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Births At An All Time High

Area News - The population growth stands at an all time high. It is primarily attributed to the low death rate of both newborns, and our middle-age citizens. Outside of freak accidents, from which most recover, there are few who are no longer with us since the beginning. Even though no one is over 687 years old, there will come a time when our communities will need to think about meeting the needs of the aged. Adam & Eve, the oldest in our community (it's their "birthday" in a few weeks), represent a growing community of

millennials, and then right in behind them are the baby boomers. With the constant, and at times, exploding years of longevity which mark our civilization, we will have to think about expanding to other location in the area. Many have been thinking about moving towards the home of Methuselah because of the remarkably healthy life-style afforded to those in that area of the country!

- see Baby Boomers, A2

Sketch of Angel Sighting !?!



Some local residents, around one of the traditionally possible locations of the "Garden of Eden," say that they have repeatedly seen some fiery angelic host, with swords. The local residents indicated that it seemed that as they move in certain directions, the angelic host appear with swords blazing. They have provided a sketch for us above. Please report any sighting to the Historical Garden Club's Chief Officer!

New Start-ups!

The creation of instruments, that create all kinds of fascinating sounds, is the backbone of a new industry. "Jubal Industries" well reflects the "jubilant" spirit that comes out of these instrument. Presently, they are producing what they call a "harp" and a "pipe."

- see Great Pipes, C3

Local Opinion:

"Speculations As To Where The Garden Eden Was Located."

There are many who have hazarded a guess over the past 687 years, as to where the garden of Eden was located. Most believe it was located near the Pishon River, others say near the Tigris & Euphrates. Nevertheless, time and much vegetative growth have made all such speculation more and more uncertain. Some simply rely on the word of the only two who say they visited the garden years ago. Other doubt their report because they are reluctant to share why they every left such an apparently delightful place.

Countryside in Brief

• Weekly services held on the 7th day of the week. Bring your offering and worship the Lord this Saturday!

• Tropical fruits in abundance this season. Take advantage of the abundant crops available throughout the surrounding areas.

• Most have already heard the shocking news of Lamech's marrying of two wives. Such behavior is an offense to all who live in the area. Many realize that he has been a rebellious, and even lawless individual for decades. More and more there are those who think they can be as God in deciding what is right and wrong! To what extent will this rebellion go. It is a dangerous road some are on!

Missing:

Famous Godly Resident Suddenly Turns Up Missing

ALERT - Father of Methuselah has turned up missing. Enoch, well revered by all in the area, has suddenly disappeared. He was last seen walking, by neighbors, and they say he just vanished out of sight - poof! The story sounds strange, since there has never been such a report about any individual gone missing like that -- sooner or later a body was discovered. If Enoch does not turn up soon, it is very likely that will happen in this case as well. We pray that he will be found, having lost his sense of direction, but at the mere age of 365, that too would be unusual!

- see Disappeared, C1

A Little Bit of History

Adam & Eve

Home - This week we asked A&E to share with us what it was like in the "Good Old Days."

"Perhaps the best memories we have go back to our time when we could just walk in the garden in the early morning hours, do some gardening together, and enjoy the peace of God. Those were really the "good old days," the best days of our lives! No sin, no sorrow, no pain, no crying, a great marriage!"

We know that those days will one day return, for us and all of those upon the earth!

- see Paradise Lost, G6

Entertainment:

Not much going on in the area this weekend. Join Adam & Eve as they host another getting to know the animals party - a yearly delight.

In This Issue**HEADLINES***Around This Issue At A Glance*

Human Interest - As we now know, every year there are at least four "black outs" - two "Sun" and two "Moon". During most years we have had four, but some years have five, six or even seven eclipses. There have been years with five eclipses (13, 18 and 19), six eclipses (11 and 20) or even as many as seven eclipses (38). We now know that it is even possible to have three "black outs" in one month (13, & 18)!

Those who have devoted years to a study of the heavens - SSOA, state that on Thursday night, there will be another opportunity to see a "Total Moon Black Out" . . . - pg. 2

Government - There is an assumption on the part of government, that our conscience will guide the members of our society. While our conscience should be our guide, we know that there is still a need for government, since not all have a pure conscience. Some of those living among us have a defiled conscience, and that demands that government take the necessary steps. . . - pg. 1

Economy - Gold, Gold, Gold -- that seems to be the driving thought on the minds of many. This thinking is showing up in our culture's music -- As the recently popularized song excites the want of it . . .

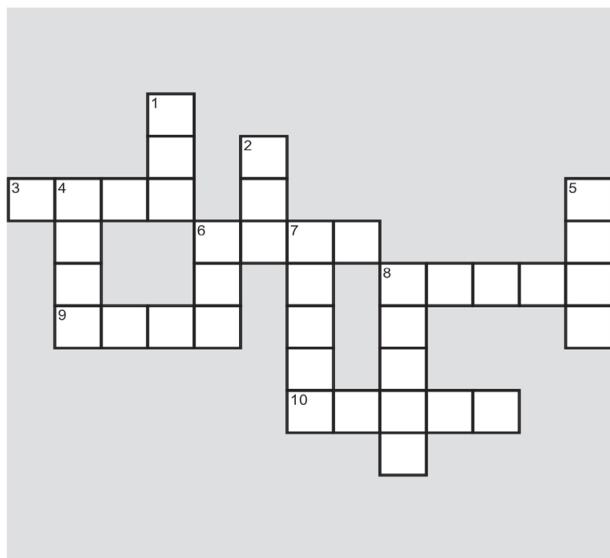
Gold, Gold, Gold
Some people got to have it
Do things, Do things, do bad things with it
Big bags of Gold, it blinds
For that lean, mean, mean shine
Almighty gold
Talkin about gold real bold
Give me some Gold, brother can you spare a little
Gold can drive some people out of their minds
Gold, Gold, Gold
Gold, Gold, Gold
The whole land of Havilah, where there is Gold
And the gold of that land is good
Got some?, you should!
Such music is often trumpeted by "The Don" who has built some of the largest towers around the city!... - pg. 2

The Truth Is Being Revealed - First In A Series On Paradise Lost

Part #1 in Series - There have always been questions as to what exactly happened in the Garden. Information was always very limited since only Adam & Eve were present in the beginning, and they have been very quiet about it all over the years. The truth is finally coming out through a series of articles published anonymously, suspected to be by one of the closest members of the family. Apparently, Eve was tempted and deceived Lucifer, who took on the form of an attractive & seductive serpent. It is now known that she was the first one to travel to the forbidden tree, take of its fruit, and then take a bite. Apparently, experiencing no ill-effects, she then encouraged Adam to partake. We now know that it was Adam's decision that brought about the tragic impact on all of mankind! Adam initially blamed Eve, and Adam even implicated the Lord God who introduced her to Adam. Eve then blamed the serpent's role and claimed that had she known more, she would have not been fooled.

She excused and defended her actions by stating that she did not know the animal's various characteristics as well as Adam, who was thoroughly familiar with all the animals since he had the opportunity to study them extensively before Eve arrived. Adam & Eve both indicated that the serpent refused to make comment at the time. Apparently he did not have a leg to stand on. It may have started out as a marriage made in heaven ("bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh"), but it quickly broke down to pointing fingers, blame-shifting, and disunity. It wasn't as perfect of a marriage as they would have us believe. We now better understand the cause for the lack of family harmony (Part #2 in our series, next issue).

-see **The Truth Comes Out**, A2

GG's Crossword Puzzle Of The Week:**Across**

- 3 Murderer
- 6 Third Son
- 8 Springs Up
- 9 Lesser Light
- 10 Lucifer

Down

- 1 From the dust
- 2 Founding Mother
- 4 Founding Father
- 5 What we now hate doing
- 6 Big Light
- 7 Seed Bearing
- 8 Helpmeet

Drinking Dangers Ahead!

Many in the society are increasingly aware of the problem of fruit juice fermentation. Years ago there were some concerned parents who warn about the danger (MADD -- Men Against Drinking Dangers), but they only taught control, not avoidance. That effort has failed to curtail the problem. It is up to you as families to teach your children early about the dangers of fermented drinks and the need to avoid such beverages. With the abundance and variety of fresh, recently squeezed fruit juices that are constantly available throughout the land, there is little reason to keep it in your homes, or drink it, except for its effects!

-- Danger Ahead, D3

Top 10 Songs Of All TIME!

By The Light Of The Silvery Moon
April Showers
Love Letters In The Sand
Autumn Leaves
Glow Worm

Stardust
Bridge Over Troubled Waters
Misty
I'm Looking Over A Four-Leaf Clover
Cain, Won't You Please Come Home

Entertainment:

"An Evening Under The Stars"

The beauty of the heavens has always been an attraction to all. The "Star Struck Organization of Academics" will be giving a presentation on Monday for all interested in learning more about the second heaven.

Letter To The Editor:**"Shameless!"**

Over the years, we have had a very limited option concerning clothing -- either animal skins or woven leafy designs. While some feel a sense of shame in a fully clotheless option, it is becoming more and more obvious that clothing fashions continue to move that direction. Whether it be some families who make their own clothes, or sellers of apparel (one of the most outrageous - "The Secret."), the styles are becoming more and more outrageous. While there is still a sense of shame in our society, and this trend probably will not continue, if it does we will soon see people wearing their "bed clothes" out in public, and/or styles & clothes that do not profess godliness.

For those who were planning on attending the zoning meeting restricting the building of large boats in one's backyard, that meeting has been cancelled till next year.

**"Helpmeet" Classes**

Struggling?
Then Get Help Now Before The Crisis!

The Adam & Eve* Family Counseling Center

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Around This Issue At A Glance

Human Interest: "Vegetarianism" is a new and popular fad taking over the country! While most families have grown accustomed to eating beef, chicken, lamb, and fish, many families are persuaded that such foods are unhealthy, and account for the lessening of our life spans. We have seen a slow, but steady decline, and as we know, some have had their lives cut short by 100 years or more! Featured today is the letter we received, from an average family of 18, which has changed their family diet, and claim to experience some tremendous benefits - energy, complexion, clarity of mind...see pg. 9

Fashion: All kinds and types of clothing options have made their way to the market over the years! There is a seemingly endless way to use vines, woven wools & flax, tree leaves, as well as the broad variety of animal leathers - including dinos and alligator skins.

The fashion industry continues to expand, not only because of the longevity of life, but also due to an increasing love of fashion and style. "Peer pressure" is a driving force which produces constant changes in styles and greater and greater profits! The fashion industry relies on that desire to be thought of as "with it," or part of the "up & out" of society.

We have seen that with the sandal industry which sells some brands of its sports footwear to our teens for outrageous prices! The industry knows that by marketing to these 50 - 150 year old kids, that they will now desire these latest style, styles which are also associated with some of the most well-known giants in the land . . . see pg. 4

Food: Check out page 7 for a review of the most recent book, by Eve, our founding home-keeper, which is titled - "101 Recipes To Increase Your Husband's Love of Apple Dishes"

Science: Some of the most knowledgeable creationists will be giving a presentation on the latest discoveries of investigative science. The creation of the world by Elohim, in 6 days, is well understood by all. However, some are not fully aware that the Lord placed Adam & Eve in a "working world," which had the appearance of maturity or age! Adam & Eve lived in a world that was fully operational, able to immediately sustain their lives - waters teeming with aquatic life, plants & trees bearing fruit! Come & hear these eminent men & women present what life was like when A&E were ... pg. 7

The Truth Is Being Revealed - Second In Our Series "Paradise Lost"

Part #3 Last In Our Special Investigative Series - After long hours of investigation, new facts have come to the surface. Apparently, according to Adam, as soon as he ate the forbidden fruit, he began seeing things differently. Today, we all understand the need for us to dress modestly, for we had not known that before the fall, being unclothed was shameless. Sexuality took on an all new dimension and Adam states, "I suddenly knew that I was naked, as did Eve, and we grabbed leaves and branches off of a tree, I believe it was a fig tree, and covered up!"

Most of us today wear clothes made from animal skins, primarily lambs. Adam reluctantly admitted that this practice is founded in history. Their attempt to clothe themselves was rejected by the Lord. Clothes were supernaturally made and designed from animal skins by Jehovah, and then given to A&E!

Adam said that "this supernatural killing of one of the very animals that God had placed into this world, was the first time death was part of this world!" Originally, all kinds of vegetables, fruits, and herbs composed their whole diet, which were available in abundance. By design, they were given the produce of the fields and groves, as had the animal world. Eve stated that vegetable soup, a grilled cheese sandwich, and fruit salad was a common lunch comfort that they enjoyed, before it all suddenly changed! "Since that day we ate of the

forbidden tree, it has been much more difficult to provide food for the family," said Eve, "We now have to really work the gardens and fields to get what was so natural back then, not to mention the appearance of what we call "weeds," which we had never seen before."

Adam also chimed in, "Today, the daily chopping of woods, butchering of animals, roasting of meats, preservation of foods in the cold waters of streams and rivers, all add up to a full day's work." Then Adam said it all, "It was much easier when the Lord God took good care of us through the abundance of the natural provisions that were available in the Garden area! Little did we know that the loss and cost of disobedience would be so great!"

How often have we heard the question, "Where did sin come from if the Lord created a perfect world?" The answer was confirmed again by Adam & Eve; it all began with the angelic host under the leadership of Lucifer, and impacted humanity when Adam knowingly, with his eyes wide open, decided that he could be his own standard of right and wrong!

(cont'd pg. 8 - Paradise Lost).

Annual Flower Show

"THE GARDEN Flower Show," sponsored by "Garden Industries - GI," claims to have the most extensive varieties of flowers in the whole world, on display at this annual event! Hundreds of varieties of natural and hybrid flowering plants will be on display, all designed by this year's winning national floral artist (Adah Lamech). Every year, this opportunity is given to the national winner to express his/her best conception of the original Garden of Eden.

GI is known for its large & extensive greenhouses which mark the countryside. One of GI's aims is to promote the survival of the many varieties of plants for the generations yet to be born. They want our children to enjoy the beauty of the earth, like we have over our hundreds of years of living!

As we all know, "Gardenhouses" were designed by GI to lessen the work demands that come with working the family farm. You can purchase various vegetable plants, already sprouting in wooden flats filled with some of the best soil to be had from animal farms from all over the area. They come 24 to a flat, along with a small wooden marker stating what it is, since many look very similar -- watch out mixing up green peppers with its cousin, hot "spirit peppers"!

GI's latest expansion has been into the tree market. You can now buy a variety of fruit or shade trees for around your home. Thank You "Garden Industries"!

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Seasoned As
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If you are a
"Flexatarian"
we can add a little
meat to your dish!

Sudden Rise of Whole Food Businesses!

Some would like to argue that we all ought to be vegetarians, but as we know, they are calling up "Pre-Fall" days! "The Fall" has totally twisted this world, including the plant and animal kingdom -- the whole creation is under the curse and will be released from the curse when the fullness of the Gospel is realized one day.

Until then, watch out for those who are making unrealistic promises and supplements for extending life well beyond the centuries we already experience! Be realistic, and remember, we all have a date on God's calendar!

Word Search Words

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Adam
Eve
Serpent
Tree
Garden
Forbidden
Fruit
Eat
Naked
Hid
Helpmeet
Sleep
Rib
Animals
Subtle
Eden
Fig
Die
Took
Husband
Woman

Vocabulary

Broaden your vocabulary by learning and adding new words to your intellectual repertoire.

Flexatarian: Used of both "vegetarians" who still like to eat meat, and religious people who still like the world.

Jubilation: Derived from the name of "Jubal," the father of music.

Nod: Both the name of a city, and the name of one of Cain's sons. Typically used to speak of giving permission - "He was given the nod."

Temptation: To be lured, prodded, or enticed to do what one was told not to do. A word which is usually associated with A&E.

