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**All five letters, all the vowels second and six with a y**

1. Said to be like coriander seed
2. The First kings' eldest daughter
3. The Minor prophet who prophesied about Jerusalem and Samaria
4. His sibling had leprosy
5. Animals brought to Solomon as a present
6. A gift brought to baby Jesus

# CONNECT

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Filling the Gap



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Well, talking about car problems? I had never had it so bad. So, my car was losing power steering fluid and I took it to the garage, as you do, to have it repaired. The Mechanic took a quick look at it and told me that the steering pump needed replacing, the price quoted to undertake this was seven-hundred pounds. Well, I decided that I would just keep on topping up the power steering fluid and travel the two-hundred mile journey from Newbold to my home in Oldham. This I did without incurring any other problems.

My mechanic diagnosed the problem the following day when I arrived home, the problem was not the steering pump! The pipes which carried the fluid to the pump was the problem and could be replaced for the total cost of three-hundred pounds. However, he did not have time to replace it, so I took it to another garage, who was able to replace it a few days later.

The time came for me to return to Newbold, so I kissed my beloved wife ...she lets me do that sometimes...and headed back to Newbold. I had travelled eighty-six miles from home when I heard what sounded like a ticking noise under the bonnet. The problem was that I was on the M6, just about to by-pass Birmingham. A minute or so, after I heard the noise the engine cut out and I lost power steering capability. As the Lord would have it, the car kept going, the momentum carried it along to the slip road ahead and I was able to exit the motorway and park the car on the hard shoulder of the slip road. I called the breakdown service, of which I am a member and a few hours later they sent a mechanic to fix the car.

When I opened the bonnet, we discovered that one of the cam belts had snapped! He tried to replace it there and then, but he was unable to do so. I was not pleased, however, when he said, with an air of disappointment, ' I JUST WATCHED A VIDEO ON YOUTUBE LAST NIGHT HOW TO FIT ONE OF THESE!' I am laughing now, as I am writing, with tears of laughter running down my face to my chin, but I was far from pleased back then! So, without further ado, I will continue to tell you about the episode with my beloved car. The mechanic arranged for my car to be transported to a place of my

choosing. I was eighty-six miles away from home, I had my dissertation to write, so I was eager to get back to Newbold, so, guess where I told him that I wanted to go? You got it, right back to Newbold.

I had to wait for a few hours for the transport to arrive, the journey to Newbold was interesting to say the least. If the driver was doing less than one-hundred miles per hour, with my car on his transporter, I would be very surprised. I was literally gripping on to my seat, it was dark and then he took my stress to another level when he told me that he had driven back from his holiday, in Spain the day before, and had not gotten much rest before going back to work!

Nevertheless, we talked about many things, I had to try to keep him awake, but the most interesting part of our discussion was when the conversation turned to the question of faith, we spent most of the journey talking about belief and faith in God. I arrived at Newbold eight hours and twenty-five minutes after I had left home! I gave him my sandwich and a drink and bid him safe journey as he headed home.

Pastor Taylor

## **Seven O's from God**

Open windows of heaven

Malachi 3:10

Obey

Exodus 19:5

Observe

Proverbs 23:26

Occupy

Luke 19:13

Overcome

John 16:33

Ordered

Psalms 37:23

Offspring

Isaiah 44: 3

## **Daniel Chapter 12**

This chapter begins with Michael standing up to defend His people. Michael which means, "Who is like God" refers to the archangel in Jude 9.

There are two aspects to standing up, one to rise and conquer as a king and the second points to a judgement setting. When Michael stands up, He is invested with power to defeat God's enemies and with authority to represent God's people in the investigative judgement.

The expression "at that time" (Daniel 12:1) refers to the same time mentioned in Daniel 11:40-45. This is the period that extends from the fall of the papacy in 1798 until the resurrection at the end of time.

Within the first verse it mentions delivery of those people found written in the book. The Bible mentions two kinds of heavenly books. The book that contains those who belong to the Lord is generally known as the book of life (Exodus 32:32 and Revelation 17:8). This is the book referred to in the chapter. The other book mentioned in the scriptures is the book where our deeds are recorded (Psalm 56:8, Malachi 3:16; Isaiah 65:6). These books are used in the heavenly tribunal to provide evidence to the entire Universe. For those whose names are recorded in the book of life evidence is provided to the entire Universe that we belong to Jesus and therefore have the right to be protected during the time of trouble.

