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Mr. and Mrs. James B. Breeding spent Christmas Day with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Butler.

Those who are numbered on the sick list are Mrs. Ralph Garrett, Mrs. Thurman Garrett, Mr. Alan Garrett, Mrs. Henry Beck and Mrs. Harry Cheezum.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Porter were Christmas guests of Mr. T. Wilton Porter and family.

Rev. A. W. Betts will begin his revival services New Year's night. Everybody is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fountain spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Deen at Ridgley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murphy and son of Hobbs were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Fountain.

Mr. Harland Blades of Harrington was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Blades on Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Satterfield is on the sick list.

Mrs. Clarence Voss of Brownsville is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Satterfield.

Miss Elizabeth Fountain is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harland Blades of Harrington.

Miss Thelma Collison is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Houston Thawley.

Rev. Vickers, president of the Peoples' Holiness Church, preached a very pleasing sermon Friday evening. After the meeting was over a business meeting was held, at which the discovery was made that this Sunday School has the best attendance of all the Holiness Sunday Schools.

Rev. W. Forrest, preacher of the M. E. Church of Burrsville, has been sick, but we are glad to report that he is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Layton of near Harrington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Morgan and family on Sunday.

Mr. T. R. Benson has moved to the place vacated by Mrs. George Bullock, and Mr. Harvey Fountain now occupy the Stokes property and Mr. Thurman Harris the J. Virgil Moore property. Mr. Ralph Garrett has moved into the M. Bates Stephens property which was vacated by Mr. Harris.

The M. E. Church rendered a very delightful program Christmas night, and after the program old Santa gave the children presents.

Mrs. Bessie Cheezum, principal, and Mrs. Mary Lee, teacher of the Burrsville School, gave a program to the patrons Friday afternoon, and following this a treat to the children. It was highly enjoyed by everyone present. We thank them for their kindness and wish them a happy New Year.

Rev. Grover Sharp has returned home after spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Grant Sharp of Harrington.

Mr. Fred Powell, postmaster of Harrington, and his wife were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Harvey, on Sunday.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTER...

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 1

THE REVOLT OF JEROBOAM.

LESSON TEXT—I Kings 12:1-33.

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. 20:4, 5.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—I Kings 11:26-43; 13:17-14, 20; II Chron. 12 and 13; Isa. 44:9-20.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of Two Kings.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Two Kings Who Disobeyed God.

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

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.

I. The People's Demand (vv. 1-4).

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 made lighter, promising loyalty to him on the condition of lightened burdens.

II. Rehoboam's Foolish Decision (vv. 5-15).

1. 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.

2. Rehoboam consulted the young men who had grown up with him (vv. 8-11). These young men were most likely 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.

3. Rehoboam follows the advice of the young men (vv. 12-15). At the appointed time he announced his purpose to the people. He answered them roughly, asserting his purpose to increase their burdens and sorrows. Rehoboam lost the great opportunity of his life.

III. The Revolt of the Ten Tribes (vv. 16-24).

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 your tents, O Israel! Now see to thine own house, David." Rehoboam's attempt to collect tribute from the ten tribes was met by stoning Adoram, the tribute gatherer, so that he died. Rehoboam's failure to heed the advice of experienced men caused the work of two generations to be undone in a moment.

IV. Jeroboam's Substitute Religion (vv. 25-33).

1. He established calf-worship (vv. 25-33). (1) His pretext for (vv. 26, 27). He feared lest the religious unity should heal the political separation. His plea 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 (I Kings 11:38). Had he believed God, this fear would have been dispelled. Jeroboam 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 godless acts. 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 wot 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.

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