"Nature Warning!"

Although there was a time when, as we all say - "The lion laid down with the lamb," times have changed! Do not believe those who say that a lion can be domesticated, or trained from its birth to be a docile animal again.

A LION IS A LION!

* Warning- lions will decimate your flock of lambs and ewes! We do not anticipate this reality from changing in this fallen world!

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Human Interest - One of the local business owners of a pet shop has been trying to teach a member of the bird family to talk. It all began after years of keeping his own bird in his store. Customers would continually speak to the bird, and the owner began noticing that his bird began repeating some of the sounds, and seemingly even words & phrases. At first it was just dismissed, but then customers who bought these birds also reported the same phenomena. All this began this recent & unique entrepreneur endeavor -- the training and selling of talking birds, which he calls "talking parrots." There are other birds which seem . . . - pg. 2

Government - There is a dangerous trend abroad which is marginalizing and depreciating localized governments & areas governed by tribal families. This new push wants to establish a new world order which would put in place a structure that would be in control of all the various local and tribal ruling authorities. Most authorities believe that the best structure is on a local level. However, many believe that this trend will continue to grow and will remove more and more control over our own lives. While some state that . . . - pg. 1

Not Too Late: It is not too late to make your reservation for the men's and ladies' weekend retreat. We have been created differently, as we all know, and this is an opportunity to sign-up for this opportunity -- Theme: Men Are From The Tigris, Women Are From Eden. This weekend promises . . . pg. 2

Personality Profiles: Seth & Cain are the most well known children of A&E. Cain is so well known because of his violent action against his brother Abel (such a tragic & senseless loss). In fact, that is why no one names their children after him. Seth is also well known in the land because of his unique place in the godly lineage of the family.

Nevertheless, there are also many other "sons & daughters" of A&E scattered throughout the land. Welcoming a new child into the world, over the years, has been a common announcement by the A&E Family. Adam & Eve probably have the largest immediate family reunions year after year.

The Truth Is Being Revealed - Second In Our Series "Paradise Lost"

Part #2 In Our Special Investigative Series - Eve is holding to her story that it was Lucifer, who came in the form of a speaking serpent, who deceived her into believing that the word of the Lord God was to be questioned. She claims that this is what Lucifer said - word for word -- *"Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"* Upon repeated questioning, she has repeated Satan's words without any variations.

She does not go so far as to say that Satan initially denied the truth of the Lord's Word, but that he started the conversation by merely asking a question.

Eve realizes now that she should have ended the discussion there and talked to Adam about talking snakes - after all he was the one who knew the characteristics of all the animals. Surely, he would have warned her that something was awry when it comes to serpents that talk.

Nevertheless, Eve claims that she told Satan that they would die were they to eat of that tree. Lucifer apparently upped his game and unashamedly stated "Ye shall not surely die!" At least according to Eve, that deceiver was so crafty that he implied the Lord was withholding from them something that was perfectly good - and it was found in eating the fruit of the tree of good & evil.

Her claim seems both believable and well substantiated by the un-

contradicted fact that we all know that Satan has always wanted men to question the goodness of God. Indeed, Eve has clarified what happened when she took of the fruit.

The situation she adamantly describes and consistently maintains, is very believable. We all know that this "snake in the grass" has always sought to make this very claim whenever trials and troubles come our way.

Whenever we lose a child to sickness, violence, or accident, or when we personally face terrible health crises, that snake is there to suggest that we ought to just curse God for what has happened. Yes, it is very believable since we all know that questioning the goodness of the Lord has been his aim for as long as we can remember!

Eve maintains that Lucifer just kept on pushing her to eat of that tree. That he continued talking and tempting her by boldly stating that we could be like God, and establish our own standard of good and evil, if we just eat of that fruit! We didn't have to follow His standard, we could establish our own standard of right and wrong!

(Part #3 - The Truth Comes Out, next issue).

GG's Crossword Puzzle Of The Week:**Across**

2 Fallen After Day 6

4 God's Evaluation

5 Fourth Day

6 Fifth Day

8 Bearing Fruit With Seeds

10 Sixth Day

11 Adam's Wife

**Down**

1 Out Of Nothing Comes

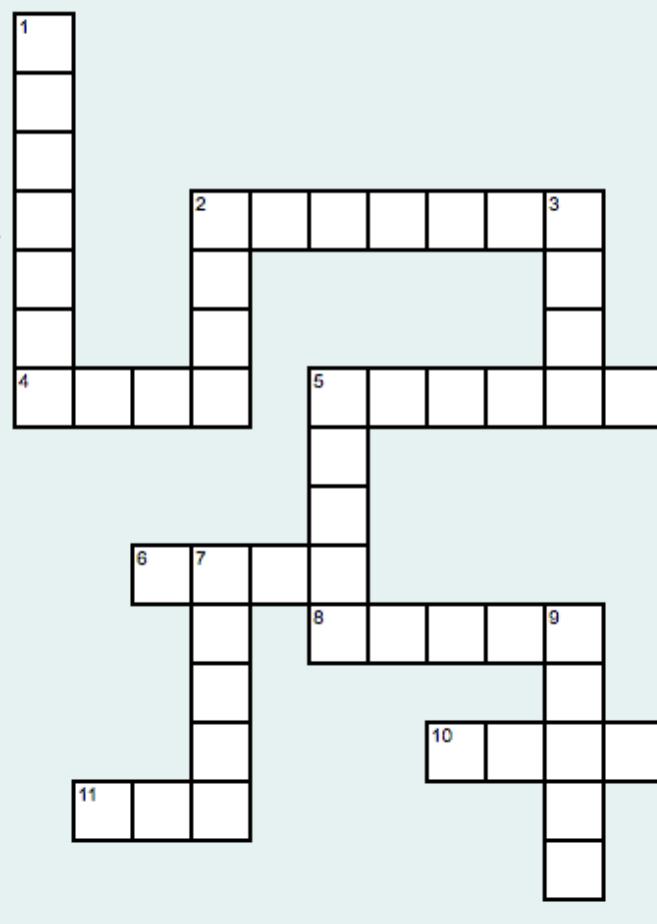
2 Third Day

3 Seventh Day

5 First Day

7 Created In His ___

9 Fourth Day

**Lesser Light
Super Moon**

Tonight, there will be a super moon. We are not certain why it appears so large at times, but it is amazing!



#1
On New Eden Days
Scroll Review

Anti-Creationism
Takes A Dive

Lays It All Out -- Why men do not want to accept a Personal Creator!

It Was A
24 hr
Day!

**Letter To The Editor:
Changes In Worship!**

Ever since the days of Cain, there has been a push to change what is acceptable worship when coming before a holy God.

This tendency comes from the false idea that we will attract more and more people, who sleep in or work on the Sabbath, by changing either 1) the way we conduct our worship services, 2) what we say about Jehovah & His plan for the ages, or 3) how we identify ourselves - "Believers". The goal is to make the worship of the Lord God more appealing to those who may have little to no interest in ever attending.

We have seen the attempts come and go, over and over, by different groups, only to end in greater confusion as to who Jehovah actually is.

-- Change Danger, D3

A Little Bit of History**It Was Adam: Death & Dying**

Surely Die - As we all too well know, since the disobedience of Adam, death & dying have been part of our lives. Although Eve offered Adam the opportunity to disobey the Lord, at the end, it was his decision.

Adam could have, and should have, refused. Let no one think that it was anything to be compared to an act of love for one's spouse. He may not have been first in the transgression, but his decision was a clear act of disobedience. He transgressed God's law with his eyes wide open and it was his actions that caused the fall of the whole human race.

It is because of Adam, that we are sinners by nature. He brought sin into this world!

We believe that the Messiah, who will come one day, must somehow be born in a way which excludes the Adamic nature, the Adamic contribution.

- see **No Revisionism**, G6

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Seasonal
Affective
Disorder (SAD)

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Human Interest -- Just recently, during our yearly revival meetings, we were again reminded about God's promise and program for this world.

From the message titled, " The Three Traits Of The Coming Messiah!"

- He would be the seed of a woman.
- He would be injured Himself by Lucifer, but not fatally.
- He would fatally crush the head of Lucifer and all evil.

We all look forward to that day when all the effects of the fall will be... pg2

Weather - There seem to be more and more earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tornadoes, and insect blights occurring year after year. Even though these have always been part of our history, the frequency and intensity has reached alarming proportions in some locations. Perhaps there is something supernatural in all this, and these cataclysmic events are foreboding something supernatural ahead? . . . - pg. 6

Culture: There are many cultural changes taking place, and it seems to be moving at a more rapid pace these days. Violence, immorality, sexual promiscuity, selfishness & self-centeredness, are but a few of the most obvious trends. If the rate and extent of these trends continue, it is hard to see that the Lord will continue to tolerate it. We all well know that He will not always strive with men over these sinful issues. From day one He has revealed that He will . . . see pg. 8

Maritime News: The boat and ship industry continues to expand. As the fishing and vacation industries grow, more and more vessels are constructed. The profits which can be gained in both of these industries drives boat building! Vast amounts of fish, sea creatures, such as the Leviathan and whales, promise high returns. The cruise industry has also exploded as people seek out opportunities for rest and relation on the vast areas of this world's waters.

All this has also led to the planning and building of larger and larger boats and ships. At times, one wonders how big these boats can be both designed and built, even with the combined efforts of the most knowledgeable engineers and work crews!

-- Continued in section, D3



The Adam & Eve Anniversary Edition

Adam & Eve are celebrating both their birthdays and anniversary with an all family reunion. That means all men, women, and children across the land are invited to join them during this time of celebration.

Here is their "Open Letter of Invitation" to all! It has been a long time since we have all been together at one time and in one place, as a family. Who knows what is ahead, and this may be the last time for some of us to get together before others pass away or just suddenly "rapture" like our beloved & godly Enoch.

Life is rapidly changing for all of us. Many of the family members throughout the land have tried various occupations over their lifetime -- 100 years at this, 50 years at that, and even some who have abundantly prospered and have been able to spend 100 - 150 years in semi-retirement.

This time of reunion & celebration is an ideal opportunity to catch up on what has been happening in each of our families - Population has been exploding and we can all catch up a little on engagements, marriages, First Centennial Anniversaries, expecting moms and recent births, not to mention changes in employment or trades.

For those "high information" buffs, who enjoy the constant "knowledge explosion" taking place in all areas of life, the reunion will also give many time to share all kinds of information from

around the world -- new farming tips, changing cultural trends in your area, trends in manufacturing and selling of goods, musical trends, dress & style changes, not to mention the wives who would like to hear about some different family recipes that have been your favorites for hundreds of years around your table.

Make a decision to join us for all, or part, of this all family lunar month of celebration. Soon our children and teens will be out of their 50's, 60's, and 70's, marrying, starting up their own family farm, multiplying and filling the earth in their part of the world, working "by the sweat of the brow," as they say, and time will have passed us all by!

Mark this special lunar celebration on your centennial calendars, load up the family oxcart with the kids, bring along a mule or two to carry the tents, bedding, water skins & dried victuals, and plan on a great time of reunion with all your in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, uncles, aunts, and distant relatives!

See You There!



A Little Bit of History A Year of Birthdays!

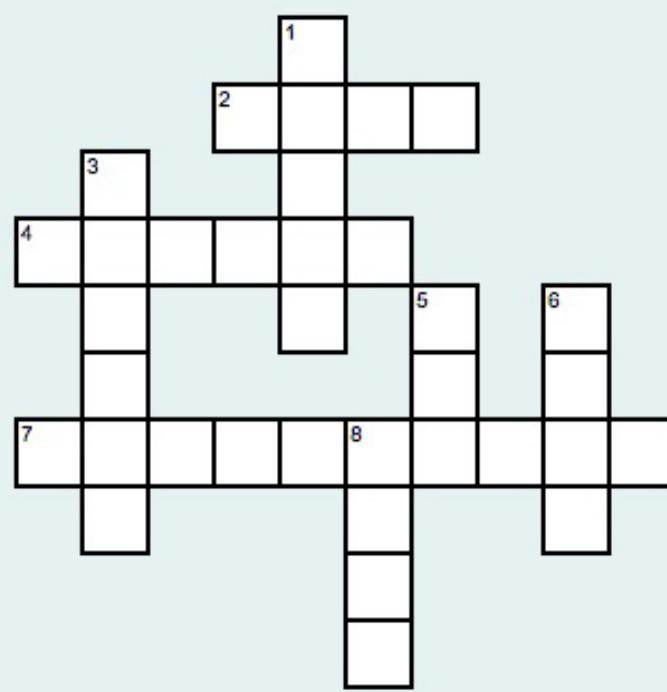
Congratulations - Adam is celebrating two momentous days in his family's life. Adam just celebrated his 930th birthday, and this year is also the 825th birthday of his son, "Seth." At times it is easy to mix the two up since "Seth" is a spitten image of his dad, but just slightly younger.

- Adam's grandson, Enos, just turned 835.
- Adam's great grandson, Cainain, just celebrated his 765th birthday.
- Adam's Great-great grandson, Mahalaleel, turned 700.
- Adam's 3G grandson, Jared, 538 -- a late in life child!
- Enoch - is now 473
- Methuselah - is a strong 286 years old, and another late in life son!
- Lamech - is in his teenage years, 104

Adam says that if he lives long enough, that he hopes to see another first son added to the family, and he already has a name picked out, "Noah."

Congratulations to you all and may Jehovah give you all many more years!

Purchase these dinner time placemats at the family store this month!



Lucifer Matches

On Sale During A&E Celebration

Many vendors and businesses are taking advantage of this time of celebration to promote various and sundry items.

This will be an ideal opportunity to buy a supply of Lucifer Matches. These are a basic need for every family across the land, and there never seems to be enough. As soon as someone predicts terrible weather ahead, the shelves are wiped clean! Heat and cooking are so basic to life, that to be without them can and has led to unnecessary death!



Quick Sale

A misprinted version of the family tree placemats are available. Family members from Cain's side of the family may have an interest in buying these in quantity, at a greatly reduced price!



Local Obituaries: Turn to Page Seven for tributes and notices of friends and family who have died this week.

Seven Steps To A Happier Life Together **EXCLUSIVE**

by Adam & Eve

- #1) Don't point fingers! No blame games!
- #2) Seek the advice of your spouse before you make a critical, life changing decision!
- #3) Remember how it was when you first met each other.
- #4) Stick together & don't wander off by yourself in life.
- #5) Don't listen to "snakes in the grass" who sound like they really care about you!
- #6) Clearly remember what the Lord said about the consequences of temptation.
- #7) Remember, you are equal, but you have different roles in a marriage -- "Equality is not related to function!"

Adam
Seth Enoch
Methuselah
Mahalaleel
Jared
Enos Cainan
Lamech
Eve
Abel

In This Issue

Special Historical Issue

Three Celebration Highlights:

* "Main Way," the primary street that business men use to travel in and out of town, will be renamed "Adam Way"

* "Adam's ZOO" to be built, in commemoration of his love of animals.

* New signs (as pictured) will be erected in some of the most dangerous places of the town. Children often lack the discernment needed, and are easily tempted to venture into areas which are dangerous.



Please Remember the Family!

Eve & Seth: As many of us know and experience, the hard work of farm life takes its toll, and husbands have a slightly shorter life span than their wives -- speculation is about a 50 year difference. Eve survives her husband's passing, along with Seth, who lives adjacent to the family farm.

Seth has been the light of both Adam & Eve, over all these years. Since his birth, he has always been viewed as God's gracious blessing upon the tragic death of Abel --

And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."

Directions: For those who have not been in town for a century, a lot has changed. "Ways" have been named & thriving establishments have popped up! When you arrive in town on "Main Way", make your first left turn onto Garden Way, it snakes around the traditional garden site, and dead ends onto "Fruit Tree Way, where the services will be held.

