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Genesis 1:1 KJV

***In the beginning God created
the heaven and the earth.***

Welcome

So summer has come to a close once more and we greet the colourful season that is Autumn resting in the assurance that no matter what the environmentalists assert, the seasons will continue according to God's ordained will and Word (Genesis 8:22).

This simple assurance is an important reminder to us all in our information laden age that no worldly wisdom will ever come close to defying the Word of God. Furthermore that whatever God says will happen will happen, no exceptions, no unforeseen circumstances, always perfect fulfilment. It is this utter lack of any ability to provide true confidence in any claim made by a man, woman or child that displays the gulf in power and wisdom that the Lord has over every created being (hence He is referred to as the thrice Holy God, the One so above all other beings that it boggles the mind to comprehend). This magnificent failure of even impressively powerful individuals to fulfil any bold, proud claim has been expertly seen in the actions, or should that be complete lack of action from American Vice-President Kamala Harris.

A recent article appearing in The Telegraph, gave a scathing attack on the woman who has been heralded by the worlds media as a beacon of hope and an advocate for oppressed women and girls across the globe. Vice-President Harris has been notable by her silence on the terror inflicted on women and girls in particular by the Islamic Taliban regime that swept through non-existent resistance in Afghanistan. Surely she should be at the head of international outcry and putting plans into place to ensure the safety of this most vulnerable of groups under a brutal regime such as the Taliban! Alas, Vice-President Harris has said nothing and done nothing on the issue. Instead she has been leading talks on LGBT rights in Vietnam. For all of Vice-President Harris' bold election rhetoric there has been no product realised. Yet when the Lord speaks, the mountains quake and the seas are dried up (Nahum 1) for the LORD is Almighty, Sovereign of all Creation and He is good; so good that He gave His only begotten Son so that we might be restored to Him through the precious and pure blood of Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, we live in a world overrun with lies and delusion. A world that is obsessed with 'versions of truth' rather than the truth

and so it stumbles about as the drunken man, reeling from one wall to another in foolish haste to the grave.

Lord we are ruled and governed by leaders who are quick to exalt themselves and support la that go against your Word, the prescribed will of God, the revealed truth for the good of all mankind and the glory of God. So Lord we ask that you will lead our rulers and have pity on this wicked nation, so that in your grace they will live to bring honour and glory to your name. Yet Lord as we ask this we are not blind to see the darkness of the hour and how the return of the Lord Jesus comes closer every passing minute. So Lord come, come quickly for us so that we might enjoy the glory of your eternal throne in peace and safety forevermore. Amen.

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Faster, Stronger, Higher, Gender

Equality between the sexes has been a hot topic for some time now, with heated debate on the physical supremacy of man over women coming to the fore in differing sporting events. Much of the Woke Brigade assert there is no difference in the physical capabilities between men and women. However during Tokyo 2020 Olympics, one single event ironically blew this assertion out of the water without even saying a word.



Britain's triumphant mixed medley winners

The event was the swimming mixed medley relay. In this event national teams of four swimmers (two men and two women in each team) alternate 50m lengths varying stroke styles each length of the pool. At the start of the final eight nations stood ready to go for the gold. Four men versus four women was the starting lineup as an empty arena (due to COVID restrictions) waited curiously as to what was about transpire in this new event.

The starting gun sounded and the swimmers leaped into the pool with the men instantly out jumping their female counterparts. Within a few metres the four male swimmers were already some distance ahead of their female rivals. By the end of the first length of four the lead the men had over the women was a good third of a pools length! Even more telling was the commentator who observed that already the women were struggling to maintain a consistent stroke due to the size of wake the male swimmers were leaving in their trail.

So in one simple physical demonstration, the noise and protesting of the liberals was devastated with clear evidence that men and women do have different physical capabilities. Furthermore the cry of the LGBTQ+ community that 'different' should be celebrated is deliberately ignored when it comes to what God has ordained to be different, namely the clear and unmistakeable difference between male and female.

The lesson to learn from all this is that we should not be troubled when the overly vocal minority try to bully their perverted agenda onto society as it doesn't take long for their twisted logic to bite them in the backside! We are to remain committed to the truth, the Word of God, to defend it boldly in truth and love, praying that our stand in the grace of God will speak to their sinful hearts and lead them to Christ Jesus.

By Jonathan Badger

Stand still, The Lord Fights For You

In our Sunday morning church services, we have been looking at the events of the Exodus of Israel from Egypt. Throughout the plagues and the deliverance of Israel, all emphasis is placed firmly on the provision of God for His own and the glory He seeks and gets in the salvation of the righteous and the judgement of the wicked. Consistently the Israelites fear and worry that even after witnessing such incredible miracles of God's power and protection of them, they still fear the world and doubt the deliverance assured by God. Yet we today are not isolated from such similar fears and the Lord knows our frailties and worries and has given us His revealed Word to calm our anxious hearts.

If we turn to Exodus 14, Verse 13 opens with the great instruction for believers in Christ throughout all time, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. What joy it is to know that our salvation comes not from our efforts, our might or skills, it is the work of the Lord. All world religions, the various false faiths that pollute our days all teach that salvation is attainable by man's works. This is nothing more than lies of the devil himself, lies designed to pull hopeful man away from the one true path to eternal life found solely in faith in Christ and deny God His due glory. Yet we, we children of God, through the revelation of the Father know that we are saved through the grace of God alone. What the world fails to see is how truly freeing this is, how reassuring this great truth is. As all security is bound up in the hand of God, we are cut free from slavery to selfish achievement, as even the most well meaning works of the works faith believer are based in selfish desire to secure their own salvation. Thus every drop of their endeavours is laced with everything that is an affront to the very nature of God, namely love. For God is love and this love is a pure love, a righteous, eternal, holy love that bears more resemblance to our accurate definition of charity. For true charity is the betterment of another even at cost to self. This is the nature of Godly love, of the Lord Himself and so any act labelled as 'loving' when it is not of this nature or motivation is an

affront, an insult, blasphemy to the very name of God, the very being of God.



The reciprocation of such pure love as of God Himself is trust. A gentle, immovable trust that rests in the assurance of such a selfless love offered to it. Such trust does not wrestle for control, even the smallest degree of control, it rests without anxiety or worry, knowing that it is provided for in all certainty and goodness. This deep trust is the fruit of the spirit of faith. It is the peace that surpasses all understanding that Our Lord Jesus speaks of. In the fullness of expression that is true Godly love, trust is honoured and made perfect, so that the one who once rested in deep, peaceful trust sees the purity and graciousness of the love given unto it. In this awareness, a love that reflects the original selfless love is born and returned in fullness of heart to the one who moved all heaven and earth to secure their love. This is the glorious fellowship of the Trinity itself and it's wonders are hidden from even the greatest of poets, the most remarkable of orators.

