

RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: James Chapters 1-2.

INSIGHT FROM THE WORD

by Michael Lindsey, Dean of North Portland Bible College

How do you feel when you read the visions and dreams of Daniel? Many times we want to simply shake our heads and run to the comfort of Psalms or the gospels. But, the apostle reminds us that "...all scripture is inspired by God, and profitable..." (II Timothy 3:16) This doesn't mean all scripture is easy to understand today, nor, that all scripture is equally 'inspiring'. However, all of the Bible has come from the breath of God, and it all fulfills his purpose (Isaiah 55:9-11).

Daniels's vision in DANIEL, the 7th chapter, illustrates this point for us. A knowledge of the history of the Near East from 750 B.C. to the time of Christ would help us understand details of this awesome dream: the four beasts, the little horn, its eyes and boastful mouth. It is good to study and learn things. Some important lessons can be learned simply from a careful meditation on the vision (DANIEL 7:1-14) and its interpretation (verses 15-27). Here are a few:

1. The kingdoms of earth will rise and fall in succession to the very end. (verses 11-12). Therefore, we must never pin our hopes for economic, social or spiritual salvation in a political system or ideology.

2. God's people can expect persecution, and even martyrdom (verses 21-25). This is confirmed throughout the New Testament as well. (JOHN 16:33; ROMANS 5:3-5; II PETER 3:11, 14) and the saints will rule with him forever (v.27). These are the same saints who were overcome by evil persecution (v.25). In the final accounting, God is in complete control. He will sit as the righteous judge, and no one will lose the reward that has been promised.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: JUDE (the entire book)

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONVENTION...

Friday, October 6-Saturday, October 7, 1989. Receive helps for Christian Educators. The convention is to be held in Salem, Oregon at the People's Church, 4500 NE Lancaster Drive NE. There will be over 100 workshops to assist the ministry of local churches. There will be new topics and new leaders. New for 1989! There will be seminars exclusively for Youth Pastors and Youth Workers--GENERAL SESSIONS: A look at today's youth culture: Where are we today? and A look at today's youth culture: developmental needs of adolescents. Plus.....SEMINARS: Approaches to youth ministry today. Questions and answers. Registration fee: \$10.00. Make all checks to: G.S.A.C.E. or Willamette Valley Christian Education Convention, 555 Gaines NE, Salem, OR 97301 or call (503) 581-2129.

The Coalition of Black Men with the Black Professional Network will be hosting a GOVERNMENT & POLITICAL ISSUES FORUM

Saturday, Oct. 14 9 a.m. -12 noon

PCC CASCADE AUDITORIUM 575 N. Killingsworth Portland, OR 97217

There will be topics on: Multnomah County Charter review, 1989 Legislature review, the 1990 Census and potential impact on political boundaries. Everyone is urged to attend.

Men's Sunday

On October 8th, during the morning worship service, the Men of Mt. Olivet will hold its MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION SERVICE. Music will be provided by the Men's Day Choir, ushering will be done by the MEN, the special coffee hour will be hosted by the MEN, and Deacon Dennis G. Payne will present a Men's Day commentary on: VISION COMMITMENT and LEADERSHIP

CO-CHAIRMEN: Deacon Dennis G. Payne, & Bro. Paul Coakley

CENSUS BUREAU TO SURVEY HOUSEHOLDS

Local representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau will revisit selected area households beginning October 2 to conduct its Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). Leo C. Schilling, director of the bureau's Seattle Regional Office, announced today.

SIPP is a major nationwide continuing survey introduced in the fall of 1983. It is one of the nation's largest surveys, with about 25,000 households participating.

The Census Bureau publishes periodic reports providing information from the survey. Subjects covered include the following:

Jobs and earnings
The economic effects of unemployment, disability, and retirement
How taxes affect personal spending

Participation in programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and food stamps.

Information from SIPP helps policy makers and administrators determine how well government programs are serving the public and how changes in programs and policies will affect the public.

Here are some facts based on SIPP interviews from a 1983 to 1986 survey period on the number of U.S. residents participating in such welfare programs as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, General Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Medicaid, federal food stamps, and federal and state rent assistance (the sample size limits accurate reporting to national figures only):

About 18 percent, or nearly one out of five, U.S. residents participated in at least one of five major government assistance programs during the survey period.

Only 11 percent of those who spent the entire survey period in a married-couple household received assistance, compared with two-thirds of those who spent the entire period in a family with a female householder (no spouse present) and children under age 18.

More than four out of five of those who spent the entire period as never married mothers with children under age 18 received assistance during the survey period.

The young and old were the most likely aid recipients. One-fourth of those under age 18, and one-fifth of those age 18 to 24 participated in one or more programs, as did 18 percent of those age 65 or over.

Nearly half of the nation's Blacks, one-third of the nation's Hispanics, and 14 percent of Whites received assistance during the period.

Information collected in SIPP is confidential by law. Field Representatives have credentials identifying them as U.S. Census Bureau employees.

BOARD CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF HYMNAL

Board Celebrates Success of Hymnal

Nashville, Tenn.(UMNS)--The sale of 3.4 million copies of the new United Methodist Hymnal by July 31 substantially exceeded projections and reflected the denomination's "widespread acceptance of the new book," United Methodist Publishing House President and Publisher Robert K. Feaster told the agency's governing board here Sept. 15.

