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“Time to Explore the Neglected Books in your Bible.”

Year of Prayer

Those of you who know me know that I have a passion for the Bible – especially the Old Testament.



A Scottish preacher friend was invited to deliver a series of talks at a Bible school in America. On the first morning, he told everyone that he would be preaching from 1 Chronicles, and to find it in their Bibles.

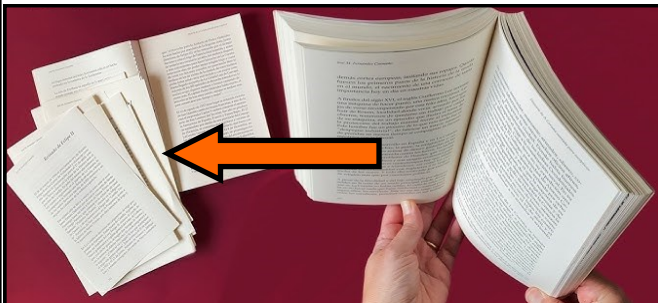
There were puzzled looks and much shuffling of pages as they tried to find it. One of the elders sidled up to him and whispered, “You mean 1 Corinthians, don’t you, Brother Billy. You said 1 Chronicles.”

Billy replied, “No. I said 1 Chronicles and I meant 1 Chronicles. What’s the problem?”

The elder replied, “We don’t have 1 Chronicles in our Bibles in this church.”

“What do you mean?” Billy replied. “Let me see one.”

And he discovered to his amazement, that not only did they not have the Old Testament in their specially printed Bibles, but they didn’t have the Gospels or Acts, either. “Only the writings of Brother Paul”. Everything was “brother Paul” and what he said.

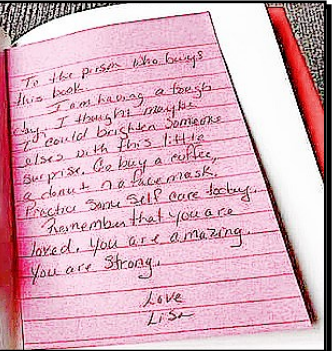


So Billy asked them to turn with him, to 2 Timothy 3:16-17:

“ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

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Kathy Pennell in Quora writes...



“I just finished a chapter of a book I bought at Target in Columbia, MO., this morning.



Target is a chain of discount stores across the USA.

Afterward, I tossed it on the ottoman and \$5 fell out onto the floor. Then I found this note. The letter read...

To the person who buys this book:

I am having a tough day. I thought maybe I could brighten someone else’s with this little surprise. Go buy a coffee, donut, or a face mask. Practice some self-care today.

Remember that you are loved. You are amazing.

You are strong.

Love, Lisa’

Legend says the husband was waiting in the car for his wife to get ready



“Explore the Neglected Books in your Bible.”

“Well,” asked Billy, “How much of Scripture does Paul say here is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness?”

“All of it,” they replied.

“And which Scripture was he talking about? It couldn't be the New Testament, because most of it hadn't been written yet.”

“It must be the Old Testament,” they replied, rather shamefacedly.

“So, Brother Paul tells us that ‘the Old Testament is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness’? Good! This week, on Brother Paul’s authority, I shall preach from 1 Chronicles... so tomorrow bring a Bible with it in!”

And that’s where I stand – very firmly. I love the New Testament – but I believe Christians need to spend more time than we do in the Old. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,

“For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea...

They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and *that rock was Christ.*

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now *these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.*”

Christ accompanied the Israelites as they crossed the Red Sea and approached their promised land – right back there in the Old Testament.

“Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.”

Why? Because they didn’t trust Him and they disobeyed Him. So they died.

“Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.”



But what is the point of an example if we never read about it?

Examples that God the Holy Spirit, the Author of the Book, has carefully chosen and had written down for us.

What happens if you ignore a warning sign?

You stand a good chance of getting hurt!

Read the warnings. Learn from the examples.



Seek out the prophecies in the Old Testament that were fulfilled in the New...

...and let your faith be increased and be excited by them – then ponder those still to be fulfilled.

Which O.T. books have you hardly/never read?

The writer to the Hebrews in the New Testament says,

“Men of God in days of old were famous for their faith...”

and he goes on with a whole list of godly men in the Old Testament, who with all their flaws, were examples of faith – people from whom we can learn. Look them up.

As a young Christian I remember learning the rhyme:

**“The New is in the Old contained...
....the Old is in the New explained!”**

In other words if someone were to rip the New Testament out of your Bible – you’ve still got enough in the Old Testament to find Christ.

It’s in the New that we see the prophecies about Christ fulfilled – the New has not superseded the Old. It’s simply Volume 2.

And as you read the Old Testament, you’ll find that it’s still up to date.

The Bible – the Old Testament — is still relevant for today and can even make us laugh! - See Nehemiah 13:23-25

Bible Quiz



Streakers in the Bible

1. Which prophet went around naked for 3 years?
2. Which prophet went around naked howling like a jackal and moaning like an owl over the fate of Jerusalem?
3. Which king of Israel, given the power to prophecy before Samuel, lay naked for a whole day and night?
4. Where was a young man following Jesus seized and escaped naked having slipped off his linen garment?