Yet such glorious fellowship reflective of the eternal loved shared within the Trinity itself does not come naturally to the human heart. Instead of true trust in the love and provision offered by God unto His children, doubt and pride lurk insidiously in the heart and determine to steal some degree of control and input into their salvation. In this attempt, nothing good is yielded, only a harvest full of thorns and thistles of doubt, confusion, anxiety and worry come through. So when the times of trial and pain arrive, we cry out in despair that we are doomed. Yet what is Our Lord's command? Stand still. Remember what you are, who you are and that salvation is of the Lord! Who can boast of any degree of comparison to God?!

None! Do not succumb to the sinful inclination to drag safety and control from His hands. Yes it is easily done, all too easily sadly. Yet we are made to be still so that we may see the power of God, the justice of God, the mercy of God, the care of God from a position of humility. Only in such a humbled position can such wonders be understood and adored. We hurry pass the sunset everyday, yet we only enjoy the beauty and enormity of it when we stop and be still. If this is the case with a created ball of gases, then how much more so is it with God?!

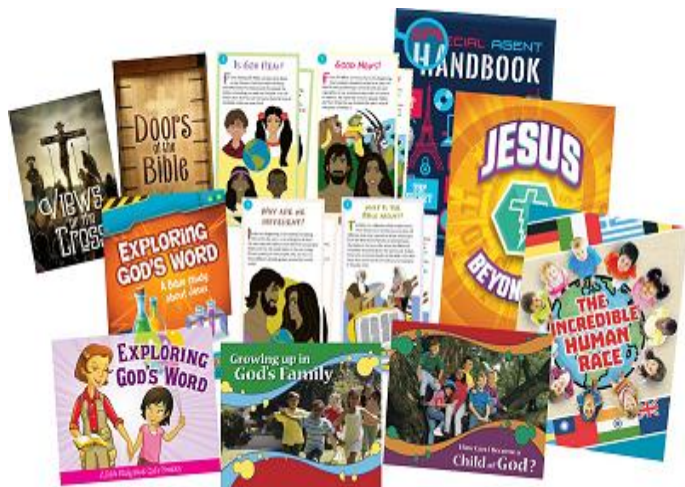
When Ruth was full of nervous, anxious energy over the possible success of Boaz in securing her proposal of marriage through the provision of kinsman redeemer; Naomi instructed her to be still and trust that he would do everything he could to secure her welfare that same day. Friends we are to rest in Christ, trust that He is providing for His bride the Church, that He watches over and intercedes for you before the Father every day and that you are eternally cared for. Resist the temptation to wrestle control, to doubt and fear. What He has promised will be will be. The Israelites would learn this to be so but had to learn it through hardship and trial for their belief was weak. Aren't we the same as the Israelites? Knowing the Lord and yet not trusting the Lord is wonderful fullness? Oh but how meek and tender is the Lord to we weak sinful creatures!

In verse 14 we see how gracious and faithful He is as He declares that He will fight for you (speaking to the Israelites at the time). A character in a tv show made an observation during a scene of intense drama and tragedy. He commented that he believed "nothing was more righteous than to defend those who are too weak to defend themselves." Isn't it interesting how such words can flow from even a godless tongue, for every heart knows that the Lord is God. The characters observation was correct in that Our Lord displays His eternal righteousness through His protection and defence of those who are weak and weary. Yet note that this weakness is a weakness of pride, a willingness to acknowledge the holiness of God and the blackness of ones own soul. This is shown in the second part of verse 15, as the Lord says, "and ye shall hold your peace." The Lord's righteousness is His alone and cannot be added to by our words or efforts. He alone holds the victory, the triumph over sin and death. In His triumph He defends the humble heart, the repentant heart who trusts in the Risen Son, resting in His eternal display of righteousness so that they may be defended from the wages of sin that is death through the protection of the blood of the Lamb of God. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Resource Corner

Children's Evangelism Pack



Teaching children the Word of God and the importance of the Gospel is a command from the LORD. We must be busy about our God appointed work of teaching our children in the way of the Lord as if we do not, the devil will be more than happy to fill the void.

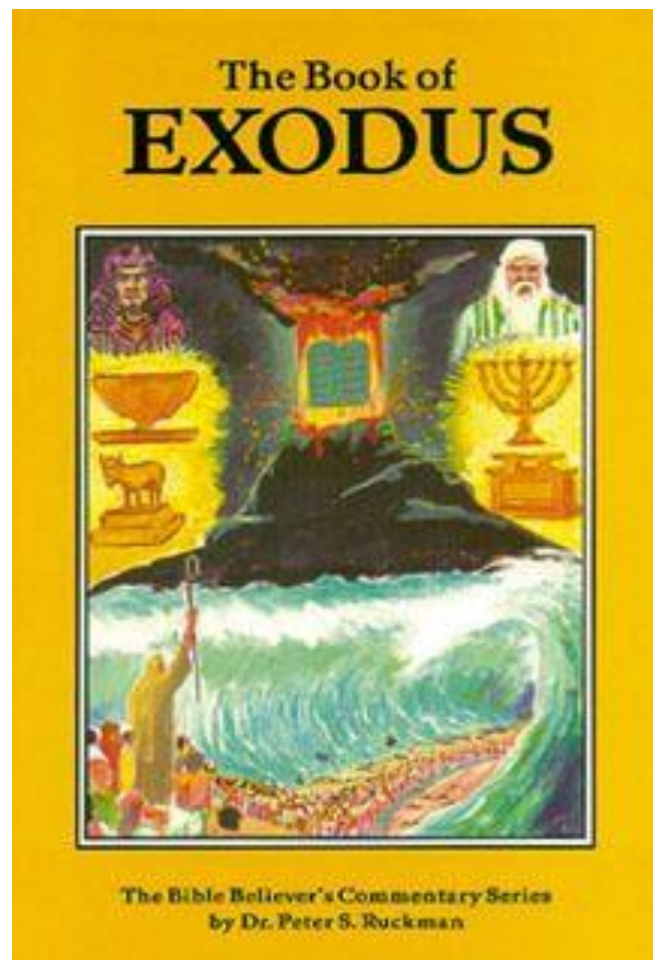
Teaching little ones the Word of God is a challenging and often daunting task, yet with helpful packs such as this Children's Evangelism Pack from Answers in Genesis, a bright, engaging conversation starter can be accessed by your family and/or church to point children towards the cross of Christ.

