



SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 1:21-28; 10; 13; 19-25; 31.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 9:1-11.

### God and Nations

Lesson for October 16, 1944

WHEN the Spanish fleet was about to invade England, back in Queen Elizabeth's time, nothing the English had could stop them. But when the Armada arrived, that vast fleet had been blown to bits by a storm, and the English neatly mopped up what was left. How do you account for that? The English always said God was with them. When the Nazis had overrun France in 1940, it would have been simple for them to invade England. There was next to nothing to stop them. But Hitler delayed from summer till fall . . . and by that time the British were able to mount an invincible defense. How do you account for that? Over and over again in history the unexpected, the unexpected, the "miraculous," has happened. Some call it chance; but others call it God.

### God in History

BUT GOD does not always or usually operate in spectacular ways. God works in history as he works in nature, out of sight, visible to the eye of faith but seldom if ever otherwise. History, from the Christian point of view, is the working-out of the purposes of God.

The pattern is not entirely clear to us, because we cannot see enough of it at once. But looking back through history, we can see signs that God has been there. This is the message of the prophets of Israel, especially of the great Isaiah.

In a troubled era, when every thing seemed to be in most complete confusion, Isaiah gave out some clear and plain truths from God, and helped men then and now read the pattern of God's design.

### The Life of A Nation

ONE TRUTH is that justice is a nation's life and sin is a nation's death. God being the God of justice, his purpose is to set justice in the earth. God plays no favorites among nations. Any nation that lives by God's laws, lives; the nation that defies God has signed its own death warrant. There are no people who can "get by" with what they please, if what they please is not the will of God. There are people now who do not believe that. They would say, Look at Russia! In Isaiah's time there were those who would say to Isaiah: You must be wrong—look at Assyria! There is a nation that does not know God, and yet grows every year stronger and stronger.

### God's Ax

ISAIAH has a startling answer to that objection. (Chap. 10) Assyria is a tool in God's hand, no more. He admits that Assyria has no standard but force, she worships only sheer Power. But there are other nations, wicked ones, which God intends to punish; one of these is the nation of Israel.

Assyria was destined to destroy Israel once and for all, and to damage Judah so severely she never would recover. All this, Isaiah says, is in God's plan.

God does not punish an evil nation with legions of angels; he punishes it with invasions and defeats in war. Assyria was an ax in the hand of God, cutting down the rotting trees of selfish and unjust nations.

### Return to God!

PEOPLE in Isaiah's time were putting their trust, just as we do nowadays, in alliances, pacts, international combinations of all kinds. Isaiah warns ominously that this will not do, by itself. Not that all alliances are bad; in chapter 19 he actually pictures Assyria, Egypt and Israel as brothers-in-arms.

But he does not hold out any political scheme or combination as the best hope of a nation. Return to God! is the prophet's call. So in our time, whether it be a general MacArthur or a theologian Brunner.

Many of our ablest men are warning us even now, that humanity is facing an alternative: Either go on the way of selfishness and war down to destruction, or else go back to the Source of justice, truth and love, the God in whom alone is salvation.

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### RURAL CHURCHES

Pleasant Mills Baptist Church  
D. B. Gehres, pastor  
Lowell Noll, supt.

9:30 — Bible School. Lesson: "God and the Nations."

10:30 — Worship service. Sermon theme: "The Condescension, Ascension and Descent of Jesus Christ."

"Christ is the great central fact in the world's history, to Him everything looks forward or backward." — C. H. Spurgeon.

St. Luke and Winchester  
U. B. Circuit  
Dale Osborn, pastor

St. Paul:

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Christian Endeavor 7 p.m.  
Preaching 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice Tues. 6:45 p.m.

Prayer meeting, Tues. 7:30 p.m.

Winchester:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Preaching 10:30 a.m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Rivarre Circuit  
U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, pastor  
Mt. Zion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. Preaching service.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Pleasant Grove

9:00 a.m. Sunday School.

10:00 a.m. Class meeting.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

8:00 p.m. Preaching service.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

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bolds, supt.  
Morning Worship 10:30  
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St. Luke Reformed Church  
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H. H. Meckstroth, minister  
9:00 worship service.  
10:00 Sunday school.  
7:00 Youth Fellowship.

Thursday—An all-day meeting of the Women's Guild.

Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit  
Walter Johnson, pastor  
Mt. Tabor

Sunday school 9:30. Donald Colter, supt.

Our first prayer meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7:30. Everybody come.

Our Sunday school election last Sunday went very nicely. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mt. Pleasant

Sunday school 9:30, C. A. Sheets, supt.

Beulah Chapel  
Sunday school 9:30.

Morning worship 10:45.

Invite your neighbors to the revival starting here Oct. 19—Oct. 30.

Pleasant Valley

Morning worship 9:30.

Sunday school 10:45.

For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised. I Cor. 15:16.

Holiness Association

The monthly meeting of the Adams county holiness association will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Monroe Gospel Tabernacle, with Prof. R. L. Lunsford, of Olivet College, as the speaker. Music will be presented by the King Male Quartet.

Friday, "The Days of Noah, the great historical pattern," Saturday, "Readiness for the rapture," Sunday morning, "The judgment of the nations," Sunday evening, "The millennium of God's new world order."

Mt. Victory

9:00 a.m. Sunday School.

10:00 a.m. Class meeting.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Union Chapel  
Evangelical United Brethren Church

Lawrence T. Norris, pastor

9:30 Sunday School. T. I. Drew Supt.

10:15 Worship Service.

Evening Service

6:15 Junior C. E. Mrs. Carl Hurst.

6:45 Adult C. E. Niles Williamson, pres.

6:45 Youth Fellowship. Janet Brown, pres.

7:30 Worship service.

Wednesday Evening

7:30 Prayer meeting. Omer Merriman, leader.

The men shall have full charge of the services for the day; both in the Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, and worship service.

Calvary

Evangelical United Brethren

Albert N. Straley, pastor

Church services will begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. (C.S.T.) with Lloyd Lichtenberger, superintendent, in charge. The lesson will be on the theme, "God and the Nations."

Following Sunday school there will be prayer service directed by the class leader, Darr.

The evening worship service will be at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Albert N. Straley will preach the sermon entitled "The Blessed Peacemakers."

Linn Grove Christian Church

Homer Studabaker, pastor

Sunday school 9:30. Lester Rey.

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### Jobless Pay Claims Increased In State

Indianapolis, Oct. 14. —(UPI)—

The total number of Hoosiers claiming jobless pay jumped more than 3,000 last week as effects of the steel and coal strikes spread, the Indiana employment security division announced today.

Division director Everett L. Gardner said the largest increase was in the number of persons filing initial claims. There were 8,004 first claims last week, compared with 5,394 in the week ending Oct. 1.

Strike Halted At

Harvester Plant

### Strike Is Useless By Steel Walkout

Chicago, Oct. 14. —(UPI)—

The CIO farm equipment workers here expect to go on "phase 1"—a semi-alert or state of readiness with leaves limited to six hours.

They already have stepped up

training and preparations.

All arms are here—green-capped

commandos, kilted Scottish highlanders, wiry little Gurkhas and tank regiments.

This afternoon, artillerymen

were training with 4½-inch mobile

field guns right in the center of

the city two blocks from the rail-

way station, where four trains

daily spew out fugitives from

Canton all this week.

Crews said the field pieces have

a range of 18,000 yards.

That would be plenty to reach from

the paved roads around the crown

colony deep into the hills on the

China