The board, headed by Anita J. Burrous of Peru, Ind., approved a resolution commending hymnal editor Farlton R. Young; voted to ask the 1992 General Conference to honor Dr. Young; witnessed the presentation of the President's Award and 10 citations to staff members who worked closely with the hymnal project; and approved a \$1 million distribution to annual conference pension programs in special recognition of hymnal sales, which have totaled more than \$20 million.

Campus racism Explored

Norfolk, Va. (UMNS)--A United Methodist-sponsored symposium on college-based racism was held here Sept. 15-17, only two weeks after a clash at nearby Virginia Beach between local white merchants and other residents and thousands of black college students who were in the area for a Labor Day "Greeksfest."

More than 60 persons, including students, campus ministers and administrators, attended the symposium held on the campus of United Methodist-related Virginia Wesleyan University. Sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the consultation's purpose was to discuss college campuses as unwitting breeding grounds for racist values and learn how Christians present on campus can help bring it to the surface and exorcise it.

UMCOR Establishes Hurricane Relief Fund

New York (UMNS)--As Hurricane Hugo swept across Puerto Rico and continued its rampage through the Caribbean, the United Methodist Committee on relief (UMCOR) announced plans for assistance.

Emergency Advance Number 401500-3 was established for monetary donations and updated information was made available through UMCOR's 24-hour hot line (800) 841-1235. Initial information about the storm damage was sketchy. Bishop Susan M. Morrison, Valley Forge, Pa., whose jurisdiction includes the Puerto Rico Annual Conference, was planning to fly to Puerto Rico over the Sept. 23 weekend to assess damage.

Washington (UMNS)--United Methodist congregation here that will be involved in the United Methodist Church's effort against drugs will be announced Oct. 23.

United Methodist bishop Felton E. May of Harrisburg, Pa., who has been named to lead the program, said Sept. 9 here that the churches selected will present an alternative lifestyle to drugs, and be places of "safe haven" for persons in need. Bishop May told a gathering of Washington United Methodists that he plans to be a "soul saver not a drug buster" during a year's special assignment that will begin Jan. 1.

Computer Task Force Sets Guidelines

Churches for Drug Project To Be Chosen Oct. 23

Rapid City, S.D. (UMNS)--A set of guidelines for the work of a United Methodist task force on computer software was introduced in early September here.

The Rev. Al Fifhouse, Evanston, Ill., an assistant general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, said the task force expects to take from three to five years to accomplish its goal of producing standardized data definitions and other computer standards for the church. More than 50 persons are expected to be involved in the effort.

Helps for Preaching Planned

Nashville, Tenn., (UMNS)--Preachers who want to sharpen their pulpit skills may find help through four televised seminars to be offered by United Methodist's Cokesbury Satellite Television Network.

The series, to begin in October, will deal with using the lectionary and offer suggested Scripture reading for Sunday worship and other special days of the Christian year. The seminars will be broadcast via satellite.

Publishing House Closing Printing Unit

Nashville, Tenn., (UMNS)--The United Methodist Publishing House will close its printing unit (Parthenon Press) Jan 2, after its governing board approved here Sept. 14 a \$4.4 million severance package for the 203 employees who will lose their jobs.

"This has been a difficult decision," said board chairperson Anita Burrous of Peru, Ind. "There simply is no easy way to part company with so many loyal employees. However, Parthenon has experienced significant operation losses for several years, and it would not be responsible stewardship of the church's dollars to continue trends that seem irreversible." Severance benefits average

\$21,550 per worker. Sixty-eight employees are being transferred to other units in the house.

News In Brief

Sewing thread, garden hoses and other practical items are being collected by United Methodists in the Rockford (Ill.) District for direct shipment to United Methodist churches in Angola as part of a United Methodist Committee on Relief pilot project that began Sept. 17 and will continue for about six weeks.

An hourlong pilot program featuring music with roots in the black church will be shown on the VISN satellite network Nov. 22. The proposed program is designed to create understanding and build bridges by exploring the diversity and similarity among all people, according to the Rev. Moses C. Dillard Jr., a well-known name in gospel music and co-pastor at Edgehill United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

United Methodist bishops in the Philippines have protested inclusion of a statue of the Virgin Mary in a national monument marking the 1986 revolution that ended the rule of Ferdinand Marcos.

Project Equality, a national interfaith program for equal employment opportunity, in which United Methodists have leading roles, has recommended that religious organizations and institutions and individuals choose Amoco Oil Company as a primary supplier of gasoline and oil products. Shell Oil also has met Project Equality participation requirements, but is a target of boycotts by the United Methodist Church and other religious groups because of its involvement in South Africa.

The governing body of The United Methodist Publishing House has agreed to provide funds to help produce resources, programs, training and networking for a Coalition Working Group on Drug and Alcohol Concerns representing several Methodist denominations and agencies.

The Rev. Kathy Nickerson, staff member of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry since 1980, is leaving her position as director of spiritual formation for the Division of Ordained Ministry to establish a feminist retreat and conference center.

Angolan United Methodist Bishop Moises Domingos Fernandez is studying English at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

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Evening Worship
6:30 P.M.

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