The Proto-Evangelium - The First Gospel:
Turn to Page Seven For A Full Explanation
Of The Gospel Of Hope!

Adam Has Died At The Age Of 930!

Adam's Ten Principles Of Life

1. If We Confess Our Sin, He Is Faithful To Forgive!
2. Satan Was A Liar From The Beginning! Don't Listen To Liars.
3. Just Because It Looks Good, Doesn't Mean It Is Good.
4. Lean Not To Your Own Understanding!
5. We Are Prone To Play The Blame Game.
6. There Is Always An Alternative To Temptation.
7. The Way Of The Transgressor Is Hard
8. Sin Always Requires A Sacrifice.
9. You Can Lose Everything With One Bad Decision.
10. Let The Lord God Cover Your Sin!

The Funeral Will Be Held Near The Traditional Garden Site!

All of us, whether distant or near family members, are invited to attend the service in honor of Adam's life. For those arriving and attending throughout the coming days, and do not plan on using the various inns in the area, an area will be provided for erecting your tents and cooking.

Of course those who are in the direct line of promise will all be there! -- Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared & Enoch. The passing of

Adam has upset many, but surely his family! This will be a great opportunity to encourage the whole family on their loss after having had so many years of having dad around to talk to and work with day in and day out!

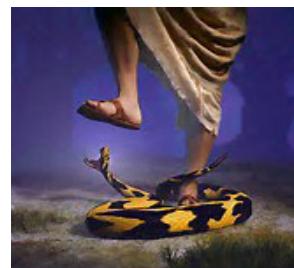
It is so sad that Adam could not have lived longer since he has been looking forward to being alive when the promised deliverer would come and redeem him, his family, and this fallen world! Adam well remembered, and often communicated, what it was like in the beginning. He (and, of course, Eve) well understood what was lost, unlike many of us who have only known and lived in this present world.

Adam's Life Promise:
"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."



The Death of Adam!

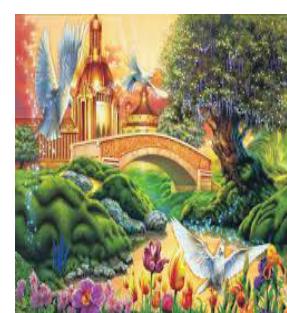
Our Certain Hope!



Our Coming Head Crusher!



Our Coming Seed Of The Woman!



A Special Devotional on the passing of **ADAM** by Enoch

The passing of Adam reminds us that one never knows when our time on earth will end. While I am only 308 years old, this could even be my last time to challenge the readers about life and death.

While we all wait for the coming of the deliverer, who will crush the head of Satan, and deliver us all from the sting of sin, which is death - physical & spiritual death -- we need to remember that we are looking forward to a different kingdom, not this earthly one so marred by the curse!

No matter how long our lives may be, we need to number our days, and live wisely, century after century! Although we all think we are going to live for a good long time, and enjoy our families, our different and often changing careers, our lives can be cut short. Remember your creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days come not!

Prophetic Corner The Coming Deliverer

On the death of Adam, we remember the prophetic words spoken on "that cool garden day." We have often repeated them throughout the days of our lives.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

These words were not only meant to give hope and encouragement to Adam & Eve upon being removed from the Garden of Eden, and prevented from re-entering by flaming angels who guard the Garden unto this day, but these words have been given to us, in our generation!

While some say, where is the promise of a coming deliverer and others look at the rising wickedness throughout the land and question why the Lord has allowed such to increasingly succeed, we all know that there is a coming day when the Lord, the Just & Righteous Lord, will come, and will judge.

So Many New Baby Names

While there is sadness upon the death of Adam, there is always so much to rejoice over with the birth of so many children! At times one would think we would run out of names as the population continues to explode!



You Named Me What?!

As with most all families, the baby's name was meant to communicate a hope or a dream, such as . . .

Seth = "substitute" / Mahalalel = "praise of God" / Enoch = "dedicated"

In recent days some have suggested the names of "Shabath" or "Noah" both speaking of "Rest" or "resting place" -- Moms could use a little these days!



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HEADLINES

Around This World At A Glance

Human Interest -- Large ZOO is built in the area.

Highlights: The Strangest of the Strangest. Because of the continual breeding of new animal species, more and more unusual animals appear. Many have become just commonplace over the years, and are seen as having been around forever.

Some of the most unusual animals are authentic, and have shown up in recent years -- such as the ...

"Zonkey" - Zebra & Donkey
"Wholphin" - Whale & Dolphin
"Tigon" - Tiger and Lion
"Jaglions" Jaguar & Lion



We all look forward to that day when all the effects of the fall will be... - pg 2

Weather Prediction - We are again expecting that the coming two seasons - Spring & Summer -- to be delightful! "The Weather Prophets" are predicting another year of sunny, warm, and balmy weather. This should allow for many opportunities for planning another record year of Spring & Summer weddings. . . - pg. 6

Culture: More and more, the society is being influenced by the life-style and living of the "Rich & Famous". There is hardly a weekend that does not feature another elaborate banquet, an ostentatious and glitzy wedding, or a party for no other purpose than to have a party! Indeed, weekends are times of "eating, drinking, marrying, or giving in marriage." Will it ever end? I can only imagine that it will end somewhere!?. . . see pg. 8

Health: Life spans continue to remain high and population growth continues to reach new heights. One wonders if life will ever come to an end . . . see pg. 8

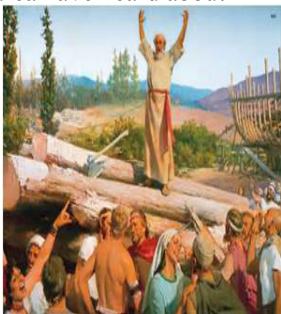
Maritime News: The ship building industry has grown by leaps and bounds, as men discover the physics of water displacement and flotation.

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Ten Reasons That This Boat Building Endeavor Will Turn Out To Be a Fiasco!

1. No Previous Experience
2. No Actual Blueprints -- just general dimensions
3. Only Local Floods - never heard of a world flood
4. Plenty of Mountains - we are far above sea level
5. Largest Ship Ever Proposed -- exceeds all records
6. Looks More Like A Box Than A Ship
7. Apparently, No Plans For Sails Or Rudder
8. Designed For Primarily Animals, Not People
9. No Way To Attract Such A Proposed Variety Of Animals
10. Limited Help In Building -- using primarily family labor

Most of those living in the immediate area have heard about this very unusual boat building project, funded by a long time citizen of our land, Noah. Most have heard about it through Noah's public speaking on the Sabbath, as well as through his motivational lectures throughout the lands (some would denounce it as "Prophet Preaching" - a little like the fire & brimstone preaching



GG's Crossword Puzzle Of The Week:

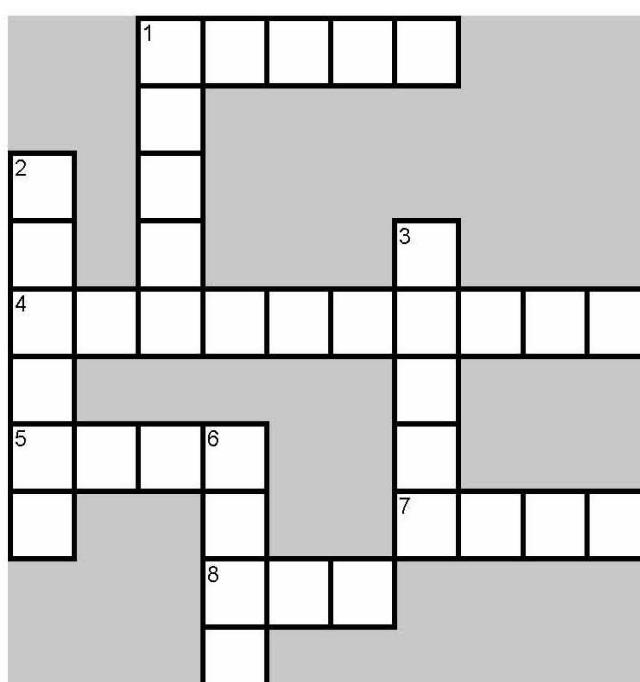
Across

- 1 Disappeared
- 4 Oldest man
- 5 A "Marked Man"
- 7 Replace Abel
- 8 Noah's Ship



Down

- 1 Number in Noah's immediate family
- 2 First one to have two wives
- 3 Had 120 of these to build the ark
- 6 Ship builder



Final Edition - On Sale! Animal Encyclopedia of Knowledge

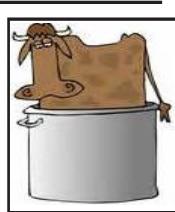
A new book, entitled "Two By Two" is on the top of the Newark Times Best sellers list again this year. Although many think that the author is a little batty, his book has again risen to the top of all time favorites because of his extensive knowledge of animal breeding habits, along with the care & housing of an amazing variety of animals in general!

Noah states that this may be his last edition of this extensive compendium of information, since he is now spending most of his time in finishing up an important family project, and then plans on taking an exotic family cruise in coming days!

Grand Opening!

"The Banquet Bull"

Banquet halls & party venues have sprouted up all around the land. However, there is nothing like the new "Banquet Bull". If you are looking for an ideal place to have your a wonderful get together, a birthday party, or celebration for whatever, give us a call and reserve your date now! Filling up fast!



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The Great Ship Fiasco

of the past). Most all are very skeptical that God spoke to Noah about some kind of all encompassing, soon to come, flood! We have faced and dealt with such local flooding over the years, and as in the past, most will probably stay home and weather any potential freak flooding.

As the locals observe the slow progress being made on building of such a large boat, they have become more and more doubtful that the boat will ever be completed. Noah is over 300 years old, and at this rate, this project would seemingly take over a hundred years to complete -- and even that time estimate seems a bit optimistic!

Although Noah and his family have been residents for centuries, and he has always seemed a little over religious and zealous, nothing as strange as this "right-wing" declaration of divine judgement has been heard of in the last hundred or more years!

Up to this time, Noah & his family have been rather narrow in their religious beliefs & practices, and he has never really caused this kind of stir before. However, some have wondered if he is suffering from some early form of dementia, or if he has just lost his mind!

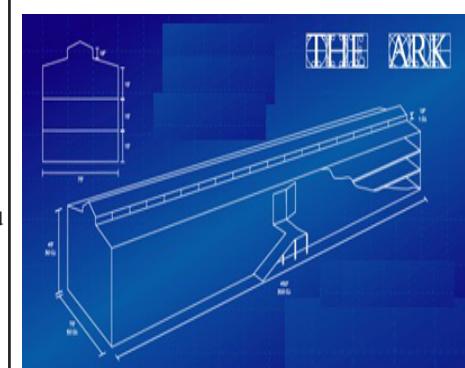
Prophetic Corner Eat, Drink, & Be Merry

This slogan seems to be working its way throughout our culture, as seen in the trends throughout society . . .

- A drop in attendance at the weekly Worship of Jehovah
- Self-love & narcissism
- An ever increasing emphasis on
 - ✓ Pleasure
 - ✓ Possessions
 - ✓ Popularity
- Covetousness
- Boasting & Proud
- Disobedient To Parents
- Unthankful
- Truce-breaking!
- Unholy!
- Without Natural Affection
- False Accusers
- Despisers Of Those Who Are Good

"Eat, Drink, & Be Merry" has become one of the common slogans heard throughout the culture. Parties, celebrations, family gatherings, sports team competition, etc. have all become more and more part of our society.

Noah: Projected Plan Of The Boat?
(Ship's plans secretly seen & drawn by local architect)



Two New Educational Opportunities Available

As civilization progresses, there is a rising interest in greater educational opportunities. Some of the new fields of study which have developed in recent years include...

Aviary Science: An old, yet new educational study. A degree in "Aviary Science" has just been added to the offerings at various tribal colleges, with a special emphasis on the specific species of ravens and doves.

Atmospheric Science: This program involves the study of various cloud formations, changing rainfall patterns, storm prediction, and now includes the fascinating study of single and double rainbows.



Trending: Historical Revisionism & The Biblical Flood Account

It has become popular around different areas of the world, to hear varied accounts of the biblical flood story. Composers of poetry, prose, and music have taken a great deal of artistic liberty with the actual historical facts.

In an attempt to provide a contemporary sounding and culturally adjusted flood account, artists and even some self appointed historians have re-written the flood account.

The Top 10 Post Flood Songs!



1. Splish, Splash
2. Have You Ever Seen The Rain
3. Everyone Knows The Bird Is A Word
4. Bridge Over Troubled Waters
5. Down By The Riverside
6. Singing In The Rain
7. Step Into The Water
8. Rain Drops Keep Falling On My Head
9. Moon River
10. Crying In The Rain
11. Misty

An Investigative Report On The "Meat Industry"

There was a time when the vegetable industry was the backbone of the food industry. As families left home, and spread out over the land, fewer homes carried on the tradition of vegetable based dinners and included more and more animal options.

Today, with the rise in the demand for meat products, the food industry has seen a radical change in desire for deer, snake, alligator, piggy, and chicken, to name the most popular!

One only needs to follow the money trail when it comes to corruption. As with businesses in general, as soon as there is a lot of money changing hands in an exploding industry, suppliers, middle men, and sellers begin looking for more and more profit!

This investigative report will reveal the typical repeating patterns when it comes to greed and profit in our world.

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100 Facts @100 Year Anniversary

Look Back On The First 100 Years, What Do We Know!

Not, How Is It Portrayed

1. Noah preached for over 120 years
2. Only eight people on the Ark
3. Dove sent 3X, last time returned with olive leaf
4. Rained for 40 days, Ark drifted for 150 days.
5. 100,00 square feet,
6. 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet tall, three decks
7. Seven pair of clean, one pair of unclean animals
8. God closed & locked the door, not Noah
9. The line of Shem is the promised line - "Shemites"
10. Wine will mock you!
11. Promise: No world-wide flood again
12. Meat eating is a recent development
13. Do not allow a lion to get near a lamb, things have changed.
14. Noahic Flood: World-Wide, Not Local
15. The "days of Noah" were marked by the pursuit of pleasure
16. Noah lived 350 years after the Ark Cruise
17. Man's life-span dropped off radically after the flood



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The Post World Opinion Corner "Eat, Drink, & Be Merry": How Did That Work Out?

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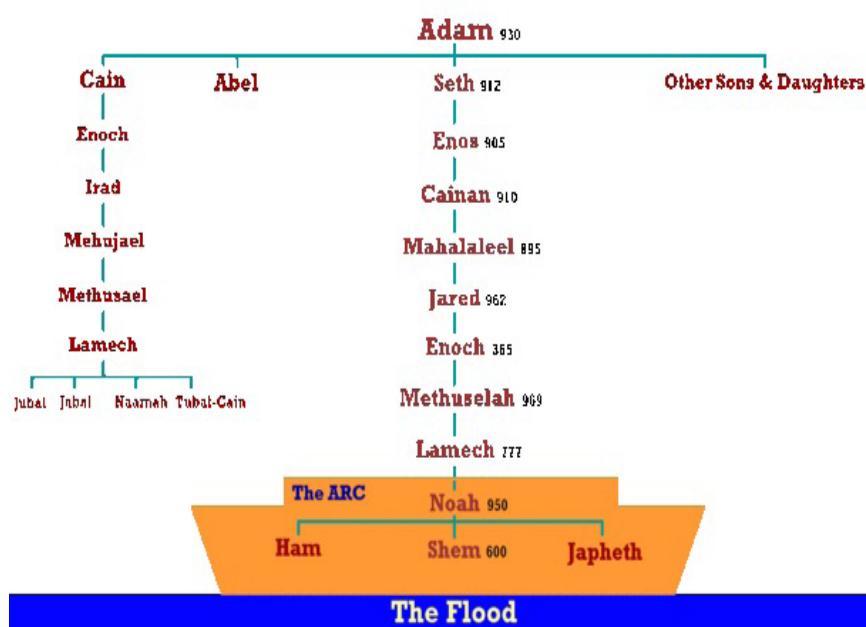
As we all know, just a number of years ago the thinking was epicurean and libertine. During those days, most all families and individuals thought that it really did not matter how you lived, just enjoy yourself AND let others do the same. The thinking was characterized by the word "whatever."

