

This week in **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** we enter the book of JUDGES. The history contained in this book should never have happened. God had given Israel so much but still they repeatedly turned their backs on Him.

Despite all the conquests which had been made, there were still pockets of Canaanites in 9 of the 12 tribes living in the land to the west of the Jordan River. This was contrary to God's command to drive out all of the inhabitants.

The danger of an incomplete conquest is the lingering presence of pagan influence. As long as the Canaanites remain, the Israelites will inevitably intermarry with them, and, just as inevitably, turn to worship their pagan gods.

Failure to drive out the inhabitants may indicate not only a weak faith on the part of Israel but also a fascination with the pagan culture all around them. Whatever the reason for their failure, God considers it a breach of covenant and knows that widespread idolatry is soon to follow, which it does.

Spiritually, there is still a great lesson for a new generation of Israelites to learn – namely, that with obedience comes prosperity; with disobedience, comes adversity. The passing of the old generation leaves a vacuum of any deep-down dedication to God or His laws.

The older generation had failed to properly teach the new generation (DEUT 6) about God. From this point forward, Israel heads into both spiritual and political decline.

As Israel begins to evolve into a more agricultural society, the Israelites will become increasingly attracted to the worship of Baal, who the Canaanites say controls fertility and crops. A strong spirit of compromise leads to intermarriage, idolatry, and immorality, especially with the prostitute worship connected with Baal. The cycle of SIN which leads to OPPRESSION, which leads to REPENTANCE & PRAYER, which leads to God raising up a deliverer called a JUDGE, which results in PEACE for a time but then SIN creeps back in. The cycle is repeated over and over. For us today we must learn from their mistakes so we don't make the same mistakes.

Don't forget the additional opportunity for worship, Bible study, and fellowship with our new WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY CLASS. The class meets at 10 AM starting this Wednesday in the big classroom (#118). The outside door near this class will be unlocked. Those who choose to, the class will go out to an area restaurant for food and fellowship following the worship devo and class. This class is especially good for those who might have difficulty driving at night.

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!



~Michael Cox

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10:15 AM Order of Worship
 Welcome.....John Tolleson
 Song Leader.....Alex Columas
B#856 - "Holy Is the Lord"
B#515 - "On Zion's Glorious Summit"
 Prayer.....Festus Ugbade
B#95 - "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"
B#621 - "Ten Thousand Angels"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
 Nathan Bonde / Tim Wiemer

B#523 - "Our God, He Is Alive"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
 Sermon.....Josh Romo

God in Our Image 3
Romans 1:21-23

B#714 - "Trust and Obey"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Danny Griffith

6:00 PM Order of Worship
 Welcome.....John Tolleson
 Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston
R#8 - "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"
R#762 - "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"
 Prayer.....Bryce Ellis
SC - "How Deep the Father's Love"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
 Nathan Bonde / Tim Wiemer

R#641 - "The Ninety and Nine"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
 Sermon.....Josh Romo

Moses: Tabernacle Builder
Exodus 25:8

B#674 - "There's a Great Day Coming"
R#412 - "Jesus, Hold My Hand"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Danny Griffith

9AM Adult Bible Classes:

Auditorium
 Michael Cox

Room#118
 Old Testament History
 -Andy McCormick

Room#112/Library
 First Principles
 -Danny Griffith

MPB-1st floor
 Young Professionals
 - Tim Togami

Children's 9AM BIBLE CLASSES:

MPB-2nd floor:
 9th - 12th
 Josh Romo

Room#113: 5th -8th
 Mark Livingston

Room#114: 1st -4th
 Lisa Cox

Room#108: 4yrs -K
 Martha Dean

Room#107: 3yrs
 Christie Landrum

Room#104: 1-2 yrs
 Barbara Wells
 Autumn Wells
 Kim Nickolson

Room#106: 3-18 mo.
 Cradle Roll
 Vicki Cole

June 14-20



July 5-11

August 2-8

Our Record: 3/22/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....114
 10:15 AM Worship.....215
 PM Worship.....105
 Wednesday Bible Class.....77
 Contribution.....\$7,892.38

MARCH ELDERS / DEACONS
 DANNY GRIFFITH / LESSEL COLLIER

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
 Angie Drennon & Kim Nickolson

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Welcomes You!

Whoever dwells in the shelter
 of the Most High will rest
 in the shadow of the Almighty.
 I will say of the Lord,

*"He is my refuge
 & my fortress, my God,
 in whom I trust."*

PSALMS 91:1-2



IS THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE CHRIST'S CHOICE?

In the years following the establishment of the church in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), many gradually departed from the original teaching of Christ and His apostles, thus fulfilling the prophecy of the apostle Paul (2 Thessalonians 2:1-10; 1 Timothy 4:1-3). Sincere men at various times tried vain

ly to lead their fellowmen back to the right way by seeking TO REFORM THE ABUSES that grew out of this departure. Their efforts, however, led only to the formation of the different religious bodies, each one guided by its own distinctive creed, and to the popular expression, "Join the church of your choice." Christians throughout the world in this twenty-first century, as their brethren have done in centuries past, continue to plead for a complete RESTORATION of Christianity as taught by the apostles under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit. They advocate the elimination of all human creeds and the restoration of the word of God alone as a complete and adequate rule of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16,17). THEY CALL FOR A RECOGNITION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH-- CHRIST'S CHOICE!