This sample pack contains 13 different booklets that will grab the attention of any young mind and deliver a short but powerful message of the truth of the Gospel and the Lord's Creation.
Available from Answers in Genesis

The Book of Exodus – Bible Commentary

Dr Ruckman's clear, unapologetic style is a brilliant literary example of the Biblical message throughout the Book of Exodus that believers in Christ are to separate themselves from the evil of this world. Dr Ruckman gives powerful evidence for the supremacy of the A.V./KJV translation against the corrupt modern versions and demonstrates with a refreshing directness how these errors and omissions deliberately taint the purity of the Word of God.

The events of The Book of Exodus are viewed as historical fact in this commentary, not mere allegory or religious symbolism. The staggering miracles recorded in the Biblical text are treated as supernatural events so that we are introduced to a mighty God worthy of our worship.



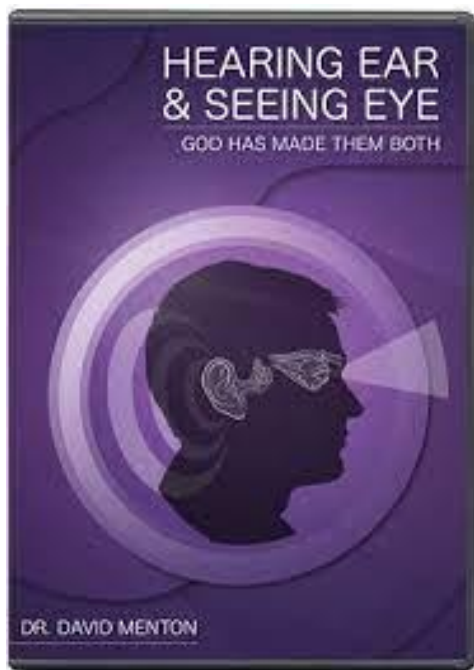
We watch Moses grow from a nervous but hot blooded man into the Law Giver, a reflection and foreshadowing of Jesus Christ Himself. All the while Dr Ruckman explains how the judgement that is poured out on idolatrous and wicked Egypt, along with the deliverance of Israel are glimpses of the coming Tribulation.

This impressive work will make you laugh at times through Dr Ruckman's frank character assessments of the major players in the Exodus record, yet at the same time make you consider how human nature has not changed since the time of the Pharaohs.

Ultimately you will learn of a truly sovereign God, one who swallows up eternity and raises up kings and brings them down again. You will see also how deeply cared for His children are deep within His gracious heart and you will go away feeling strengthened and humbled in a most wonderful and faithful God.

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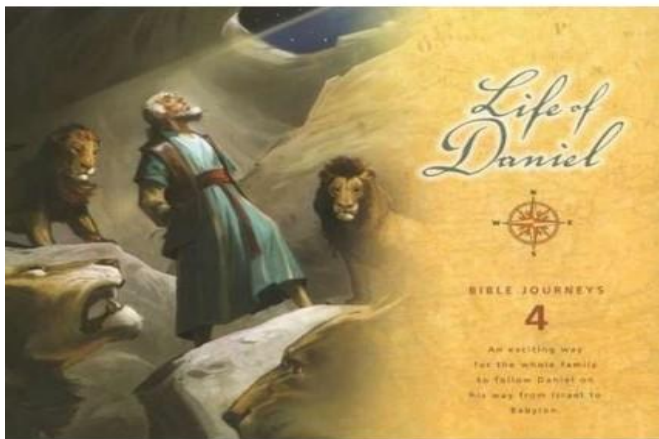
Hearing Ear & Seeing Eye - DVD



Join anatomist Dr. David Menton on a journey into the intricacies of our ears and eyes, which both bear the clear fingerprints of our Creator God. Dr. David Menton holds a PhD in biology from Brown University and served as an award-winning professor at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis for 34 years. He retired as an Associate Professor Emeritus and now serves with Answers in Genesis as a speaker, writer, and researcher.

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Is Jesus Created

The answer according to the Jehovah's Witnesses is yes. They teach he is a special person because he was the first creation of God. They also claim that Wisdom is the personification of Jesus in Proverbs 8:22. They argue that since Jesus is personified as wisdom in Proverbs 8:24 he must have been created.

Well, that might sound convincing to some souls but let's look at it. Hebrew literature does use personification, you often come across it in the 'Wisdom Literature'. If you are a bit lost by the term, it's a figure of speech whereby inanimate or non-living objects or ideas are given human qualities, for example emotions or personality are represented in human form. It is a standard Hebrew literary device. The fact is, there is nothing to suggest that Jesus is referred to in Proverbs 8.

If Jesus were being referred to then every reference to wisdom in the Book of Proverbs chapters 1-9 must refer to him. If we take that position then Proverbs 1:20-21 makes Jesus a woman. Further, we have to ask then who is 'Prudence' in Proverbs 8:12 with whom he dwelt? Again, did he live in a house with 7 pillars Proverbs 9:1

Look, if Jesus was created but was also the 'wisdom of God' as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 1:24, then it logically follows that there must have been a time when he didn't exist. If so, God must have existed without wisdom, which is absurd. Go and read for example Psalm 147:5, Jeremiah 10:12, Proverbs 3:19, Daniel 2:20-21.

The bottom line is there is no evidence anyone can muster of any variety to argue that the 'wisdom' referred to in Proverbs 8 has any reference to Jesus. Jesus is the cause of Creation (John 1:3, Hebrews 1:2, Colossians 1:16-17). He cannot Himself be a created being, Genesis 1:1.

Jehovah's Witnesses are not at all comfortable in the Hebrew and Greek languages, here in this example of personification their ignorance stands out.

Dr David Badger

The Great Deception - Part One

By Dr David Badger B.Th, M.Rel Educ, MTh, P.h.D, B.Sc

There are two huge deceptions that impact on Christian believers today. First, the Cosmic fairytale Evolution. Secondly, that modern bibles are the Word of God. Quite a statement, yes, and I'm not going to apologise for it. If the Lord should tarry, then over the months ahead I will present you with a factual story that 98% of ministers today know nothing of don't want to. The new graduates entering the ministry have almost certainly heard nothing of it. Their teachers will have little knowledge of the field of study either the chances are. One thing they seem to impart very effectively, indeed with gusto, is that the A.V Bible (KJV) is a pile of archaic rubbish. The red-herrings they toss out to mislead all within ear-shot have been answered a thousand times, they don't know that because they are too lazy to find out.

