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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-Dustin Bolks
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

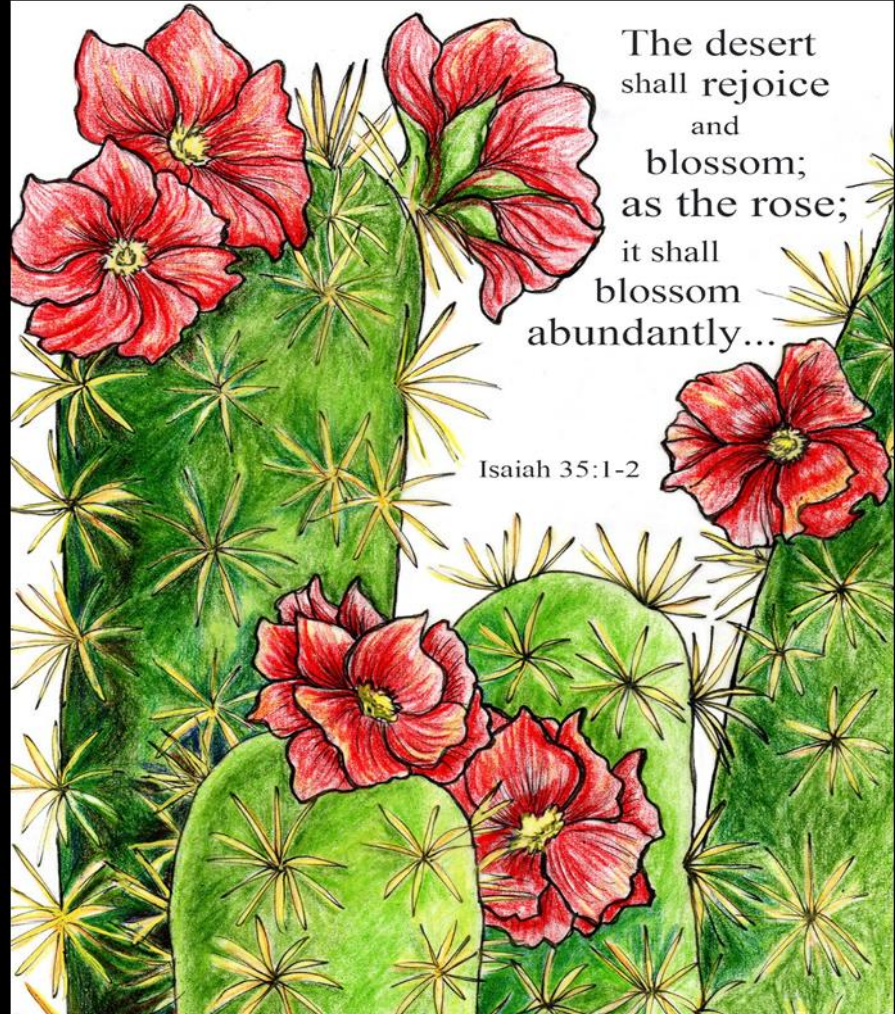
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The desert
shall rejoice
and
blossom;
as the rose;
it shall
blossom
abundantly...

Isaiah 35:1-2

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

A Biblical and Historical Look at the Phoenicians

Who were the people of Tyre and Sidon we read about in the Old Testament? There are a few notable characters who hailed from this region of Palestine. When Solomon began building the Temple, Hiram king of Tyre provided the cedar (2 Chron. 2:1-11). Jezebel was a princess of Sidon, who violently opposed God's people and persecuted His prophets (1 Kgs. 16:31). Tyre, Sidon, Beirut, and Byblos were the major city-states that made up the Phoenician nation. These city-states were autonomous, meaning they ruled themselves. Though they jointly made up the Phoenician civilization, they were not under a centralized kingdom. In this bulletin article I want to examine where the Phoenicians came from and how the Bible, history, and archaeology work together to give the full account of these people.