In Daniel 12:2 we then see a reference to the coming resurrection in the term many of them that sleep. This refers to death as a sleep (Acts 7:60). The whole verse therefore means that when Michael stands up and completes His judicial work, then those who rise from the earth or dust will live forever (resurrection).

Previously Daniel was advised that the book or the scroll must be sealed up until the end of time (Daniel 10) and now it is repeated in Daniel 12:4. In this chapter however it states that many would run

to and fro and knowledge would increase. Many people equate knowledge increasing with increased scientific knowledge but it also refers to the increased searching and understanding of the book of Daniel. The book of Daniel remained an obscure piece of literature for centuries but from the time of the Protestant Reformation more people have begun to study it. Since the time of the end (1798) the book of Daniel has been unsealed and knowledge has increased, and many more people have proclaimed the truths found in Daniel.

In Daniel 12:5-13 we see three prophetic timetables outlined. The first in verse 7 talks about time, times and a half (1260 years). This period was given in response to the question in verse 6 which asked how long until the end of these wonders. Wonders refers to the things depicted in the vision. This time period is the same 1260 years of papal supremacy, which extended from AD 538 to 1798 mentioned previously in Daniel 7.

The other two time periods, 1290 (verse 11) and 1335 days (verse 12) answer the question asked by Daniel to the man in the vision (verse 8) "what shall be the end of these things?" Both begin with the removal of the "daily" and the setting up of the "abomination of desolation". The daily refers to the continual intercession of Christ, which was replaced with a counterfeit worship system.

This prophetic period should therefore start in AD508, when Clovis, king of the Franks, converted to the Catholic faith. This event paved the way for the union between church and state, which dominated throughout the Middle Ages. The 1290 days (years) ended in 1798, when the pope was arrested under the authority of the French emperor Napoleon. The 1335 days (years) the last period mentioned in Daniel ended in 1843. This was the time of the Millerite movement and the renewed study of the biblical prophecies.

The book of Daniel has shown us with great accuracy the fortunes of God's people throughout the rising and falling kingdoms. The conclusion is sure, God and His people will be vindicated and live forever.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

### THE DELAYED PRAYER

Matthew 7:7

1 Peter 5:7

John 14: 13 - 14

Matthew 21: 22

1 John 5 : 14 - 15

One afternoon Sakina went to visit her friend who lived a few kilometres away from her. She decided to bring some of her merchandise to show her friend.

When she arrived at the house, she found Wendy busy sewing and plaiting ladies wigs as this was her trade. Sakina was anxious to introduce her products to her friend as she had never had such business with her before. Contrary, Wendy was not shy or timid at all. She had been an expert in the hair plaiting industry for years.

After a few minutes Sakina was motivated by her friend's eagerness to see what she had brought. Her face was a picture of relief as she smiled and explained more about her goods. Wendy was thrilled that the stuff was just what she was looking for. She paraded the shy seller around the house showing her what she wanted to revive the look of the house and to make it homely.

Once the tour was completed, another lady who came to visit joined in as she was so curious to see the things too.

After a brief discussion the three agreed to go to Sakina's to see for themselves. The trip was short and uninterrupted. It only took about 10 minutes to drive.

The ladies whisked out of their cars so as not to waste any more time for they really meant business! More things were presented to them and soon the room was full of stuff which was scattered all over the floor and the settees.

The two ladies made a deal with Sakina and promised to come back for more another time. They left for their homes.

Left behind excited, Sakina realise that her house keys and other useful keys were missing. She started searching around the room but where could she start from? The room was a tip! It was upside down.

She tried to move the stuff around and this made it even more hopeless. She then decided that she would move the things piece by piece but she was hungry too. She had to think quickly. She thought of asking God for help but was still contemplating. She then started preparing something to eat. All this time her mind was not at peace at all.

She managed to swallow her food down as if it was medicine just because her heart was troubled. Her mind was fixed only on finding the keys. She dragged the prayer thought until she finally decided to do it. She looked for a place to kneel down to pray and the right one was only in the same room where she and the other ladies scattered the things before. She found a spot just perfect for her knees. As soon as she began to kneel something bright caught her eye. It was the keys!