These men who may argue all day about which is the best version will often come to total agreement about depositing the A.V into the litter-bin. Well, you go on your way, but know this, you are responsible for recommending corrupted bibles to other souls. You keep playing with your Greek lexicons and dictionaries which are largely written by unbelievers and often give definitions based on citations by ancient Greeks like Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and other pagan sources.



While you are busily engaged, we will try and help believers find out what has been and is still going on with these Bible versions. Maybe in the end we will find out if God has a Book with His Word in it or not. If He has but other 'authorities' say otherwise, they can go take a trip to Mars. Now, let's begin with some serious study.

We are going to begin to lay our foundation for this study in the 1800's. Why? Because from the early

1800's, work had been underway to take the Church of England back to Rome. Let us listen to some of the words of the enemy at that time, the Rev W.G Ward writes, 'In fact, the progress of Catholic opinions in England, for the last seven years, is so inconceivable that no hope should appear extravagant. Let us, then, remain quiet for some years, till by God's blessing, the ears of Englishmen are become accustomed to hear the name of Rome pronounced with reverence'.

In 1839 the 'Second Reformation' had proceeded so far that one of its disciples, the Rev J.B Morris, preaching before Oxford University, had the audacity to teach the full doctrine of the Sacrifice of the Mass, and declare that every one was an unbeliever and carnal who did not believe it.

A prominent Roman Catholic magazine the Rambler, in 1851 declared, 'From the moment that the Oxford Tracts commenced, the Catholic Church assumed a position in the century which she had never before attained since the schism of the sixteenth century. With what a depth of indescribable horror of Catholicism the whole mind of England was formerly saturated, few can comprehend who have not experienced it...The sons and daughters of Anglicanism were brought up to regard the Catholic Church as the devils masterpiece....No one read Catholic books, no one entered Catholic Churches, no one ever saw Catholic priests, few people even knew that there were any Catholic bishops resident in England. Except in Ireland, the Catholic Church was forgotten. See now the change which has come over the English people as a nation'.

Listen to the Tractarians, 'We are teaching men to believe that God is to be worshipped under the form of Bread, and they are learning the lesson from us which they have refused to learn from the Roman teachers, who have been among us for the past three hundred years. We are teaching men to endure willingly the pain of Confession, which is an intense trials to the reserved Anglo-Saxon nature, and to believe that a man's 'I absolve thee' is the voice of God'.

Dr Manning writes, 'A change has visibly passed over England. Thirty years ago it's attitude towards the Catholic Church was either intense hostility or stagnant ignorance. It is not so now'.

The organ of the English Jesuits in November 1890 speaking of the English Ritualists states, 'At any rate the Ritualists are doing a good work, which in the present state of the country, Catholics cannot do in the same proportion, they are preparing the soil and

sowing the seed for a rich harvest, which the Catholic Church will reap sooner or later’.

The official organ of the Roman Catholic priesthood in its issue of July 1891 states by a priest, ‘At this hour five thousand Church of England clergymen are preaching from as many Protestant pulpits the Catholic faith (not indeed, as faith) to Catholicising congregations, much more effectively, with less suspicion and more acceptance than we can ever hope to do’.

I hear you say, ‘what has all this got to do with modern Bible versions?’ A great deal. There were Jesuits posing as English clergy at the time the Revised Version committee (from which your modern Bible descends) was drawn together. Roman Catholics laid the foundations for all modern Protestant critical enquiry into the authority of the Textus Receptus of the Protestant Reformation. There was an underground movement to destroy the English Bible.

The Revised Version Committee was brainwashed. Cardinal Newman had already told Catholics in England that the only way they could reach the English people would be by getting into the Anglican Church and working through it. Newman’s friends in the Oxford Movement had already spoken of the preaching and teaching of Calvin, Luther, Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards etc as a Detestable and Diabolical heresy.

The Revised Version committee came out of the Oxford Movement. When Newman was ‘converted’ to the Roman Catholic Church he played his part in opening the English Colleges and facilities to the Roman hierarchy. Thus it has been that in one move between 1880-2021 the leading ‘scholars’ of conservative, fundamental, evangelical and orthodox Christians have fallen in love with and pushed the Text that ushered in the Dark Ages.

Before we close this first part of the series there are two names I want you to remember as well as your own. They are, Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort, both professors at Cambridge in the 1800’s. They tend to be referred to today as Westcott and Hort. These are the men who dominated the Revised Version Committee. They had in fact been working together for twenty years before their work on the R.V. These two men worked with a purpose to overthrow the A.V Bible and I don’t hesitate to say they were traitors to God’s Word and England.

Let’s now take a look at these men and see what they believed and something of how they thought. We can

learn much from letters and correspondence in their



biographies. Let’s look at the following examples - Westcott refers to evangelicals as dangerous. Hort refers to ‘bibliolaters’. He states, ‘The pure Romish view seems to me more likely to lead to the truth than the evangelical’. He refers to the ‘common orthodox heresy Inspiration’. Westcott wants the Traditional Text replaced. He hates preaching. Hort at age 23 calls the Received Text ‘villainous’ and ‘vile’. Hort states, ‘I reject the word infallibility of the Holy Scriptures overwhelmingly’. He states, ‘Evangelicals seem to me perverted’. He refers to having more in common with Liberals. He questioned the Atonement. He writes to Westcott, ‘The popular doctrine of substitution is an immoral and material counterfeit’. He writes, ‘Mary worship and ‘Jesus’- worship have much in common’. He states, ‘Protestantism’ is only parenthetical and temporary’.

Westcott writes, ‘No one now, I suppose, holds that the first three chapters of Genesis for example, give a literal history’. Hort writes, ‘The book which has most engaged me is Darwin...it is a book that one is proud to be a contemporary with’.

Both Westcott and Hort want to get rid of the Protestant Reformation Bible. I could go on with the above the list but suffice it to say, Westcott and Hort produced an utterly false, depraved, corrupted Bible and the Bible Colleges and Seminaries fell for it hook line and sinker. This is the book or it’s descendants that your evangelical, charismatic, reformed minister ‘feeds’ you from, it’s a poisoned well.

The magnitude of Westcott and Hort’s apostasy is staggering. Conservatives and Evangelicals were taken in and started ‘correcting’ the A.V Bible with an utterly corrupt Roman Catholic manuscript. If your minister pooh pooh’s all this as nonsense then he is either ignorant (which we can forgive) of the facts, a compromiser not wishing to kick over the traces, a ‘scholar’ or a Jesuit.

