



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## In Our Place

Dwight L. Moody told of the young man who did not want to serve in Napoleon Bonaparte's army. When he was drafted, a friend volunteered to go in his place. The substitution was made, and some time later the surrogate was killed in battle. The same young man was, through a clerical error, drafted again. "You can't take me," he told the startled officers. "I'm dead. I died on the battlefield."

They argued that they could see him standing right in front of them, but he insisted they look on the roll to find the record of his death. Sure enough, there on the roll was the man's name, with another name written beside it – the name of the friend who had died in his place.

The case finally went to the emperor himself. After examining the evidence, Napoleon said, "Through a surrogate, this man has not only fought, but has died in his country's service. No man can die more than once, therefore the law has no claim on him."

Two thousand years ago, Jesus went to a cross to bear the penalty that rightly belonged to us. He died in OUR place. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). He "bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). And through Jesus, OUR names are written in the book – the Lamb's Book of Life with HIS name written beside ours, as the One who died in our place! (Revelation 21:27; Philippians 4:3)

To receive the benefits of His atoning death, we must: believe in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as we continue to follow Him faithfully, He is faithful to continue to forgive us of our sins (1 John 1:7,9).

He died in YOUR place. Won't you accept His saving grace on His terms?

David A. Sargent, Mobile, AL

### 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

(Wording is based on KJV)  
by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of March 30

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1. Who that died after the flood had the longest life so far as the Bible records.?
2. Whose life had the second greatest longevity as recorded in the bible?
3. What animal cannot be depended on to keep someone safe, and though it is strong, cannot serve as a deliverer?
4. Who spoke of having an ear that had the ability both to hear and understand?
5. Who was accused of being guilty of a nation's becoming perverted, interfering with taxation and claiming royalty?
6. By what can love NOT be drowned?
7. Who was accused of being guilty of a nation's becoming perverted, interfering with taxation and claiming royalty?

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## Answers for week of March 23

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1. Who told an ailing king that a prophet had informed him that the king should get well, but the next day this same man killed the king . . .and then the killer became the king?

**Answer: Hazael.**

2 Kings 8:7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. 8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? 10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die. 11 And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept. 12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword,

and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. 13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria. 14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldest surely recover. 15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

2. Give the reference in which a man asks the one he loves NOT to look him in the eye because of the overcoming power of her eyes. Then from the same context describe the woman's hair.

**Answer: The Song of Solomon 6:4-10 - especially vs., 5. The hair was like a flock of goats appearing from Gilead.**

(Song 6:4-7 "Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners. {5} Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead. {6} Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them. {7} As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks.

The description of her hair had already been expressed in 4:1 "Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead. . . . {7} Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee."

I'm not sure I know the full significance of this book, but I know for sure that every aspect of the description was a high compliment to the beloved woman. Research mohair or cashmere to find out how precious goats and some goat-based fabrics are. Perhaps the most potent quote I found was this: "So, to say that her hair is like a flock of goats on Mount Gilead, you have to understand how valuable goats were (and are) to that part of the world. (In our world a goat is the opposite of a hero, or a stubborn person is an old goat). You can also picture off in the distance a flock of goats coming down the hilly slopes of Gilead, reminding the man of the cascading locks of her hair. Goat's hair, by the way, was used for making tents and some of the finest wools and cloths. As tenting material it was wonderful, shrinking in the dry heat to let air blow through, and expanding in the wet

to keep the rain out. Her world is the country with all its earthy beauty."

<http://www.christianleadershipcenter.org/song2.htm>

A website about mohair and cashmere said: "Our goal is to bring the highest quality 100% pure Mongolian cashmere to our customers at the lowest possible price so you could enjoy softest touch of The King of Fibers."

<http://www.nandia.com/>

"Demand for cashmere, the fine underdown from cashmere goats that has long been preferred by royalty, has always exceeded supply."

[http://www.ict.mic.ul.ie/websites/work/linda\\_harrington/TYPES%20OF%20GOATS.htm](http://www.ict.mic.ul.ie/websites/work/linda_harrington/TYPES%20OF%20GOATS.htm)

"This fiber is so luxurious that the Arc of the Covenant of the old testament was lined and curtained with it."

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/goats/cashmere/>

**Ken here:** The above statement is probably a careless mistake and should be referring to the fabric used in making the tent (Tabernacle) in which the Ark was housed. The ark was a wooden box overlaid with gold. (Exo 26:7) "And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make."