As most understand today, that approach to life did not work out so well! It lead to a day of disaster. However, there is an ever increasing trend to dismiss that historic event. Some are again moving in new & aberrant religious directions, relying on the belief that no such event could ever happen again, or even that the event is just a story, not a true part of world history!

Unfortunately, more and more seem to be swayed into following this new variant religious trend and even contributing to a new building program which is sponsored by "The Babel Foundation," owned & operated by

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The Genealogy of Adam



"The Post": Open For Business



We are now up and running! You will want to hold onto this First Edition of the "The Post" to commemorate the beginning of this valuable new information outlet.

If you have an interest in working in the field of information distribution, why not stop by and talk about available opportunities. Obviously, you must be well versed in the standardized & uniform language skills of style & grammar.

Health Tips: Turn to Page Eleven for tips and suggestions to counter the declining life spans of our society.

Local Obituaries: Turn to Page Seven for tributes and notices of friends and family who have died this week.

Them's The Facts!

A Monthly Series Of Interesting Information Noah

#1) Admitted to the "Hall of Faith" - Local Chapter Eleven, because of his faith. He is also regarded as an individual who will go it alone when few decided to join him!

#2) Noah has always been well regarded as a multi-talented soul, and is well known as a shipbuilder, architectural engineer, farmer, and preacher.

#3) Family Tree:
Grandfather - Methuselah
Father - Lamech
Sons: Shem, Ham, Japheth
Three Daughters-in-law
Many grandsons and granddaughters

#4) The Location of "Noah's Ark": You can easily visit the well-known site of landing on the mountains of Ararat. This was his biggest project, he says, taking him 120 years to complete!

#5) Favorite Beverage "Tea" -- Noah is well-known for being, what is known today as a "tea-totaler," ever since an earlier experience with alcohol.

#6) Other Activities: Loves all kinds of water sports, as well as wood-working & cruising.

Entertainment: The refurbished Ark exhibit on Mt. Ararat is open Sunday-Friday noon. Plan on spending a full day there! You will find it difficult to fully enjoy all that has been included in the 100,000 square foot ship, including the many new stores and food kiosks throughout.

Great Opportunities On Heels Of A Major Cultural Crisis!

"Every Cloud Has A Silver Lining!"

or

"Never Let A Crisis Go To Waste"



The recent crisis surrounding the building (or should we say "the halting") of the tower of Babel opens up new professions & job opportunities!

Linguists: Those who have a real ability to learn other languages, and put them into written form, will have an opportunity to enter the most profitable fields in the coming years.

Translators: Some of the new languages are very similar to each other, and yet others are very bizarre. Jobs and pay in the field of translating will vary depending on one's ability to move out of the easier language families. The willingness to venture into and the ability to learn the more tonal and complex language is where the money will be over the years!

HSL: "Hebrew As A Second Language" programs will be in high demand, since the primary trade language will surely be the majority language of those living in the immediate area.

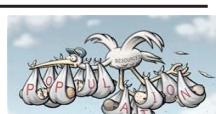
Charges: The Rise Of Humanism



Some of the more religious followers of Jehovah have attributed what has happened to the rise of humanism across the land. Some have even suggested that humanism is really just a competing religion which exalts man's thinking over the Lord, that man is the highest authority.

However, most know that the tower was started by conservatives, those who attempted to conserve our culture. As is stated by Nimrod himself, it was so that we would not continue to be scattered abroad.

Population Explosion!



Recent estimates

of population growth are now exceeding past expectations. Employing conservative estimates, the three daughters-in-law of Noah exceeded the projection. The past projection was based on these calculations...

50 years: 3 to the power of 3 = 27 females

100 years: 3 to the power of 5 = 243 females

200 years: 3 to the power of 9 = 19,683 females

350 years: 3 to the power of 15 = 14,348,907

500 years: 3 to the power of 21 = 10,460,353,203

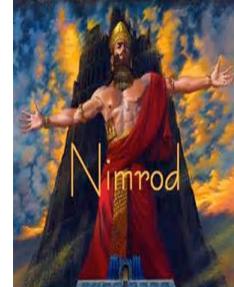
Land Marked By CONFUSION!

What has happened to our land? That is the question which is on the lips of men & women today. There is a complete disruption of the social fabric of our society, like the world has never seen before. Confusion reigns in the fields of business, industry and commerce! People can no longer communicate on a level which is absolutely essential to carry on social cohesion and cultural progress!

The reaction to this crisis has caused many to point the finger to Nimrod. He is now being characterized as an ambitious populist who spoke to the people's fears and/or who wanted to maintain his power and position by building a name for himself.

Whatever the truth, our culture has lost much of the strength which comes with a common language.

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Nimrod: Visionary & Founder



Son of Cush: The Mighty Hunter!

The Biggest Project Ever Attempted Has Been Stopped Dead In Its Tacks!



Some Of The Facts As To What Has Happened

1. Project Envisioned & The Plans Drafted by Mr. Nimrod
2. Nimrod is the son of Cush, a mighty man, as it was said in pre-flood days, "a giant" or "a man of renown".
3. Promotion of the tower concept over the years was under the theme of "The New Secular Order"
4. Nimrod's Goal: To prevent a continual scattering of people across the earth, and to centralize power!
5. Workers Hired, Construction began, & about 3/4 completed
6. Some opposition by the religious right concerning the thinking & attitudes that became connected with this project - "making a name for themselves."
7. In some way connected to the birth of "Peleg," whose name spoke of a day of division - either the continental drift we continue to experience, or this division of languages.

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The Post World Opinion Column



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LOST
MY
JOB!

History Note

Prior to this crisis, the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. As we journeyed from the east, we found a plain in the land of Shinar; and we dwelt there.



Original Architectural Conception

Nimrod's Challenge

"Come, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."



"Despite our amazing material, commercial, and industrial progress, we are lost and in a state of societal, moral, & political confusion."

- (quotes from the past) Noah

Language Pronunciations:

Babel or Babel?

Depends on language group.

It's Amazing: The ability of the youngest of children to learn and master the language spoken in the family home astounds the scientific community!

-- see story on pg. L1

Great Opportunities Ahead As Even Larger People Groups, Based On A Common Ability To Communicate, Begin Moving Out Of The Area To Begin Life On Their Own.

Entertainment: There is a great variety of exciting stage presentations at the local Arts Centers across the region. Many of these plays, musicals, and motivational speeches are available in the various new languages or include an on the stage interpreter. Check the details carefully before buying your tickets.

There seem to be some similarities between some of the new languages, which are now called "Language Families" - see story on pg. C4

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The Only Source Of Information In The Entire Fertile Crescent Area

Entertainment:
Tickets are selling out
fast for the Pharaoh
Center of Performing
Arts, located overlooking
the beautiful Nile
River.



The City of Haran Named By Abram!

The continuing trend to sell land to other new tribal fathers continues. Recently, a large tract of land, which was rather undesirable and therefore unoccupied, was sold to Terah. It is now known as "Haran," being named in memory of Terah's deceased son, who died before their recent arrival.

Terah is of the "Habiru" (Akadian) or "Hebrew" tribe and has recently



moved out of the area of the fertile crescent of Ur.

"Terah" and his family serve many gods as do the many other tribes of the land. Apparently, they are only different in name and powers (see picture below).



Flash From The Past

The collapse of the Tower of Babel Project has been a point of contention for generations! Surely, there is enough blame to go around -- some blame the inability of the suppliers to provide the needed quantity of brick and slime, others believe that the architectural firm was corrupt and an official was paid to seal faulty blue-prints, and yet others point the finger at the lead contractor for claiming that he had the men and tools to finish such a massive project.

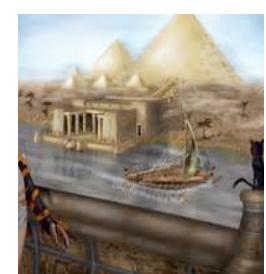
In recent years it has generated wild conspiracy theories because of a refusal to believe that it was an "anti-theocracy" project! Few to none are willing to hold the position that is still maintained by the senior citizens in our generation: It was the result of Divine Intervention due to the unashamedly announced goal of building a tower that would unify man and form a permanent center of immense power.

Rather than accepting the historical understanding, theories abound, including the idea that it was due to a powerful political move to divide the people, and seize the power vacuum.

Egypt -- A Rising Force To Be Reckoned With!

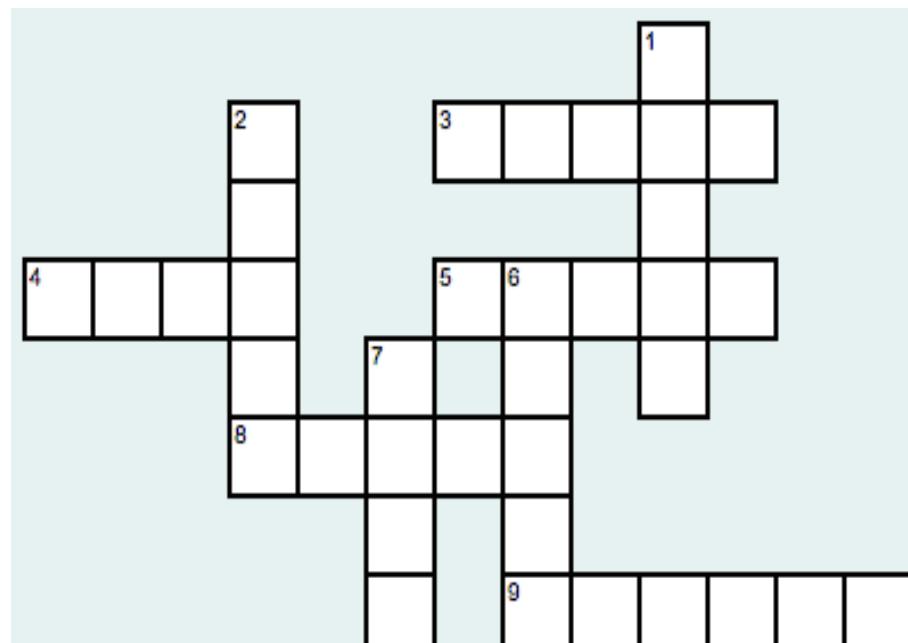
The Top Ten Leading Indicators

1. The "Pharaoh" is invested with power & great glory over the kingdom, almost that of a god!
2. The Nile River provides a powerful resource for both travel and fertile fields for a seemingly unlimited food supply (wheat and barely being a prime product of the area!).
3. The construction of the pyramids has dumbfounded the world for centuries. Few can imagine how they could have managed such a massive construction project in so short a period of history!
4. Their ability to carry out mummification has amazed the medical world, and is only matched with by their construction arts.
5. Pharaohs are obsessed with the promise of an after-life.
6. Egypt occupies the northeastern area of Africa, and thereby is located at the center of a trade route between most all of Africa and most of the Asian continent!
7. They have an abundant meat supply of pigeon, quail, mutton, beef, fish and pork.
8. Their religious "temples" possess tremendous social and political power. Temples own farmland, and also receive the spoils from every military campaign.
9. The ancient Egyptians value the ability to write (in the form of hieroglyphics), keep historical records, and build vast libraries,
10. They have established a real presence in the "arts," which has attracted musical professionals from around the known world!



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Terah's Trivia!



Across

- 3 - Day Earth Divided
- 4 - Father of Peleg
- 5 - Wife of Abram
- 8 - Son of Terah
- 9 - Wife of Nahor

Down

- 1 - Died in Haran
- 2 - Died Before His Father
- 6 - Son of Terah
- 7 - Father of Shemites



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Karnak



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The Great Sphinx



Abul Simbel



New Neighbors Come & Go!

The recent arrival of a man, who goes by the name "Terah", from Ur of Chaldees, has created a lot of interest among the tribes because of their differences of culture and religion.

His first born is named "Abram" along with his wife, Sarai. Terah has two other sons, Nahor who apparently decided not to leave his land of birth, and Haran who seemingly passed early in life before leaving Ur. Haran's son "Lot" picked up and decided to travel with Terah & Abram. In Akkadian, they are called Ha-bi-ru.

"Terah," who states that he traces his line through Eber & Shem (the father of the "Shemites"), also says that his lineage goes back specifically and directly to "Noah." While we all have been told stories about this man called "Noah," none would be so bold as to connect themselves to this prominent historical personage (some say he is only a mythical figure or oral history). Very few have been so brash as to state that their ancestors arrived on the "Ark" on the "Rock of Arrarat."

Although Abram & Sarai indicate that they have been married for a number of years, they do not have any children out of their own loins. Whether they are "Blue-Bloods" or not, being childless holds out little hope for any real future in the land!



The City of Jericho - "Fragrant" Like "The Garden of Eden"!



The plain of Jericho has some of the richest grazing lands in the area. It is typically called "The Garden of Eden" of the near east because of its beauty and its ability to maintain such lush crop lands and grazing areas year round! The Jericho

valley offers a well watered land for all those who are looking to increase their own flocks, as well as sell cattle to others in the area. As its name suggests, it is indeed a "fragrant" land.

Jericho is an exceptional oasis, midst so much wilderness, because it is watered by a number of springs supported by the mountain waters. The town is surrounded by orchards and prospers because of its intensive market gardening endeavors and the high number of people who are engaged in agriculture. The area is known for its barley, wheat, grapes, figs, lentils and flax. Though less commonly grown, it is also known for its increasing demand for chickpeas, peas, broad beans, dates, olives, and sycamore trees.

Jericho is 10 miles north of the "Salt Sea", and is believed to be the lowest city in the world, being at an elevation of 720 ft. below sea level!

The city leaders continue to build up the city's infrastructure, expand its size, and fortify its defensive capability. It indeed may become one of the largest and strongest cities in the area in coming centuries!

"The Book of Manners" by Emily Hammurabi

Hospitality: This week's column is focused on the theme of "hospitality." That word calls up a rich history of our culture's commitment to entertaining strangers who pass through our lands. Our strong commitment flows out of the fact that we live in a harsh desert area and have a very nomadic existence. We all know what it means to be "strangers" at one time or another, and how refreshing it is to be welcomed by others.

It is right and proper to prepare a substantial meal, including fresh meat and freshly baked bread, anytime during the day, for strangers who come our way!

Let us continue to pass on this rich tradition of inviting others to join us for a meal, stay overnight, and/or enjoy a refreshing drink from the well!

Peace & Prosperity In The Valley!

Who will not remember "The War of Four Against Five"! Where were you on that day? It was just a number of years ago when the whole region was locked into a terrible war. Ampaphel of Shinar, Arioch of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer of Elam, and Tidal king of the nations started a war against Bera of Sodom, Birsha of Gomorrah, Shinab of Admah, Shemeber of Zeboiim, and Bela of Zoar. It was all about money, as usual; it was about refusing to pay any more tribute to Chedorlaomer, after twelve years of extortion!

When the tribute was not remitted on the thirteenth year, Chedorlaomer decided to form a four-fold coalition against the five nations. Most believed that such a move was foolish, four against five! However, the four-fold coalition reigned, primarily because of a force of nature - the slime pits of Siddim.

