

Waking Up

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Hosea 2:1-7 tells the story of Hosea's wife, and shows the condition of Israel and the nation's relationship to God. The nation had done spiritually what Hosea's wife had done literally. Israel had turned from God and went after idols, seeking pleasure, wealth, and all manner of sin. Both Gomer, Hosea's wife, and Israel would come to a time when they realized that life was better before they became unfaithful.

Whether it is an individual, or a nation, as long as things are going well, there is usually little, or no thought, about sin until the results begin to show. Then, like the prodigal son, when they are brought low, most people will look up, at last realizing that their sinful ways put them in such a bad condition. Isn't it a shame that often a person must be brought down before they think to look up?

Hosea's wife would come to a point in her sinful life where she would say, "I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now." She had to admit that her sin had caused suffering and

heartache both to her, and to her family. How many men and women have followed the same path to misery? They have broken their marriage vows, their home, and done a lot of hurt to their family. Gomer, Hosea's wife, was able to go back, but in many cases a person can't go back again.

There are several examples in the bible that show this same sad story. In **Luke 15:11-18** the prodigal son came to a similar conclusion after he left home and family. The course of his life didn't change until he came to himself. The lure of pleasure, money, and the things of this world faded into the reality of his condition. He didn't blame his troubles on anyone else, but in true repentance, he faced the fact that he, and only he, was to blame. Then he got up and put action to his words, bearing the shame of going home and admitting his sins. It took a lot of courage to face his deeds, but anyone who is serious about wanting to change will do so. If he had not went back, and confessed, his situation would not have changed.

Another example is Jonah, the rebellious prophet. He was a servant of God until he was told to do something that he didn't want to do. Trying to run from God was a foolish thing to do, but it didn't stop him from trying to do it. Only when he found himself in a horrible condition, that he described

as the "belly of hell," did he call on God. He came to himself after three days of misery and knew that life had been better before he disobeyed God.

Even king David was not exempt from going his own way and suffering for it. His giving in to lust brought about the death of a good man, the destruction of a home and marriage, as well as much hurt to his own family. Read Psalms 51 and see his plea for forgiveness. He wanted things to be like they were before his sin. As with the others he saw that his sins had brought changes that he had not expected. Satan is a deceiver and will lead a person to think that they can have fun with no penalty. Each of these people would say, "Don't believe it - don't make the same mistake that we made."

There are other people in the scripture who made the same errors. Judas, for one, found himself wanting to undo his deeds, but it was too late. How many in our day have we seen who have destroyed their family, home, and reputation for the lure of pleasure, or greed? Sin still brings the same fruits to those who turn from what is right and holy. Don't be fooled by the evil one, follow the Lord all the way through this life.

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

Irvine Stop & Shop
905 Richmond Road
Phone 723-7512
(Next to McDonald's)

Stanton Florist
495 Main Street, Stanton, Ky.
Call (606) 663-4078
Winnie McIntosh Marcum, Owner

Owl Head's Grocery & Feed
Phone 723-7473 South Irvine, Ky.
Novelties - Open 7 Days A Week
Donald & Katherine Dixon, Owners

Hardy Oil Company, Inc.
74 River Drive
Irvine, Kentucky
Phone 723-3664

RAVENNA Food Mart
314 Main Street
Ravenna, KY
Phone 723-6333

Dunaway United Methodist
11840 Irvine Road (Trapp)
Winchester, Clark County, Ky
Church Services
Sunday School 10am • Morning Worship 11am
Rev. James A. Groves, Pastor (740) 703-4921

Gum Springs Church of God
Highway 213 (Furnace Junction)
Pastor Glenn Case • Call 723-4180
Church Services
Sunday School 10 am • Morning Worship 11:15 am
Sunday Night 6 pm • Wednesday Night 6 pm

