home Towns

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Minnicar returned Wednesday night from a visit back in the old home communities of Lafayette, Indiana, and Danville, Illinois.

Mr. Minnicar has a brother and sister living at Lafayette and a brother at Danville, and while there Chet had the opportunity of seeing many of the old time friends.

They left Danville Wednesday morning for Chicago and from there caught the Burlington west to Omaha. They had passage on the Ak-Sar-Ben and came through Plattsmouth shortly after 9 o'clock Wednesday night. They were riding in the new dome roofed coaches and had the opportunity of seeing the country as the train sped westward. They reached Omaha in ample time to catch the Cotter bus and were home at 11:30 last night.

Family Group at C. A. Johnson Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson on South Ninth street was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering this past week when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and children, Judy and Jackie, came up from Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Miller returning Monday while Mrs. Miller and children will be here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson and Sandra, of Sedalia, Missouri, were here for the week-end at the parental home, returning this week to their home.

Florida Visitors At Haley Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sutton and two sons, of Jacksonville, Florida, arrived in Plattsmouth Wednesday to spend a short time here visiting at the home of D. T. Haley, father of Mrs. Sutton, as well as with other relatives and old friends.

Mr. Sutton is engaged with the BREX company at their Jacksonville branch where he is a member of the store department. Prior to going to the south he was employed in the local shops.

The first flag of the United Colonies was raised on Prospect Hill in Somerville, Mass., on January 1, 1776.

SUNSHINE COOKERS

The Sunshine Cookers Club met at the home of Margaret Richter on Tuesday, July 6. Those present were Donna Frans, Mary Frans, De Nie Cundall, Delene Cundall, Ruth Sheard, Elaine Nickles, Mrs. Joe Hoshbar and Connie, Mrs. Druecker, Mrs. Herman Richter and Margaret Richter. We discussed various items of importance. We will collect papers on July 14. A very fine and well work demonstration was given by De Nie Cundall and Donna Frans. They made biscuits which we all agreed were very good. Roll call was answered with favorite quick bread. Achievement day will be held on July 27 in the evening. Place has not yet been decided. A lunch of ice cream, cake and cool aid was served by Margaret. Meeting was adjourned by the president—Margaret Richter, News Reporter.

Charles Walden Family to Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walden and sons, are taking their summer vacation this week in a motor trip to Kansas to spend a short time with the relatives in and near Concordia, Kansas.

Visits With Relatives In Plattsmouth

James Warren, of Alameda, California, was a visitor in Plattsmouth the past week to be with his mother, Mrs. Frank Warren and his sisters, Mrs. Leo Boynton and Mrs. Richard Beverage. He departed by plane Friday for his home on the west coast after a pleasant stay with the home folks and the old friends.

Tinkerbell Isn't Nuts

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Tinkerbell talks to himself but people don't think he's crazy. Tinkerbell is a one-year-old lovebird owned by Mrs. Fern Irene Clarke. The bird has a vocabulary of 300 words and has been talking since it was 10 days old, Mrs. Clarke said.

Visit Friends In Oklahoma

George Conis, accompanied by his daughter, Catherine and sons, John and Tom, have been spending the week in Oklahoma, going to Norman, the site of the University of Oklahoma, where Catherine attended school the past two years.

to return home the first of the week.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore and O. A. Davis of Murray were in the city, Wednesday to look after some matters of business.

Mrs. H. F. Hendricks, of Omaha was a visitor here over Sunday at the home of her son, Vern Hendricks and family.

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