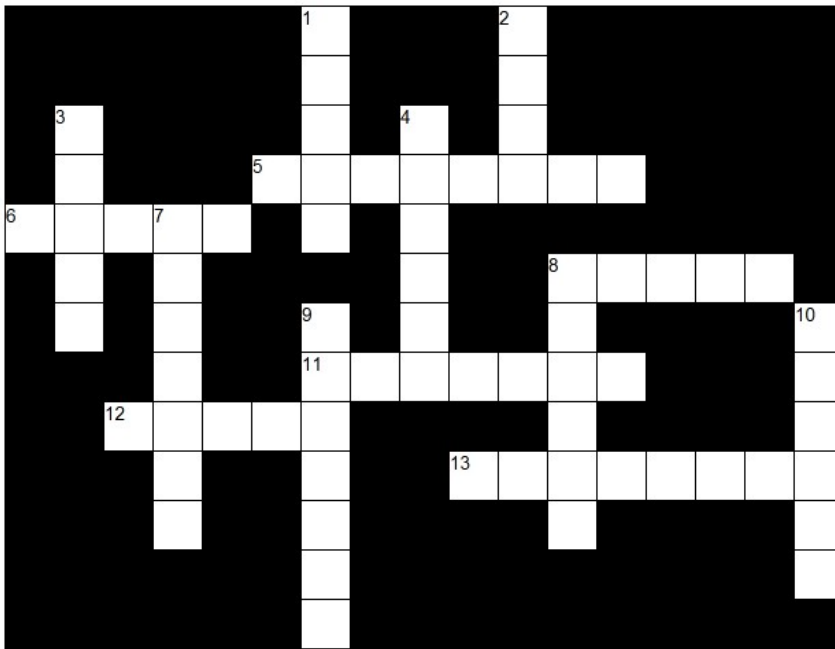


## A Bible Crossword on Genesis, Part 12

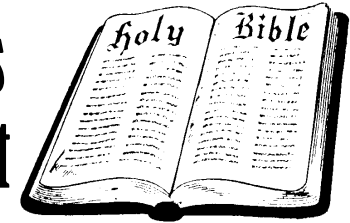


Across: 5. Joseph's first son. 6. Officer of Pharaoh who was executed. 8. In the baker's dream, these ate the bread from the basket he carried. 11. Joseph's wife. 12. She bore the twins Perez and Zerah to Judah. 13. Position Potiphar gave Joseph in his house.

Down: 1. Jacob's son who married a Canaanite. 2. The seven skinny ones ate the seven fat ones in Pharaoh's first dream. 3. Seven thin heads of this ate seven plump ones in Pharaoh's second dream. 4. Pharaoh's dreams meant seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of this. 7. Joseph's second son. 8. Officer of Pharaoh who was restored. 9. Joseph left this in the hands of Potiphar's wife. 10. Joseph's age when he stood before Pharaoh.

-All answers found in Genesis 38-41, NKJV

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## Undoing Some Things

As a soldier lay wounded on the battlefield, a chaplain knelt beside him and told him he wasn't going to make it. The chaplain asked the soldier if there was anything he could do for him. The soldier replied that he had lived a wicked life and hurt a lot of people. The soldier told the chaplain there was nothing he could do. What he needed was someone to undo some things for him. The soldier died on the battlefield, his desire unfulfilled.

As difficult as it may be to do the right thing, it is far more difficult to undo the wrong thing.

We had a hair-pulling episode at our house on Friday. The two-year old Carina keeps pulled our four-year olds hair. When Carina reproved her, the two-year old showed genuine remorse. Not only did she say she was sorry, she attempted to put a few of the hairs she pulled out back onto Lily's head.

Unfortunately, once pulled out, hairs don't go back.

Many of the things we do in life cannot be undone. This is not to say that we cannot be forgiven of sins we have committed, but in this life, sin produces lasting scars.

The Lord tried to explain this to the children of Israel in Haggai 2:11-14. He said, "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Now, ask the priests concerning the law, saying, 'If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?' Then the priests answered and said, 'No.' And Haggai said, 'If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?' So the priests answered and said, 'It shall be unclean.' Then Haggai answered and said, 'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.'"

The children of Israel had defiled themselves, bringing pestilence and famine upon the land. Though God would forgive their sins, they would be forced to live with the consequences their sins had brought upon them.

Given the irrevocable nature of the consequences of sin, we must be cautious about the things we say and do. If you pull someone's hair out, you can't put it back in.

—RAB

## He Goes Before

In one of his books, the late Kentucky writer, Jesse Stuart, tells about his first teaching job. The school apparently was not far from his home, but to get there he had to walk through a field of weeds. On the very first day he was to go to the school, he noticed that the high weeds were dripping with dew. To walk through the weeds would be to ruin his trousers. But his father, seeing the problem, and being so very proud of his son, decided to walk ahead of Jesse. The father trampled down the weeds ahead of his son, absorbing much of the water upon his own pants. His father led the way.

Hebrews 2:10 says, "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many

sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

The word translated *captain* in Hebrews 2:10 indicates one who is a chief leader. It carries with it the idea of exploration. Jesus has gone before us, leading the way for us to follow Him.

Peter writes, "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Peter 2:21). We follow Him in this life in sufferings.

Hebrews 6:19-20 tell us, "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Christ, our forerunner, leads the way into the future for us. He leads us into the Presence behind the veil. If we will follow Him in sufferings in this life, He will lead us to glory in eternity. —Adapted from *Bulletin Fodder*

### Prayer List

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

### Gospel Meetings

6/8-11 College View Lectures various speakers

6/14-17 at Brookhill with Johnny Felker for a singing school

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

7/12-17 at Jones Road with Lowell Sallee