

The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

The composition of the Scriptures have so many elements that intrigue me. The more I study the structure of the Bible the more I am convinced they are the production, ultimately, of an Almighty God.

Consider simply the first book of our inspired Revelation from God. Some consider the book of Genesis in one sense to be the most important book in the Bible. Although each part of the revelation from God is equally important, many view Genesis as vitally important because it serves as a basis for the rest of Scripture.

Though it may not answer **exhaustively** the fundamental questions of the human mind, it does answer them **sufficiently** (it provides what we need to know and what else would we expect but a document that is concise and readable regarding such vital information). Such topics as God, the origin of the universe, the origin of man, the origin of sin, and the need for salvation are all laid forth in the book of Genesis. Dyson Hague worded it this way, "In one word, in this inspired volume of beginnings, we have the satisfactory explanation of all the sin and misery and contradiction now in this world, and the reason of the scheme of redemption."

Genesis is truly the starting point where God, through His Revelation, gradually unfolds His plan of the ages. Some have referred to the book of Genesis as the root of the tree known as the inspired Scriptures. If the root of the tree is removed, the tree can no longer stand.

Without the book of Genesis (and even the first few chapters) the "one God" concept cannot stand as the truth opposed to the man made concept of polytheism (many gods). Man in his wisdom can see the evidence of something greater (Romans 1:20ff) but through their reasoning have attributed the power to the various objects of wonder (sun, moon, etc.) It is not until God's Revelation that man can understand that the Godhead created all the objects to which man often attributes a god.

Think about this in addition—without Genesis we could not understand the first heaven and earth and therefore could not understand what we long for—the new heavens and earth. Without Genesis we could not understand the first Adam and therefore could not know the benefit of the second Adam (Christ). "In the beginning God..."—it is not to be debated; it is the revelatory fact of which man must subscribe if they want to have a relationship with God
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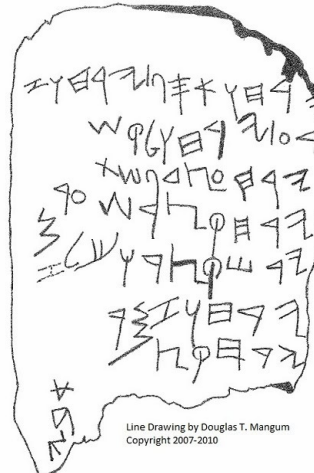
ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

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As we continue our study of how archaeology can help to illuminate biblical study, let us consider one of the finds from approximately 20 miles west north west of Jerusalem. This particular find provides some interesting information regarding the Hebrew agricultural seasons as well as Hebrew writing practices.

In 1908 at Gezer R. A. S. Macalister found a small inscribed limestone tablet; this tablet is known as the Gezer Calendar. Though small in size (4 1/4" x 2 3/4" x 5/8") and more than likely not an official document, it is interesting the information contained on this limestone palimpsest (manuscript page from a scroll or book that has been scraped off and used again).

The Gezer calendar was first dated to the sixth century B.C. but is more recently thought to be dated as early as the eleventh, tenth, or ninth century B.C. Based upon paleographic and linguistic evidence some regard it as one of the older examples of Hebrew writing. The Gezer calendar seems to go back to the time of David and perhaps as far back as Saul.



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Many believe the Gezer Calendar is a school slate from a child who is doing an exercise regarding Hebrew farming practices. The art of Hebrew writing was so established that even children practiced it.
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Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. — *Sweetest Name I Know*
Acts 4:5-12

P.M. — *Value of the Pentateuch*
Matthew 19:1-6

March Madness

Living in the state of Kentucky, one of the biggest college Basketball states in the nation, it goes without saying, that one would have to “live under the proverbial rock” not to be influenced by “March Madness.” I would imagine that even Rush Limbaugh is exceeded in ratings by the “Joe B. and Denny Show” and I have to admit, while I am traveling to visit or run errands, my radio is tuned into the show as well.

March Madness has truly become quite the phenomenon throughout the United States. Tonight much of the country will tune in to see if Butler can upset the more established program Duke (no I did not misspell the name of the team, I just cannot bring myself to write such a word with the likes of the players who have come through the program like “anything but Christian Laettner” who admitted he stomped on Aminu Timberlake on purpose...Kentucky fans would rather remember the 18 point comeback in the 1998 game which allowed them to go to the final four and eventual National Championship). Wow, it looks like I am getting a little caught up in all the hype of tonight and the thoughts it has brought to my memory.

At any rate, I hope you understand my point. March Madness is something that has become quite a phenomenon and something very important to many people. Of course I do not want to leave the impression that there is anything necessarily wrong with enjoying a sporting event or even following a sport, so long as one does not “lose their Christianity” in the process. What I do want us to consider is simply this—how important is Christianity to us?

In the neighboring state of West Virginia, various places of employment had the game “piped into” the workplace—the reason? Too many people were going to call off work to stay home so that they did not miss the game. Now let me ask you this—have you ever heard of a place of employment taking drastic measures because of the fear that their Christian employees were so committed to the cause of Christianity that there would be a great fear that few would show up for work due to a commitment the Christian employees had to their faith? Isn't that at least interesting?

How many people have adjusted their schedules for the big game tonight? Some things that otherwise would be too important to miss or that could not be changed if something other than the National Championship game was going on will find exceptions made to the rule tonight. Again let me kindly suggest, would such be the case even for a special gathering such as a gospel meeting? Our elders make a great effort to see that highly skilled students of God's Word are selected to present a special series of sermons in our Gospel Meetings. With such a rich feast available, how many will make changes to their schedules to partake in such a feast? Are you anticipating our Gospel Meeting with the same excitement you do regarding a sporting event?

