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Archaeological Evidence for Biblical Accuracy

Archaeological research in the past century has taken great strides toward proving the historical accuracy of the Bible.

Shishak's Campaign

According to the Bible, during the fifth year of King Rehoboam of Judah, Shishak, king of Egypt, led a powerful army into Palestine, conquering the fortified cities of Judah and carrying away the temple treasures from Jerusalem. (I Kings 14:25-29; II Chron. 12:2-9). This event is a minor one in Old Testament history, but it has been well verified in two different ways.

First, and most important, a large inscription on the south wall of the Temple of Karnak in Luxor, Egypt, describes the event. The inscription describes an invasion of Palestine led by Pharaoh Sheshonk I (Shishak), founder of the Twenty-Second Dynasty, who ruled c. 945-924 B.C. The inscription does not contain a detailed account of the war, but it does list 156 Palestinian and Syrian towns which fell to Shishak, verifying the basic Biblical account.

Second, a monumental stela has been discovered in Megiddo, an Israelite city northwest of Jerusalem, indicating that Shishak had defeated that part of the country. With these two discoveries, one in Egypt and one in Israel, there is not question as to the accuracy of the Bible record.

Only Mention of Sargon

According to the Old Testament, Sargon, king of Assyria, sent an official to the city of Ashdod where he captured the city. (Isa. 20:1). Oddly enough, this is the only Biblical mention of Sargon, and he is otherwise unknown in ancient literary sources. Since the only mention of Sargon is in the Bible, and since he is mentioned only one time at that, liberal scholarship long held that Sargon was simply a figment of Isaiah's imagination. But in 1843 Paul Emile Botta, a French archaeologist, began to excavate a site not far from ancient Nineveh. He learned in several seasons of excavation that this site was actually Khorsabad, the last in a series of capital cities of Sargon II, the brother of Shalmanezzer V. Sargon's palace was uncovered and its walls were lined with inscriptions describing his military expeditions. Of particular interest is the fact that at least three inscriptions found in Khorsabad mention the specific event recorded in Isaiah 10:1, the defeat of Ashdod by Sargon's army. Isaiah turns out to be correct and the defeat of Ashdod (part of an extensive invasion of 711B.C.) has been verified. It is a real indication of the historical validity of the Book of Isaiah that here, and there only in literary sources, is Sargon's name found.

Jerry Daniel

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing *is acappella or without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord's supper or Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

For Your Convenience:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Kitty Bush** has started her radiation treatments and is doing fine.
- ❖ **Carmie Green** has continued health problems.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having problems with her diabetes.
- ❖ **Jose Pintor** was in a serious accident.
- ❖ **Ernie Zink** is still taking radiation treatments.
- ❖ **Pray for Winter Members** as they begin to return.
- ❖ **Helen Piety**, our shut-in.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Ahbi Rahman**, 15 year old nephew of Laura Ware has a severely broken ankle.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, is in the final stages of cancer.
- ❖ **Brenda Keivet**, a neighbor of Linda Cochran and Della Martin, has a thyroid and depression problem.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Vivian Cochran**, mother of Ron Cochran, is having health issues with her heart as well as pneumonia.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Debbie Vigar** (Marjorie Vandivor's sister has started radiation treatments), **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, shows some improvement, **Sherry (Johnson) Brown** ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson, **Donna Coandrea** and **Marilyn Martin**, friends of Mary Welsh are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Lori Anne Hessler**, a friend of Carolyn Thomas, has had a kidney transplant. Pray that her body will not reject the transplant.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continues to have health concerns
- ❖ **Lynn Einfeldt**, father of Rachel Capps is back at the Palms for physical therapy.
- ❖ **Rachel Olerud**, relative of Clyde and Kitty Bush, has a rare form of lymphoma.
- ❖ **Jim Leisey**, a former member, has terminal cancer.
- ❖ **Jim Gilbreath**, brother of June Hackbart and father of Shannon Ritenour, has a fractured vertebrae.
- ❖ **Randy Showalter**, friend of Patty Massey, has a brain tumor.
- ❖ **Thelma Eubanks**, Gwin Barnum's mother, has been placed in the care of hospice and is in a declining condition. Gwin has gone to be with her.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaul and family and Javed Ally** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil

Our Record: October 1, 2006

Bible Study	78
Sunday AM Worship	115
Sunday PM Worship	67
Contribution	\$4223
Wednesday Bible Study	68
Building Fund	\$330
Ukraine Building Fund	\$60
F.H. Gates	\$1200
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 10/05	8

Upcoming Birthdays



Gwin Barnum	10/11
Jean Fulbright	10/18
Arlon Dale	10/25
Jim Headley	10/27
Linda George	10/29

Upcoming Anniversary

Herb & Norma Ellis	10/31
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Visitors for October 1, 2006

Ray Fisch
 Jason , Kelly & Annagayle Livingston
 Fred & Marilyn French
 Cindy & Gavin Pope
 Tracy, Shelbie, Kristel, Britney & Lynzi Jones
 Charles, Diane & Jason Wilson

Of Lice and Men

Human beings have a huge capacity for self delusion. The Scottish poet, Robert Burns, wrote a famous poem about this entitled "To A Louse (On Seeing One On A Lady's Bonnet at Church)". In the poem he pictures a woman, strutting to church decked out in frills and finery, convinced that she is cutting a grand figure. But the sophisticated image for which she aims is spoiled by a pesky louse crawling through the lace of her bonnet! The poem closes with some memorable lines (some what translated):

O, that some Power the gift would give us
 To see ourselves as other see us!