The prayer of request for help soon became a prayer of praise. Isaiah 65 :24. It was all praises and smiles. She felt relieved. She blamed herself for taking time to pray. She hadn't enjoyed her meal, her face had been gloomy for a while, her mind had been confused and nothing seemed to be working until she prayed.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, what needless pain we bear, just because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Her day was back to normal once again.

Philipians 4:6 - 7.

John 14:27

## Memories

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks his wife.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down.' she says.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

The moral of the story is summed up in Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

## Did you Know.....?

1. Without knowing it Isaac carried the wood on which he was to be sacrificed.
2. Isaac was obedient, he allowed Abraham to prepare him for sacrifice.
3. Abraham took the knife prepared to sacrifice Isaac in obedience to God.
4. The Angel stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac and a ram was provided.
5. The Angel spoke to Abraham from heaven twice during this time.
6. The Angel turned out to be the Lord Himself.
7. Whilst living in Beersheba, Abraham heard that his brother Nahor had 12 children.

## Love

God                      Deuteronomy 6: 5      Matthew 22: 37

One another      1 John 4: 11      John 15:12

## Hello everyone

I think most of us know the hymn with the words “God speaks to us in bird and song” “A melody of love” telling us that God speaks to us through nature. Is that the only way God speaks to us though? What about the still small voice? 1 Kings 19:11 & 12. First there was a strong wind, then an earthquake “...And after the earthquake a fire but the lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.”

Sis. White tells us that it is through our minds that we discern spiritual things, and we need to keep our minds “clear and vigorous” in order to comprehend spiritual things

So, HOW do we keep our minds clear and vigorous, open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit? By being careful of what we are taking in. We need to guard the avenues of our minds. Be careful what we expose ourselves to. Not only do we have to be careful with our diets, what we eat and drink, because diet has a relationship with our mental outlook.

We also need to shun all stimulants, not only alcohol, but coffee, which contains caffeine and tea which contains tannin and caffeine too. We need to avoid taking any harmful substances into our bodies, smoking and vaping for nicotine or non- prescription illegal drugs in any of their various forms.

We must also be careful of what we see and hear, the television programmes and films we watch and the music we listen to, the lyrics and the subjects discussed, language, (swearing and blasphemy) we hear.

No less important we need to guard our thoughts, not to let them drift onto harmful and negative subjects. Philippians 4:8 Finally brethren whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue, if there is any praise think of these things.

Matthew 6: 33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.....”

## Prayer

Prayer moves God to action.

### **Our prayers can move the arm that moves the world.**

2 Kings 6: 15 -17 Elisha’s servant was afraid. Elisha prayed asking God to open his eyes so that he would see God’s army with them.

2 Kings 6: 18 Elisha prayed for blindness for the attacking army

2 Kings 20: 5 Hezekiah prayed and was granted healing

### **Our Prayers are to be earnest and persistent**

Luke 6: 12 Jesus continued in prayer all night

1 Kings 18: 43 & 44 Elijah prayed earnestly for rain, it took seven times before he saw a cloud.

Genesis 32: 24 – 30 Jacob did not give up until he was blessed

1 Samuel 1: 10 – 27 Hannah prayed earnestly for a child

1 Thessalonians 5: 17 If you pray once and nothing happens, don’t give up.

### **Divine power awaits those who want it.**

Matthew 17: 21 Prayer and effort is the business of your life.

Psalms 50:15 Power is waiting for you to call on it

Judges 16: 28 Samson asked for power to avenge himself

## Children's page

### Memory Verse

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24, NIV)

### The lesson study story

The friends of a sick man want Jesus to heal him. It is difficult for them to get through the crowd to Jesus, but they succeed by lowering their friend through the roof of the house where Jesus is speaking.

Jesus sees how much the man's friends have helped him, and He heals the man. Jesus tells him to take his mat (bed) and go home.

The man leaves the house praising God.

### Words to remember...

We serve God when we help others.

### Think and Plan

Do you want to help others? What are some other ways we can help people?

Can you set the table at mealtimes, share toys, give someone a drink of cool water, etc.

### Let's pretend

Ask an adult to help you practice.