Once the word of God is restored to its rightful place in men's hearts, certain conclusions inevitably follow. Unity in the religious world is to be achieved not by compromise around the compromise table, but through obedience to the word of God. The organization, worship, and teaching of the church of Christ is to be determined not by traditions of men or by the legislation of men in synods and councils, but by the "apostles' teaching" in the New Testament (Acts 2:42; Galatians 1:6-9). Conduct in daily life is to be measured not by the teaching and example of medieval mystics, but by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. Every individual not only has the right, but the God-given responsibility to study the Scriptures and to follow them TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHER RELIGIOUS GUIDES (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16,17). When the word of God is sown as "seed" (Luke 8:11) in the hearts of men, it will produce the same fruit today that it did in the first century. It produced Christians then; it will produce Christians now (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). ~From LemmonsAid~

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UPCOMING EVENTS (see LightPost for details)!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- ◆ **JR. YOUTH/TEENS' DEVO** ●5:30PM●MPB
- ◆ **ALL LADIES PLEASE GO TO MPB FOR BIBLE CLASS IN SUPPORT OF L2L GIRLS** ●7:15PM ●*Please have ALL L2L Photos/Art work to MPB before 7PM*
- ◆ **DESSERT FELLOWSHIP AFTER BIBLE CLASS** ●8PM●MPB●Please bring Cookies/Desserts to Share!

FRIDAY, APRIL 3-SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- ◆ **L2L LITTLE ROCK** ●8AM-10PM●LR Marriott, 3 Statehouse Plaza

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- ◆ **TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON** ●11:30AM●TBD

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

- ◆ **SENIOR MOMENTS: FELLOWSHIP & GAME DAY** ●1-5PM●MPB ●Bring Favorite Games & Snacks!

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- ◆ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** ●11:30AM●Bring your lunch

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- ◆ **JR. YOUTH/TEENS' DEVO** ●5:30PM●MPB

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- ◆ **JR. YOUTH/TEEN PARENT HOSTED DEVO @McCORMICK'S HOUSE** ●5PM●~116 RIVER OAKS DR

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- ◆ **FELLOWSHIP BBQ-POT LUCK & COUPLE'S SHOWER IN HONOR OF CALI WELLS & IAN GOODWIN** ●12PM●MPB●Registered @Amazon ●Colors: Dark Green & Cream●*Please bring Hawaiian Rolls, Potato salad, Mac-n-Cheese, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Desserts, & Drinks*

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- ◆ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION** ●11:30AM●Bring your lunch

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

⇒ **Henry Cook**, his cousin, **Jean Baker** passed away on Saturday, March 21. She was his late wife's best friend & a close friend (& cousin) to Henry since childhood

MEMBERS

Phyllis Allen●Charlie Burns●Bob Garner
Billie Gregory●Jean Kazimier
Bob Johnston●Walton/Elaine Kyle
Christie Landrum●**Carla March**
Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall●Glenda Pannell
Karen Pate●Leslie Pate●Stuart Reeves
Freddie Sharpe●Neva Tharp

- ◆ Dale, Craig –Shingles
- ◆ Gregory, Billie –in room 105 at CHI/ ENCOMPASS. Hospital's preferred visiting hours are 4-8 pm.
- ◆ Hannah, Maxine - Health
- ◆ **Kissire, Pat –Scheduled for medical procedure on Monday, 4/6**
- ◆ **Pannell, Glenda –Recovering at home now after upper & lower GI & iron infusion**
- ◆ **Pipkins, Sharion –Home now**
- ◆ Reding, Barbara –Lung cancer
- ◆ Schuler, Malissa –Shingles
- ◆ Woeppel, Linda - Will be in respite care until 3/31 & then back to her home 4/1

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer●Mike/Shirley Baka
Henry Cook●Pauline Crenshaw
LaVonne Depew●Ola Freibolt
Debbie Frenzel●Marcelle Green
Lorene Mount●Charles/Virginia Parker
David Pendleberry●Wes Poole
Barbara Reding●Pat Richens
Judy Walters●Linda Woeppel

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Edwards, Eric (Navy) aboard USS New Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Meridian, MS
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * *Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now*
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- John/Debbie Dubach●Jim Haught●Gloria Miller
Don Rutherford●John Smith●Bob Troutman
Austin Ugbade●Harrel Walters●Kay Ward
- ◆ Baby Cameron (Alvena Jones great-nephew) Still on oxygen
 - ◆ Hemphill, Linda (shared by Autumn Wells) friend's grandmother involved in serious farm accident. Currently on ventilator w/ chest tubes & multiple broken bones
 - ◆ Seals, Dr. Sharon (K.Grisham's friend) prayers for her dad, Dr. John Gowney

BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker●June Beach●JL Bice
Jim Blagg●Nona Barton●Sherry Daniel
Denise Drennan●Ella Fisher●Sheree Gallagher
Jerry Harris●Jack Haywood●Terry Horne
Kirsten James●Jeff Janus●Sandy Land
Brenda Lavender●Daryl Macon●Phyllis Madlen
Delorious Tolleson●Bettie Lou White
Dennis White●Frankie White

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ **Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam**
- ❖ **Nigeria -Chad Wagner**
- ❖ **Pacific Islands -Randy English**