

## BIBLE TRIVIA

1. The Psalmist compares his soul to what animal?
2. The Psalmist says a man who reframes from evil is like?
3. Who is Exalted above the Heavens?
4. The Psalmist refers to the Lord as his Refuge and...?
5. The heads of what were broken in the water?

## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY



**A.M. Jamie Cobb**  
**“Partakers”**  
**(Hebrews 3:12-14)**

**P.M. Jamie Cobb**  
**“Carnal Minded”**  
**(Romans 8:5-10)**

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

**Bro Bennett**

## *Welcome Visitors*

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship service with an uplifted spirit. Below is what you can expect during our services.

**SINGING:** Non-instrumental singing plays a great part of our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord. (Eph. 5:19)

**LORD’S SUPPER:** Each Sunday we observe the Lord’s Supper, which reflects on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of everlasting life we now can live through Him. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

**CONTRIBUTION:** During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what God has given us. This money is used to support the church and to help spread God’s Word. (I Cor. 16:2)

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## Schedule of Services

**Sunday:**  
Bible Study            9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning      10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening       5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**  
Wednesday Night    7:00 p.m.



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## “The Mark”

If one were to read the opening chapters of Ezekiel, they would notice a very grim reality that the nation of Israel was living in. The people rejected nearly every leader God gave them and even went as far as to refuse the very voice of God (Ez. 3:7). They were blessed but leveraged their blessing for sin, just like every other nation that surrounded them (Ez. 5:5,6). They no longer honored the temple of God and were comfortable offering their detestable worship (5:11). The tone of the opening pages of Ezekiel is bleak and harrowing.

Yet in the midst of a struggling people, God recognized there was a number of those who remained steadfast to Him. Even though the nation was insufferable to God, there were some who devoted themselves to abstain from the detestable abominations. Notice what God says concerning these select people; “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it” (Ez. 9:4). Those who had the mark were safe from the wrath of God. Perhaps a shadow of what took place at the Exodus and the Passover (12:7).

What is particularly fascinating about the Old Testament is how often it magnifies circumstances in the New Testament. Several hundred years later, the apostle John would pen the Revelation. In this incredibly vivid and awe-inspiring book (just like Ezekiel), the reader gains a knowledge of the exclusivity of being righteous in God’s eyes; that is, not everyone will escape His wrath nor experience His peace. In Revelation chapter 3, Jesus encourages the individuals who overcome this life that He will “write on them” a new name. Those who present themselves as righteous are given an inscription directly from God. Moreover, there are similar references to God placing His mark on those who present themselves as righteous (Rev 7:3;9:4). Only those who have the mark of God are those who will escape judgment.

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## Pray for our Family

**Terry Peavler** is home now and will be seeing a cardiologist soon.

**Earnest Johnson** has been released by his doctor and will have surgery on the other hip soon.

**Doris Peavler** fractured 2 toes and has been in a lot of pain. She will be seeing a foot doctor soon.

**Lydia Walden** will not have surgery; she is still dealing with pain.

**Erin Ledoux (COBB)** procedure went well and will have further testing. Recent tests show cancer is still in her neck. She will be consulting with her doctor on a plan of treatment.

**Renee Wood** has been diagnosed with SVT and will be having a procedure on June 5th to correct her heart rhythm.

**Clarence Phillips** will have a procedure on June 7.

**Andrea Rucker** will begin kidney dialysis soon, and has had some falling spells. Please keep her and Michael in prayer.

**Cynthia Hudson (Tonia's mom in law)** has started chemo again. Pray for her and her doctors.

**Debbie Hollander** has a procedure coming up soon, continue to keep her in prayer. She also had a bad fall and she is very sore.

**Martha Polk (friend of the Cobbs)** has 2 more treatments to go. She is trying to keep her blood sugar and blood pressure under control.

**Sherry Phillips**, please keep her in prayer for her health and spiritual growth.

Please remember: **Johnny Atkinson, Cedric Rucker, Larry Moore, Donald Jones, Charles Smith, Andrescia Frank, Curtis Williams, Gov. Clements, Donald Jones, Chloe Phillips, Erin LeDoux (COBB), Krystal Spearman, Joe Silva, Cliff Redmond, Sandra Collins, Ira Goode, Sandra Frasier, Tywanna Williams, Karen Gentry, Yvonne Warner, Pattie Yazell, Andrea Rucker, Jackie Crawford, Michael Howsley, Lydia Walden, Emileigh Marsh, Linda Allee, Susan Wyche, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Russel Dukes Jr and ALL the first responders and police.**

May 2023	
1.2 Chron. 26-29	17. Job 11-13
2.2 Chron. 30-32	18. Job 14-17
3. 2 Chron. 33-36	19. Job 18-20
4. Ezra 1-4	20. Job 21-24
5. Ezra 5-7	21. Job 25-27
6. Ezra 8-10	22. Job 28-31
7. Nehemiah 1-3	23. Job 32-34
8. Nehemiah 4-6	24. Job 35-37
9. Nehemiah 7-9	25. Job 38-43
10. Neh. 10-13	26. Psalms 1-3
11. Esther 1-4	27. Psalms 4-6
12. Esther 5-7	28. Psalms 7-9
13. Esther 8-10	29. Psalms 10-12
14. Job 1-4	30. Psalms 13-15
15. Job 5-7	31. Psalms 16-18
16. Job 8-10	

### Sunday morning class study (Titus Chapter 2)

#### Bible Trivia Answers

1. Psalms 42:1
2. Psalms 1:1-3
3. Psalms 108:5
4. Psalms 91:2
5. Psalms 74:13

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However, as one continues to read through the Revelation, there is another mark that is mentioned. This second mark does not come from God, but from the second “beast” who revels in worldly wickedness. The mark given by the second beast is one that is tempting for all who live in the world, for by having this mark, the people of the time were able to trade, buy, and sell – grow in their worldly gain and status (Rev 13:15-17). This also meant impoverished lifestyles for those who had God’s mark, and not the mark of the beast. Those in the world will find themselves in the position of thinking they won. However, the text of Revelation 14 rings louder than the woeful arrogant battle cry of worldly victory. Those who have the mark of God are those that will:

**Find themselves the presence of Jesus and the rest of His saints (14:1)**

**Bask in the glory of heavenly celebration (14:2,3)**

**Be seen for pure in conduct, and be remembered for their rescue from sin (14:4,5)**

The life of a Christian is one of absolute devotion. It requires the individual to hate evil, groan over wickedness, and remain absent from sinful lifestyles (Ezekiel 9:4). The pursuit of Christianity perseveres even when faith is not convenient (Revelation 13:17). Ultimately, when one is committed to Jesus and His commands, the mark of God is placed upon the individual and they are no longer seen as the world’s, but God’s (Revelation 14:1,4). Christians do not merely bear the name “Christian;” rather, they are accompanied with a mark that can only be given by the divine.

P.S. from Odie – Do not get caught up in the imagery and lose sight of the main point. We do not have to identify some mysterious symbol or mark. The main point is this: God knows who belongs to Him. As for a mark God sees, think about the blood of Christ. For one the world sees, think of the image of Christ stamped over my life.

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