You will need these things:

\*Plasters \* bandages \* cotton balls \* real or artificial flowers \* disinfectant \* child-size broom \* child-size rake \* bag full of grocery items \* household cleaning items

Adult	Child helper
finds a cut	cleans with disinfectant and cotton ball
falls down	helps them get up
drops bag of groceries	helps pick up the groceries
"twists" ankle	wraps with bandage
is sick in bed	gives flowers
is tired	offers a chair
rakes or picks up leaves or yard debris	uses rake to help
cleans house	uses broom or other cleaning items to help



## Samson and Delilah - Part 3 - Judges 16

The Philistines put Samson's eyes out and took him to a prison in Gaza where he was made to work the large mill stones to grind grain.



The Philistines assembled together to rejoice and to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god.



The building was full, all the lords of the Philistines were there, and people were even on the roof, about three thousand men and women all together.



Since Samson's hair was shaved it had begun to grow again. Samson prayed to the Lord.



Samson took hold of the two middle pillars of the building, one with his right hand and the other with his left.



Samson bowed himself with all his might; and the building fell on the lords of the Philistines and all the people.



Samson's relatives took his body and buried him in the burying place of his father, Manoah, between Zorah and Eshtaol. He had judged Israel for twenty years.

**Answer the questions, arrange in groups by putting similarities together and find the title of a hymn.**

1. Jesus says His is easy
2. Almost sacrificed by his father
3. She is not the type you expected God to ask a prophet to marry
4. He really should not have built that gallows
5. The death of this seamstress brought much sorrow
6. Raised her son with the help of her mother
7. Stole from her father
8. He thought too much learning had made Paul mad
9. Og's bedstead was made of this
10. Carried his own death warrant
11. Doctor and writer
12. Stoned to death
13. Judas lit the way with these
14. One of Aaron's sons who offered strange fire
15. Murdered all her children and grandchildren except one
16. The price paid for Joseph was in this metal
17. Jael used this to help her kill a soldier
18. Had to dip seven times
19. Name of a king and an apostle
20. Started the rebuilding of Jerusalem
21. Doctor wrote to him
22. He was waiting for a convenient season

1. Had God fully abandoned Samson when the Philistines put out his eyes?
2. Did Samson repent of his sins?
3. Did God forgive Samson? If so how do we know this?
4. Is it ok for us to chose to do the wrong thing, then ask for forgiveness?
5. What can we learn from this story about God?

Something to eat?

## Quinoa Porridge

### INGREDIENTS

Serves 2

½ cup (milk of your choice)

½ cup water

½ cup quinoa

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 tablespoon ground linseed (flaxseed) or LSA (linseed, sunflower seed, almonds)

### METHOD

To cook the quinoa, add one-measure quinoa to two parts liquid in a saucepan. After the mixture is brought to a boil, reduce the heat to simmer and cover - just like you would rice. It takes about 10 minutes

- Add water to a saucepan and bring to the boil.
- Reduce the heat - cover and cook for 10 minutes until soft.
- Add milk, cinnamon, seeds and vanilla.
- Cook for 5 minutes until creamy - add more milk if needed for a creamier texture.

Top with: dried fruit; nuts; soft fruit; coconut

Make it savoury top with cooked: (omit cinnamon and vanilla and add salt) onions, sundried tomatoes, asparagus, poached egg..... enjoy!

## Answers to Bible Hangman

1. Clue: Don't do this. Too good for this kind - Cast pearls before swine
2. Clue: People like to do especially at Christmas - Eat drink and be merry
3. Clue: We don't want to see this creature in this sticky situation - A fly in the ointment
4. Clue: Too many people claim they have had one of these - A broken heart
5. Clue: Maybe this is the only way to fit in - A Leopard cannot change it's spots
6. Clue: This definitely is not a new invention, or is it? - Nothing new under the sun

## Answers who or what am I

- a. The family have gathered together, me, my mother, my father, my uncle, my wife, my father in law but there are only five of us.  
Who am I - **Jacob**
- b. Used to stop a plague that came because the people had stolen something. The people were advised to replicate me in gold. I was in their secret parts. - **Emerods**
- c. My father chose my name. My grandfather said we should go to him. My parents hadn't done what was required. My mother used an unusual tool to make things right - **Gershom**
- d. How unusual. I had never been used like this before. It was very noisy. What am I walking on? Who is he, he must be very special - **Colt**
- e. We had all had to go into hiding This request was very dangerous I wasn't sure if to believe what I was being told I was given assurance that it would safe I had to trust and go with it. - **Witch of Endor**