Sodom and Gomorrah were sacked, and some key people of the were deported as well (Interestingly, Lot, one of our new elders was one of them - but that's a whole other story!). Amazingly, the four king coalition was immediately defeated by a Hebrew and his personal army or 318 men (Abram - Lot's Uncle), and he recovered all the goods of Lot, and most of the spoil of the other five nations.

The peace & prosperity we have enjoyed over the past number of years has given us great opportunity to enjoy life, with all that it has to offer!

New Elections Held

A "Hebrew" Now On Our Town Council!

Mr. Lot's Ascent To His High City Position

Elections: Lot's continued path and rise to a key governmental position has been obvious to all over the past several years. He has just been elected as one of the city elders, and you can congratulate him, along with the other elected elders, at the city gates. He is available to adjudicate various civil matters between the citizens of our growing city.

Lot first moved into the area a short time ago, stating during his campaign that he has always had a special place in his heart for Sodom from the day he pitched his tents towards our city years ago. Rumor has it that Lot moved our direction due to a spat between his herdsmen and his uncle's herdsmen. As many of us know, sometimes it is best to move away from the past, and look towards a promising future, establishing new place to call home, like Sodom!

Since then he has moved within our city limits, and has communicated that he wants our city to be the home in which his family is raised! He will be a welcomed addition to our city life since he comes from a far different background, being a Hebrew. Though a Hebrew (as we all know, therefore a mono-theist), he has shown himself to be very tolerant of other beliefs, life-styles, and preferences. He has demonstrated that he indeed wants to be part of our city's civil, moral, financial, and cultural life! He brings with him great wealth, as well as being personally connected to "Abram" who has shown himself to be a force to be reckoned with!

His family is composed of his lovely wife, who seems to really enjoy the opportunities of city life in Sodom, and his two lovely daughters (Lot is looking their husbands from our city!). If you do not know the Lot Family, welcome them, and congratulate Lot on his excellent decision to move inside the city walls!

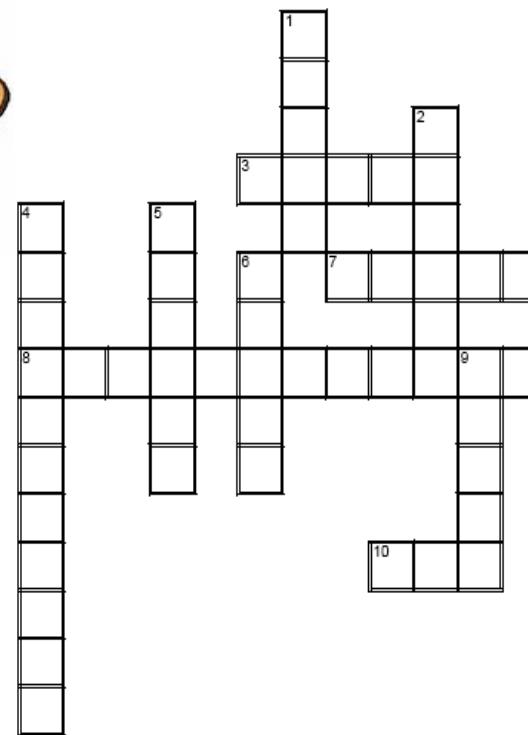


Across

- 3 - A Very Beautiful Wife
- 7 - City where Lot moved
- 8 - King of Elam
- 10 - Son of Haran

Down

- 1 - Handmaid
- 2 - Slime pits located
- 4 - King & Priest
- 5 - Area Lot chose
- 6 - Son of Terah
- 9 - Place family moved to during famine



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

"MELCHIZEDEK"

A very mysterious figure, living in our area, is "Melchizedek," king of Salem. There is very little information about this king since there is no recorded information as to his past family lineage, nor the nature of any family members.

In my visit with him, over a sparse lunch of wine and bread, I learned that he is not only a king, but has a strong spiritual heritage as well since he is also a priest. It is very unusual for one to be both a priest and a king.

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"ASK DR. DIG"



Dear Dr. Dig:

Has anyone attempted to locate and/or discover Noah's Ark? -- Marine Man in Little Rock

Dear Marine Man:

There have been several expeditions over the years. I myself have been to the site, located on the Mountains of Ararat. The great ship was located on a rock ledge over a cliff and partially covered by snow. I myself, along with others on this trek, have walked on large wooden planked areas, which I believe were part of the deck of this monstrous "barge".



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COMMENTS

Today, in our "Comment Corner" we have decided to take up the religion of the Hebrews. How do the Hebrews differ from others in our diverse culture?

#1) They are mono-theists -- They believe in one God, not many gods, in contrast to poly-theists, and pan-theists.

#2) Their God is named "Jehovah" and He is more powerful than all the gods that are worshipped in this world

#3) They believe that it was "Jehovah" who created the whole world, and therefore rules over all aspects of this world (unlike others who believe in a god who is over one of the physical areas of the universe -- a god of the waters, a god of the air, a god of the stars, etc.).

#4) They generally circumcise their male offspring, as some ritual of identification with their God and their founding father, "Abram" (a rising & powerful family in the area).

#5) "Generally", they are very "narrow" in their beliefs concerning morality and stay within their own cultural community. I say, "generally" because there are some who are more culturally relevant & tolerant, and therefore open to living in

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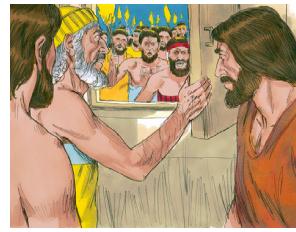
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Two Strangers Seen In City Before Disaster Struck!

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Mr. & Mrs. Lot's House Assailed The Night Before



Latest reports indicate that there were two visitors who came to Sodom, the night prior to the total destruction of the cities.

They were described as possibly "Hebrew" men, with what was said to be an "angelic countenance." They were roaming around the city streets, as some late night visitors have been known to do.

Apparently, Mr. Lot noticed them and strongly encouraged them to stay the night with him. After much reluctance (seemingly, they were wont to sleep the night in the city streets), Lot convinced them to stay at his spacious home and demonstrated the hospitality that we are accustomed to showing in our culture! After dinner, everything took a turn for the worst. Before the men could get to bed, the uproar and assault on Lot's home began!

Apparently, a large number of "locals" (old and young, from different parts of city, fellows of a baser sort, who tend to hang out night after night) noticed that these strangers had entered Mr. Lot's home, and in the dark of the night, inappropriately & unashamedly, called out to Mr. Lot, asking to meet these two visitors.

Lot tried to reason with this crowd of men at his front door, but to no avail. He then suddenly disappeared inside. Suddenly, the group charged the house and were going to beat down the front door. The only reason they were not able to gain entrance was because they could not find the front door. Some kind of sudden malady struck them suddenly blind and they were thoroughly confused in the darkness and by the darkness -- go figure!

They refused to give up, and tried for a good period of time to gain entrance, even though blind, feeling for the location of the front door until they grew so weary, they all slowly began to peel off, give up, and leave!

Soon after, Lot was seen leaving his home, going to the home of his daughters and sons-in-law, apparently to ask them to help defend his home if necessary again than evening!

Strange Statue Remains Standing Outside Of City!



Investigators are still trying to determine what this statue is made of (preliminary examinations indicate that it is made of pure salt), what or who it was designed to represent, who made it, and how it survived the devastation? If you have any information, please contact the investigating officials!

"ASK DR. DIG"

Dear Dr. Dig:

Were there other such disasters in the past which compare to the total destruction of S&G?

-- Overwhelmed in Zoar

Dear Overwhelmed:

One would have to go far back into history, to the days of a man named "Noah" and the great flood. Some of the more liberal minded say that it was only a local flood, in an attempt to calm society's fears of any possibility of such a massive disaster. However, recent expeditions which I myself have joined, reveal a massive ark situated in the Mountains of Ararat, which argue that it was indeed a world-wide deluge. Why would one need to build such a massive ship to avoid a local flood, rather than just move to an area where the flood waters would not affect?

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Horrendous! -- Total Destruction Of Two Major Cities!

The Top Ten Facts You Need To Know

1. Sodom AND Gomorrah have BOTH been destroyed!
2. Some questions have been raised concerning the recent visitors to the city of Sodom, as to their responsibility in this terrible loss of life!
3. This clearly seems to be far beyond a natural disaster. All agree that it is supernatural, and from one of the most powerful and holy gods over the near eastern area of this world.
4. Disaster relief has indicated that there are some area caves, around Zoar, which are available for shelter in case there are any others who may have survived.
5. First reports state that only four people escaped the disaster. That report is being questioned because it seems improbable that all but four have died in this devastating disaster!
6. Some reports coming out of the scene indicate that it was one of the highest elder-administrators of the city who escaped along with his wife and two married daughters.
7. A tabloid reporter has published that this elder-administrator knew of the disaster shortly before it hit, and failed to warn anyone else in the city.
8. That tabloid report is being discredited since it is also reported that the two son-in-laws, of this city administrator, were tragically killed! Surely, they would have also been told in time!
9. Many have begun pointing fingers at the leaders of the cities who supported the radical moral slide of both cities because of the money that could be made through its increased tourism trade.
10. Many groves, shrines, & places of worship will be open throughout the week to accommodate the expected crowds on the heels of this national tragedy.

The Impact Of This Life Changing Disaster!

All reports indicate that it is difficult, in these earliest hours of investigation, to even walk around the city area! The flaming rocks, the boiling pools of brimstone, and the red hot metals melted into all kinds of strange shapes, all make it nigh to impossible to move around easily!

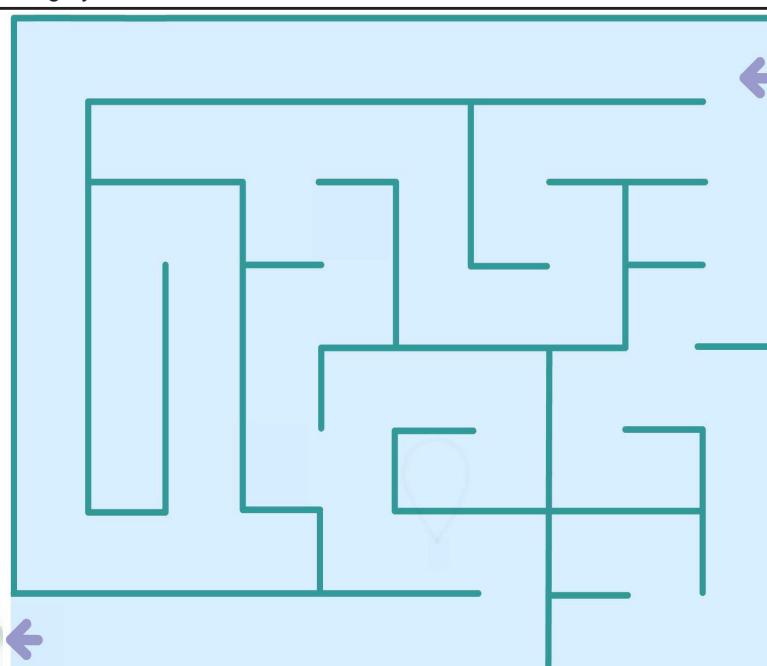
It will take days, if not weeks, to get a full account of the depth of destruction which has taken place. Presently, it is believed that approximately 1,200 people lived within the city walls, not including the many visitors who were there at the height of the tourist season. Beyond the loss of people, 1000's and 1000's of animals were "barbecued" as the disaster struck and the fires spread! The sounds of the cities during the hours that the skies rained down fire, must have been appalling and frightening.

There is no way to total the personal impact of this immeasurable disaster! Who does not have, or know of, a family that lived in one of these two cities? Most everyone in the outlying areas has lost a loved one or a close friend! As one of the early reporters on the scene was reported as saying . . .

"All those around viewing the sight agree that this is petrifying; this is the worst of the worst catastrophes in the world. Oh the humanity! I can't talk any further, ladies and gentlemen. Everyone around can hardly breathe! . . . I . . . I'm sorry . . . I'm going to walk away for a minute because . . . because . . . I cannot bear the sight . . . I . . . I have lost my voice amidst all the smoking wreckage. This is the worst thing I've every witnessed!"

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Where Were You On That Day!

Who will not remember, for decades to come, where they were when they heard of this monumental national disaster!

Sodom and Gomorrah are two of five cities of the Plain of Jordan, in the Valley of Siddim, next to the "Salt Sea" area. The lovely mountains surrounded these cities.

These cities were known for their "Bitumen" value (a natural sticky oily product which burns easily and is useful in war) which is commonly found in the shallow southern basin areas.

As many know, it was about two decades ago that the city was sacked, during the "Five to Four-King War." Many thought that this terrible war ended the future of both cities. However, our cities were liberated by a man named "Abram," who entered the battle only because of his favored nephew, later to be one of our town's elected officials, "Lot." (One can only wonder if Lot's uncle is aware of what all has taken place and is again concerned about his nephew.)

No longer will the past memories of these popular party cities be remembered for all they offered those all around the area. Rather the names "Sodom and Gomorrah" will surely become by-words in all societies, throughout history, for an especially wicked place. When some use the words "fire and brimstone," it will more than likely be connected with a supernatural judgement which took a horrific toll on life and property!

Sodom & Gomorrah The Two Cities So Many Came To Enjoy!

If you are a recent settler in the area, you may not grasp how well loved these two cities were throughout the area.

In design, both cities were well fortified and had imposing city gates, with wood and stone towers that flanked the doors. The actual wall around Sodom (similar to that of Gomorrah) enclose an area of approximately 10 acres. The walls were approximately 1.5 cubits wide (23 feet), made out of stone, and fired bricks. All who lived and visited these two cities felt absolutely secure!

AND -- Who can forget . . .
The Cities That Never Sleep!
What Happens In Sodom, Stay In Sodom!
Miracle In The Desert!
Where The Sky's The Limit!
Got It, And Flaunting It!



Entertainment: All entertainment establishments in the area are closed in memory of the many lives lost in this unanticipated and totally unforeseeable disaster. Take time to attend one of the many worship services for the gods of your choice being held throughout the area.

But Where is Mr. Lot?

Questions continue to swirl concerning Mr. Lot & family! He, his wife, and two daughters are the only ones who have the answers to the many questions which are being asked: How was he able to escape? How did he have the time to get his married daughters? Why didn't his sons-in-law escape with them? Did this have something to do with the two strangers that were visiting him? Did they escape as well? What did he know and when did he know it? In his opinion, was this a natural or supernatural disaster? Staff reporters are on their way to the city of Zoar to see if they can locate Judge Lot, his wife, or one of his daughters. Hopefully, they can be located, and they are not hiding out in some cave, avoiding the press, and having to answer the many questions that are still being asked!

Was There A Hebrew Traitor Among Us?

New questions, *unasked* over the years, are now coming to the forefront after the loss of these two great cities of commerce and recreation! Who exactly was this young judge who sat in the city gates, ruling over the affairs of Sodom? Was he ever really one of us, or deep down intolerant of our city's life-styles?

Judge Lot was a Hebrew, of the family of Abram. Years ago, Lot split from his uncle's home, and moved to the Jericho valley area. It wasn't long after that he moved to a home inside Sodom (a sister city of Gomorrah), and then was voted onto the town's ruling body of elders.

Even though he lived in Sodom, he seemed always a little uneasy with our city's values. We all know that Sodom's values are not shared by the Hebrew culture. At times, Judge Lot seemed to go with the flow, and at other times it seemed that his soul was vexed, almost daily, by what took place and was openly acceptable in our fair city.

The night before Sodom was hit by this earth-shaking event, Lot's vexation was again displayed. Two strangers (still unknown to those investigating) had slipped by those tending the city gates, and entered the city. Interestingly, they connected with Lot, and stayed that evening at his home. Once it was learned that these two strangers who had evaded identification by registering at the gates, were staying at Lot's house, a mob developed, demanding they be made known . . . which all too soon developed into slurs, offensive suggestions, and innuendos . . . Nothing good comes of these kinds of mob situations!

