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The Bible Stands True

From the Pastor's Desk

Fact? Fiction? Theory? Implied? Scientific? Truth !!!

In the early 19th century, England was fascinated with Northern Canada and finding "The Northwest Passage" or the shortcut to the orient. Ships were frozen into ice packs for months with 40 ft. ice crushing the hulls.

The John Ross expedition (1829-1833) was frozen in Boothia Bay for four years. They were given up as lost after two years. They managed to push three small boats over miles of ice and were rescued by whalers.

There were about 40 such expeditions over land and sea from 1818 to 1889.

Conclusion: There **is** a Northwest Passage but it is not passable because it is blocked with ice.

There were theories that the waters of the North Pole area were open and tropical. Just as the Gulf Stream sends warm water to Bermuda and to the British Isles, there surely must be a similar current in the Pacific sending warm water up off the coast of Alaska into the Arctic Ocean.

In 1879 the USS Jeanette, a steam/sail ship, went through the Bering Strait in search of that open water. The ship was lost but 21 of the crew of 33 survived and were recovered in 1881.

These ideas seemed logical enough for the expeditions to be well financed and manned. Lives and fortunes were put at stake.

The Bible contains many situations that man has tried to reason out scientifically, developed theories, spent fortunes, and tried to turn these into facts, but really are fiction.

Genesis chapter 1 probably holds the most controversy. Bear in mind that the Bible says that God spoke the heavens and the earth into being (2 Peter 3:5). There is no proof that creation evolved, and a lot of proof that it as the Bible says: God said: "Let there be-and so it was."

In Matthew 1:18-23, Joseph is confronted by his bride to be. She was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

Yeh, sure! Tell me another! Joseph had the human's first impression and we would all probably react the same way:

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Feb. 6 – Men's Breakfast

The breakfast has been canceled for this month.

Feb. 7, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day

Last day to donate to Carenet Pregnancy Center's annual fund drive.

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study

First session is on February 16 – survey of verse 3:16 throughout the Bible.

"She has been with another man" Put her away. How else could she be with child? The Holy Spirit? Prove that one!

Fact: It takes a man and a woman to have a child! No other way. Let's see the scientists explain that! See Luke 1:37, "For nothing will be impossible with God."

Another example is the Christmas Star. Matthew chapter 2 tells of the Magi coming and asking in verse 2: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east."

They had lost sight of the star they had been following. King Herod sent them to Bethlehem but, as they left Jerusalem, the star reappeared and it went before them to the place where the Child was (verse 9).

Man's explanation is this. It must have been a conjunction of the stars. On Dec 21, 2020 Jupiter and Saturn aligned in "A Great Conjunction." It has been referred to as "The Christmas Star." It is the closest the two planets have appeared together in about 800 years and it won't happen again until 2080.

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Pastor’s Desk (from p. 1)

Was this the star the Magi saw? The star the Magi saw lasted over a period of months, The conjunction of the planets was momentary, a few days. Was it His star? Fact or fiction?

Take the Bible as it stands. Revelation 22:18-19 says simply this: Do not add or take away from these words which are written in this book. It applies to the Book of Revelation, and it applies to the entire Bible.

Pray before you read.

✠ Pastor Al Page

Men’s Breakfast

This February event has been canceled. We hope to see you next month.

Property and Space Patrol

After a long dry spell, someone must have been praying for snow, so here it is. Down in New Jersey and New York, they got hit with about 2 feet of snow with the wind blowing it into 3 to 4 foot drifts.

The snow started here about 5 p.m. on Monday Feb. 1st and was over by early Tuesday morning. It looks like we got about 8 inches, so the Lord blessed us with less depth and a shorter duration than previously forecast. No complaints about that.

The church driveway should be cleared before next Sunday.

✠ Pastor Al

Ancient Promises

The following story was printed in "Our Daily Bread," a daily devotional booklet from Our Daily Bread Ministries and dated February 22, 2020. It was written by Amy Boucher Pye.

First read Numbers 6:22-27 and then continue here.