Little is recorded about the Phoenicians until Israel is established because the Phoenicians were the remnant of the Canaanites expelled by Joshua. The most likely outcome was the Canaanites who survived the conquest banded together at strongholds just outside Israelite control. The tribe of Asher was given much of the coastal land as inheritance, but the city of Tyre was a boundary for their territory (Josh. 19:29). Simply put, the Phoenicians are the nation that arose after the Canaanite tribes were removed. When Israel conquered Canaan, they notoriously forsook God and went after the false gods of the land. They served the Baals and Ashtoreths, which were the deities of the Canaanites (Judg. 2:10-23). Fast-forward to the Phoenician Jezebel who hailed from the city-state of Sidon. Which deities did her people worship? Jezebel financed and fed the prophets of Baal and Ashtoreths (1 Kgs. 18:19). Her own father's name is Ethbaal (1 Kgs. 16:31). Do not think of the Phoenicians as a new nation in Canaan, but as a continuance of the local people in the promised land. God commanded the Israelites to utterly destroy the Canaanites, Israel did not, and the Phoenicians were a result (Deut. 20:16-18).

The city-states that made up Phoenicia were by no means strong militarily. In fact, Tyre's tactic when war came to their land was to retreat from the coastal city to an island off the coast that was easier to defend. This tactic was successful in resisting the Babylonians (Ezek. 29:17-20), not so successful against Alexander the Great (Ezek. 26:12). War was not the tool utilized by the Phoenicians in expanding their borders. What set the Phoenicians apart from every other nation in antiquity was their unparalleled sea trade and travel. The Bible describes the Phoenicians as the seafaring traders of the ancient world (Is. 23:1-12; Ezek. 27). Their location in Palestine not only placed them on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, but provided them with the best lumber for ship building. While studying, you may have run across the cedars of Lebanon. These cedars were highly valued by all nations around the Mediterranean. The nations who had an abundance of these cedars were wealthy (1 Kgs. 10:27). The Phoenicians put this highly sought-after lumber to use by creating ships that could sail the open sea. Other seafaring civilizations, such as the ancient Greeks were not able to sail in open water. They would instead sail the coastline or hop from island to island. The Phoenicians were not restrained to the coastline, but could sail wherever they desired. This gave them the ability to trade with and colonize places as far as Sicily, Sardinia, Spain, and southern France.

Next month, my bulletin article will continue to examine the Phoenicians and their importance to the ancient world.

-Brandon Foresha

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45 AM: Jerry Sturgill- The Name Christian

6:00 PM: Brandon Foresha- God's Plan for the Gospel to Spread

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

College Student Addresses

Raegan Wallace began at Freed Hardeman University on 8/2. Her address is: FHU Box 10489, 158 E. Main St., Henderson, TN 38340. Please make note of this in your member directory.

Dates to Remember

Sep 4-5– Retreat to the Adkins' home in Blue Creek, Ohio– sign up RSVP requested

Sep 13-16- Gospel Meeting w/ Roger Rush

Oct 30th– tentative first day of Little School

Little School Applications

At this time, we are planning to have Little School. Please, let your friends know about our Little School, tentatively starting Oct. 30th, in accordance with the dates set by the Russell School system. This year certain changes must be made. The number of students will be fewer, classes smaller for distancing, adults will wear masks but children won't, and pre-packed snacks will be prepared for and given to the students, while sanitizing will be done more rigorously. Also, please be aware that changes can be made at any time due to safety precautions necessary.

Notes From The Elders

All our regular worship and Bible Study sessions at the building are now restored. All ages 5th grade and up will be in the main auditorium for Sunday AM Bible study while children in 4th grade and younger will meet in the annex large classroom. Livestreaming of each auditorium session will continue. Social distancing and wearing of masks will continue to be observed.

Lawn Maintenance

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by Aug 22 is J.C. Hughes, Matt Vonderheide, Daniel Goshorn, Ranie Wohnhas



Gauging Our Faith

	<u>08/09/20</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>08/11/19</u>
Bible Study	44	110	104
AM Worship	98	160	152
PM Worship	59	110	99
Mid Week	49	110	82
Contribution:	\$5798.86	\$6000.00	\$5515.50

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Ranie Wohnhas

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Daniel Goshorn

PM: Ranie Wohnhas

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Mark Parks

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Jackson Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Daniel Goshorn

DEVOTION: Greg Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

COORDINATOR: Jerry Sturgill

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Sept. 4 & 5 ★★★

annual retreat for youth
(and congregation) at Nathan
Adkins' home in Blue Creek, Ohio
—RSVP on the foyer board—
see Nathan or Serpell for details



*Thou therefore,
my son, be
strong in the
grace that is in
Christ Jesus.*

2 Timothy 2:1