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Something to Think About

The date on this bulletin is January 21, 2009. That is a date surrounded by the dates of two significant days in our nation's history. January 20, 2009 is the day that Barack Obama was sworn in as our 44th and first black President. Many had felt they would never see the day a black person was elected President. For that reason it truly was an historical day.

We as Christians are bound by the scriptures to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2), obey the laws of the land as long as they do not violate the laws of God (Romans 13:1-7, Acts 5:29), and honor those who rule our land (1 Peter 2:17).

Many are hopeful as they contemplate the results of Mr. Obama's presidency. I am hopeful that his background, his rise to such a place of authority, and his stable marriage and family will be an inspiration to millions who need such an example to help them escape poverty and the problems that come from the breakdown of the home.

The second date is January 22, 1973 a date that will live in infamy. It was on that day that the Supreme Court of the land legalized abortion by

judicial fiat. That action unleashed what has been called "the American holocaust." Since that day over 49 million babies have been aborted.

I am not hopeful that the slaughter of innocents will abate during Mr. Obama's presidency. In fact, I fear it will grow worse. I pray that all who oppose abortion will be ever more diligent to make their feelings known to our elected representatives. The violence against the most helpless of human beings must stop.

--Michael D. Greene

Ken Thomas wrote to Mike:

Mike, your article is on target. A look at the following websites will clearly define President Obama's agenda regarding both abortion rights and homosexual couples rights.

His impressive speech and inauguration masked an agenda that he has clearly defined during his campaign, and those who voted for him cannot say he deceived them. If only there had been better choices available than were provided by the opposition, this would not have happened in my opinion.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/women/>
http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/civil_rights/

Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM
Wednesday: Bible Classes	7 PM

Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart
Restoration Radio
Jim Waldron
Manuelito Children's Home



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 25

1. Question: How can one recognize the voice of a foolish person?
2. What grain farmer told his workers to deliberately leave part of the crop behind in the field so a certain poor woman might be able to come through behind the harvesters and find an abundant gleanings?
3. What observation is made about a person's birth in a passage that refers to the direction of flight of particles from a fire?
4. What three people pleaded with a king not to burn a roll, but he did it anyway?
5. When the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard that the army of Pharaoh had come out of Egypt, what was their response?
6. To what land did a woman take her household to avoid a famine that lasted for seven years?
7. What female prepared an ark, waterproofing it and setting it afloat in the midst of flags?

Answers for week of January 18

1. Who am I? I had a son who took over my reign after I was stricken by the same disease that Naaman had. This disease was punishment for the fact that I got the big head and tried to do the work of a priest. (I am known by two different names in the Bible, and you need to give both of them to be a royal winner in the quiz.)

Answer: Azariah (or Uzziah), king of Judah. He was basically a good king and highly successful in battle. He had almost 1/3 million men in his army. But later in life his heart "was lifted up". He entered the temple to offer incense. He was promptly evicted by the high priest (named Amaziah!), but not before he could show his wrath and have leprosy begin developing in his forehead. His son Jotham was the acting ruler during the last days of Uzziah/Azariah.

The scriptures are long, but there is an interesting story here.

2 Kings 5:6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

2 Ki 15:1-6 - "In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. 2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. 3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his

father Amaziah had done; 4 Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places. 5 And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land. 6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?"

2 Chr 26 "Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. 2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. 3 Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. 4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did. 5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper. 6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. 7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims. 8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly. 9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. 10 Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry. 11 Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. 12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour were two thousand and six hundred. 13 And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones. 15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong. 16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men: 18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou

hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God. 19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. 20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. 21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead."

2. What is the connection between pleasure and poverty?

Answer: The love of pleasure is an avenue to poverty. (Looking for a reason, many pleasures of life are costly, and the pleasure-seeker always seems to be looking for a greater pleasure. Experience and observation show us that many get addicted to pleasure so that they neglect their livelihood, and thus fritter away their work time as well.)