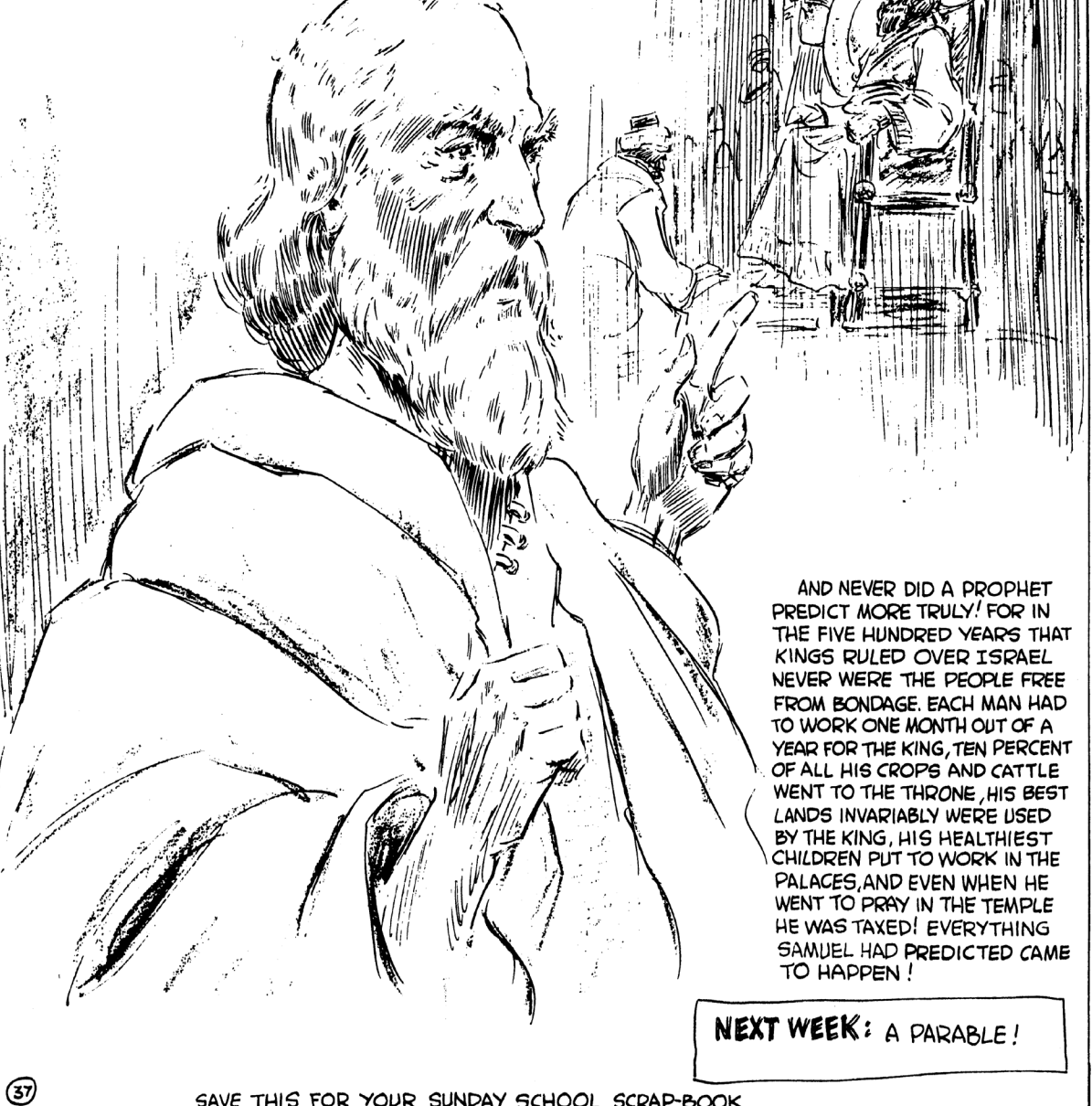
Harg First Church of God
Hwy. 82, Irvine, KY
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm
Last Sunday Singing 7:00 pm
Everyone Is Welcome!
Forrest Turpin, Pastor

CASH IN A DASH Payday Loans
Buy Gold-Silver
Phone 723-0799
(Irvine, next to Bunt Gross)

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

Copyright © John A. Lehti, Distributor Linage-Plus, Middletown, NY NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Dail Advertising Service, P.O. Box 10278, Goldsboro, NC 27532

WHEN THE ISRAELITES FIRST ASKED FOR A KING TO LEAD THEM AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES, SAMUEL, THE PROPHET, WHO WAS THE LAST OF A LONG LINE OF JUDGES, (SPIRITUAL LEADERS OF THE TRIBES) CAUTIONED THE PEOPLE (CIRCA B.C.1000) HE EXPLAINED TO THEM ALL THE LIBERTIES, WHICH THEY ENJOYED, THAT THEY WOULD BE GIVING UP - ONCE THEY HAD A KING!
(1 SAMUEL 8:10-19)



AND NEVER DID A PROPHET PREDICT MORE TRULY! FOR IN THE FIVE HUNDRED YEARS THAT KINGS RULED OVER ISRAEL NEVER WERE THE PEOPLE FREE FROM BONDAGE. EACH MAN HAD TO WORK ONE MONTH OUT OF A YEAR FOR THE KING, TEN PERCENT OF ALL HIS CROPS AND CATTLE WENT TO THE THRONE, HIS BEST LANDS INVARIABLY WERE USED BY THE KING, HIS HEALTHIEST CHILDREN PUT TO WORK IN THE PALACES, AND EVEN WHEN HE WENT TO PRAY IN THE TEMPLE HE WAS TAXED! EVERYTHING SAMUEL HAD PREDICTED CAME TO HAPPEN!

NEXT WEEK: A PARABLE!

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAP-BOOK

Advertise Here!
Call 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

Advertise Here!
Call (606) 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

Roadside Mission Church of God
Welcomes You!
A Bible Teaching Church
Furnace Junction Ravenna, KY
Sunday School & Morning Worship, 10 am
Sunday Evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, 6 pm
Radio Ministry
Sundays, 2:00 p.m. WSKV 104.9 FM
Henry T. Johnson, Pastor

Advertise Here!
Call 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

Lewis Funeral Home
www.lewisfh.com 224 Main
Pre-Need Irvine, KY
Services Available 723-2151

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
322 5th St., Ravenna, KY
Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Wednesday Mass 6:00 pm
Thursday Mass 6:00 pm
Contact: Father Al Fritsch, S.J.
(606) 723-4705

SAVE-A-LOT
1290 Richmond Road
Irvine, Kentucky
Phone 723-6372

Inner Beauty Hair, Nails & Day Spa
363 Richmond Road, Irvine
Phone 723-0118
Joanna Jernigan
Owner & Master Stylist
Stephanie Isaacs
Master Stylist & Nail Tech
Sherry Harrison
Master Stylist
"For All Your Spa Needs"

Honchell's Men's & Boys' Clothing & Shoes
Tuxedo Rental Available
West Irvine Plaza
Irvine, Kentucky
Phone 723-7316

Advertise Here!
Call 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

Prayer Circle at Knowlton Church
Call for Prayer
726-9705
663-0783
(859) 432-0939
(859) 498-0456
(606) 359-1119
(606) 359-1590

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home
Family Owned and Operated
99 Cedar Grove
www.tolerfuneralhome.com
Phone 723-2183
Obituary Line Phone 723-4242

Advertise Here!
Call (606) 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

Emmanuel Baptist Church
3905 Richmond Road
Irvine, Kentucky 40336
Pastor: Sherl Thomas
Services
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm
Established September 12, 1999