They Did It First in the Bible

5. Which king had the first birthday party in the Bible?
6. Who won the first beauty contest mentioned in the Bible?
7. Who was the first drunk named in the Bible?
8. Where was the first savings chest (sort of piggy bank) mentioned in the Bible and what was it used for?
9. Who built the first city mentioned in the Bible?>
10. Can you list the 12 books of the Minor Prophets in the Bible?

Hidden Objects to find and colour

Running the Obstacle Course!

By Neil Numberman



pickaxe



drinking straw



carrot



cell phone



shovel



bowling ball



teacup



sock



ring



sailboat



feather



golf club



toothbrush



flashlight



ruler



orange



crown



golf club



bowl

BONUS

Can you also find the artist's brush, needle, spoon, and canoe?

Spot the Difference

Spot 7 differences between the two pictures.



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Brain Teaser 1

There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman. What is the word?

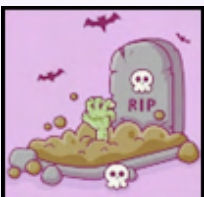
'Like to try again?'

Notice in cemetery:

"Persons are prohibited from picking flowers from any but their own grave."

"She has visited the cemetery where her husband was buried on a number of occasions." (*Shropshire paper*)

"It's a good idea before you give your hair its nightly brushing to begin the operation with a brick massage to loosen your scalp and start the circulation of the blood." (*Michigan paper*)



How many books are there in the Bible?

Easy—66 :27 in the New Testament and 39 in the Old. Right?

Not if you're a Roman Catholic.

They have **73** books: 27 in the New Testament and **46** in the Old.

How come?

We Protestants agree

on the **New Testament** books. They are the same, with some minor differences in translations—but their Old Testament includes books that we put in the **Apocrypha** (*included in some Bibles as a separate section or available as a book on its own*).

The word "Apocrypha" comes from the Greek and means "hidden" or "secret".

They are a collection of books which were **OUTSIDE** the Jewish version of the Old Testament but included in the Greek version, known as the Septuagint.

According to the **Roman Catholic Church's website** they include some of these books because they regard the Septuagint as *"the version used by the Saviour and the Apostles and by the Church from her infancy."*

I am not totally convinced that Jesus would have used a Greek version when the Hebrew one was available, but certainly Greek was widely spoken and understood, and the Greek version would certainly have been more accessible to the Gentile Christians. The Greeks under Alexander the Great conquered Israel in 329BC, the Romans in 63BC, so for 266 years the Israelites would have needed to speak Greek to their conquerors, hence Paul's familiarity with it.

The writings that make up the Apocrypha were composed mostly between the **Second Century BC** and the **Second Century AD**.

Not only are there differences between versions of the Old Testament, but the New Testament also varied in content between AD 200 and AD 400 when the final version was agreed upon.

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The Bible

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The early Church in making its decisions considered some of these books as

AUTHORITATIVE and included them in earlier Bible versions but, for some reason, dropped them before the final edition. In the New Testament, one of these was the *First Letter of Clement*, the oldest Christian manuscript written whilst apostles were still alive. These might be regarded as the “almost made it” group of writings.



Others were **WRITTEN TOO LATE** to be included in the final version, such as “*First Apology*” written about 100 AD by Justin Martyr, of whose name you may have heard.

Still others, like those in the *Apocrypha* were accepted by some Christian groups but not by others. In the case of New Testament writings a number were regarded as **HERETICAL** by some groups – such as the *Gospel of Thomas* – others as **NOT POPULAR OR WELL-ENOUGH KNOWN** – such as the *Gospel to the Hebrews*.

Other books were just considered **TOO OUTRAGEOUS** even though they were popular– such as *The Infancy Gospel of Thomas* which opens with five-year old Jesus making twelve sparrows out of mud – he claps his hands – they come to life and fly away.

A further group of writings have simply been **LOST**, even though they are referred to in the Bible itself – such as *The Book of Jasher* mentioned in Joshua 10:13.

A final group of books were considered to be **VALUABLE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS**, but never regarded as Scripture.

If you want to know more, some of these books can be read on the Internet –e.g. do a search for **The Gospel of Thomas**. You can also obtain books about the ‘**Lost Books of the Bible**’ from Amazon. Some you will feel were rightly left out, but others, such as the **Epistle to the Philippians** by Polycarp could have safely been included.