(Exo 25:10-11) "And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: . . . {11} And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about."

"Our mainstay is the Angora goat, a unique animal prized through the ages for its luxurious mohair fleece. . . The product, long treasured for its strength, luster, and feel, has symbolized style and grace worldwide for centuries. From its place in the robes of biblical wise men to the modern fabrics of today, nothing takes the place of Mohair when quality is paramount."

<http://www.mohairusa.com/>

The quotes used are merely samples and can be easily verified on the web. We do not know that the biblical description was of a particular breed of goat, but certainly our prejudices against goats would not be accepted in the Bible lands.

I found this funny quote in a government publication as result of a typo -- I hope the word intended was "rabbits."

". . . Angora goats, which do produce mohair, do not produce Angora hair; only **rabbis** can produce that."

[http://www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/Topic/AgrEnv/ndd/goat/ANGORA\\_GOATS.html](http://www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/Topic/AgrEnv/ndd/goat/ANGORA_GOATS.html)

**3.** Two part question: What did a dozen men have on their shoulders (one for each) when they preceded the ark at a river crossing? And for what were these "burdens" used afterward?

**Answer: 12 stones from the Jordan River were carried into their lodging place but were eventually set up as a memorial so their descendants would ask**

**the meaning of the stones and be told about the parting of the Jordan and their crossing there.**

**Stones** - - - Jos 4:5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

**Memorial** - - - Jos 4:6-22 That this may be a sign among you, [that] when your children ask [their fathers] in time to come, saying, What [mean] ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. And **the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan**, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. And **Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.** For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until everything was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over. And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho. On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan. Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan. And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, [and] the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as [they did] before. And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth [day] of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. And those twelve stones, which they took

out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, **When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What [mean] these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.**

4. Where would we read of disrespect for a day of diminutive things?

Zec 4:10 For who hath **despised the day of small things?** for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [with] those seven; they [are] the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

5. What would the Lord remove in the same day that people would call their neighbors under vines and trees?

**Answer: The iniquity of the land.**

Zec 3:9-10 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone [shall be] seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and **I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.**

6.. Just for fun. . . By what loose interpretation could the following passage be related to a highly publicized pro football event that occurs on a Sunday? (Zec 4:2) "And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:"

**Answer: The NFL Super Bowl** Is this a pun. or a pass? The passage speaks of a bowl which is ABOVE ("super" as in superscript") a golden candlestick.

7. Calculate using figures given for the ages of men from Adam to Noah (at the time of their son's birth). If Adam had lived long enough, how old was he at the time Noah was born?

**Answer: 1056**

Barry Cowan had the answer well organized:  
Genesis 5...When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth: **130** When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh: **105** When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan: **90** When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel **70** When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared: **65** When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch: **162** When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of

Methuselah: **65** When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech: **187** When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him Noah: 182

**Total: Adam would have been 1056 years old at the time of Noah's birth.**

Ken Chumbley wrote: "Adam lived 930 so Noah was born 126 years after his death. Noah's daddy, Lamech, was 56 when Adam died, according to the figures."

### Prayer Needs and Requests

Jackie Hafer is making progress with fighting her infection at St. Thomas (room 420. She has also begun dialysis.

Our sympathy to Nick Graham and his family in the death of his father David this past week. Arlin Mesick and Jerry Mesick, Jessie Pearl Green's brothers, continue to need prayer due to their cancer. Remember William Miller at NHC and Laura Singleton at the Harton Hospital room 363 of the nursing care section.

For the record:	03/02	03/09	03/16	03/23
Bible Study	15	15	9	14
AM Worship	24	27	17	35
PM Worship	23	22	26	25
Wed. Bible Study	13	18	13	9
Contribution	\$481	\$458	\$433	\$760

Assignments	March 30	April 6
<b>Song leader (SS)</b>	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
<b>Announcements</b>	Ken Thomas	Junior Conner
<b>Songleader-Worship</b>	Wayne Gannon	Wayne Gannon
<b>Scripture reading</b>	Daniel Green	Andy Miller
<b>Opening prayer</b>	Tim Waldron	James Mason
<b>Table service (center)</b>	Ken Thomas	Steve Miller
<b>(center)</b>	Joe Green	Andy Miller
<b>(outside)</b>	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
<b>(outside)</b>	T J Waldron	T J Waldron
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	T J Waldron	Lee Rose
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		