Proverbs 21:17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

Related passages:

James 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter

Psalms 37:16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

Proverbs 13:7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

3. What specific named process was used to cripple a horse to disable it. (This was usually done as a part of a war effort.)

Answer: Hocking (KJV) (or houghing).

Hough is defined as to hamstring, i.e., sever the "tendon of Achilles" of the hinder legs of captured horses (Jos 11:6; 2Sa 8:4; 1Ch 18:4), so as to render them useless. (definition from Easton)

(Josh 11:5-9) And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. 6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hock their

horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them. 8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephothmaim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. 9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he hocked their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

(2 Sam 8:4 KJV) And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David hocked all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots.

(1 Chr 18:3-4 KJV) And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates. 4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also hocked all the chariot horses, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

4. Who had 22 children (sons and daughters combined), unlike his less prolific brothers. At least some of his descendants found good pasture land that had formerly been used by the Hamites.

Answer: Shimei. This is one where the 22 is no good as a clue unless you use all the combinations that add up to 22 sons and daughters. The words "good" "pasture" and "Ham" when inserted into a word search engine will yield verse 40, and a backward search of the text will lead to Shimei's name. 1 Chron 4:27-28 - And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah. 28 And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, 1 Chron 4:38 These mentioned by their names were princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly. 39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelt there of old.

5. Introduction for the question: It was said of the prodigal son that while he was in the far country, "he came to himself". I assume from this statement that while he was satisfied to live in the "far country" he was "not himself" or was "beside himself". Question. Who else is recorded in the scripture as being thought "by others" to be "beside himself"?

Answer: Jesus. Mark 3:7-22

7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea, . . . 20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. 22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

6. What prophet ripped a new article of clothing into a dozen pieces and gave most of them to a future king to

symbolize the kingdom that God would give him to rule?
Answer: Ahijah - 1 Kings 11:30-32 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces: 31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: 32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

7. What creature is named as "playing" in the sea? It is in context with the mention of the "numberless" sea creatures, little and big ones, created by God.

Answer: Leviathan.

According to Easton's Bible Dictionary:

Leviathan - a transliterated Hebrew word (livyathan), meaning "twisted," "coiled." . . . in Ps 104:26 it "denotes any large animal that moves by writhing or wriggling the body, the whale, the monsters of the deep."

(Psa 104:25-27) "So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. 26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. 27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season."

Welcome, visitors

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

In nursing homes: William Miller (NHC); Frances Cartright (Nancy Harvey's mother) at Boulevard Terrace.

Shut in - Laura Singleton; Melissa Dickerson.

Food Pantry: Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food (including your own) please let it be known.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Jan	18	15	24	18	16	780
Jan	11	16	21	16	9	534
Jan	4	21	33	20	11	587
Dec	28	16	26	24	19	662

Next Sunday the Bible Bowl will be at West Sparta. This will be a long trip, so we will probably need to eat on the way. The text covered will be Luke 17-20, so we ask the young folks to put in some extra time reading and thinking about this passage.



Starting a job is usually easier than finishing it.

It's easier to sign to sign up for a ball team, than it is to get in shape, practice every day, play the games, and complete the season. It's easier to sign the purchase agreement for a new car than it is to maintain it, wash it, and then make payments on it for 60 months.

Likewise, it's easier to decide to follow Christ, confess His name, and be immersed for the remission of sins than it is to face real hardship, overcome discouragement, and do what is right on a daily basis.

But if we hope to enjoy eternity with God in heaven, we must learn to finish. Paul once wrote, "I have fought the good fight, I have FINISHED the race..." (2 Timothy 4:7; emphasis mine--mb; cf. Acts 20:24).

Christian friend, it's not enough that we get started, we must also finish. Are you trying to finish your job for the Lord?

Give it some thought.

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Assignments	January 25	February 1
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Announcements	Junior Conner	Joe Green
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Wayne Gannon	James Mason
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Tim Waldron	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	Ernie Green
(outside)	Daniel Green	Junior Conner
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Steve Miller