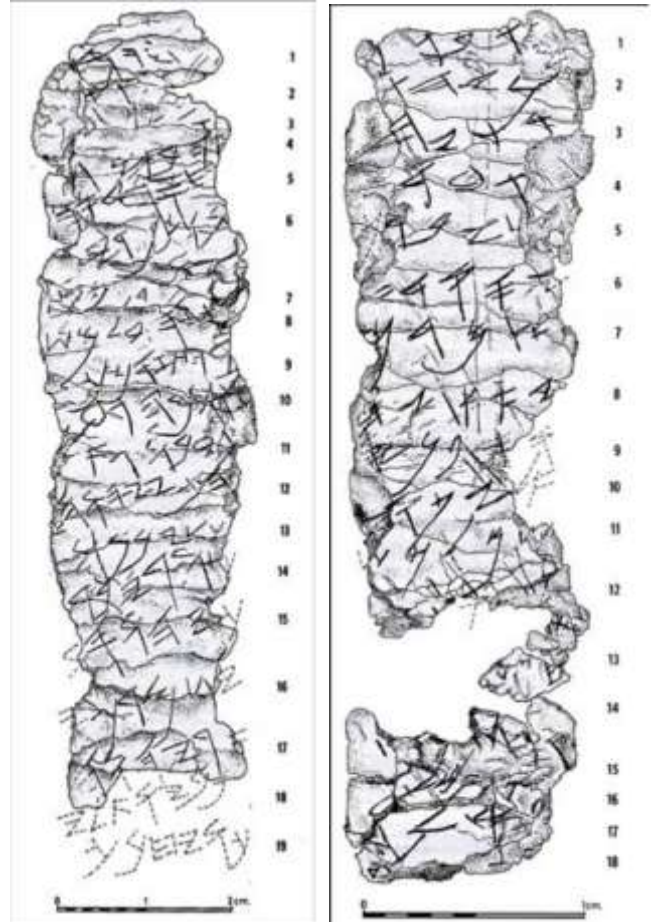
In 1979, Dr. Gabriel Barkay and his team discovered two silver scrolls in a burial ground outside the Old City of Jerusalem. In 2004, after twenty-five years of careful research, scholars confirmed that the scrolls were the oldest biblical text in existence, having been buried in 600 bc. What I find particularly moving is what the scrolls contain — the priestly blessing that God wanted spoken over His people: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you" (Numbers 6:24–25).

In giving this benediction, God showed Aaron and his sons (through Moses) how to bless the people on His behalf. The leaders were to memorize the words in the form God gave so they would speak to them just as God desired. Note how these words emphasize that God is the one who blesses, for three times they say, "the Lord." And six times He says, "you," reflecting just how much God wants His people to receive His love and favor.

Ponder for a moment that the oldest existing fragments of the Bible tell of God’s desire to bless. What a reminder of God’s boundless love and how He wants to be in a

relationship with us. If you feel far from God today, hold tightly to the promise in these ancient words. May the Lord bless you; may the Lord keep you.

For further reading, go to this Bible Archeology web site: <https://biblearchaeology.org/research/divided-kingdom/3567-the-blessing-of-the-silver-scrolls>



Amulet I and Amulet II

Photographs were taken in 1994 with new digital techniques. "Based on the new readings, the four scholars concluded that the scrolls date from the horizon of the end of the Judaeen monarchy-or a palaeographic date of the late seventh century BC to early sixth century BC." This refutes theories that the scrolls were written in the Hellenistic period (between Old and New Testament).

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM. For example, on Saturday nights at 6 p.m. the locally produced "Saturday Night Gospel Hour" offers a wide variety of southern and country gospel music. During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly.

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to anyone who is celebrating another orbit around the Sun. If that is you, please let the Editor know about it.



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on the following people who celebrate a wedding anniversary this month:

2/2 Frank & Nanette Dawson
2/15 Michael & Gail Frascinella

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillside-sbc.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

Submissions for Next Issue

Deadline is Feb. 25. Send news items to News Wrangler and Editor, Michael Frascinella, mfrascinella at comcast dot net.



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