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September 20, 2020 The Lord is the Of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

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!

# The Phoenicians Continued

We pick up where we left off last month's bulletin article concerning the Phoenicians unprecedented sea-faring abilities. In Homer's writings, *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, the Phoenicians are described as a sea travelling people who were associated with the ancient practice of slave trade. Scholars have argued that Homer was just bias against the Phoenicians and that his claims were false. It is interesting that the Bible described the Phoenicians in the same exact way; seafarers and slave traders (ls. 23:1-4; Joel 3:4-6). The focus of this bulletin article will be the extent of their colonies/ trade posts across the Mediterranean world.

The first permanent settlement established by the Phoenicians was on the island of Cyprus, not far from the cities of Tyre and Sidon. Most historians believe that Canaanites (from whom Phoenicians descended) were trading with people of Cyprus as early as 1650 B.C., due to Cyprus' abundant supply of copper. The Phoenicians clearly continued this trade. What archaeology has found is a major change in daily life and burial practices took place around 1100 B.C., which were not present on the island prior. A common Phoenician burial practice, that of burying an infant in a Levantine jar, has been unearthed at several locations on Cyprus. Burial practices are not easily changed; and these jars being found point to Phoenicians living on the island with the aboriginal people. The most compelling evidence for Phoenicians living on Cyprus is the temple of Kition, which is the largest Phoenician style temple found to date. This was not the only Phoenician temple on the island, but several have been found that follow the same design as temples in Tyre and Sidon. If we consider why the Phoenicians colonized or set up a trade post on Cyprus, it makes logical sense. If your nation revolves around open sea trade, would you not need places to break up a long journey? Cyprus seems to have been the ancient "truck stop" for Phoenician merchants trading around the Mediterranean Sea.

Crete, home to the ancient civilization of the Minoans, was the next location to be inhabited by Phoenicians. The island of Crete has the largest number of Phoenician potteries in the Aegean world. A large cache of Phoenician storage potteries dated to 900 B.C. have been unearthed at Kommos, pointing to the probability that this site was used as a loading/unloading base for Phoenician goods. More solid evidence for Phoenicians inhabiting Crete is the remarkable Near-eastern metal workings found on the island. Bronze vessels and jewelry from Phoenicia or Syria have been found in several tombs on Crete. One bronze bowl, found at the Tekke tomb, had a Phoenician inscription etched into it that signified the person buried within was the owner of the bowl. The Cretans had their own language, why would they display their ownership of a bowl with a Phoenician inscription? Just like on Cyprus, archaeologists have also unearthed a drastic change in funerary rites and temple design that coincided with the dates of the Phoenician pottery and metal working being introduced. Phoenician cippus, which are stone funerary monuments, have been found on Crete. These funerary monuments have no parallel in Aegean funerary practices, which simply means Greeks did not bury their dead in this manner. Based on archaeological findings on this island, the evidence points that a Phoenician colony was established, and the residents lived peacefully with the indigenous population on the island. Ezekiel wrote this concerning Tyre's domain, "Your borders are in the midst of the seas" (Ezek. 27:4). Both the island settlements at Cyprus and Crete show the accuracy of Ezekiel's statement! -Brandon Foresha

# News & Notes



# Sermons Today

10:45AM: Mark Day—A New Creation 6:00PM: Brandon Foresha- Examining the Great Responses of Our Lord Scripture Reading: Mark 12:13-17

#### Elders, Deacons, Preachers

Please, note that the elders, deacons and preachers meeting has been changed. This group will meet next Sunday, the 27th, at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

# **Gospel Meeting Attendance**

The grid below in this column shows attendance for Sunday & Wednesday evening. Monday PM: 74, Tuesday PM: 75, as well as AM Bible study Mon: 24, Tues: 25, & Wed: 24.

# **Dates to Remember**

Sep 20 – Audrey Goshorn baby shower – 3p-5p Gift drop 5pm annex double doors

**Sep 27**– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet 4:30p

Oct 3 – Davonne Parks baby shower – 3-5p lawn near annex (weather permitting)-5pm gift drop

Oct 30 – tentative first day of Little School

# Lawn Maintenance

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by Sept 26 is JC Hughes, Ranie Wohnhas, Matt Vonderheide & Daniel Goshorn

# Gauging Our Faith

	09/13/20	Goal	09/15/19
<b>Bible Study</b>	62	110	136
<b>AM Worship</b>	95	160	166
PM Worship	64	110	92
Mid Week	73	110	88
Contribution:	\$5648.85	\$6000.00	\$5960.18

# **Congratulations**

Ernie and Bessie Hill are happy to announce their new grandson, Benjamin, the son of Jason and Nichole Hill, born Sept. 9th in Huntsville, AL. Benjamin weighed 6 lbs. 3 ozs. All are doing well.

# **Goshorn Baby Shower**

Today, we will have a baby shower in the annex from 3pm to 5pm. The registry for Audrey and Daniel is on Amazon. There will be a gift drop at 5pm at annex double doors.

# Parks Baby Shower

Oct. 3rd, there will be a baby shower on the lawn behind the annex from 3pm to 5pm. A RSVP is requested to Katie Smith by 9/26 by text or call to (304) 238-8425. Davonne and Nathan are registered at Amazon.com. There will be a gift drop at 5pm. The shower will be in the annex if there is bad weather.

#### **Notes From The Elders**

For Sunday AM Bible study, all ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up will be in the main auditorium while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will meet in the annex large classroom. Social distancing and wearing of masks will continue to be observed.



# **∞**Today's Servants ∽

# WELCOME:

AM/PM: Nathan Adkins

# SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Mark Day

# FIRST PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill PM: Chris Scott

# **LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Daniel Goshorn

\*gluten-free bread

**Presiding PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

# **CLOSING PRAYER:**

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Matt Vonderheide

# wWednesday Servants &

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Brandon Foresha

**PRAYER**: Steve Wallace **DEVOTION**: Jackson Morris

# **№ Weekly Servants**

**POWER POINT**: David Castle **BLDG. ATTENDANT**: Nathan Parks **COORDINATOR**: Matt Vonderheide **ATTENDANCE**: John Gambill

# \*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*

# \*\*\*Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec\*\*\*

Anyone of any age who is interested in sending correspondence to residents at Morning Point, please, speak with Brandon Foresha. He will give you one of the 30+ resident's names. This is a great need for them at this time.



