



Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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The Testimony of an Ancient Tunnel

The water was cold and the tunnel was small; so small that I walked for almost half of the way, hunched over and with shoulders touching each side of the tunnel wall. The tunnel traversed from left to right for over 580 yards until I once again saw the precious light of day. It was a walk through history that has been forever imprinted upon my mind.

Dug nearly 2700 years ago, Hezekiah's tunnel still carries water from the Gihon Spring, located in the Kidron Valley, just east of the ancient city of David, to the well-known Pool of Siloam. The tunnel is an ancient landmark and testimonial to a long-ago king of the nation of Judah.

In the eighth century before Christ, neighboring countries were threatening the borders of the once-united Israel and Judah. Judah, under the capable leadership of Hezekiah, built a reservoir and tunnel to bring water inside the walls of its capital city Jerusalem (2 Kings 2:20; 2 Chron. 32:3-4, 30). This tunnel ensured a constant supply of water for the city's inhabitants during any possible lengthy siege of an opposing army. The planning and preparation paid off when in the late eighth century B.C. the Assyrian monarch Sennacherib, moving through and conquering most of Palestine, encircled Jerusalem, caging it like a

bird. However, Sennacherib failed to conquer Jerusalem or weaken its inhabitants, in part because they had a flourishing water supply and could remain indefinitely within the city walls. Jerusalem and the nation of Judah were ultimately spared, while their northern brothers Israel were taken captive.

The testimony of the ancient tunnel is one more proof of the Bible's accuracy and validity. It demonstrates that the events and people of the Bible were real and credible. Not only does the tunnel exist, just like 2 Kings reveals, but the Bible accurately pinpoints its location as well. Second Chronicles 32:30 cites the flow of the water from east to west and places its pooling area west of the city of David. Archaeologists have excavated a part of the ancient city of David and its remnants and have placed its southern tip between the Gihon Spring and the Pool of Siloam. The pooling area would have been inside the wall of the city for easy access by the Jerusalem citizens. Today that pool still exists as it did in both Hezekiah's reign and during the Lord's public ministry. Once again, the Bible's accuracy continues to be upheld. It is not only accurate in its general stories, but gives us detailed and specific information which can be verified even 2700 years later.

John W. Moore, Church of Christ, Dripping Springs, TX

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 March 15

1. At what place was the tabernacle erected and then the land distributed to the tribes of Israel?
2. What does a person do to prove that they have small strength?
3. What prophet was deserted by his companions and left to see a fearful vision by himself?
4. What king was taught by his mother to speak up on behalf of those who could not speak for themselves?
5. Just for fun . . . what passage in 1 Corinthians 15 could also be posted on a sign in the church nursery?
6. What three men encouraged Paul and Barnabas to focus on preaching to the heathen, while they themselves planned to go and preach to those of Jewish background?
7. Who copied the law of Moses on stones in the presence of the Israelites?

Answers for week of March 8

1. What island was the home of people who were known for their characteristic lack of truthfulness?

Answer: Crete, an island in the Mediterranean Sea.

Titus 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. 12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the **Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.**

2. What writer of scripture asserted that another person's writing of scripture had things in it that were difficult to understand?

Answer: The apostle Peter said this about some of Paul's writing.

Though difficult to be understood, those scriptures must not be twisted or the twisting will bring destruction upon us.

2 Peter 3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him

hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory **both now and for ever. Amen.**

3. In scripture we read of decisions made by lottery. What was the prize in a lottery conducted by military men?

Answer: The seamless coat of Jesus

(John 19:23-24) "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24 They said therefore among themselves, **Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be:** that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and **for my vesture they did cast lots.** These things therefore **the soldiers did.**"

(Cf. Mat 27:27-35, Mark 15:16-24) This event was an object of prophecy:

(Psa 22:18) They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

4. What is the means by which elders received a "good report"?

Answer: Faith

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. **Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,** so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

5. What prophet was deserted by his companions and left to see a fearful vision by himself?

Answer: Daniel (Dan. 10:5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins [were] girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also [was] like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words

like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

6. Find and list all the nations listed in Daniel.

Answer:

Chapters 1-3 **Judah, Babylon (Shinar, Chaldea), Israel**

(Dan 1:1-4) In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

4 and 5 **Medes and Persians:** (Dan 5:28) PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

6 **Greece:** (Dan 8:20-21) The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

7 Uphaz (Ophir?)- (Maybe not a nation but a region) (Dan 10:5) Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

8 **Egypt:** (Dan 11:8) And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

9 **Chittim** (Cyprus) (Dan 11:30) For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against

the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

10 - 14 **Edom, Moab, Ammon, Libya, Ethiopia** - (Dan 11:41-43) He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Rome is also referred to, though not by name. **Babylon** is also called Chaldea (in particular, the people are referred to as 'Chaldeans').

Jesus' eternal kingdom is also mentioned, although not an earthly nation.

7. Who gave a name to another woman's child in honor of a women's wrestling match which she (the namegiver) felt that she had won?

Answer: Rachel. She named the son of her handmaid (Bilhah) **Naphtali (wrestling)**. "**Niphtal**" is the word for wrestling in the Hebrew.

Since Rachel and Leah, her sister, were in a childbearing "contest" to see who could have the most, Rachel saw this birth as being another "score" in the fight (wrestling) with Leah.

Genesis 30:1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. 2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? 3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. 6 And

Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. 7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. 8 And **Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.**

Welcome, visitors

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Shut in - Laura Singleton is in Manchester Health Care. William Miller is in NHC.

Food Pantry - Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food please let it be known.

Bible Bowl - The final event for this season was held last Sunday. We hope that our young people will retain the knowledge of the book of Luke and continue to develop their mastery of the Word of God.

Thanks to Tim Waldron for teaching in the absence of Wayne Gannon who was sick last week.

Ann and Junior Conner traveled to Mississippi this week. Pray for their safe return.

Sick News: Jessie Pearl Green was not doing well last week. Hopefully she is improving. Judy Thomas is expecting to return to work Monday after a long rehab of her broken arm.

Attendance and Contribution for the Week

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Mar	8	17	23	17		\$686
Mar	1	NA	NA	15		\$393
Feb	22	19	30	24	18	\$602
Feb	15	17	26	24	17	\$625

Jeff Foster of Manuelito Navajo Children's Home reported last Sunday on the work which we help support in NM. Pray for the children whose lives are being brought in contact with Christianity and the loving care of Christians.

Boomerangs Return

“Be sure your sins will find you out” (Num.23:23).

Sin is often tempting because it seems to be the easy way out—the short cut. But the consequences are like boomerangs, they will come back to kick us.

After moving into a new home, a woman in Detroit became weary of salesman after salesman ringing her doorbell. When still another came, she yelled through the door, “I can’t talk to you! I’m on a long distance call.”

But the man kept ringing.

Finally, she threw open the door and began bawling him out, “I told you I was on the phone long distance. Why do you keep bothering me?”

The man smiled and said softly, “Ma’am, I am from the telephone company. I’ve come to connect your phone.”

Lying has eternal consequences. “All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev.21:8).

But like most sins, there are implications for today. One punishment of a liar is that he is not to be believed, even when he speaks the truth.

A worse punishment of a liar is that he cannot believe anyone else. Have you heard someone say, “I don’t trust anybody?” It may be a boomerang which he has thrown coming back home.

Jerry Barber , via Mableville AR, bulletin

Assignments	March 15	March 22
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Steve Miller	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Steve Miller	Ken Thomas
(center)	Daniel Green	Steve Miller
(outside)	Junior Conner	Joe Green
(outside)	Ernie Green	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Daniel Green