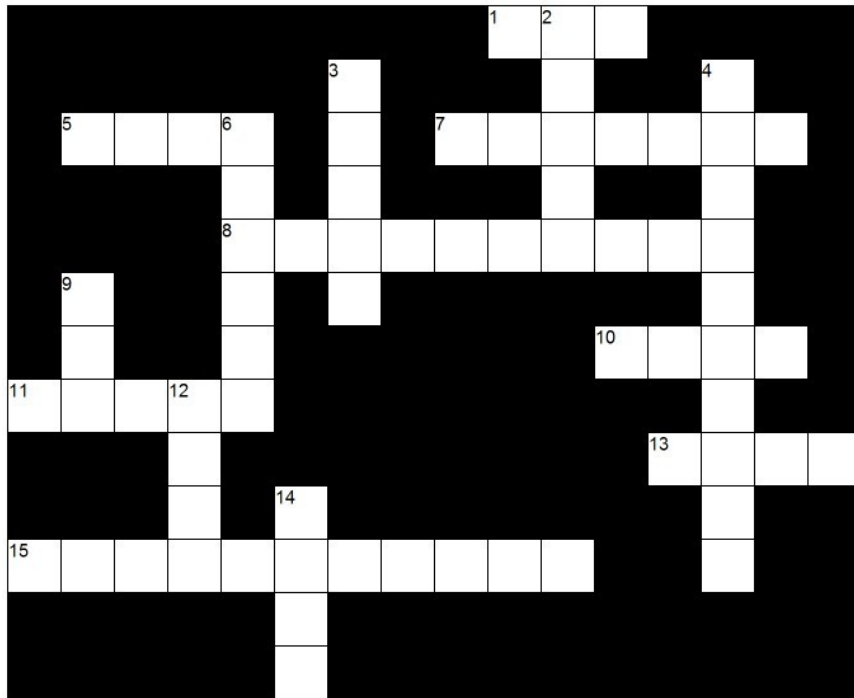


A Bible Crossword on Genesis, Part 3

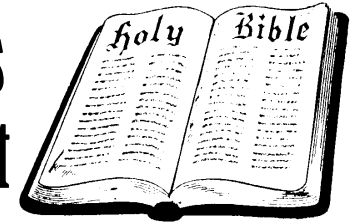


Across: 1. The land East of Eden where Cain settled. 5. Adam's shepherd son. 7. The sign of God's covenant with Noah. 8. He lived to be 969 years old. 10. God set one on Cain, not as a punishment but as a warning. 11. He walked with God, and was not, for God took him. 13. His name, ironically, means rest. 15. Cain's fell when his sacrifice was rejected.

Down: 2. A dove sent out of the ark by Noah returned with this kind of leaf. 3. The number of days and nights that it rained during the flood. 4. God told Noah to make the ark from this. 6. He was the first man recorded to have 2 wives. 9. This was lying at Cain's door. 12. Adam's farmer son. 14. Adam's son, appointed as another seed.

-All answers found in Genesis 4-9, NKJV

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I'm Dreaming of a Green Springtime

Last week, attendance was down, largely due to inclement weather. We awoke on Sunday morning to find the world was covered in white from an overnight snow. The snow was light, and much to at least one of our children's dismay, it melted away with the morning sun.

I, on the other hand, smiled blissfully after church when I realized the snow was just about gone. The time for a white Christmas is long past. At this point, I'm dreaming of a green springtime, and once again, it's coming.

As the world comes to life again this spring, give thanks to Author of spring and all the seasons. Moses wrote of the fourth day of creation saying, "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years'" (Genesis 1:14). Not only does this text credit God with the creation of the seasons, but it correctly identifies the reason for the seasons. The seasons are governed by the heavenly bodies God created.

The Greeks believed that winter came because Hades had kidnapped Persephone, daughter of the Earth-Mother Demeter. For six months of the year, Persephone remained with Hades in the underworld. For six months of the year, she was allowed to return to her mother. While they were parted, Demeter brought winter. When they were re-

stored, she brought spring. The cycle repeated every year, resulting in the seasons.

Greek mythology did nothing to connect the seasons with the Sun and Moon. Instead, Atlas was kept busy holding up the earth on his shoulders.

The truth revealed in Genesis 1:14 about the nature of the seasons is yet another evidence that God is the Author of the world, and the Bible is His word.

-RAB

Have You Read A Good Book Lately?

During the months of January and February, a British organization called World Book Day conducted a survey of 1,342 people. 65% of those surveyed admitted to having pretended to read a book, lying about it in order to impress someone.

Only slightly more curious than the large percentage of liars was the list of books about which they lied. The top three books people falsely claimed to have read were...

- 1) *1984* by George Orwell.
- 2) *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy.
- 3) *Ulysses* by James Joyce.

Number four on the list was the Bible.

Seeing the results of this survey leaves me with questions. What does it mean that the Bible is number four on the list of books most lied about?

I suppose this list might indicate, at least among Britons, the books people view as being the most important. That

being the case, I find it rather sad that the Bible slipped all the way to number four.

Perhaps it's good that the Bible was down to number four on the list. Perhaps more people are spending more time with the Scriptures than they are with Orwell.

Whatever the case, I still find it sad that people would lie about reading the Bible. The word of God is the source of faith (Romans 10:17), and we desperately need faith. It is the source of hope (Romans 15:4), and we desperately need hope. It is the source of truth (John 17:17), and we desperately need truth. It is the source of eternal life (John 5:39); what could be needed more? Instead of feeling the compulsion to make false claims, why not actually read it?

-RAB

News and Notes

Prayer List

Keith Copeland	Herman McKenzie	Faye Seiler
Dennis Depew	Louise Moore	Gene Shannon
David Depew	Sara Nance	James Howard

Area Meetings

3/22-27 at Capshaw with Wes Webb
 3/29-4/1 at Jones Road with Jason Moore
 3/29-4/3 at Anderson with Gary Patton
 4/5-10 at Helton Drive with Tommy Hagedwood
 4/5-10 at Jordan Park with Greg Litmer

 4/19-22 at Chapman Acres with Jeff Henderson