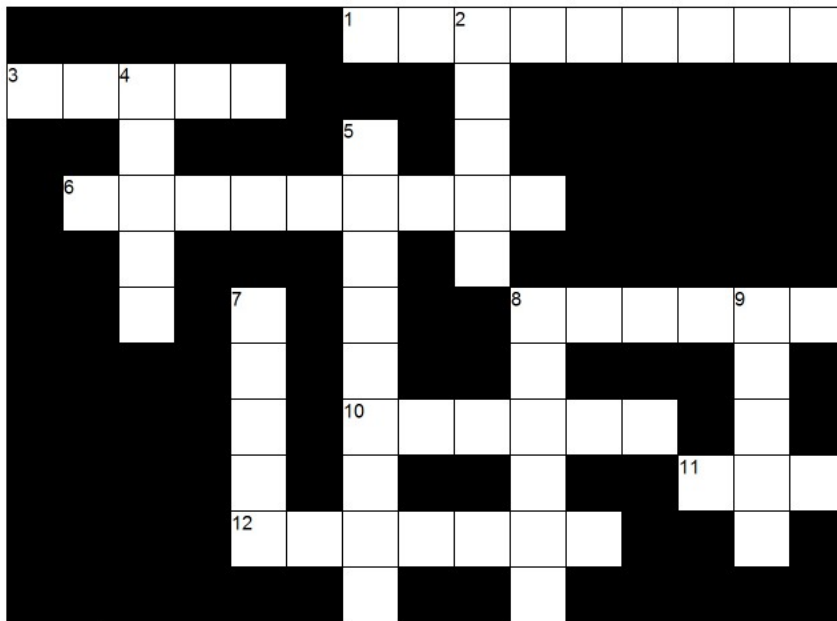


## A Bible Crossword on Genesis, Part 7

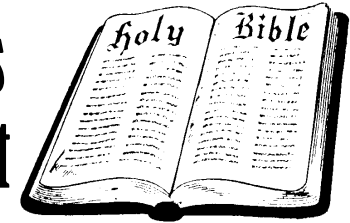


Across: 1. Abraham rebuked him because of a well his servants seized. 3. Abraham's servant placed his hand under Abraham's and swore an oath. 6. The cave Abraham purchased for burial. 8. The Lord swore in this name when repeated His promise to Abraham. 10. Also called Kirjath Arba, it's where Sarah died. 11. God provided one of these instead of Abraham's son. 12. In answer to prayer, she gave drink to Abraham's servant and his camels.

Down: 2. His name means laughter; it's what his mother did. 4. He asked, "Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 5. Abraham made a covenant with the Philistines here; its name means well of the oath. 7. The bondwoman Abraham cast out. 8. Where Abraham was sent to sacrifice his son. 9. Isaac's brother-in-law.

-All answers found in Genesis 21-24, NKJV

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## Storm Chasers

Last Friday, I printed a batch a meeting invitations at the church building and went over to the Post Office in the Propst Drug Store at Five Points to mail them. As I walked into the store, the blare of sirens began, warning of the coming of very severe weather.

I drove back to the building and tuned my computer to the online weather update at WAFF 48 NBC news. Hail stones the diameter of quarters began to rain down outside, and the news forecasters warned that a cell of severe weather, possibly including tornadic conditions, was moving over Chapman Mountain that very minute.

Since my office is right next to the carport door, I got up and walked outside to see what was happening. With the carport as cover, I was safe from the hail, so I got an amazing view of the storm cell coming over the mountain and moving on to the East.

As I picked up a sizable piece of hail that fell on the parking lot and rolled over in my direction, it occurred to me that walking outside for a better view of the storm was probably not the smartest thing I'd ever done. When tornado sirens sound, they are a warning to seek shelter, not to come outside to get a better view. I should have been hiding underneath a pew in the auditorium. Instead, I walked outside to get a better view. That's dumb. Dumb, dumb, dumb.

Why is it that we fail to take some deadly warnings seriously? Instead of going for cover, we come out to get a better view. Sometimes, we just don't seem to know when we ought to be scared.

Peter wrote, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). When a lion roars, there is only one proper response: fear. Amos wrote, “A lion has roared! Who will not fear?” (3:8). The Devil is not a caged lion, from whom we are protected by steel bars. He is not a safari lion at whom we can gaze out of the window of a Jeep. He’s on foot, and we’re on foot. His roar should strike fear into our hearts and set our feet in motion—in the opposite direction.

If a storm is approaching, it is foolish to go outside and watch it. If a lion is roaring, it is foolish to walk up to it and try to pet it. We should respond to the Devil, to temptation, like the roar of a lion.

Paul wrote, “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits’” (1 Corinthians 15:33). We should recognize temptation for what it is and take appropriate action.

Do you find yourself tempted to bad behavior when you are around certain people? Don’t hand around with them.

Do you find yourself tempted to bad behavior when you are in certain places? Don’t go there anymore.

Do you find yourself tempted to view things you shouldn’t on the internet? Install a program on your computer to block Websites with adult content.

Do you find yourself using bad language after watching certain television shows, listening to certain radio programs, or reading certain books? Find something else to watch, listen

to or read. Change your entertainment preferences if those preferences are corrupting your good habits.

Paul told the Corinthians, “Flee sexual immorality” (1 Corinthians 6:18) and “Flee from idolatry” (1 Corinthians 10:14). He told Timothy, “Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22). The foolish man flirts with temptation; the wise man runs from it.

Some people chase storms.

Warren Faidley hosts a show on the Discovery Channel and maintains a website, [www.stormchaser.com](http://www.stormchaser.com), dedicated to storm chasing. He’s been called “America’s top storm chaser” (MSNBC), “The Indiana Jones of storm chasing” (Nippon Press), and “The Cyclone Cowboy” (BBC Radio). Fox News said, “If you want to survive a storm, this is the guy you want with you.” So far, obviously Faidley has survived all the storms he has chased, but you can’t help but wonder: like Steve Irwin, who died filming dangerous creatures he seemed to love, if Faidley continues to place himself in harms way, will he ultimately fall victim to his pursuit?

If you place yourself in the path of a storm, one day, the storm is likely to claim you. Temptation is a storm, one that is deadlier than any tornado. If we place ourselves in its path, it will certainly claim us. We need to learn to flee.

—RAB

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