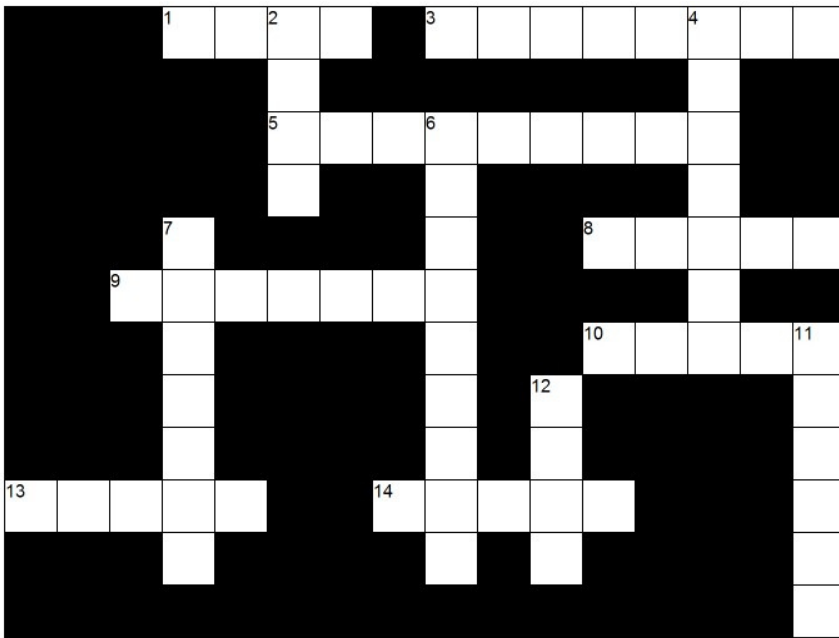


A Bible Crossword on Genesis, Part 8

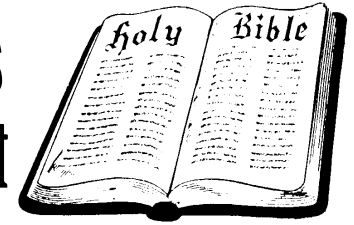


Across: 1. Isaac's grew dim when he was old. 3. First Esau lost his birthright, then he lost this to Jacob. 5. The king of the Philistines. 8. Rebekah put skins of these on Jacob's hands and neck to make him hairy like his Esau. 9. Abraham married her after Sarah's death. 10. Isaac contended with the Philistines over a number of these. 13. Jacob had to flee here to escape his brother's wrath. 14. He was holding his brother's heel.

Down: 2. He came out red and hairy. 4. He helped Isaac Abraham's burial. 6. The cave were Abraham was buried. 7. Two nations were in her womb. 11. The family relation Isaac claimed he shared with Rebekah. 12. After Esau asked his brother for red stew, he was called by this name.

-All answers found in Genesis 25-27, NKJV

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Don't Let Yourself Get Carried Off

I've always liked the style of the baluster bed we inherited from my dad, but the rising balusters can occasional cause problems.

Lindsay had trouble falling asleep on Friday night, so she went to sleep in our bed. When I came to bed an hour later, I had to pick her up and carry her to her own bed. She never really woke up, but she woke up enough to make carrying her a problem. As we walked around the corner of the bed, she grabbed onto the baluster with her left hand and clung to it with a steel grip.

I looked down and her sleepy, squinty eyes opened up just a sliver. She uttered one word in a surprised, perky voice: "Daddy!" Then she let go, and I carried her on to bed.

Lindsay's reaction to being carried off was appropriate. Asleep or awake, if you realize you're being carried off, you need to wake up enough to find out who has you and where they are taking you.

Luke writes, "And He spoke a parable to them: 'Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?'" (Luke 6:39).

Obviously, following the wrong lead will result in disaster for follower and leader alike.

Sometimes the very people God has appointed to lead his people fail in their duties.

The Levites, God's priests under the old law, failed in their duties. Malachi writes, "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," Says the LORD of hosts (Malachi 2:7-8).

Of the Pharisees, the teachers of the law during Christ's ministry, Jesus said, "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch" (Matthew 15:14).

Isaiah records, "Therefore the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel, Palm branch and bulrush in one day. The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err, And those who are led by them are destroyed" (Isaiah 9:14-16).

Since following the wrong leaders will result in our destruction, we need to secure ourselves in the faith on the right path.

Paul tells us that Christ gave us apostles and prophets and teachers, "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature

of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head; Christ" (Ephesians 4:12-15).

Christ doesn't want us to be carried off by the doctrines of men. To avoid this fate, we must grow, matured by the knowledge of the fullness of Christ. Perhaps the greatest challenge we face as children of God is recognizing the difference between truth and tradition, between the doctrines of God and the doctrines of men. Failure to distinguish between these things can lead us to destruction.

Don't let someone else carry you off.

—RAB

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6/21-26 at Midway in Florence with Bill Hall

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