By Dr David Badger

Dinosaurs and the Pharaohs

Question, name a pre-historic creature. Got one...is it a dinosaur? Incorrect answer. Firstly there is no such thing as 'pre-historic' as the Bible gives the entire history of all Creation from the very commencement of time. This common answer to the question of 'name a pre-historic creature' even amongst Creationists shows how effective the indoctrination of Evolutionary theory has been in our lives.

So as the Genesis account details the origins of all Creation and in particular how all the land animals and man were created on day 6 of the Creation week (yes a literal week, the Hebrew is very clear about how the term 'Yom' or day, refers to a literal 24 hour day when used alongside a definitive statement such as "and the evening and the morning were the first day", which is used repeatedly throughout Genesis 1), doesn't that mean God made dinosaurs and man on the same day? Why yes, yes He did. So doesn't that mean we should have some evidence of man existing alongside dinosaurs? Yes we should, and this is exactly what we find in the Bible and even in secular history.

The Book of Job details the fearsome creatures of Leviathan and Behemoth, both unmistakably bearing dinosaur features (as a side note Behemoth wasn't a rhino as how many rhino's have you seen with tails like cedar trees?!). God uses these creatures as examples of His power when He is giving Job some perspective on just who He is and just who Job is in terms of authority. Why would God use two such 'pre-historic' creatures if Job wasn't familiar with what they were? Instead of putting fear and awe into Job it would've rendered him confused and distracted from the very point God was trying to make!

Furthermore there are references to dinosaur like creatures in Psalm 74:13 (a giant sea reptile possibly a plesiosaur or mosasaur), in Isaiah 30:6 (referring to flying serpents, like flying reptiles possibly akin to a Pterosaur – interestingly very recent discoveries in the Nazca Valley, South America, show similar drawings and accounts of 'flying serpents') and Isaiah 34:13 (referring to land dragons or land dinosaurs). The term 'dragon' is used 20 times in the A.V/KJV. Dragons was the term used to refer to dinosaurs before 1841, as the term dinosaur (terrible lizard) was coined at this point in history by Sir Richard Owen. So when people say why did no one know about dinosaurs before the 19th century? Answer, they did....they just used the term dragon instead. Think of it this way, we think of anxiety as a modern problem, a new condition for stress riddled people of today. It's a new problem and the Bible offers no help in dealing

with anxiety or stress because it doesn't speak of it at any point specifically. Yes it does, just under the terms of 'worry' and being 'fearful'. Anxiety/stress and worry/fearfulness are the same thing and Jesus had a lot to say about the matter!

Returning from this digression, I would like to share with you a particularly fascinating documentation of man co-existing with dinosaurs from the age of the Pharaohs. The Narmer Palette depicts humans controlling two large creatures that bear all the hallmarks of sauropod dinosaurs. They have the long necks and powerful legs that come straight down from the body that are necessary for such creatures to be classified as sauropod dinosaurs. You can see this for yourself in the picture below.

The Egyptians it appears were very aware of the existence of sauropod like creatures and could have



The Narmer Palette, a siltstone carving from Ancient Egypt – see the long necked creature that bears many similarities to sauropod dinosaurs such as Diplodocus and Brontosaurus

used them as industrial aids when one considers the enormous power and strength such creatures would hold. They certainly would've been handy to drag massive stones around for any large scale building project the Ancient Egyptians may have been busy with at the time. Just a thought...

Such documentation is troublesome for the evolutionist as such interaction between man and dinosaur should be impossible as (according to their dating) 60 million years separates the two in the evolutionary timeframe. If Evolution was true, it would make these two poor creatures shown in the Narmer Palette at least 60 million years old! Maybe that's why they were easy for the humans to wrangle?

As you can see, true history is not in any argument with the Bible, instead they are good friends. The Lord moves all History to reveal His glory and so we should not be surprised that such discoveries fit in nicely with the historical accounts of Scripture.

By Jonathan Badger

Corrupting The Word

Paul says, 'For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speaks we in Christ.'

Within the lifetime of the Apostles there were those who had already set about seeking to corrupt the Pure Text, of course any real Bible believer who believed in the operations of Satan would expect this. There was a pure text that copyists had access to and equally enemies would be pleased to corrupt it.

If a Standard and closed Canon of Scripture was to be God's gift to His people then this would have to happen very early. Some of the worst corruptions to which the New Testament text would be subjected were in the first one hundred years of its composition. As early as the second century writers like Irenaeus speak of the attempts of heretics to corrupt the inspired records. Again, Irenaeus, Clement and Tertullian show that at the end of the second century all the principle books of our New Testament were received as the works of the authors to whom we still ascribe them.

Of course there were individuals and groups changing or making their own copies to suit their theological position. How did they do that? Well, I suggest that there were far more copies of the New Testament circulating than is generally believed. Further, the rapid movement of the gospel across the ancient world would bring with it rapid copying and spreading of manuscripts. When one sees the amount of heretics rising in the first century it would suggest that the scriptures were spreading fast. The kind of doctrines heretics attacked would require an awareness of what the manuscripts were teaching.

Look, when we examine today the sheer amount of manuscripts available that support the Traditional Text, should we not ask, if there are still so many then how many were lost or destroyed? The Emperor Diocletian for example had bonfires of manuscripts. However, and you should think of this while you use your R.V, R.S.V, N.I.V, E.S.V etc etc no one seems to have been burning the Alexandrian text on which these versions and others are based. These 'beautiful' codices from the fourth century are in good shape. But we don't come across beautiful codices of the Received Text. Why is that? Simple, the Alexandrian that your modern bibles are based on has been rejected as corrupted, they are not worn out because they were not studied to death. The originals that had been copied were worn out quickly from that process. Those early copies would've been written on cheap materials long before the posh Vaticanus and Sinaiticus manuscripts were created.



The Received Text on which we base our A.V/KJV Bible is traceable back to the remotest age. There were Latin translations made around 150-200 A.D and since many agree with the A.V/KJV, scholars, so-called, like Lightfoot, Hort, and Ellicott for example were in a fix when it came to arguing that certain A.V readings were not around then.

Let's jump forward some centuries to deal with a question that has been brought up in recent times. That question is, 'Could the A.V translators have had access to manuscripts lost to us today and therefore unknown? Absolutely. The A.V translators acknowledged they had a multitude of sources to draw from: 'Neither did we think much to consult the Translators or Commentators, Chaldee, Hebrew, Syrian, Greek, or Latin, no nor the Spanish, French, Italian or Dutch'.

