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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-Dustin Bolks
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-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
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Way"* TV broadcast
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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LET US THEREFORE
**COME BOLDLY
UNTO THE
THRONE
OF GRACE**

that we may obtain
mercy, and find grace
to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 4:16



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!

Finishing Up the Phoenicians

Last month we discussed the archaeological evidence present on the islands of Cyprus and Crete that point to Phoenician colonization and trade. This article will examine the farthest reaches of the Mediterranean world and show that Phoenicians were settling and trading in areas as far away as North Africa, Sardinia, and Spain. The city-states that made up the Phoenicians were vital to trade in the ancient world, notice the many nations God mentioned that were trade partners with them (Ez. 27:3-25). This was not a small trade network, but a vast and intricate web that spun throughout the Mediterranean.

One of the most famous Phoenician colonies was Carthage. Tyrian colonists settled Carthage around 800 B.C., but the Phoenicians may have been traveling to this region earlier, due to cattle bones found that predate the founding of the city. The similarities between the Phoenicians and Carthaginians are overwhelming. Both the Phoenicians and Carthaginians worshipped Baal and the other Canaanite deities (1 Kgs. 16:31). The most extraordinary connection is that archaeology has unearthed strange religious structures that many believe to be Tophets, which were altars used to sacrifice children. The Bible describes these objects, but none have been found in Palestine (2 Kgs. 23:10; Jer. 7:31). The Tophets at Carthage housed several pots that contained the burnt bones of different children. After the Phoenician city-states fell to Nebuchadnezzar, Carthage became its own entity. It stood as a world power until the Romans destroyed Carthage after the Punic Wars.

Sardinia is a large island to the West of Italy. On this island an artifact was unearthed called the Nora Stone. This stone is an ancient stele dated to the 9th-8th century B.C. and is the oldest Phoenician inscription found on Sardinia. The dating is accurate because the style and letters used is similar to other stele's found in Palestine that date to this period. The message of the stele is still unknown, but the majority of the text has been deciphered. The two leading theories for its purpose is that it was a memorial to a Phoenician conquest or commemoration for a temple to a Phoenician god. What is bizarre with this stone is that within its text it mentioned Tarshish, which the Bible mentions several times as well (Ez. 27:12, 25; Jon. 1:1-3). In fact, Solomon sent ships to Tarshish with Hiram king of Tyre every 3 years to trade (2 Chr. 9:21). When God destroyed Tyre and Sidon, Tarshish would lament because it had gained much wealth from Phoenician trade (Is. 23). Was Sardinia close to the Biblical Tarshish?

West of Sardinia is southern Spain and archaeologists have discovered that the Phoenicians were in fact trading here as early as the 9th century B.C. Phoenician colonies were set up near the Straits of Gibraltar, Ibiza, and other locations and were like factories used to work and store minerals exploited from the region. Not only did the Phoenicians inhabit this area, but they also traded with the indigenous people. Sites such as Sant-Jaume and Aldovesta are testaments to how Phoenician trade shaped Spanish culture. A 36-piece tableware set used for feasting was found at Sant-Jaume. The majority of the cups and vessels in this set were Phoenician in origin, signifying that the locals quickly incorporated Phoenician goods into their own. Also, evidence of a Middle-East practice of spicing wine with honey has been found, which was not present in Spain until Phoenician trade was established. The question that has baffled scholars for decades is did the Phoenicians go farther than Spain? Philip Beale, a British naval adventurer, recently built and sailed a replica Phoenician ship from Tunisia (Carthage) to the Dominican Republic. What this expedition proved is that the ancient Phoenicians could travel across the open seas and may have been the first to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

-Brandon Foresha

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Brandon Foresha- The Sign of Jonah

6:00PM: Mark Day- The All-Seeing Eye

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Dates to Remember

Oct 30- tentative first day of Little School

Nov 1- Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 15- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p

Nov 29- 5th Sunday Preachers Q&A- 6p

Fall Bible Class Information

The Bible class arrangements for October-December are as follows: We will continue to have a 4th grade and under class that will meet in the downstairs Little School auditorium for both Sunday AM and Wednesday PM classes. We will also have a 5th-12th grade class that will meet in the large annex classroom for both Sunday AM and Wednesday PM classes. And all adults will still meet in the auditorium for Bible class.

Notes From The Elders

Social distancing and wearing of masks will continue to be observed.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY MORNING



Saturday night, October 31st, at bedtime, set your clocks BACK one hour!!!

Lawn Maintenance

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by Oct 31 is Ranie Wohnhas, Matt Vonderheide, & Daniel Goshorn -last time in 2020-

Gauging Our Faith

	10/18/20	Goal	10/20/19
Bible Study	58	110	66
AM Worship	99	160	131
PM Worship	57	110	nc
Mid Week	nc	110	91
Contribution:	\$7525.00	\$6000.00	\$5757.25



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Daniel Goshorn

PM: Jerry Sturgill

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Nathan Adkins

*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Jackson Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Nathan Adkins

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Steve Wallace

DEVOTION: Mark Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Braydon Snell

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Steve Wallace

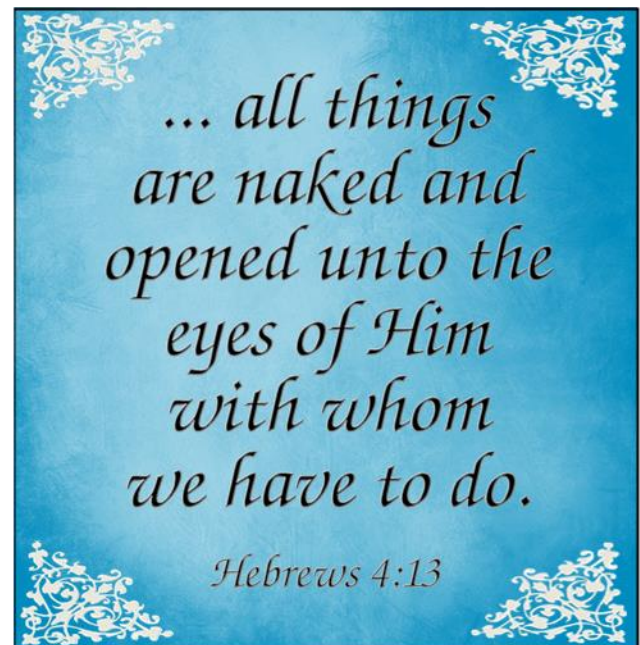
COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill



Let us
HOLD
fast our
profession.

HEBREWS 4:14



*... all things
are naked and
opened unto the
eyes of Him
with whom
we have to do.*

Hebrews 4:13