



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

This year in Confidence Corner we are examining how the inspired New Testament writers applied the passages from the inspired Old Testament writers so that our knowledge, faith, and therefore our confidence, will grow (Romans 10:17).

Last week we noted that in just one day over twenty-five specific prophecies, each of them predicted at least five hundred years earlier and documented in the Old Testament, were fulfilled in Jesus and recorded in the New Testament. We also noted last week that for the next few weeks I am going to list these prophecies. Last week we listed the first five. This week we will include the next seven.

As you read these prophecies, remember that many people believe that Jesus originally came to Earth to set up an earthly kingdom and reign in Jerusalem. A part of their claim is that Jesus was **surprisingly rejected**. Consider the next seven prophecies written hundreds of years before the LORD was incarnated.

6. That he would be accused by false witnesses (Psalm 35:11, OT; Matthew 26:59-60, NT).
7. That he would be silent before his accusers (Isaiah 53:7, OT; Matthew 27:12, NT).
8. That he would be wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5, OT; Matthew 27:26, NT).
9. That he would be hated without a cause (Psalm 69:4, OT; John 15:25, NT).
10. That he would be struck and spit on (Isaiah 50:6, OT; Matthew 26:67, NT).
11. That he would be mocked, ridiculed, and rejected (Isaiah 53:3, OT; Matthew 27:27-31 and John 7:5, 48, NT).
12. That he would collapse from weakness (Psalm 109:24-25, OT; Luke 23:26, NT).

After reading these seven prophecies do you see any flaws with the idea that Jesus would be surprisingly rejected? I assumed you would. Like so many false doctrines, the idea of Jesus' surprise rejection is based upon a lack of study of the Scriptures.

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Seasoned Instructions From Experience Evangelists

The following is an excerpt from an article by Robert L. Waggoner. It originally appears in full form at <http://www.biblicaltheism.com>. Brother Waggoner was one of my instructors at SCU. I appreciated his work then and have grown to appreciate it more as the years pass. The full force of the article cannot be included here due to space

limitations. I hope you will take the time to examine his very helpful website at the address listed above.

Moses was the one who, by divine inspiration, wrote the book of Genesis. He wrote it for a dual audience, that is, for Israelites of his own time and for humanity of all time. The precise date when Genesis was written is unknown, but it was probably while the Israelites wandered in the wilderness before entering the land of Canaan. The idolatrous nature of cultures surrounding the patriarchs and their descendents, even while the Israelites were in Egypt, meant that the Israelites tended toward idolatry and toward forsaking the God of their forefathers (Joshua 24:2; Genesis 31:19-35; 35:2, 4; Exodus 12:12; 32:1, 23). Extensive commandments would be given that they should not be idolatrous (Exodus 20:3; 23:13, 24; 34:17; Leviticus 19:4; Deuteronomy 5:7; 6:14). The Israelites needed a better understanding of God and what God required of them. The writings of Moses responded to that need. As Israel then tended to forsake God, so also have people often forsaken God through the centuries. Whenever humanity turns away from God, the writings of Moses about God and his relationship with humanity are just as instructive and beneficial for us now as they were for them then.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Passovers and the Lamb*
Luke 2:43-52

P.M. — *On Death of a Loved One*
2 Corinthians 1:3-5

"Tilda, What Took You So Long?"

The following article was written by Tom L. Childers. I thought some of you might enjoy reading it because it has a good message and also a connection to the congregation here in Elizabethtown. Mr. Childers writes regarding the death of Gus Nichols' wife, Metilda, and conveys something that Flavil shared with him regarding this death. Since brother Flavil preached here in Elizabethtown, I thought you might enjoy reading this article. jfb

Gus and Metilda Nichols had eight children. Four sons became preachers, the three daughters married preachers, and one grandson is a preacher. Brother Nichols died in 1975 at the age of 81 and sister Nichols was 97 when she died nearly twenty years later.

Shortly after the death of Mrs. Gus Nichols, I saw one of her sons, Flavil Nichols. I expressed my sympathy and inquired about the circumstances of his mother's death.

Flavil told me about a family discussion the family had soon after sister Nichols death. Someone asked, "What do you think the first thing daddy said to mother when he saw her?" Without hesitation one family member said, "Tilda, what took you so long?"

That kind of conversation was typical of the Nichols family. They were taught to believe strongly in God, in Jesus, and heaven ([John 14:1-2](#)). To them heaven is a very real place. They believed that not only could they go there, but they would some day all be there together and know one another. To them death did not destroy memory or identity.

Since I heard that story from Flavil Nichols, I have thought a lot about it. I wonder what will be the first thing that Kevin, my son who died in infancy, will say to me. What will be the first thing my mother, who loved to hear me preach, say? I wonder what my dad will say?