When critics today say that because Vaticanus was not available to the A.V translators it is less accurate, they are talking tripe. It's readings are in the Jesuit version of 1582 and as regards the so-called recently discovered masses of new evidence that the A.V translators didn't have is still tripe. You will find no

reading in the R.V, A.S.V, N.A.S.V or N.R.S.V that didn't exist before 1611 and most of them can be found in translations and versions before 1500 A.D: the Old Latin, Old Syriac and the Gothic, plus editions of the Vulgate before 1400 A.D. Further, while we are wasting time on those who hate the A.V. The translators also had access to the Greek editions of Erasmus, Stephanus and Beza. They had the Antwerp and Complutensian Polyglots plus the Latin translations of Beza, Paginus and Tremellius. We could go on but what is the point.

Let's get back to the original question. The A.V translators would have had access to a huge store of cultural knowledge from the ancient world that is now lost. Some had access and association with a number of Europe's oldest universities. They could have examined ancient manuscripts now lost, stolen or destroyed. If you don't think that a certain ecclesiastical body had her agents removing manuscripts and documents that supported the Received Text you need to do a lot of learning.

At this time there were individuals who were rich enough to build large collections of parchments, books and documents who left them to universities or friends or had them sold off. The translators could have had access to all sorts of research material. The translators had at their disposal all previous translations and they didn't ignore them, they said, 'We are so far off condemning any of their labours that travailed before us in this kind, either in this land or beyond the sea, either in King Henry's time, or King Edward's....or Queen Elizabeth's of ever renowned memory, that we acknowledge them to have been raised up by God, for the building and furnishing of his church, and that they deserve to be had of us and of posterity in everlasting remembrance'.

It might further be just pointed out that Erasmus had an open door to any library in Europe including that of the Vatican. He alone had a much wider source than the scholars of 1884 and he already had the evidence in 1515 for what modern apostates refer to as 'newer light' from 'older manuscripts'.

Time and again today the believer has been and is being brainwashed against the A.V./KJV Bible with its comments from ministers like we now have 'better manuscripts' and 'older authorities'. They tell their congregations that the Greek Text used by the A.V translators was inferior to that used for their modern Bible. This is utter FALSEHOOD. From their pulpits they come out with 'a better translation would be', 'in the Greek it says', 'in the original' (ask them where that is) , do we need to go on? They are just giving out the standard line they have been taught in Bible

College, Seminary etc. Some if they saw the evidence would change but most wouldn't. If you want recognition today as a scholar or a preacher you have to attack the A.V/KJV or at least 'correct' it.

The New Testament manuscripts which underlie our A.V Bible were definitely authorised and accepted by the churches down through history, the evidence is there. The A.V Bible is absolutely trustworthy and can be believed today and until the Lord returns.

By Dr David Badger Snr

Scorched Earth

A fascinating discovery spread across the associated press in late September. It documented the uncovering of the scorched remains of an ancient city today known as Tall-Hammam, located in the Jordan valley, north-east of the Dead Sea.

This ancient city is believed to have been five times larger than ancient Jericho (the famous walled city which God destroyed through the armies of Joshua) and ten times larger than ancient Jerusalem. This powerful city had already been well established by the era of the Biblical patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and had a sizeable political and economical reach into the region.

This important and strategically placed city had been rebuilt several times according to archaeological records. However one layer in particular stands out from all the rest and caught researchers' attention due to the "highly unusual" material discovered. Amongst the usual rubble associated with warfare and destruction, large quantities of material such as pottery having been melted into glass, 'bubbled' brick and other melted building materials. These finds all pointed to the city having been subject to a brief period of exceptionally high temperatures, much higher than any known technology could've produced.



Researchers at Tall-Hammam (Sodom and Gomorrah?)

The researchers found evidence that the city had been subject to temperatures of 2000 degrees Celsius. The cause of this cataclysmic event was labelled as a 'cosmic air burst' by the researchers at the scene and they saw similarities to a far more recent event in Siberia in 1908. At this event a 56-60 metre meteor punctured the earth's atmosphere and hit the earth with the force of 12 megatons! (The atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki only contained 15 kilotons, a raindrop in comparison!) Such was the enormity of the destruction at the ancient site of Tall-Hammam that researchers noted, "The shock of the explosion over Tall el-Hammam was enough to level the city, flattening the palace and surrounding walls and mudbrick structures, according to the paper. The distribution of bones indicated "extreme disarticulation and skeletal fragmentation in nearby humans."

Furthermore there were large amounts of shocked quartz at the site which further baffled and amazed the researchers on scene. This is cracked sand grains that are formed only under extraordinarily high pressure as quartz is one of the hardest minerals and is extremely difficult to shock.

All these dramatic discoveries automatically caused the researchers and the associated press to recall the Biblical account of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Such is the striking similarity of the physical evidence to the Biblical account that the researchers and press have had to resort to the conclusion that this incredibly destructive event prompted the 'tale' of Sodom and Gomorrah. Human pride is so determined to mythologise the Bible that even when powerful physical evidence of the veracity of the Biblical accounts of particularly the Genesis record, it is accounted as just a convenient fuel for the Bible 'stories'.



It is so very sad that these researchers cannot look passed their prejudices and take their already noted similarities between the evidence in front of them and the Biblical record and thereby continue in their studies of this site/event. So whilst we as believers can smile knowingly at such discoveries, we must remain compassionate in spirit towards these

ignorantly blind researchers, praying that the Lord will use the evidence in front of them to break down their pride and turn them to repentance in Christ Jesus.

By Jonathan Badger

Journey to Hope Valley.

When I was a child, we used to watch Little House on the Prairie every Sunday after church. Set in the American West in the late 1800's, the show centred around the Ingalls family living in a small frontier town called Walnut Grove. It was innocent family entertainment, with a morality tale incorporated into many episodes, something that we sorely lack in today's tv shows.