This time the question is being *asked*, Did Lot somehow know about the coming destruction through these two men, who had prophetic ability to discern the movements of the gods of nature? Was Judge Lot a Hebrew or a Sodomite? What was his true citizenship? Where were his actual loyalties?

"ASK DR. DIG"

Dear Dr. Dig:

Do you think that S&G will ever be excavated to help determine what exactly happened?

-- Confused in Zeboiim

Dear Confused:

Most believe that neither city will be excavated in the near future. Not only has the whole town been devastated beyond belief, but the area seems to be slowly sinking, and the waters of the Salt Sea are beginning to submerge vast parts of the city and surrounding area. It may be part of another unique excavation project in the future when the city cools off, stops sinking, and the engulfing salt waters do not make it nigh to impossible to access.

Sodom & Gomorrah: The Aftermath!

The Shocking Reality May Be, All Dead! Perhaps One Family Survived!

In the beginning hours and days of this terrible disaster, the facts were uncertain and questioned. However, it has now been confirmed that at least one family survived this horrific disaster, and even that family lost some loved ones!

All reports now indicate that Judge Lot (one of the city elders), along with his wife, and their two lovely daughters, escaped the onslaught of fire and brimstone which wiped out everything in these two grand cities of wealth and commerce! It has been reported that two charred bodies (apparently of their two sons-in-law) were found in their respective homes, but no one understands why they were not able to escape along with their wives and in-laws!

Concurrently, we also received reports concerning a group of five or six people who may have also miraculously escaped Sodom! Reportedly, this group of five or six were seen leaving the city of Sodom, shortly after the disaster hit, heading towards Zoar. We are not sure if that means there were others who survived.

However, as some argue, this group of five or six could not be Judge Lot, his wife, and two daughters. The numbers just do not add up! It is reported that the two men were leading the way and were being rather "rough" or "forceful" with the others -- some reported that they were almost pulling and dragging Judge Lot, his daughters, and maybe his wife (if it was them) out of the city!

There Weren't 50 Good Men In Sodom!

"This Was An Act Of Jehovah, The God Of The Hebrews!"

"We are not surprised that Sodom & Gomorrah were destroyed," said Eliezer, chief representative of Abram (now known as Abraham -- see below). That kind of thinking has also been heard among many of the servants, herders, and buyers/sellers connected to Abram's farming operation. Eliezer himself openly and arrogantly stated . . .

"There aren't 50 good men in the city of Sodom, who are ethical, moral, or godly. Those working in government are all on the take and the average working man has sold his soul to make a prosperous living in that city!"

It was surprising that Judge Lot felt comfortable to not only live in the city, but to be one of the city's leaders since most Hebrews saw the city as one of corruption, injustice, immorality, and dishonesty! Yet, Lot established a comfortable life-style and found it profitable to live and work there. Some would say you could not have dragged Lot out of Sodom, not to mention his wife and family who loved living within the city walls!

Abram's views on the city were far different, and just the day before, he talked to some strangers who apparently were thinking about moving into the area, about these twin cities. Eliezar stated that the morality of the city clearly came up in their discussions, and at times Abram seemed a little too optimistic in his evaluation of the cities, wanting to think the best.

Eliezer repeated what Abram told him about the destruction of these two cities -- ""This was an act of Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, because of their overflowing of wickedness! It should be an example to the nations around, that God's patience can and does run out!"

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Expecting: Abraham ("father of a multitude") -- previously known as Abram ("exalted father"), a wealthy & well-known businessman, along with his wife Sarah, have announced that they are expecting their second son, and have chosen the name Isaac ("laughter").

Abraham is presently ninety-nine years old, his wife Sarah, is ten years younger (89), and their first son, Ishmael, has just turned thirteen!

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Circumcision

"Cutting" = a sign of a covenant?

Abram, one of the most known and wealthy Hebrew leaders in the area, has instituted a new religious practice into his mono-theism, the sign of circumcision.

The entire male population of Abram's household (including Abram, family members & servants) have been circumcised, in order to permanently identify themselves as Hebrews, or followers of Jehovah.

Two or Three Strangers & Abram Seen Watching On Mountains



Abram was reportedly seen overlooking the cities S&G from a high vantage point atop the Hebron mountain area. Several individuals reported that they had passed him there, in the early morning hours, around sunrise, as he was overlooking the cities, along with two or three other strangers who were talking to him -- The questions concerning Abram's role in what has happened continue! -- especially since Mr. Lot was related to Abram, and they were both Hebrews!

SPECIAL EDITION

The front page of this edition will cover the events that have occupied the conversations of many throughout Canaan, all revolving around one of the most influential men and families of the land - Abraham!

Abraham Celebrated Birth Of Second Son @ Age 100!

Abraham has announced the birth of his second son, born and circumcised just weeks ago. He has been given the name "Isaac" (which is another whole story, see below). When Abraham & Sarah announced the birth of a coming son a good number of months ago, many were rather skeptical at best (most considered it a far-fetched & incredulous pipe-dream). However, everyone's mouth has been shut! Everything that was said & believed by Father Abraham and Mother Sarah came to pass just as told!

Abraham is the biological father of another son, Ishmael, through his wife's Egyptian handmaid "Hagar" (which is another whole story). Ishmael is approximately 14 years old, and he is now the half brother to this new baby brother.

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"ISAAC": Add This To The Books

As is true within most nation groups, names given to children are meant to communicate a family's hope, or a trait which is obvious at birth, or one's connection to the family's tribe, or a renown father, or connected to a family's occupation. Well, this is a new one to add to the books, a baby name which is based on what one thought or said when they first learned that the child was on the way!

Abraham & Sarah have named their new baby, "Isaac." They indicated that the choice of that name came from the fact that they both laughed when they realized that Sarah was with child at the age of 90. Their response does fit how most any husband and wife would also react at their age **inconceivable** (no pun intended) **laughter**.

Whether or not this name will ever become popular among the Hebrew population is yet to be seen. It is a rather unusual name, in that when it is translated, it means "Laughter." You can imagine all the things that might be said to a child with such a name (no joke)!

Much Conflict Over Area Wells & Ownership

The value of water along with the difficulty of digging a deep water well have both contributed to the constant strife, repeated legal disputes, and even tribal wars over water wells throughout the land.

There is no success in operating an agricultural or stock farm without an abundant supply of clean water. That has always been a stark reality throughout the land. Unless your farm is located near one of the large bodies of water (such as the Sea of Chinnereth located in the north, or the coastal lands of "The Great Sea") or your farm is located on the steady rolling river Jordan or one of its tributaries, earning a living -- no less surviving -- is not even thinkable!

In recent days, the powerful, wealthy, and uniquely blessed family of Abraham, a virtual stranger at one time who immigrated to our lands from the land of Ur, has had his share of disputes over wells.

Most have not wanted to tangle with such a powerful and preeminent family when it came to such disputed resources ever since the reputation he earned during the "Five-Four King War" -- with only 385 men, from his own ranch, he took out the winning forces! Nevertheless, there are some who are still willing to stir up trouble with this powerful Hebrew leader, over the rights to wells which Abraham either acquired or dug! Abimelech and Phicol were wise enough to come to an agreement in recent days concerning the well at Sheba. Others would be wise to do the same!

**Opinion From The Left: This House Maid Mistreated?**

The birth of a son of full inheritance (Isaac) was as much of a surprise to those throughout the area, as it was to both Hagar & Ishmael. After all these many years of believing that Ishmael would be the sole family son, and thereby the inheritor of all the great wealth of Abraham. Hagar & her son never believed the original announcement that Abraham and Sarah would actually have a son this late in life. As the reality of it all continued to break upon them, they have found themselves completely shocked beyond comprehension! They then realized that Ishmael has been disinherited by this amazing turn of events! To top that, they were then thrown out of the house, into the desert, with meager provisions!

Even though this whole incident could have turned out far uglier than it did, what happened could have resulted in a loss of lives! Hagar stated, "I had given up all hope that we could sustain ourselves any longer. I thought I might make it a few hours, maybe a day, longer than he, and then we would both be dead. I could not bear seeing my son die like this. Death by dehydration is a terrible site I am told!" She tells the story of a miracle that saved their lives. She stated, "I prayed and as I opened up my eyes I saw Ishmael praying. Then suddenly, I looked, and there was a well right in clear sight of where both of us were!"

Fortunately, Hagar and Ishmael saw this well of water, quite by accident. Nevertheless, just because it turned out this way, who would not feel that this was completely mishandled by Abraham & Sarah! There is no reason to believe that a fair and just resolution could not have been arrived at by all parties.

The "HandMaid Union" has been asked to look into the whole matter to see if there are any rights that have been violated by Abraham's actions!

Opinion From The Right: This House Maid Was Not Mistreated?

Reports indicate that the friction between Hagar/Ishmael and Abraham/Sarah grew so intense that Abraham had to throw Hagar AND surely Ishmael out of the home! The terrible situation all came to a head as Ishmael continued to mock the new baby boy. Reports indicate that finally Sarah demanded that they both be "cast out," Sarah fearing that sooner or later it would end in the mysterious death of her natural born son -- another Cain & Abel situation.

Hagar herself was somewhat sympathetic to Abraham's actions. She stated, "I believed Abraham was initially reluctant to ask me & his beloved son of 14 years to leave. However, he told me that after talking to his God about the decision, he believed that Sarah's concerns were right and we must leave."

At the end, it seems to have been the right decision! Hagar and her teenage son found a well of water to meet their needs. "All is well that ends well," No?

Also, Ishmael took up archery and hunting in order to better provide for the family now that they are on their own. This whole situation provided him with a good push for learning how to be self-sustaining. Truthfully, he has been a little spoiled by his father over all these years of abundance and affluence while at home. Ishmael has lived a life of luxury and it really was time for him to get out on his own and learn some useful skills! Sometimes what may seem like a terrible situation is really a blessing in disguise. At the end, the God of Abraham has blessed both mom and son in spite of all the recent, but passing discomforts of life.

We now understand that mom has found a lovely Egyptian wife for her son, from her homeland. They now dwell in the wilderness of Paran. Her prayers are that he grows up to be the father of another great nation!

Abraham's Connection With The Disaster Still Being Questioned!

Abraham, Lot's uncle, is being associated with the cause of this disaster by some voices of the community. So far, no one has been able to connect Abraham directly with the events of this terrible day. However there may be good reason to suspect that he knew, somehow, that he had signs of the coming of this natural disaster. Perhaps he had some prophetic insight to such brimstonian activity.

Some are seeking to point the finger and question what he knew about the coming disaster, and when he knew it. Did he receive some revelation, dream, or vision from his god, since he is known to be a devote follower and servant of a god called Jehovah.

The questions are coming from several sources. Some reports indicate that Abraham watching was standing on the mountains outside of Sodom, strangely present and watching from the mountains overlooking Sodom. Even though as the disaster intensified, there were many watching from the heights around the cities, it is being questioned how Abraham, a man of 99 years, was able to climb the terrain and arrive before many young men. Did he know what was about to happen and was he there long before the actual tragedy hit?

It was also discovered that Abraham was visited by three strangers. Two were believed to be seen walking towards the city. The third stranger was not seen again. Whether these two strangers were in the city at the time of the disaster is unknown.

Some suspicion has come from the fact that Abraham is related to Lot and it seems strange to some that Lot was one of the few who was able to get out in time!

What is also interesting is that only Lot and his daughters escaped the city alive (his wife was said to also have escaped, but her whereabouts are presently unknown). The fact that his sons-in-law died and were not with their wives, has tamped down much of the suspicion that he knew and some are defending Abraham because they remember Abram's sacrificial involvement during the "Four-Five King War when he fought to recover the goods and people of Sodom! It was Abram, along with a small army, attacked and miraculously defeated the coalition, and delivered both Sodom and Gomorrah! The many questions that continue to linger will only be answered over time.

Sodom And Gomorrah Totally Destroyed More Information, As Well As More & More Questions!

Worst Local Disaster To Hit Our Lands!

There have been few disasters that have shaken the people of the area so profoundly as the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Of the thousands of people living in these two cities, only five people were saved alive! There is absolutely nothing left of either city. The reports are that all the businesses and homes were utterly destroyed beyond recognition.

The disaster was heard and felt for miles away. The reports indicate that there was a low roar that developed into a deafening thunder and then it all turned into a violent shaking. A fierce roaring blaze broke out and was seen for miles around. Some have reported that they saw balls of fire, felt deep rumbling tremors, smelled the strong stench of sulphur, and could almost sense the intense heat beyond their ability of explanation or past experience. Others have said that the smoke went up as the smoke of a roaring furnace or massive forest fire.

The disaster was so sudden that early reports indicate that only one family came out alive and even some members of that family died. The reports are also revealing that few inhabitants of the two cities were even in a state of fleeing. The tragedy hit so quickly that all seemed to have died instantly or were trapped in seconds, unable to find any refuge or means of escape.

Sodom and Gomorrah hold a special place among the cities of our area. They are known for their high level of affluence, their fast-paced life, their thriving tourism, and their liberal political and moral attitudes.

However, there have been only a few critics who have been willing to condemn these cities for what has happened to them, pointing to what they claim was their pattern of greed, immorality, vice, prostitution, infidelity, and homosexuality. Surely, some would see like to frighten the general public and characterize this disaster as a judgement from the gods.

Possible Death Of Lot's Wife?

The reports are arriving as to the names of the many individuals who perished in the disaster that struck Sodom and Gomorrah. Many notable people died in the disaster.

Many details are lacking at the present time, but reports indicate that Lot, his two daughters, along with two guests who were staying in Lot's home (a total of five) were the only ones who came through the disaster alive. First reports indicated that Lot's wife came out alive, fleeing along with her family out of the city of Sodom. Nevertheless it is now unclear whether she was killed by the domino of events which were destroying the other inhabitants of the cities. She was seen, for a brief moment, looking back at the burning city, as she escaped. Then suddenly she disappeared and only the remaining four were seen! Whether she took a wrong turn, got separated from her family, or even may have tried to run back to recover a personal possession, is unknown! It may never be explained or understood since the many stories floating around become more and more strange -- some want to immortalize her because of memories of her great love of the city and all it had to offer. It is well known that Lot's wife was a solid citizen of Sodom and thoroughly enjoyed the people and affluence that the city offered.

Judge Lot Saved Alive - An Amazing Story!

One of the few people who came through the terrible disaster which struck Sodom and its sister city, Gomorrah, was Lot. Reliable reports indicate that Lot and his two daughters escaped from the city just as it was raining fire and brimstone.

Along with Lot's two beautiful daughters there were also two unidentified men with him. The reports we have received indicate that they were guests of Lot who were unfortunate enough to be visiting Lot when the fiery holocaust struck.

Lot is related to Abram, a nephew of this well known Hebrew. Abram is known to be one of the most wealthy, powerful Ha-bi-ru (Hebrew) living well outside of these two great cities. Abram & Lot both moved to our area from the land of Ur. Lot's father and mother father are unknown and word has it that he died before

arriving to our land. Apparently, Lot's ties with Abraham were strong and he hooked up his ambitions with his entrepreneurial uncle! Over the past several years, the local gossip indicated that Lot's tie with Abraham was strained and Lot left his uncle's home.

Lot and his family moved to the city several years ago. Just shortly before moving to the city, Lot lived in the plain of Jordan. He chose that area because of its scenic sights and its reputation for providing a lush land for grazing his already large herds of livestock (which he developed while living with his uncle).

Lot said that he always fancied moving into the city limits some day as he and his family became more and more attracted to city life. He pitched his tents towards Sodom to continually remind him of that dream! When the right time came, he made the move and exchanged their life of rural tent living for a beautiful and spacious home in Sodom.

