

## Opportunities to Serve:

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|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sunday                 | Mar 12        | Mar. 19       |
| Song leader (SS)       | T. J. Waldron | Ken Thomas    |
| Announcements          | Ken Thomas    | Jr. Conner    |
| Song leader (Wor)      | Tim Waldron   | Wayne Gannon  |
| Scripture reading      | Andy Miller   | T. J. Waldron |
| Opening prayer         | James Mason   | Tim Waldron   |
| Table service (center) | Joe Green     | Ken Thomas    |
| (center)               | Nick Graham   | Nick Graham   |
| (outside)              | Daniel Green  | Daniel Green  |
| (outside)              | Brian Dennis  | Brian Dennis  |

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 # 1: 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.

#2. "**Paul**". This seems to be a statement from only one person.

"And as he thus spoke for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, **Paul, thou art beside thyself**; much learning doth make thee made" (Acts. 26:24).

#3 David was thought to be a madman in I Sam. 21

6. 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 27 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 4:38-40 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.**

7. 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.** Again, the word "dozen" is no good unless you try "twelve".

"Clothing" = "garment" and "ripped" is "rent"

1 Kings 11:29-31

29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field: 30 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:

### Record of our attendance:

| Date  | Classes                                    | AM | PM | Cont. | Wed. |
|-------|--|----|----|-------|------|
| 01/29 | 21   | 38 | 29 | \$589 | 22   |
| 02/05 | 20   | 24 | 22 | \$490 | 25   |
| 02/12 | 20   | 29 | 25 | \$573 | 28   |
| 02/19 | 19   | 34 | 19 | \$593 | 22   |
| 02/26 | These will be printed later. Not available |    |    |       |      |
| 03/05 | at time of printing                        |    |    |       |      |

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## Take Heed Lest You Fall



### Schedule of Services

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Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM  
6 PM

Wednesday:

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In nearly every Olympics, there are memorable moments of drama that teach greater life lessons than just competition and sports. This year's Winter Olympics is no exception. Last week, American Snowboarder, Lindsey Jacobellis was competing for the gold medal in the Woman's Snowboard Cross competition. As Lindsey came down the hill, she had a huge lead. Her closest competitors were not even in the same picture with her. The gold medal was all but wrapped up. All that was left to do was to cue up the National Anthem and raise the American flag for the medal ceremony.

But wait...on the next to the last jump, within site of the finish line, Lindsey admitted to getting caught up in the emotion of her inevitable win, so she did a little "showboating." Instead of doing a normal jump, she reached down, grabbed her board, and did a little celebratory twist. Then the unthinkable happened. Lindsey Jacobellis fell! By the time she was able to get back on her feet, she was passed by a competitor, and had to settle for the silver medal.

Personally, I felt terrible for her. All that training. All that hard work. The gold medal within her grasp. Then a little "hot-dogging" and it was over. Just like that!

As heartbreaking as this may be, I can't imagine how heartbreaking it will be for those who have eternal life within their grasp, then through pride, carelessness, or rebellion, end up forfeiting their "crown of life."

Please don't spend your life preparing for heaven, then just before arriving at the finish line, throw all your training away. Remember the words of Paul, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

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# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

## Questions for week of March 12

1. 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.
2. What female prepared an ark, waterproofing it and setting it afloat in the midst of flags? Be sure to give her name.
3. How can one recognize the voice of a foolish person?
4. 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?
5. What observation is made about a person's birth in a passage that refers to the direction of flight of particles from a fire?
6. What three people pleaded with a king not to burn a roll, but he did it anyway?
7. When the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard that the army of Pharaoh had come out of Egypt, what was their response?

## Answers for week of February 26

1. Question: A prophet of God volunteered to be sent by God with God's message after seeing a vision of God on his elevated seat. The vision is dated by the death of what king of Judah?  
Answer: King Uzziah . Isaiah sees God, high and lifted up, on His throne. When God asked, "Whom shall I send...?", Isaiah says, "Here am I; send me." 2 Chron 26:1 Then all the **people of Judah took Uzziah**, who was sixteen years old, and made him **king** in the room of his father Amaziah.  
Isaiah 6: 1 **In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up**, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then

said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? **Then said I, Here am I; send me.** 9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

2. 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.

2 Kings 5:6 - **Naaman had 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. . . {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 Jecoliah 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. . . . 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 hasted 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."

3. 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.**  
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

4. 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; 2 Sa 8:4; 1Ch 18:4), so as to render them useless. (definition from Easton)

(Josh 11:5-9 KJV) 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) **David hocked all the chariot horses.** (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. (Continued back page)