For those of you who are saying, “Yes, I cannot wait!” let me provide you with more information that your anticipation might be heightened. On the evening of May 16, 2010, our Gospel Meeting with Tom Holland will begin. Brother Holland is highly regarded as a student of God's Word. He will speak each night (Sunday through Wednesday). He will bring us a portion of God's inspired Revelation. Could there be anything more valuable to us? I hope that as we continue our preparation for the Gospel Meeting, that we will experience a “**May Madness**” in regard to the opportunity of hearing God's Word proclaimed.

*John F. Board
Elizabethtown, Ky.*

News and Notes

JIM WHITE began another round of chemotherapy Wednesday. **BARRY BARCLAY** is scheduled for an MRI Wednesday and will then possibly be scheduled for knee reconstructive surgery.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

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| Betty Addington | Rosa Lee Norman |
| Carl & Delsie Axton | Ruby Keister |
| Neil Burden | Pansy Sells |
| Faye Guess | Grace Speer |
| Dorothy Hawkins | Kay Thomason |
| Roy Johnson | Barbara Underwood |
| Diane Lewis | Lonnie Underwood |
| Dan Marcum | John Weaver |
| J Martin | Dorothea Weaver |
| Carl Mercer | Lawrence Wells |

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:

Afghanistan—Kelly Leverett, Travis Clonch
Iraq—Drew McAlpin
Fort Knox—Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, A. J. Anderson, Roni Reed
Others—Robert E. Wooten, Korry Leverett, Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Aaron Wellman, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack, Tim Gil

Youth News

Taylor Christian Camp applications are on the table in the lobby. Deadline for applications and registration fees is May 17.
 Freed-Hardeman University Horizons, July 4-9. Applications available online for 7th-12th graders. There are also some applications on the table in the lobby.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/11/10 Canned peas & mixed vegetables

Welcome

Wendy Leister met with the Elders last Sunday and indicated her desire to identify with our congregation. Welcome Wendy and her children, Ashlee, Alan & Alexia! Additional information will be in next week's bulletin.

BENEVOLENT CENTER UPDATE March 2010

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| Food Center | 177 families helped |
| Clothing Center | 91 families helped |

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE March 2010

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| Courses graded | 294 |
| New enrollees | 48 |

New Addresses

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| Dale, Lani & Alli Moss 313 Treehaven Court Elizabethtown, KY 42701 | Derek Rogers 109 E. Memorial Drive Apt. 38 Elizabethtown, KY 42701 |
| A.J. & Rachel Anderson 5843B Brett Drive Fort Knox, KY 40121 | |

Thank You

Thanks for all your thoughts, prayers and cards at this time. It has been rough but I know I will get through this.
Caroline Pence

Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thanks to everyone who said a prayer sent a card, sent flowers, made a visit or helped out in any way. I love you all!

Oleta Stranahan

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ **SUPER SAINTS BREAKFAST**, Saturday morning, **April 10**. Meet at Ryan's at 9:00 a.m. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- ☐ **5TH GRADE & UNDER SPRING GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday morning, **April 11**. Please check the bulletin board for a sign up sheet for food and drinks. Bring candy to put in eggs by Wednesday night, April 7.
- ☐ **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday morning, **April 12**, at 10:30 a.m.
- ☐ **YOUNG ADULTS MEETING**, Sunday, **April 18**, in the South Wing.
- ☐ **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **April 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- ☐ **YOUTH WORK DAY**, Saturday, **May 1**, for 3rd-12th graders. Meet at the building at 9:00 a.m.
- ☐ **GOSPEL MEETING, May 16-19**, with Tom Holland
- ☐ **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**, Sunday, **May 16**
- ☐ **YOUTH BANQUET** to honor our high school graduates, Sunday morning, **May 23**.

OUR RECORD FOR April 4, 2010

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| Sunday Bible Study | 139 |
| Sunday Morning Assembly | 240 |
| Sunday Evening Assembly | 119 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 134 |
| Ladies Bible Class | 20 |
| Contribution (Budget -- \$6,888) | \$6,768 |

**Elder/Coordinator for April
Henry McAlister**

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Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: Who was Kish?

Last Week's Bible Question: What building had no tool sounds when it was being built? The correct answer is Solomon's Temple the House of the LORD, 1 Kings 6:7. Those who correctly answered the question are: Mary Walker, Bloria Taylor, Edna Ashlock, Rick Eiler, Joyce Pack, Wilma Stull, Reagan & Samuel White, 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.

Wednesday
 Evening Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Apr. 12 — 1 Kings 1-2
 Apr. 13 — 1 Kings 3-5
 Apr. 14 — 1 Kings 6-7
 Apr. 15 — 1 Kings 8-9
 Apr. 16 — 1 Kings 10-11
 Apr. 17 — 1 Kings 12-14
 Apr. 18 — 1 Kings 15-17
 Apr. 10 — Super Saints Breakfast, Ryans
 Apr. 11 — 5th Grade & Under Spring Get-together
 Apr. 12 — Church Workers Workshop
 Apr. 18 — Young Adults Meeting
 Apr. 25 — Singing at Atria
 May 1 — Youth Work Day
 May 16 — Congregational Potluck
 May 16-19 — Gospel Meeting w/Tom Holland
 May 23 — Senior Youth Banquet

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