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Pastor Mike Hagan

As September opens we will start a new series on “Elijah and Elisha” in the morning worship services and “Archaeology and the Bible” in Discipleship U in the evenings. We can read 1 Kings 17-2 Kings 13 for the prophets so let me reflect on the D-U subject for this fall.

Archaeology is the study of material antiquity. It usually requires excavation of known habitation sites. The garbage of the past reveals how many times a site was inhabited, what structures and objects were utilized, what was eaten, how communication took place (inscriptions, tablets, writings), and how the peoples defended themselves (or not).

The recovered materials are silent in themselves. We must interpret what we find. When bronze implements give way to iron ones, we conclude someone came up with a way to smelt a harder and stronger metal. Pots were constructed in different ways at different times. Weapons varied. Houses developed from mud brick to worked-stone, from 2 room structures to 3 rooms, 1 story to 2. Foreign influence entered into the scene. Why and how must be hypothesized. Invasion ended habitations, but after a time another people built on the same place with indications of a different culture than before. What happened? We have to try to make sense of it all.

The Bible grew out of an ancient time. We must interpret it, too. A lot of things appear different than our modern time and we are helped by the discoveries of archaeology from Mesopotamia, Canaan, Palestine, Egypt, Greece, and Rome, all spread out over a couple of thousand years and now buried for a couple of thousand years more. It is not as easy as we might want.

Too often biblical interpreters look for archaeological proofs that validate the Bible. Seldom does that happen. We have found that the names of Abraham and Jacob occur in tablets found in the early 2nd millennium (and not the 1st millennium), but the names do not confirm the biblical persons, just the common use of the names. Recently, an Aramaic inscription uncovered at Tel Dan in northern Israel from the 9th century referenced King David. It is the first time such a specific mention has been found. Even then, the reference could mean “beloved king” and not our specific King David, especially since it comes from a 100 years after the biblical king.

On the other hand, excavation of NT Jericho reveals the road up to Jerusalem went through the town, but the town was shaped like the letter “C.” One gospel says Jesus healed a man while leaving Jericho while another gospel says he healed the man when entering Jericho. If he healed the man next to the road in the middle of the “C” he did so while leaving *and* entering. Interesting.

That is our goal for the series in D-U: to attempt to illuminate some passages in the Bible by contributions from archaeology. Some refer to the Land as the 5th gospel for it shows the context in which our Bible unfolds. To understand some of it helps the Bible come alive.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 2 Edward Kruse
3 Jeffery Wagenaar
Merlyn Winter
4 Harold Schneiderman
Dennis Schrick
7 Ronda Arends
Trevor Doeden
8 Florence Eben
9 Sarah Jurrens
Tiffany Middleton
11 Annamarie Garcia
12 Rachel Thompson
13 Emily Hanenburg
14 Carolyn Wagenaar
15 Linda Christians
17 Josh Doorenbos
21 Charlie Johnson
23 Dawson DeBoer
Jeremy Eben
Lynelle Winter
24 Jo Block
25 Jacey Eben
Brandi Middendorp
27 Dean Shelly
28 Ashley DeBoer
Jessica DeBoer
Kevin Wagenaar
29 Kelly Doeden
Brandon Kramer
30 Nathan Schrick

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



September 2 Austin and Shelby Hayenga
9 Greg and Sharon DeBoer
10 Gerald and Alyssa den Hoed
24 Bob and Rhonda Kruse



CHRISTIAN HOUR CIRCLE INVITES YOU TO...

Family Fun Gathering ~ Sunday, September 9 ~ 11:15 a.m.

Please bring family and friends!



Pizza will be served.
Please bring your favorite game.

AWANA (6:30-8:00 P.M.)

Awana shirts need to be worn every club night!



Wednesday, August 29 (6:30-7:30 P.M.)

Kick-Off / Registration

Bring dad and mom and get registered.

Wednesday, September 5

Plunge Night

Wear your goggles, swimsuit, or bring a towel.

Wednesday, September 12

Sparks - Friend Night

Be a friend. Bring a friend.

T&T / Trek - Positively Purple Night

Break out the purple and wear it proudly.

Wednesday, September 19

Vacation Night

Bring something that you would take on vacation.

Wednesday, September 26

Flip-Flop Night

Wear flip-flops while you still can.

THANK YOU

We just want to give a big shout out of thanks for the group that came over to help unload our food truck. It was awesome of you to do that as your help was greatly appreciated.

Blessings!

Atlas of Lyon County (and especially Vicki)

Thank you, First Baptist Church, for being a part of my Christian background. Thank you for the Bible that was given to me for my high school graduation. Thank you to those on the Christian Education Board for hosting the graduation breakfast. Everything is very appreciated.

~Aaron Hayenga

Many thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I received from the church following my recent hospital stay. Also thanks to Donna DeBoer, Judy Eben and Lynette Wagenaar for going with me and Gayle to the hospital and watching over me. I have been truly blessed by my family and church family.

In Christ's love,

Carolyn Wagenaar

First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the willow tree figure you gave as a gift when our daughter Charlotte was born. We truly appreciate it. Thank you!

~ Bryan & Rachel Kramer

SCHEDULES

GREETERS



Sunday, September 2

Keith and Terrilyn Arends

Sunday, September 9

Henry and Joan Boneschans

Sunday, September 16

Brandon and Katie DeBoer

Sunday, September 23

Doug and Donna DeBoer

Sunday, September 30

Gary DeBoer/ Kory & Dawn Hayenga

NURSERY WORKERS



Sunday, September 2

Barbie

Sunday, September 9

Donna

Sunday, September 16

Terresa

Sunday, September 23

Lynette

Sunday, September 30

Jolene

September 30th will be my last Sunday doing Children's Story. After 15 years, I have difficulty coming up with a story for Sunday and Wednesday. I appreciate the time that I got to spend with your children and grandchildren. I really enjoyed the conversations and interaction with the kids. I hope that someone will be able to continue with this ministry. ~Kevin



Harlan and Patricia Moss

Harlan Moss is the Chaplain at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. He is involved in prison ministry that includes visiting and leading Bible studies with people in area prisons. In reviewing the last few letters that Harlan sent, he has revealed many changes in several inmates. It is very enlightening to hear the stories of how God works wonders with healing those that need it. One example is Don needing surgery and during a meeting with Harlan, selected a Bible verse from a cup. Jeremiah 30:17, "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds" was the verse selected for the first time ever. Don's surgery went very well and there was no cancer. Don was excited to tell Harlan how God was blessing him. Harlan has had the opportunity to lead many of the inmates in Bible studies and there are those that are very interested in furthering their studies and receiving Christ as their Savior. Just lately a young man returned to prison and said it was vital that Harlan see him. He was very distraught that he was back in prison. Harlan shared Proverbs 28:26, "He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered." When our heart is not right with God we will make wrong choices. The young man admitted he had been living by his feelings but reminded that each day is a new day to start over. Continue to pray for Harlan as he witnesses to the inmates and their hearts will be open and receptive to God's word. Please check out the bulletin board next to the Church doors for the latest newsletters from the missionaries we support.

~Mission Board