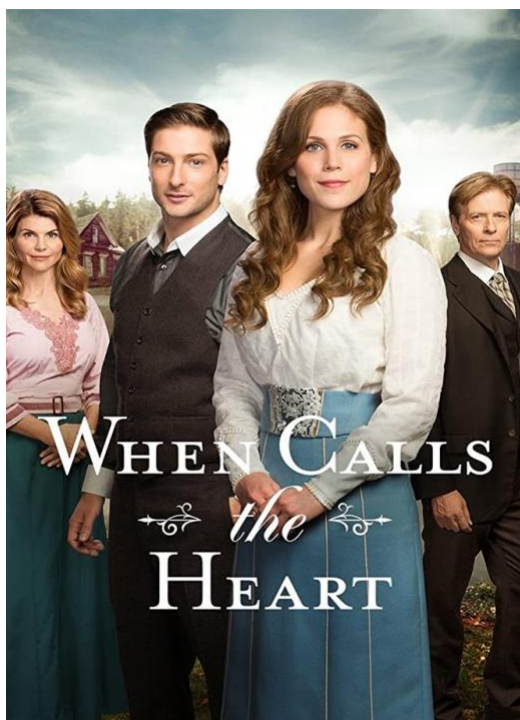
So when I was flicking through the mountains of filth on a popular home streaming service recently, looking for something, anything, my young Christian family could watch together of an evening, I was surprised to come across a tv show produced by Michael Landon Jr. His father had been one of the main characters in the Little house on the Prairie, and this new show, set only a little later in a Canadian frontier mining town, showed promise. Promise of reliving my childhood but with a new generation.

When Calls the Heart, by the Hallmark television channel, tells the story of Elizabeth Thatcher, a young teacher full of enthusiasm who leaves a wealthy home to pursue her dream of teaching in a small frontier town. What follows amounts to 8 seasons of tv episodes of which my wife and I have so far binge watched 4 and a half, and I'd love to recommend it, but sadly the streaming service is removing the first 4 seasons at the end of this month. Too wholesome and family friendly to get any viewers in this day and age no doubt.

But for us it is a wonderful escapism. My wife and I settle down in an evening and look forward to getting to know the characters of this blissfully wonderful place a little better. A place where belief in God still holds respect and value, and people encourage each other in times of trouble and darkness with words that show God's goodness and mercy and greater plan for all of us whether we see it or not. The people of

Hope Valley, this fictional town from a hundred years ago, have become almost friends, as we struggle in today's society to feel comfortable in the ungodliness that surrounds us. Both my wife and I don't feel totally comfortable around our work colleagues or indeed around friends that were once in our innermost spheres. We find greatest comfort and joy in the times we can spend in fellowship with family and other brothers and sisters in Christ.

It was after finishing an episode of *When Calls the Heart* at the beginning of this week that I had a real deep longing to be in Hope Valley. To feel the sense of community, and the fellowship, not to mention the decency, morality and simple but wonderful manners that existed in these times past. Life was harder sure, but simpler and people lent on their faith in a very real way. I found myself not even wanting to go to work but to go to this utterly fictional place where I felt I had more in common with the fictional residents than the real living people that surround me day by day.



A most rare thing, a wholesome TV show

It was then then that it struck me harder than ever before. As believers we truly are aliens in this world. We simply don't belong. I was feeling a yearning, a genuine homesickness for a place I couldn't go, and Hope Valley was the "surrogate". As believers in Christ

heaven is our home, and with Him is where we belong.

From the moment we are born again we are on a journey to a land to which we have never been and yet when we come to Christ we long for it like we had lived there all our lives and have been displaced into this world. Each and every day is a day closer. And what a joyous thought that is. It is not that I long to die, but that I have nothing to fear from it, as it is the moment that my journey ends. Another day closer is the thought that resonates through me when days are hard, when I'm overwhelmed or tired. And nothing and no one in this life can take that from me, no matter how dark and gloomy the valley of the shadow of death becomes.

There was once a lady missionary in London who used to visit a very sick bed-ridden saint in a tenement block regularly for fellowship. This same missionary also knew a rather wealthy and well-to-do lady who used to complain and moan routinely. The missionary spent a great deal of time trying to get this lady to visit the sick saint in an attempt to help her achieve some 'perspective'.

After many invitations the wealthy woman finally consented to the meeting and when they arrived at the building, they both entered the hallway and up the first flight of stairs. True to form, the wealthy lady began to complain, "What a horrible place", the lady said; "why did you bring me here?" The missionary smiled and said: "it's better higher up." Up a second flight of stairs, and it didn't get any lighter or cleaner, so the complaints came again. "Don't worry it's better higher up." As they got to each floor's landing, and the building didn't improve, the wealthy lady didn't cease to complain, and the missionary kept reassuring her that "it's better higher up". By the fifth floor, the lady was still complaining and desperately wanting to leave. It was on this floor that they came to a door which opened into the sick woman's apartment. The room was carpeted and had plants in the window, and a little bird was singing in a cage. And there in the centre of the room was the sick believer, bed-ridden, but smiling like it was Christmas. The first thing the complaining lady said was; "My dear lady, it must be so very hard

for you to be here and suffer.” “Oh, that is but a very small thing” came the reply; “it is not so very hard at all for it is better higher up.” And so it should be with all of us, for if our minds and hearts have set their affections on the things of heaven then when things here on this sin filled ball of dirt don’t go just as they suit us we can say “It is better higher up”. We can rejoice as we journey on.

Many times I like to sit and think of what awaits us; a body that does not grow tired or hungry, golden streets and endless days. Complete and perfect rest. I have been tired here on this journey for so long that I don’t know what it feels like to be anything else, but I do know that one day I will feel more peace than I can fathom. This tent of a body will be made incorruptible. My wife’s knees won’t feel sore anymore, and my back won’t ache after a day’s work. We will wear the most glorious white robes and see sights that the word “beauty” doesn’t even come close to describing. I will be able to get closer to all of God’s creatures that I ever have before. And as a vet that’s a big thing! If there are seas I can swim in them, gardens I can explore endlessly, fruits from the tree of life I can partake of, the like of which I have never tasted. Family and friends I can spend an eternity with.

But most importantly I will be HOME. A sense of belonging like never before. And that deep desire I had from watching that tv programme, to be able to leave my house in the morning and meet with like-minded brethren in a perfect city will be more of a reality than I can even begin to comprehend. Can you even begin to grasp that we will be talking with Moses, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Tyndale, Bunyan, Wesley, Newton, Whitfield, Noah, David, Adam, Ruth, all the disciples, Paul, Spurgeon, Torey, Moody, Sunday, Ruckman..... oh the list is endless.

And that is all to pale in comparison to meeting our Lord. And it is when I think of this that I often think of my mother. She suffered such great pain for many years; indeed I don’t even remember her without pain, and that was especially the case in her final months.

She was truly kept in those final days, wracked with agonising abdominal cancer, plagued by nausea and

lack of sleep, barely able to eat a mouthful of even the most appetising meal. Even through this, she witnessed. To her nurses and doctors. They saw the strength of our Lord in my mother, as her own strength and dignity slowly gave out.