What could we need more? The Bible urges: **"Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment."** (Rom. 12:3 NIV)

In order to see ourselves realistically we must **"in humility receive the implanted word..."** (James 1:21). Then we must use that word as a mirror in order to see our true spiritual condition and change what needs changing. (James 1:23-25).

Bobby Dockery

Preaching Schedule



10/8 Frank Parker AM
Singing PM

10/15 Ted Edwards AM & PM

Ladies Class Schedule



October 3rd, 10am, Laura Ware will be the teacher.

October 10th, we will start a new series on Worship; this is also the day for birthday celebrations for October.

Clothing Room

Thursday from 9-11am is when we have the clothing room open for the community. We can always use more help. If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.

Please check your information on the updated directory sheets in Classroom 2 if you have not already done so. As soon as all information has been verified, we can begin to publish the new directory. **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE THEIR PICTURES UPDATED.**

My Place

There is a corner somewhere
That I alone can fill.
If I fail to take my place,
No other ever will.
It's all a part of God's great plan,
That each a worker be,
And somewhere in His vineyard wide,
The Lord needs even me!

From the Elders

We will continue with a number of preachers trying out. It may take several months to make a selection. Please give the elders your input in writing as to any feedback you wish them to consider. There are forms on the tables in the back for you to use for this purpose. Remember the scale to use with 1 being best and 5 being poorest.



Canned vegetables & fruits of all kinds
Canned Meats
Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup
Spaghetti and Sauce
Chili & crackers; Stew
Syrup
Chicken & Dumplings
Canned White and Sweet Potatoes
Rice
Baby Food & Baby Cereal
Toothpaste
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Small Boxed Cereal

James 1: 23-25

For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Communion Sign-up

No one has signed up to prepare communion for the month of **December**. It also might be necessary to have a replacement for Carmie Green for the month of **November**. If interested, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson 655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship Clothing Room)

Dave Marcum..... 385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser..... 382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert..... 385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton 453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler..... 386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services
Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus..... 453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter..... 471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas..... 385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

Don Ware..... 382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

Timely Advice for God's People

If you are impatient,
Sit down quietly and talk with Job.
If you are just a little strong headed,
Go and see Moses.
If you are getting weak-kneed,
Take a good look at Elijah.
If there is no song in your heart,
Listen to David.
If your faith is below par,
Read Paul.
If you are getting lazy,
Watch James.
If you are losing sight of the future,
Climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	
Prepare Communion: Trudy Benton Greeters: Ron Horton Edison Green Bill Sweeton Carmie Green Pick Up Cards: Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour Pick Up Communion Cups: Austin & Forest Ritenour Sound Room: Bill Benton Secure Building This Week: Bill Benton	Prepare Communion: Trudy Benton Greeters: Ron Horton Don Gunter Bill Sweeton Anne Gunter Pick Up Cards: Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler Sound Room: James Ware Secure Building Next Week: Don Ware	Announcements: Olin Shinholser Song: 800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus. Opening Prayer: Harry Johnson Song: 753 Farther Along Song: 350 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak Communion Offering Song: 652 We Have Heard the Joyful Song Lesson: Frank Parker Invitation Song: 911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life Song: 594 Live for Jesus Closing Prayer: BJ Thomas
Announcements: Olin Shinholser Song Leader: Paul Talbert Opening Prayer: Harry Johnson Lord's Supper: Preside: Dave Marcum Serve: 1. Rick Cochran 4. Leon Tubbs 2. Nicholas Stalter 5. Dale Spung 3. Teles Oregon 6. Wayne Anderson	Announcements: Paul Talbert Song Leader: Chris Fowler Opening Prayer: Wayne Anderson Lord's Supper: Preside: Clem Smith Serve: 1. Harry Johnson 4. Bob Parnett 2. James Ware 5. Herb Ellis 3. Rick Cochran 6. Troy Talbert	Reminder If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected. Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts. Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation. Thank you for your cooperation.
Closing Prayer: BJ Thomas	Closing Prayer: Tracey Stalter	
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	
Song Leader: Don Ware Opening Prayer: Roger Gurganus Lord's Supper: Dave Marcum Closing Prayer: Chuck Miller	Song Leader: Mike Tubbs Opening Prayer: Dwain Chambers Lord's Supper: Clem Smith Closing Prayer: Don Gunter	
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	
Song Leader: Dwain Chambers Invitation: Carl Martin Closing Prayer: Dale Spung	Song Leader: Bob Parnett Invitation: BJ Thomas Closing Prayer: Edison Green	
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to: Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870 Name _____ Address _____ Age Range: <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs	MEET WITH US Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F	<h1 style="color: green;">The Secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have.</h1>

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