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How ironic (or suspicious) that he is the only one, along with his family, and visiting friends, are the only ones to escape when the city of his dreams becomes a nightmare! Surely, he must regret the day he began thinking about leaving his uncle, and making the move into a city where he barely escaped with his wife & life!



Jacob Ends His Stint With Operating His Uncle's Ranch!

Jacob has been living with his uncle Laban for the past number of years. That is where he both met his first wife and developed his skills at cattle ranching. After approximately 20 years, his family has pulled up stakes and left Haran.

Apparently, it was in the middle of the night that Jacob left, undetected, which in itself was quite a feat since it must have taken much planning! He "snuck out" in the darkness of the night with . . .

- his two wives (Leah & Rachel),
- their eleven sons (born of four different mothers),
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("Family Reunion, Cont'd")

you pretty well got what you wanted. It is true, mom did favor me and I soon realized that my only hope was mom and our strong bond!"

As the interviews went on, both men opened up more and shared what contributed to their decades long separation -- It was first "the stealing of" OR "the disinterest in" the birthright, followed by "the secret misappropriation of" OR "the trickery used to get" their father's blessing (depending on which brother's account is most accurate). Probably both accounts involving the acquiring of the rights of the first-born, and the passing on of the family blessing, have some truth in them. It is a long story, and all the facts are not clear as to what exactly happened. We will try to separate the truth from fiction, and delve into more of the details in our next edition. However, after all that has transpired, Jacob states, "It is time to forgive & forget! I am going to visit Esau in Seir!"

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Jacob Says, "I'm Looking Forward To My Reunion With Esau!?" Exclusive Family Interviews



It seems just like yesterday that Isaac & Rebekah celebrated the birth of their two children. After years of barrenness, Rebekah's prayers were answered with the birth of twin boys. As a twin, Esau was the oldest, and Jacob was the youngest. Though at times mom stated, "It was contested, and that was a precursor of what was to follow! They are fraternal twins, not only different in appearance, but vastly different in personality!" says Rebekah.

Apparently, a lot of personal and family drama led to a day of estrangement. Personality differences, a sense of competition, trickery & deception, favoritism & jealousy, and ultimately a deep anger were all part and parcel of what led up to the separation of these twin boys.

Jacob states that he was a "stay at home" boy who enjoyed helping mom with the daily demands of work around the house -- he enjoyed cooking & cleaning alongside of Rebekah. In fact, some of his own recipes for whole wheat biscuits, lentil soup, and goat stew were published in the most recent edition of "Top Secret Recipes: Flavors Designed To Steal Your Family's Palate."

Esau said, "I was all about the outdoors; I just loved hunting, fishing, chopping wood, backpacking, climbing, camping, & canoeing." He was a life-time member of the NAA (National Archery Association), and headed up the "Hebrew Boy Scouts of Shebah" who were known for their tremendous skills for living off the land for extended periods of time.

In our interviews with the brothers, both Esau and Jacob pointed to the earliest years of family life as the starting point of the rift that finally resulted in their decades of separation. "I realized early in life that mom favored Jacob. I imagine it was because he was such a help around the home, and his smooth & persuasive personality," said Esau. "Jacob & mom were always on the same page." In contrast, Jacob remembers that "It was dad, who seemed to find satisfaction in the fact that Esau was rough & rugged, and an outdoors man who was always bringing home dad's favorite meats from the latest overnight or week long outing. Because dad was the patriarch of the family, if you had dad's favor and blessing,

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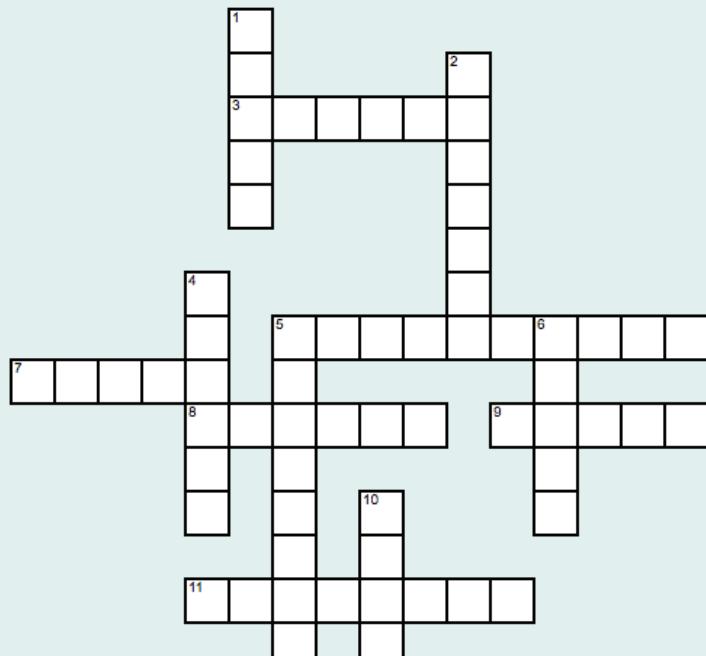
The Birth Of Twins -- by Ted Martens

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Just Maybe The Snooker-er Has Been Snookered! ?

Unknown to Laban, his chief cattleman, longtime business associate, nephew, and son-in-law, Jacob, has left town with an enormous number of animals that Laban claims were the results of a crooked deal. While Laban says that he agreed to the deal, it was only because Jacob had him over a barrel threatening to leave after the birth of their grandson Joseph. That crazy agreement about spotted & speckled cattle, (though he admits he asked that it be revised several times) was to his detriment and Jacob's prosperity!

Laban says, "Now he has left anyway. He left without so much as a farewell." Not even Laban's two lovely daughters stopped by to say good-bye. "It is as if I had bamboozled him all these years, out of his cattle, when in fact he took me," said Laban.



Rachel. Take about being snookered -- to wake up in the morning and find out that the one you married is not the one you worked for over the past seven years. Then having to work another 7 years for the right to marry the one you thought you had married! - ouch!

Now, to top it all off, Laban says that his household gods also came up missing and he believes he knows where they are. Although he can't prove it, he believes he has been snookered again by Jacob!

Laban raced out of the house and drove his animals and servants hard to catch up with Jacob, his daughters, and grandchildren. Even though Jacob has a three day advantage, Jacob was not expecting that Laban would be so driven as to catch up with them. After an intense seven days of hot pursuit, Laban reached the Mt. Gilead area, and was in sight of them and the dusty cloud emerging from their huge caravan.

"When I finally confronted them, I talked and walked very softly because the night before I had a terrible dream about what might happen to me if I were to do anything to them - good or bad!"

Laban finally made himself known, said that he wished they had atleast

stopped by so he could have thrown a going away party, and then asked about the family's household gods. They said they didn't know anything about their disappearance from the house.

"I looked high and low for those household gods. In tents, saddle bags, packed wagons -- just everywhere - but no luck! They said they didn't have them and I couldn't find them! But I know they must have hidden them well, where I could not find them!"

Laban communicated that he believed that it was only right that Jacob, Leah & Rachel, and his grandchildren, stay around the family home, and that the cattle which were Jacob's wages, really belonged to him. Laban says,

"I came to know Jacob quite well, and knew that he would do whatever was in his best interest. He was a tricky person! Therefore I even feared that Jacob might take other wives if there was an advantage in it for him, and my two lovely daughters would be the losers next!"

Laban came to terms with Jacob's leaving, and left the next morning upon kissing his daughters and grandchildren good-bye!

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Have The Chickens Come Home?

It wasn't so long ago that two sons of Jacob BenIsaac were involved in a terrible act of retribution against the Shechemites. There is much debate as to whether their actions were justified in response to the rape of their sister, Dinah, by Prince Shechem. Their subtle plot to incapacitate the men who could defend the city, followed by a premeditated attack on all the inhabitants of the city (as well as the killing of all the livestock), was generally believed to be an overreach by Simeon & Levi BenJacob/Israel. Their actions created a terrible stench, only slightly lessened because their father, Jacob, personally disavowed the level of their revenge. All reports indicate that he was "hot & furious" over the extent of their level of retaliation and that he repudiated their response.

While there is still a lot of ill-will towards these two brothers, many heart felt concerns now go out to Mr. Jacob and the strange and confusing disappearance of his son, Joseph (known for his prominent supervisory skills & position over the other brothers).

In recent days, the family has also experienced some signs of splintering as one of the other brothers has moved out of the family home (Judah, son #4). Some believe that he has taken the disappearance and likely death of his brother personally. Judah has moved in with his old time Adullamite friend, Hirah.

Some Ask, "Could this all be connected in some mysterious or abstruse way? Have the chickens finally come home to . . . "



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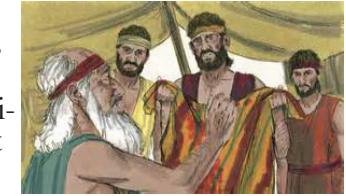


**Still Seeking Help
In Identifying An
Unknown Stranger**

An unidentified individual was seen talking to a young man that fits the description of Joseph BenJacob/Israel, in a grazing field outside of Shechem (where Joseph was initially sent by his father). Authorities are attempting to locate this person of interest. If you saw a person talking to an older teenager in a field in and around Shechem, or if it was you, please contact your local tribal law enforcement agency.

Mysterious Disappearance Of Youngest Son Still Plagues Investigators!

It has been a good number of weeks since the disappearance of Joseph BenJacob's son in the vicinity of Dothan. Only his bloodied garment was recovered -- which was easily recognized only because it was a special & unique coat given to him by his father. However, not a bone of his body or anything else has ever been recovered. Initially, that led to the hope that perhaps he survived an apparent animal attack, and that he found his way to a place of shelter to recover from his wounds.



However, because so much time has passed, almost all hope has faded and one can only assume that Joseph must have met a terrible fate as he fought for his life against some vicious beast. As with others who have been known to die by such an animal, it would have to have been either a lion or a tiger -- both which roam throughout the outlying areas and bush in great abundance!

The brothers' report initially stated that they never saw Joseph in Dothan, yet somehow they found his coat in the middle of a field. Indeed, it is odd that they discovered his coat in the countryside, while not even knowing that he had come to Dothan. They strongly contended that they never knew that Joseph was in the area and that he never showed up at their camp, yet apparently they found his coat near where they were tending their sheep in Dothan.

There are a lot of unanswered questions which will probably never be answered! What was Joseph doing in Dothan since his father sent him to Shechem? What caused him to go to Dothan when he did not find them in Shechem? Did someone tell him that his brothers were in Dothan? If someone did, how did anyone know that Joseph was connected with them? How did Joseph end up so close to, yet so far from, where they were actually tending the family cattle? Who actually found the coat?

The authorities are keeping the case open at the present time since it is incredulous that his coat was found by his brothers, while there were no other signs of a vicious animal attack or a struggle. There were no other articles of clothing retrieved, neither were any common and/or personal weapons recovered. There were no caravan reports of seeing a young man who fit the description of Joseph. Apparently, no one in the area saw or heard anything which would have indicated that a vicious animal attack had taken place.

The oldest of the brothers, Reuben, stated that he was not present with his brothers for a short period of time, and did not have as much information as did his other brothers. Where Reuben was, and how long he was gone, is still unclear.

"Once we discovered Joseph's distinct blood soaked robe, I personally checked out some of the pits in the area where we were grazing our cattle. Every time I walked toward a pit, I hoped and prayed that Joseph was in it and that he was alive. I had a rope in hand if I needed to pull him out or if I needed to lower myself in to help my brother get out."

Benjamin (blood brother to Joseph), along with dad, are still holding out hope, praying that the absence of any other evidence of such a possible attack may well mean that he is still alive. Dad is praying that the blood on the special coat is not that of Joseph, but that of a wounded animal. Mr. Jacob stated . . .

"Joseph must still be alive. Why would he have taken off his coat when attacked? While he may have been forced to abandon the coat to save his life, why was his body not found near the discarded coat? How did his coat end up so close to his brothers, and they did not see him, even from a distance. I sent him to Shechem, what caused him to go to Dothan? I wish I never sent him -- It's my fault . . . If I had sent one of the servants. If Joseph had something else planned for that day and said he could not look for them. If my sons had sent one of the servants back home to say that all was okay and they were going to Dothan. If, when he did not find them in Shechem, he had come back home. If for some reason he apparently found out that his brothers went to the Dothan area. If my sons had found good pasture in Shechem and they stayed there. IF . . . IF . . . IF . . . "

The brothers all gave the same report as to when and where they came across their brother's coat. They stated that they discovered it totally by accident shortly after a brotherly lunch break. Unfortunately, they were apparently so frightened and confused when they found the garment that they all quickly packed up and left for home. They spent no time looking further for Joseph, his body, or other evidence of what could have happened. They may have made a mistake in not searching further, but they say it was because they they all were convinced that surely Joseph was viciously attacked and devoured by the animal. Recently, Judah (the fourth son of Jacob) spoke on behalf of the brothers, saying . . .

"While we could have searched more than we did, I was and am convinced that we would have never found anything more, no matter how long we looked. The amount of blood on the coat really said it all! How the coat came completely off of him during an obvious struggle with a vicious animal, and why there was nothing else found but the coat, we will never know. We wish we could have been there when this terrible attack happened, after all he is our brother! Perhaps, one day someone who knows more about what happened will show up and fill in the missing pieces of what took place. Joseph will always be remembered by us as one who had great dreams for the future, and who was a loved and obedient son of his father. While there was always a lot of family competition, we all loved him. However, it is regrettably clear to all of us, he is gone and we, along with dad, just need to accept that reality."

If the disappearance and very probable death of Joseph continues to remain unsolved, it will probably go down as one of those "cold cases." Perhaps one day it will be reopened and years from now, who knows, it maybe even solved!

**COLD
CASE
studies**

"I Have A Dream"

A very interesting detail has come to light in recent days concerning the mysterious case surrounding Joseph BenJacob/Israel. Apparently Joseph shared two remarkable dreams with his brothers and parents concerning his future. Could it be that the dreams forebode the details of this mystifying case? Perhaps, the original interpretation of his two dreams were completely mistaken. Instead of portending what he believed to be his rise to a position of prominence over his family members, the dreams somehow spoke of this tragic animal attack and even his possible death. The authorities in charge of the investigation are employing various soothsayers and psychics for alternate interpretations of his two dreams.



The Background Story
Exclusive Interview with Chief Justice Potiphar

"Joe Jacobsen," (as he identifies himself) arrived in Egypt just a short time ago. He was one among many individuals - free & slave - who arrived along with one of the regularly arriving caravans. Chief Potiphar stated . . .

"He was one of a number of slaves that this particular Ishmaelite caravan was selling. Apparently he originally lived in Canaan, since the Ishmaelite leader indicated that this slave was purchased from the area known as Dothan."

Initially, Officer Potiphar just had a hunch that he would be a good addition to his household staff. Potiphar remembers the day when he first laid eyes on this Hebrew slave. . .

"Perhaps it was his goodly appearance, or the fact that his hands, feet, and face did not seem to be worn by the vigors of hard labor; he appeared to have held the position of a supervisor or foreman! I needed a man with that kind of experience and just felt moved inside my spirit to buy him that day."

Initially, Officer Potiphar, as well as the household crew, all thought that he had made an excellent choice . . .

"I quickly realized that I had made a great decision and purchase, as Joseph quickly came to learn our language, as I saw his servant attitude, and as I saw him work with others! In no time, he was running the whole household, as effectively and efficiently as it has ever been run - before and since. It was obviously to all that his skills and insight only increased our profits & household financials."

