



# Church of Christ at Beech Grove

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## Two Men, Two Legacies:

February 12 marks the birth date of two influential people in world history. On February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin County, Kentucky. Across the Atlantic Ocean, on that very same day, in that very same year, Charles Darwin was born in Shrewsbury, England. Both these men made their marks on World History, but they are remembered for vastly different reasons.

\* Lincoln fought for the equality of all men, while Darwin taught the “survival of the fittest.

\* Lincoln recognized that every human had intrinsic value given to them by God, while Darwin denied the very existence of God.

\* Lincoln’s life’s work resulted in emancipation for mankind, while Darwin’s life’s work has resulted in slavery to sin.

\* Lincoln taught that a man’s life was part of God’s providential plan and purpose, while Darwin taught that man has no purpose or design.

The list of contrasts between Lincoln and Darwin could, no doubt, be rather lengthy, but suffice it to say that they both left their marks on this world in quite different ways.

Question: While you may never make the historical mark either of these men made, what kind of mark or legacy will you leave in your small corner of the world? Give it some thought.

By Steve Higginbotham, South Green Street Church of Christ, Glasgow, KY (February 11, 2009)

### Sunday Schedule

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday: Bible Classes</b>	<b>7 PM</b>

### Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart  
Restoration Radio  
Jim Waldron  
Manuelito Children’s Home



# Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

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## Questions for week of February 15

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1. Who originally wanted to kill a man due to criticism of his own illicit relationship with another man's wife, but put him in prison instead?
2. What will eventually cover the man whose breasts are full of milk and also the man who never eats with pleasure?
3. What congregation was alive in "name only", but was considered dead by the Lord?
4. Before Jesus was crucified, he suffered the indignity of being spat on. What other Bible character complained that young people had done the same to him?
5. What group was gathered behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jews?
6. Who were these people . . . Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag ?
7. In a certain town Paul raised a man from the dead and also left his cloak. He also speaks of having an open door to preach there but he left (uneasy in spirit) because he did not find a particular person there. Whom was he hoping to see?

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## Answers for week of February 8

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1. Where was Sherezer sent, and for what purpose?  
**Answer: He was sent, along with Regemmelech and their men, to the "house of God (temple). They were sent to pray and to ask the priests and prophets about whether they should weep in the fifth month as they had customarily done.** [Some translations say (in verse 2) that they were sent by people of Bethel, but this is not in the KJV text.]  
According to sources I consulted, several special days of weeping and fasting were established during the 70 year captivity to commemorate the destruction of the temple, the murder of Gedeliah, etc. These were man-made, man-ordained observances, not that which the Lord had appointed. I believe that accounts for verses 4-6 which record the Lord's reply. They did not need to be as concerned about their observances as about practicing God-ordained principles. This passage is one I have not studied closely, but I believe it merits more consideration.

Zec 7:1 "And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu; 2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD, 3 And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years? 4 Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying, 5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? 6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? 7 Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain? 8 And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, 9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: 10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. 11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. 12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. 13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: 14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate."

2. After a quartet of previously unsuccessful efforts to discourage a Jewish building project, who made his next attack by written words? (He sent a letter carrier with a fabricated written charge of rebellion, and accusations that the leader of the project had the motive of becoming a monarch himself.)

**Answer - Sanballat.**

Nehemiah 6:1 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I

had not set up the doors upon the gates;) 2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. 3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? 4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. 5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand; 6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. 7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. 8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. 9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

Sanballat's "open letter" (a grave insult in any man's language) contained two false accusations against Nehemiah: you intend to rebel and set yourself up as king, and you intend to prophesy of such claims in Jerusalem. Then he had the audacity to say, "Come, let us take counsel together." Nehemiah's response was not to defend himself but merely to say that there was no such thing going on and that the accusations arose out of Sanballat's own imagination. There is a lot of this kind of thing going on today!

