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Fighting Giants

Did you know that the Old Testament character, David fought a giant? You may say, "Well of course I do. Nearly everyone know that, right?" Well, while it is true that most people know about David's battle with a giant named Goliath, few people remember his battle with Ishbi-benob, Goliath's brother. This battle is recorded in 2 Samuel 21.

However, this battle wasn't nearly as glorious as David's first encounter with Goliath. Nothing as dramatic as five stones and a sling against a fully armed warrior. No, this time were it not for a friend of David who came to his rescue, this giant would have killed David.

What can we learn from this all but forgotten story in the Bible? Well several things. Consider...

- ◆ Past victories don't get us through present battles.
- ◆ Our adversary isn't impressed by our reputation.
- ◆ The fact that you have done battle with a giant in the past and been victorious doesn't mean you won't have other giants to battle in your future, which have the potential to destroy you.

Vigilant. That's the word that describes what we should be. Give thanks to God for the "giants" you've slain in the past, and seek his help for the "giants" in your future you've yet to face.

by Steve Higginbotham

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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 October 30, 2007

1. What Assyrian king was given treasures from the temple by a king of Judah?
2. Who urged the Jews to ignore Hezekiah and give loyalty to Assyria in exchange for personal vines, fig trees, and cisterns for all.
3. According to Assyrian propaganda, even the _____ of the nations could not save them from the hand of the Assyrian king. (fill in the blank)
4. What prophet urged a king's servants not to fear Assyrian blasphemy.
5. To what king did Isaiah give assurance that his prayers about the Assyrian king Sennacherib had been heard?
6. What was an Assyrian king doing when he was slain by his own two children with swords?
7. What two musical instruments are associated with crying?

Answers for week of September 30, 2007

1. What will keep the word of God from bearing fruit in our lives?

Answer: The cares of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth (and lusts of other things). "Listening to everything but God." (Mat 13:22) "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the **care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.**"

(Mark 4:18-19) "And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, {19} And the **cares of this world,**

and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful."

2. What was the name of a well that was named in anticipation of fruitful living?

Answer: Rehoboth (Gen. 26:22)

(Gen 26:18-22) "And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. {19} And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. {20} And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. {21} And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. {22} And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it **Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.**"

3. Who angrily referred to a child as fruit of the womb?

Answer: Jacob (Gen. 30:2) (Other passages express calamities on the "fruit of the womb", but the passage about Jacob specifies that he was angry.)

(Gen 30:1-2) "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?"

4. Who called Jesus the fruit of the womb?

Answer: Elizabeth (Luke 1: 41 & 42)

(Luke 1:30-31) "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. {31} And, behold, **thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.**"

(Luke 1:39-45) "And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; {40} And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. {41} And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and **Elisabeth** was filled with the Holy Ghost: {42} And she **spake out with a loud voice**, and said, **Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.** {43} And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? {44} For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. {45} And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord."

5 was a repeat of 1. . .sorry!

6. What two kings met at Damascus, where the king of Judah saw an altar and sent plans for one to be built like it?

Answer: Ahaz of Judah and Tiglathpilesar of Assyria

(2 Ki 16:10-12) "And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah

the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. {11} And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from Damascus. {12} And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon."

7. What king of Israel was put into prison by an Assyrian king as punishment for conspiring with Egypt?

Answer: Hoshea

(2 Ki 17:1-6) "In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began **Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.** {2} And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. {3} Against him came up **Shalmaneser king of Assyria**; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. {4} And the king of Assyria **found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.** {5} Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. {6} In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes."

Prayer Needs

Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation.

- ◆ Baby Samuel Curl is doing well after surgery.
- ◆ Charlene Brandon's grandson Cody's wife is having difficulty with her pregnancy and needs our prayers. Cody is in Iraq. Pray for all.
- ◆ Pray for the safe return of Andrew Thomas, grandson of Ken and Judy, who left for active duty in Iraq.
- ◆ Ann and Junior Conner have been touring the country this week. We pray for their safe return.
- ◆ It was good to see Rosemary Merritt back after being sick.
- ◆ Remember all of our shut-ins and the older members who have to deal with the infirmities that come with age.

Events

- ◆ Bible Bowl - First event is today at Bybee Branch, McMinnville, 2:00 P.M.

- ◆ 30th Anniversary - Open House at Stones River Manor in Murfreesboro next Sunday 2-4 PM. Refreshments served.

- ◆ East Main Street in Murfreesboro has scheduled Glenn Colley to preach August 14-17. Themes will be about strengthening homes and marriage.

Recent visitors: It was good to see Charlene Turnbo back after her injuries and sickness. We have also enjoyed having Paul Fisher the past two Wednesdays.

For the record:	9/9	9/16	9/23	9/30
Bible Study	18	17	18	18
AM Worship	34	29	26	33
PM Worship		27	25	17
Wed. Bible Study	17	16	16	25
Contribution	\$626	\$513	\$515	\$518

Christian Faith

The Christian is always to be ready to give the reason for the hope he has (1 Peter 3:15). We need to have our faith founded on evidence, and to share the reasons for our belief with unbelievers. I once spoke to some young people about reasons for their faith, and they protested that they did not need any reasons to believe, that they accepted the existence of God "by faith". Obviously for them, "faith" was blind acceptance of an idea without any evidence.

Why should I not believe just because I want to, or because my family always has believed? The unbeliever could use the same argument to support his unbelief!

Christian faith is not blind acceptance. It is based on testimony which cannot be refuted. When we observe the wonders of nature in the universe, we are seeing a testimony to the existence of God in a language understood by all. "The heavens declare the glory of God There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard" (Psalm 19:1-3). Romans 1:18-20 says the ancient world had no excuse for rejecting God. The invisible characteristics of God --his eternal power and divinity--were clearly evident through the things God had made. This is called natural or general revelation. By observation we conclude that there must be a Creator.

In addition we have special revelation through which God lets us know more about Himself and what responsibility we humans have toward Him. In the past God revealed His will directly, or through prophets, but now He speaks through His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2). The New Testament is Christ's word.

by Ken Thomas

Assignments	October 7	October 14
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Andy Miller	Ken Thomas
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	James Mason	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Mason Fisher	Joe Green
(center)	Cole Gordon	Ken Thomas
(outside)	Joe Green	Daniel Green
(outside)	T J Waldron	Nick Graham
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact</i>	Junior Conner	