Joe was assigned to the highest position of the personal household servant of Potiphar. There is little disagreement that Joe made a significant contribution to Potiphar's household. It was as if there was a new god watching over and blessing this new employee. Mrs. Potiphar was equally impressed by him, and often commented to her husband, as well as her closest friends, that she liked having Joe around and accomplishing so much inside and outside their personal residence!

However, that was all about to change when this Hebrew slave took advantage of his popularity, position, and power within the household.

Harsh Working Conditions
Unveiled At Palace

Next issue, we will begin doing an exposé' of the difficult working conditions for those working at the King's Palace. Because of the prevailing attitudes of Egyptian Pharaohs, who are publicly attributed a level of regard almost equal to the gods, those who work at the King's Palace face the constant threat of prison or death if they make an error in judgement or ineptness!

Read next week's issue which will reveal some of the past and present dangers & difficulties of palace work!

In The Courts: Mistakes are made, but that should not happen when it comes to the highest levels of service in the King's Palace. Our Great & Honorable Pharaoh rightfully expects his palace officers to demonstrate the highest level of expertise & ability. The Egyptian courts have demonstrated that they are fully behind holding the palace's chief officers to the strictest standards of performance!

Slave Charged By Chief Officer Of Federal Justice Department of Corrections!

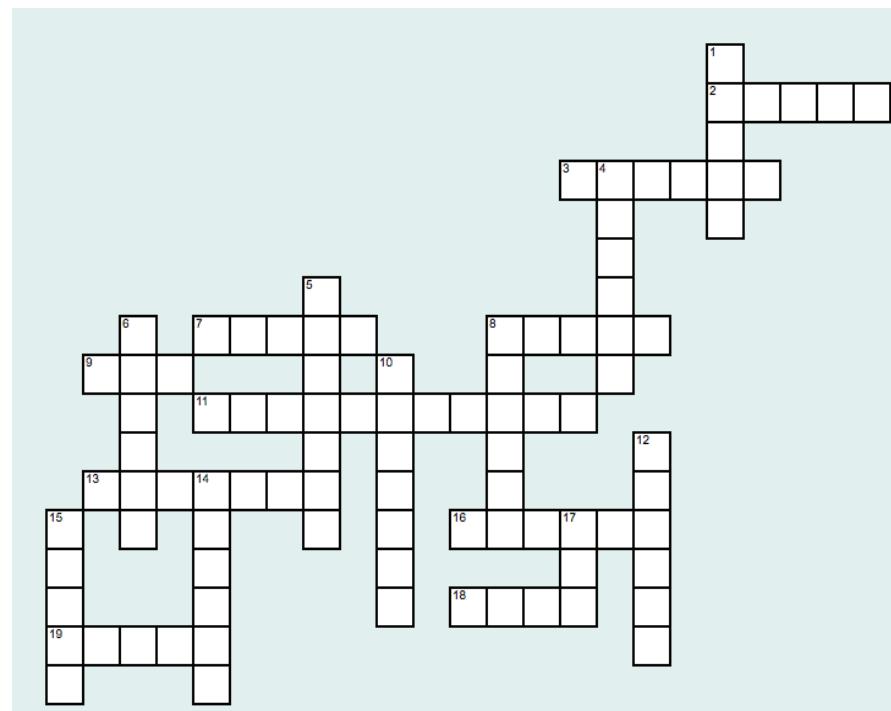
Potiphar's Wife

**In A Swift & Sudden Move,
Trusted Hebrew Slave Is Jailed Overnight!**

One of the most prominent officers of the Pharaoh's Department of Justice, Captain Potiphar has had one of his most highly trusted household administrators arrested & jailed! The charge is attempted criminal violation against Potiphar's very own wife.

Upon arriving home, Potiphar's wife was found uncontrollably crying and weeping. Chief Officer Potiphar was able to calm her down enough to tell him what happened. She finally was able to speak calmly and clearly enough to tell her husband that the Hebrew slave, that her husband brought into their personal residence, had attempted to push himself on her. She stated that this was not the first time he had made passes towards her, it happened day after day, but she just ignored him. However, she stated that today ignoring him did not work, "He took off his robe, grabbed me, and . . . and . . . well, I screamed, then he ran out of the house."

Mrs. Potiphar had the proof in hand, the Hebrew slave's robe, which she immediately showed her husband (not that there was any need for such proof, said Officer Potiphar). "I immediately had him arrested, and thrown into the King's Prison." Some of our readers may not know, but that is the prison over which Potiphar himself is in charge. The slave was jailed there, instead of being thrown into the common prison, since his actions were committed against a federal official serving King Pharaoh!

Joe Jacobsen**Across**

- 2 Vicious animals
- 3 Where Potiphar threw Joseph
- 7 Suggested selling Joseph to Ishmaelites
- 8 One of two prisoners in jail with Joseph
- 9 What Joseph's brothers threw him into
- 11 A company of these composing the caravan
- 13 Potiphar's position
- 16 Joseph had two of these
- 18 False charge against Joseph
- 19 Where Joseph was carried by the caravan

Down

- 1 What Joseph's coat was dipped in
- 4 Oldest brother
- 5 Left it behind and fled
- 6 Where the caravan was coming from
- 8 One of two prisoners in jail with Joseph
- 10 Judah suggested this when he saw the caravan
- 12 Hated by his brothers
- 14 The number of pieces of silver they sold Joseph for
- 15 What was not in the pit
- 17 What Joseph's brothers did while Joseph was in the pit

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**Attorney Discloses
The Defense's Argument**

Joe Jacobsen's attorney stated that Joe is innocent of any and all charges. His client, who is presently in the King's Prison, apparently claims that he has always felt the weight of responsibility given to him, as the chief household servant, put in charge of all that Officer Potiphar had. That sense of responsibility, along with his own personal belief in his Jehovah God, who commands personal ethical and moral integrity, has always guided him!

There is little chance that Joe will even get to argue his case. His only hope is that some strange turn of events results in his release, and that he is allowed to work in a far lower place of "service." If that ever happens, it will be a far less delightful & accomodating place of service compared to what he had at the Potiphar household.

What We Know About The Background Of Joe Jacobsen!

- Nationality: A Habiru (Hebrew)
- Follower of the god "Jehovah"
- Originally lived in Canaan
- Father's Name: Jacob or Israel (There is confusion as to his father's actual birth name)
- Father was married four times (it may be that dad had four wives - very unclear)
- He comes from an extremely large family of 12 sons
- The four oldest sons (Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah) came from dad's first wife.
- Joe's mother was "Rachel," sister to Leah
- Joe is second from the youngest
- He has only one blood brother, named Benjamin Jacobsen - the youngest of the brothers
- Apparently was very close to his father
- Unaccustomed to hard manual labor
- Comes from a difficult home situation involving a blended family
- Joe's mother is now deceased
- Has had a reputation as an individual with a servant's spirit
- Was considered narrow in his moral persuasion (up to now!)
- Attractive & very handsome (which may be what finally did him in)
- Known to have administrative skills
- Also known for being very successful in any and all endeavors while in Egypt - everything he touched seemed to turn to gold
- Was looking forward to someday acquiring a high position within his family (doesn't look like that is ever going to happen!)

- "A Dreamer" -- Very (unrealistically) optimistic in his personal outlook on life & concerning the future
- A self-proclaimed "Interpreter Of Dreams"



Family Picture Found In Joe Jacobsen's Baggage

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Soothsayers Union Objects To Unreasonable Demands

The Astrologers, Wisemen, & Soothsayer Unions have joined forces and filed a complaint in the Supreme Court of Egypt, in response to the unreasonable demand that they be able to interpret dreams and visions without error, else face a loss of employment, banishment, or even death. Such a demand (Cont'd on page 7)

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Entertainment: A new episode of "Investigation Discovery" will be presented tonight at the main amphitheater. It will again be hosted by Retired Officer Joe Kendramose, famous for breaking the "Egyptian Zodiac Killer" cold-case.



Preliminary Hearing Moves Forward For Suspects

The Vice-Regent himself conducted the preliminary hearing of the 10 brothers charged with spying out the land of Egypt. As soon as the accused spies entered the palace court they respectfully or fearfully fell down before Prince Zaphanath who was dressed in full official Egyptian state attire.

The apparent spokesmen of these accused criminals seems to have been the two oldest, named Reuben & Judah. As with all criminals, they vehemently maintained their innocence. The two brothers made it clear that they were ten of twelve sons, from the family of Jacob BenIsaac. Upon investigation, they stated that only eleven of the sons are still alive. They indicated that one of their brothers, named "Joe" had died and that their youngest brother was yet with their father.

Some court officers have suggested that Prince Zaphanath wisely beguiled the spies by conducting the entire examination using an Egyptian translator. However, little did the brothers realize that he was able to fully understand their private conversations which were spoken in the Hebrew tongue (Our Vice-Regent is Hebrew by birth and speaks and knows the Hebrew language fluently).

At one point, the court interpreter indicated to the officers that there was an apparent argument between the brothers which had something to do with actions they had engaged in years ago involving a slave who was sent down to Egypt. The details of that argument are still very unclear to the officers who were watching & listening. Our Vice-Regent allowed them to proceed as they talked about some previous family incident. Midst the argument some of the brothers were overheard saying that they told them not to do it -- whatever "it" was! Although the Prince Zaphanath did not betray that he knew what they were saying, and acted disinterested and distracted, he was clearly listening to & following what they were talking about. Apparently, he allowed the family discussion to continue because he was looking for some other clues as to who these men were in fact.

When the brothers would bring up their father and youngest brother, Zaphanath interrogated them further and asked twenty more questions. An unusual interest was shown in the existence of both their youngest brother, and their aged father during the questioning (what was his age and was he in good health). Perhaps, Zaphanath was considering the possibility of having their father come to Egypt with that son in order to prove if they really were who they said they were.

However, throughout the interrogation Zaphanath continually concluded that they were spies! Some of the palace officers, who spoke off the record stated...

"Initially many of us were not convinced that these men were spies. In fact, we wondered why such a charge was brought against these men so vehemently, with little support from their actions around town or the existence of any evidence. However, we finally saw what our wise Vice-Regent saw, something was strange about these so called brothers. I say "so called brothers" because they did not look like brothers. They were very different in appearance. Soon they also realized that the story about being brothers wasn't going to hold water and put forth the story that they were the children of one father, but different mothers. And then we became more suspicious when the brothers were visibly nervous and even began stammering as they talked about their family and their deceased brother Joe. Whether they even had a brother named Joe, or another younger brother named Ben, was clearly called into question during the interrogation!"

Prince Zaphanath's decision was to retain these 10 men for three days to see if any other evidence or wrong-doing was



Vice Regent Proves Gifted By His God!

Zaphanath's Planning Is "Right On Target"!

Zaphanath-Paneah shows himself truly a remarkable person as the seven years of famine approach the two year mark. His predictions have hit the Egyptian regions with precision. Reports are coming in from all over the world of failed crops and the inability to plant and harvest in time caused by violent weather patterns.

If was just over nine years ago that our Vice-Regent, an unknown Hebrew servant from the household of Potiphar, was taken from the depths of the king's prison on the charge of attempted rape. After the failed attempts of the court soothsayers in interpreting the Pharaoh's dream, one of the Pharaoh's servants suggested the bizarre, but successful, idea of seeking the aid of this slave who was now serving as warden of the prison.

The details of the dream are known throughout the kingdom — seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. Zaphanath not only was able to cut to the quick and interpret the Pharaoh's dream, but was able to suggest a plan of action to deal with this coming famine.

The Pharaoh knew that he must appoint a Vice-Regent who could control all of the kingdom's resources for the next seven years of abundance. Such an awesome task required a full-time appointment & position. Although many of the officers hoped that the Pharaoh's would direct his favor towards one of them, to assume the high position of Vice-Regent, somehow the Pharaoh's eyes remained fixed on Zaphanath. The appointment just flowed out of his mouth with all ease, "You will be in charge of all!" Although many doubted the abilities of this Hebrew to accurately divine the King's dream, he has been thoroughly vindicated as we move into the end of this seventh year of incredible harvest!

Brothers Claim

"It's All A Terrible Mistake!"

Ten alleged brothers were placed under arrest shortly after they arrived. It was the Vice-Regent, Zaphanath, who first spotted them among the buyers! He says that he was suspicious because "no such large number of people travel together, with only a hope of receiving food relief, during a famine. I knew that this was their first trip to Egypt, since I've never seen them before and all relief goes through my hands first." Some have even suggested that the supernatural powers of interpretation and divining of Zaphanath account for his immediate suspicions.

Whatever the cause, our wise Vice-Regent suspicions, he believed that their purported trip into Egypt for food was a cover for spying out our rich gain blessed lands. With absolutely no hesitation, consultation, or delay Zaphanath acted on his suspicions and had the ten quickly arrested by palace police.

Through their attorney, they claim that "it is all just a terrible mistake." The only reason they came to Egypt was because they were sent by their father. They do not know why they caught his attention midst all the vast crowds which pack the streets, arriving an leaving day after day, in the capital city. "I do not understand why our honorable prince has been so quick to single them out and claim that they were spies! There must be some more information I will come to find out as the situation progresses," says their attorney.

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discovered, one of the brothers could returned home to fetch this other youngest brother.

The Vice-Regent made it abundantly clear that they should not even think about returning without their brother Ben. If they return without this alleged brother in hand, they are fools since that point was made over and over.

The hearing was adjourned, Prince Zaphanath quickly departed from the room to his personal residence!



Who's Who Among The Hebrew Suspects?

The claim of the ten spies is that Jacob, the Hebrew of Canaan, is their father. They have indicated that they are step brothers. Jacob's wife Rachel, died during birthing their last brother, and Leah is Jacob's present wife. Bildad and Zilpah are handmaids of Jacob.

The following details have been released by the Palace Spokesman. A court officer, the chief criminal profiler in the capital city, who has interviewed them has also provided some information on his personal perceptions of these brothers

- Reuben - Age 50 - Eldest son by Leah - Very Emotional & Unstable Makeup - The voice of reason among the brothers.
- Simeon - Age 49 - Leah's second son - Quick Tempered - Very close to his brother Levi
- Levi - Age 48 - Leah's third son - Equally Quick Tempered - Known for his violent assault on Shechem
- Judah - Age 46 - Leah's fourth son - Strong In Mind & Body - Carries a lot of influence in the family and very pragmatic
- Issachar - Age 41 - Leah's fifth son - Studious and Academic - Known for his business sense but unmotivated
- Zebulon - Age 39 - Leah's sixth son - Very Business Minded - Very quiet among the brothers
- Dan - Age 46 - Born of Bildah - Very secretive and sly.
- Naphtali - Age 45 - Bildah's second son - Free Spirited and Poetic - Very quiet and hard to know
- Gad - Age 45 - Zilpah's first son - Hot Blooded - Known as a tough man to beat at the end
- Asher - Age 44 - Zilpah's second son - Easy Going - The most successful of the brother and a lover of affluence



Vigilance: Group Of Ethiopian Men Caught Red-Handed

"Constant vigilance" are the words which mark the distribution of grain to nations surrounding Egypt! The Vice-Regent has put into place a procedure for distribution of all grain which requires that any and all individuals or groups of travellers seeking grain be channeled personally through him first. Without this policy in place, the program of storage & distribution could be easily mismanaged, or worse yet, corrupted by greedy bureaucratic government staffers.

It was this very policy that lead to the arrest of a band of Ishmaelites. Prince Zaphanath, who both speaks to all applicants seeking grain & approves their requests,

noticed that this group was rather large and travelled with no accompanying servants. It aroused his suspicions and he had them shadowed. Finally, they were stopped in the desert, outside the city, and found to be in possession of 350 bags of grain, while their official papers only indicated that 220 sacks had been released to them from the king's grainery. Other interesting items were also found hidden in the bags which may lead to additional charges. They were immediately returned to the capital for a court hearing, and probable imprisonment.

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