**3.** Find the five passages where death is described as something that is "tasted".

**Answer: Matthew 16:28** Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not **taste of death**, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

**Mark 9:1** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not **taste of death**, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

**Luke 9:27** But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not **taste of death**, till they see the kingdom of God.

**John 8:52** Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never **taste of death**.

**Hebrews 2:9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should **taste death** for every man.

Three of the passages affirm that the kingdom of the Lord would come in the lifetime of at least some of the apostles.

**4.** What city was told to wash its heart?

**Answer: Jerusalem (Jer 4:14)**

"O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?"

**5.** What two varieties of lumber were floated to King Solomon for his building project?

**Answer: Cedar and fir.**

1 Kings 5:8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. 9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. 10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.

Cf. 1 Kings 6:15; 1 Kings 9:11; 2 Chron 2:8-9

**6.** Pillars in Solomon's temple porch were named. What was the name of the one on the left?

**Answer: Boaz.** 1 Kings 7:21 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and he called the name thereof Boaz.

**7.** Two females had stork-like wings. According to what a prophet saw, what was in their wings?

**Answer: Wind was in their wings.**

An angel showed a large container such as is used for measuring grain (some translations say basket instead of ephah). A woman representing "wickedness" was in the ephah, and the angel cast her into the ephah and covered it with a heavy cover of lead. The basket was carried by the women who had "wind in their wings."

Zech 5:5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. 6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth. 7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. 8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast

it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. 9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? 11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

Welcome, visitors

**Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests**

In nursing home - William Miller (NHC)  
 Shut in - Melissa Dickerson. Laura Singleton was in Harton Hospital this week.

Doris Mason had a scary situation that sent her to the emergency room Monday. She had a reaction to hazlenut creamer, and it caused her mouth to swell.

Our deep sympathy is expressed to Nancy Harvey and Diane Hernandez and their family due to the death of Florence Cartwright. Funeral and burial will be in New York and the family is traveling by car today (Sunday), Lord willing.

Food Pantry: Please continue a sustained effort to bring items. If you know of a pressing need for food (including your own) please let it be known. We have distributed several items of food recently for needs that were presented.

**Attendance and Contribution for the Week**

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Feb	8	14	30	18	16	\$847
Feb	1	20	31	25	17	\$514
Jan	25	21	30	18	12	\$719
Jan	18	15	24	18	16	\$780

**Are We Having Fun Yet?**

Prominent brethren have expressed the need for excitement in worship, perhaps even through instrumental music. Recently, a few congregations have had leaders to announce that they were going to introduce instruments into the worship, though they had previously worshiped using vocal music only. They were willing to alienate conscientious brethren and lose them to the congregation. (Historically, the segment of the Restoration Movement that used the instrument has not grown, so obviously it is going to take more than that to draw a crowd. Would an orchestra do better?)

"Worship" is a word that implies the homage of God - the attitude and activity which recognizes the "worth" of God. If God has designated what honors him, and we decide to do what pleases us, we make ourselves into gods. If we worship the creature more than the Creator, we join those that were given up by God (Romans 1:25). If our only goal is to please men, we will not serve Christ (Galatians 1:10).

Spiritual "excitement" will come to our services when we develop the sense of being in the awesome presence the reverend Creator who sustains our existence. When we envision ourselves as in the throne-room of God, we will not look for the entertainment of carnal activities.

Sadly, the reasoning of some brethren resembles that of the Pentecostal preacher that tried to justify running up the aisles and jumping over pews in his church. He told me that the "Spirit quickened his body" (Romans 8:11), and refused to see that the passage he cited referred to the resurrection. What the scripture meant did not seem to matter to him. How sad.

Ken Thomas

Assignments	February 15	February 22
Song leader (SS)	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Joe Green	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	T J Waldron	Daniel Green
Opening prayer	Ken Thomas	Wayne Gannon
Table service (center)	Tim Waldron	Ken Thomas
(center)	Joe Green	Steve Miller
(outside)	Steve Miller	Daniel Green
(outside)	Ernie Green	T J Waldron
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	Junior Conner