If you believe heaven is a real place, you should give some time thinking about what you are going to say when you get there? If we would spend a little more time thinking about heaven, we might have a greater desire to go there and take our family and friends with us. We might even take living the Christian life more seriously.

The apostle said, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" ([Philippians 1:23](#)).

Tom L. Childers

At this time of year when so many tend to bring their thoughts to family, I pray each of us will give thought to our spiritual family. Heaven is where we will be together with our spiritual family for all eternity. What a blessing that will be! Let us not forget though that the church is where we are together with our spiritual family while here on the earth. The church is a part of God's great plan to redeem mankind—are we realizing the blessing of the church as our spiritual family in this life?

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News and Notes

KENZYN HUGHES, 7 month old step-grandson of Betty Bray, was admitted to Kosair Childrens Hospital last Saturday with breathing problems and was released Tuesday. **JEAN ROUTT**, Jerry Mraz's mother, suffered a stroke last week and remains in the hospital. **DOROTHY HAWKINS** is improving following her knee replacement surgery. **BETTY LAWSON** continues with therapy. **CINDY PRAHL**, Donald Sells' daughter, fell last Wednesday and suffered a broken arm which required surgery at Hardin Memorial.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Carl Mercer
Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil & Carolyn Burden	Andy Nevins
Larry Clack	Rosa Lee Norman
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Dorothy Hawkins	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Betty Lawson	Dorothea Weaver
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	Jim White

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, Korry Leverett (Iraq), Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack, A. J. Anderson

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 12/06/09—Canned pork'n'beans and soup

Wedding Shower

Gifts for Kyle & Tasha Nowland's wedding shower should be placed in the basket in the lobby by Wednesday, December 9. They are registered at Kohl's.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2. Diane Lewis	18. Donna Barrett
8. Teresa Allen	19. Roy Johnson
Gavin Calloway	21. Joyce Fulkerson
9. Lonnie Underwood	23. Brian Woodring
Laura Muncy	25. Reagan White
Kelly Leverett II	Mary Ann Hardesty
15. Chris Goodin	27. Nickie Calloway
16. Jerry Carter	Chuck Dyer
17. Zoey Cruse	28. John DeVore
Barry Barclay	30. Rosa Lee Norman
18. Sharlene Marcum	31. Karen Stough

Anniversaries

Marvin & Mary Ann Hardesty	December 1
Neil & Carolyn Burden	December 5
Henry & Wilma McAlister	December 17
Todd & Jane Curkendall	December 17
Jerry & Angie Carter	December 18
Gene & Karen Stough	December 20
Chris & Shirley Goodin	December 23

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY, December 5**, at 6:00 p.m. in the South Wing. Meat will be provided. Cost is \$3 per person and should be given to Carrie White. If you are interested in participating in a gift exchange, please bring an edible gift item costing \$5 or less.
- **5TH GRADE & UNDER HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday morning **December 6**, in the South Wing. Plans are to eat spaghetti, sign cards for sick and shut-ins, and play games. Children are asked to bring one or more items suitable for donating to our food center or clothing center.
- **2010 LADIES DAY PLANNING MEETING**, Sunday morning, December 6, in Room 10.
- **ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHER MEETING**, Sunday, **December 6**, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 10.
- **TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY**, Saturday night, **December 12**, at 5:00 p.m., at the Muncy's.

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE NOVEMBER 2009

Food Center	192 families helped
Clothing Center	88 families helped

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE NOVEMBER 2009

Courses graded	209
New enrollees	58

OUR RECORD FOR November 29, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	149
Sunday Morning Assembly	222
Sunday Evening Assembly	127
Wednesday Bible Study	119
Ladies Bible Class	17
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,757

**Elder/Coordinator for December
Henry McAlister**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: *Who said: "Great men are not always wise"?*

Last Week's Bible Question: *Whom did Paul call "a child of the devil" and an "enemy of all righteousness"? The correct answer is Elymas, Acts 13:8-10.* Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Barbara Underwood, Helen Raby and Lorene Harris.

Please write down your answer and put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to chofchrist@windstream.net by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. Ezekiel 47-48; 1 John 1
2. Daniel 1-2; 1 John 2
3. Daniel 3-4; 1 John 3
4. Daniel 5-6; 1 John 4
5. Daniel 7-8; 1 John 5
6. Daniel 9-10; 2 John
7. Daniel 11-12; 3 John

Dec. 5 — Adult Holiday Party
Dec. 6 — 2010 Ladies Day Planning Meeting
Dec. 6 — 5th Grade & Under Holiday Party
Dec. 6 — Elders/Deacons/Preacher Meeting
Dec. 12 — Teen Holiday Party @ Muncy's
Dec. 13 — Budget Presentation
Dec. 13 — Congregational Meeting
Dec. 14 — Church Workers Workshop

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