

	December 17	December 24
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader - Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	Lee Rose	Mason Fisher
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Joe Green
(center)	Ken Thomas	Nick Graham
(outside)	Junior Conner	Daniel Green
(outside)	Ken Lewis	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	James Mason	Junior Conner

### Sick, Injured, and Rehabilitating

Ann Conner was too sick to be with us Wednesday. Steve Miller's father, William Miller, was in ICU at MTMC this week. Sister Singleton has gone home after a lengthy stay in the Tullahoma hospital. Remember the Masons, the Roses, sister Jessie Pearl Green, sister Singleton, the Conners and sister Trail in prayer as they deal with chronic conditions.

### Ben Renegar's Work

Ben Renegar and his wife will be a part of a team going to work in India for several weeks beginning in January. Please keep them in your prayers. We are helping them with some of their expenses. In addition to a few individual contributions, the church here gave \$1000 to Ben's work. The work in India is quite fruitful, and most of the converts stay converted. It is estimated that there are as many members of the Lord's church in India as in the US, but due to the massive population, the work there still has a long way to go.

If you would like to write a note of encouragement, their address is 36 Old Huntsville, Road, Fayetteville, TN 37334

### Bible Search, Continued from inside

And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

6. Trusting in the help (referred to as shade) of a foreign country would cause the people of Israel to be confused and ashamed. What country was specifically mentioned in this context?

**Answer: Egypt.** Israel's trusting in the shadow of Egypt would prove shameful and a source of confusion.

(Isa 30:1-3) "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: {2} That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! {3} **Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.**"

7. In what context did God state that His people would be saved by returning and resting, and they would be strong in being quiet and confident?

Answer: Those who flee to Egypt for help will be destroyed unless they return, rest, are strong and confident in the Lord.

(Isa 30:15-16) "For **thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.** {16} But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift."

#### Youth Activities

Bible Bowl Genesis 14-17

Woodbury, Jan. 7, 2:00 PM

#### Record of our attendance:

Date	Classes	AM	PM	Cont.	Wed.
11/19	15	26	13*	\$627	22
11/26	26	32	24	\$650.01	21
12/03	18	32	27	\$623.81	18
Goals	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>35</b>

\* Does not include those who were at TABS

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### Schedule This Week

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes 10 AM

Worship 11 AM

Worship 6 PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7 PM

#### Mission Works

Restoration Radio

Jim Waldron

Manuelito Children's

Home

Mail: P.O. Box 85

Beech Grove, TN 37018

### Visitors

Always

Welcome

*Happy Holidays*

During coming days many of us will be with family members we do not see very often. I hope we will use these days to influence those we are with to take time for serving the Lord. Let us teach by word and example

Some will be traveling. Our prayer for you all is that you travel safely, without harm. More importantly, let us all be careful on the road of life. Only one way leads to the Father in Heaven.

Some will be giving and receiving gifts and greetings. Hopefully we will all remember to give others a generous helping of genuine love. Remember the love of God, and the way He expressed His love. God has truly given us the best gift, and the hope of eternal life.

**John 3:16-17 (KJV) 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**



# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

## Questions for week of December 17, 2006

1. Which congregation heard the gospel presented "cleanly" and with boldness, without any effort to deceive or use guile?
2. Where do you find Jerusalem described as a breast-feeding mother?
3. The New Testament sometimes refers to the church as being the "body of Christ", and He is the head of the body. There is a specific passage that tells how a person gets into the "body". How do we enter the body?
4. What lights in the sky are specifically said to be "ordained"? And in this context what do you think the word "ordained" means?
5. What writer of scripture declared that his knowledge of Jesus was not only visual and auditory, but also tactile?
6. We sometimes hear of the vanquished "licking the boots" of a victor. According to a prophet, what were people of the world going to lick?
7. What leader complained that he felt like God had made him to be like a FATHER nursing a child?

## Answers for week of December 10, 2006

1. What well-educated apostle had experience with both stocks and bonds but did not have much success making financial gain with them?  
**Answer: Paul.** He was educated by the most famous educator of his day, Gamaliel, and he was placed in stocks, and bound with chains during imprisonment. These stocks and bonds were not connected with any financial gain, but rather were a part of the sacrifice Paul made to serve Christ.  
Stocks - Acts 16:24.  
Bonds - Acts 20:23, 25:14; 26:29; Eph. 6:20; Phil. 1:7,13,14,16; Col. 4:3,18; IITim. 2:9; Phil. 1:10.  
Here are a few scriptures out of the many listed above.  
Educated: (Acts 22:3) "I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day."

**Stocks:** (Acts 16:24) "Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and **made their feet fast in the stocks.**"

**Bonds:** (Acts 20:23) "Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that **bonds and afflictions abide me.**" (Acts 25:14 ) "And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man **left in bonds** by Felix:"

(Acts 26:29 ) "And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except **these bonds.**"

Acts 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel **I am bound with this chain.**

(Phil 1:13-14) "So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; {14} And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by **my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**"

2. What does Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, have in common with a different Jacob who is mentioned in the New Testament.

**Answer: They both had sons named Joseph.** Jacob (or Israel), grandson of Abraham, had twelve sons, but his favorite was Joseph, whose story covers the last part of Genesis and is mentioned prominently in the other places of the Bible. That same Jacob is mentioned in Matthew (Mat 1:2) "Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; **and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;**"

**One of the brethren of Judas (Judah) was that same Joseph.** Now look down at Matthew 1:15,16.

(Mat 1:15-16) "And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; {16} **And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.**"

Here is another Jacob who has a son named Joseph, husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

It is true that **they were both in the genealogy of Christ,** and were both descendants of Abraham. A lot of other things were also held in common. But I thought it quite interesting that **the father of the nation of Israel had a son named Joseph, and the "father" who was there for the birth and rearing of Jesus was also Joseph, son of Jacob.**

Gen 30:22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she

conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son. 25 And it came to pass, **when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.**

See also Gen 49:16

Mat 1:16 And **Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.**

3. How old was Joseph when he made a "bad" report about his half-brothers to Jacob?

**Answer: Seventeen (17).** Genesis 37:2 The evil report mentioned below may be a part of the reason his brothers hated him. Not many people appreciate it when someone in authority is given a report of their evil.

Genesis 37:1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. 2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and **Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.** 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. 4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

4. According to the Psalms, of what had the prideful been guilty of forging against the writer?

**Answer: Lies** Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. 68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. 69 **The proud have forged a lie against me:** but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. 70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. 71 It is good for me that **I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.**

5. According to scripture an important feast of Israel had been neglected from the days of Joshua until the days of Nehemiah. What feast was it?

**Answer: The feast of Tabernacles or "Booths".** It was established as recorded in Lev. 23:34-44 to be observed beginning on the 15th day of the 7th month. A part of the observance involved building temporary shelters (booths) in which to dwell. This was a reminder of their living as nomads after they left Egypt. According to

Nehemiah 8:17, the ritual was basically ignored from the time of Joshua (Jeshua) until restored in Nehemiah's time (Lev 23:34-44) "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. . . .** {39}

Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. {40} And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. {41} And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. {42} Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: {43} That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. {44} And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD."

**Neh 8:13** And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. 14 And **they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:** 15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. 16 **So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths,** every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. 17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: **for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so.** And there was very great gladness. 18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. (Continued on back page)