I remember one hospital visit in particular. I was visiting her on my own and arrived to find her having not slept for yet another night. Gripping the handrail of the hospital bed in pain with one hand, she had tears in her eyes. I didn’t know what to do or how to help her, but when I asked her what was causing those tears, she replied with an answer that I will never forget;

“I don’t want to fail Him; I love Him so much and I just don’t want to fail him”. Here was a woman who was in I have no doubt, the worst pain she had ever experienced, and her mind was on not failing her Lord. She knew human frailty all too well and she was so scared that it would cause her to fail her Saviour in some way.

On the evening that she passed, I felt nothing but joy. Yes, I cried, but I can hardly say they were tears of happiness beyond measure. I had an image in my mind clear as day of my mother, who I had seen struggle for years with a sin cursed body that failed her, emerging from the river that is death in robes whiter than snow. I imagined the smile radiating on her face as she felt not a single twinge of pain, as she stepped foot onto heaven’s shore. And the overwhelming joy and peace as she was met by the two nail scarred hands of her Saviour as he reassured her that she had done anything but failed him, taking her to his bosom and welcoming home his good and faithful servant. It makes me smile to this day, and though I miss her I feel no real sadness, for she is more alive than she’s ever been, and talking and walking with her Lord that she loves.

I am utterly assured that I will see her again. I am only afraid as was she, that in my final days as my journey ends that I will in some way fail Him. I often think of those martyrs during the reign of Bloody Queen Mary; those men women and children who suffered the most terrible and cruel of deaths, yet who often went

to those deaths singing, praising and smiling, reciting hymns or psalms. Many saw their deaths as their wedding day. Wedded to their Saviour. How I pray I show even a small fraction of their bravery when my time to pass from this life to the next comes, should the Lord tarry.

So as I continue my journey, an outcast and an alien in a foreign country, I look forward to the day; to the day that I can finally feel at home. To the day when I shall reside in the truest of all Hope Valleys, where the light never goes dark, where not a single tear is ever shed, and nothing ever decays or tarnishes, but where I can sing and dance and smile with my Saviour forever more. Oh glorious day! Amen.

By David J Badger

What A Smart Neanderthal

The absurd propaganda that evolutionists regularly pump out that Neanderthal man was some sort of 'missing link' in the evolution of monkey to man has been thoroughly dismissed through recent archaeological discoveries as just that, propaganda.

The remains of Neanderthals have been discovered that show a people with recognised funeral rites, use of cosmetics, use of musical instruments, jewellery, advanced cooking utensils and knowledge of spices. Furthermore there is significant evidence to show interbreeding of Neanderthals and modern man as there is no differing DNA between Neanderthal man and modern man.

The latest discovery to shed light on the humanity of Neanderthal man is evidence that they were proficient bird hunters. This may not sound particularly impressive or interesting but the hunting was not done for bird meat but for feathers. Recent studies of 1,700 Ice Age in Eurasian and a North African remains have unearthed that the Neanderthals were particularly keen on the use of feathers for adornment such as the American Indians and their remarkable headdresses with which we are all familiar. This claim was corroborated by the simple fact that the bird remains found with the Neanderthal remains show only cut marks to the wings (an area rich in feathers but sparse in meat).

Similar evidence of Neanderthals using feathers for clothing adornment had been previously discovered in

Northern Italy in 2011, however this was dismissed as an isolated practice. Now though as we have seen, a growing picture is emerging that Neanderthal man was simply a post-Flood people group (much like Aborigines, Inuits, Mongols, etc) just as human as every other grouping and bearing similar skills and abilities.



The popular but inaccurate image of Neanderthals

The mass produced evolutionary propaganda that Neanderthal man is a knuckle dragging, ape-like, cave dwelling brute is as accurate as claiming the Mayans were given their technology by aliens; it is all pure fantasy.

By Jonathan Badger

Family Bible Quiz Corner

Biblical Wordsearch

B	E	H	E	M	O	T	H	W	E
B	R	I	I	H	E	B	R	E	W
T	O	I	Y	S	H	A	R	B	A
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Words to find: Behemoth, Brimstone, Abraham, Sarah, Lot, History, Male, Female, Hebrew, Greek

Who Am I?

- 1) My name means “gift of the Lord”.
- 2) I followed Jesus.
- 3) Jesus ate at my house.
- 4) I was also called Levi.
- 5) I collected things.
- 6) I was sitting when Jesus called me.
- 7) Only I mention the magi.
- 8) recorded the Sermon on the Mount.
- 9) I’m one of the twelve.
- 10) My name is still popular today.

Bible Quiz

- 1) Where did Jeroboam flee to?
- 2) Who was Jeroboam’s father?
- 3) Who was Rehoboam’s father?
- 4) True or false: Israel succeeded in attempting to stone Rehoboam to death?
- 5) What graven image did Jeroboam make that Israel worshipped?
- 6) Which tribe were not allowed to be priests for the graven image?
- 7) What happened to Jeroboam’s hand after he said to lay hands on a man of God?
- 8) Was this punishment permanent?
- 9) What was Jeroboam’s son called?
- 10) Why did the Queen go to the prophet Ahijah?

Answers

- 1) Egypt 2) Nebat 3) Solomon 4) False, he managed to flee to Jerusalem 5) Two golden calves 6) Levi 7) His hand dried up so he could not move it 8) No, God lifted the punishment 9) Abijah 10) To see what Abijah’s future would be

Answer to Who Am I: Matthew



Jeroboam’s idolatrous golden calves

A Final Thought

The end of September saw chaotic scenes around the country, with long queues at petrol stations as complications with fuel transportation led to speculations of shortages. The panic buying from many U.K. citizens mirrored that of the run on toilet paper around 18 months ago, during the early stages of the first Covid-enforced lockdown. As believers, we must watch that we don’t fall prey to such reactionary, hysterical behaviour, even when fear-mongering and sensationalistic journalism might lead us to feelings of anxiety or worry. Rather than rushing to the forecourt, we ought to rush to the Lord in prayer and to the scriptures, where we’ll find words of comfort and encouragement during such times of uncertainty. All the advice we need is to be found in the great Sermon on the Mount. The possibility of a shortage of petrol isn’t dissimilar to other pressures we may face in life – whether we’ll get that promotion at work, how we’ll do in our next exam, or what diagnosis the doctor might bring. Instead of overly-fretting or making snap decisions, we should remember that we have a Lord that ensures we all have plentiful food in our bellies and clothes on our back (Matthew 6:31-33). If we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-38), serve the Lord and seek to glorify Him, He will see that we have all the provision we need.



Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

By John Sivewright

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