Kitchen Word Search

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E D R E Y
R V E I R G M R N
X O Z T S E G K E O F
M T B Z A H Y C E K R R O
S R L T L W R O T A I E V
P C E E O P A F O T M E E E J
C R C N A T S R K L D L Z N I
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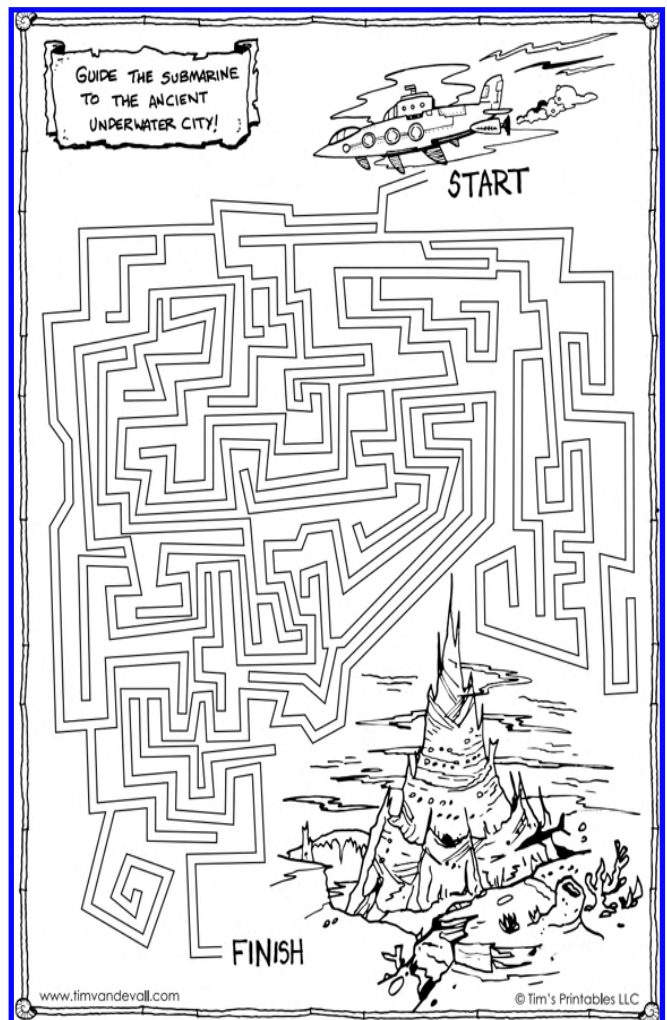
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BREAD MAKER
COFFEE MACHINE
DISHWASHER
EGG COOKER

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JUICER
KETTLE
MICROWAVE

OVEN
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RICE STEAMER
STOVE
TOASTER
WAFFLE IRON

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Dingbats

Say what



"Not a lot of people know that" - Michael Caine Quiz

Man Board	Stand I	Cycle Cycle Cycle	Ground 👣👣👣👣
Death Life	Jack	R Roads a d s	DEAL
I'M 	SpLostace	Knock Wood	Chair
Funny Words Funny Words Words	Dance Dance Dance Dance	 Rosie	Heart

1. What is Sir Michael's real name?
2. From which 1954 Humphrey Bogart movie did Michael Caine get his stage name?
3. Did Michael really say, "Not a lot of people know that?"
4. What was the rank of the officer that Michael Caine played in "Zulu"?
5. What was the name of the spy played by Michael Caine in "The Ipcress File"?
6. In which 1966 movie did Michael Caine make his Hollywood debut?
7. In which movie does Michael Caine say the famous line, "You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off"?
8. In the 1971 movie "Get Carter", which city does Michael Caine's character visit to seek revenge for his brother's death?
9. For which 1983 movie did Michael Caine receive both a BAFTA and a Golden Globe Award?
10. What part did Michael Caine play in the 1992 movie "The Muppets Christmas Carol"?
11. Who starred as Batman in the movies where Michael Caine played butler Alfred?
12. When did Michael receive his knighthood?



PEANUTS

featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by Schulz

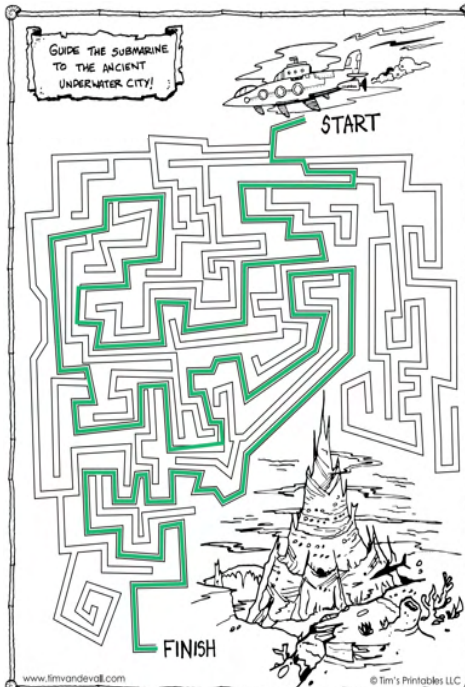
"IF I WERE TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT A GIFT TO THE NEXT GENERATION, IT WOULD BE THE ABILITY FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO LEARN TO LAUGH AT HIMSELF."
-CHARLES M. SCHULZ

As big a story when Charles Schulz's announced his retirement in December 1999, was the poignancy of his death February 13 2000, coming just hours before his last Sunday Peanuts strip hit the newsstands next morning.

Peanuts made its first daily appearance on October 2, 1950, in seven newspapers, and eventually became one of the most popular comic strips of all time, as well as one of the most influential. At its height, *Peanuts* was published in 2,600 papers in 75 countries and 21 languages over nearly 50 years. Schulz drew 17,897 *Peanuts* strips many of which are still reprinted in national newspapers all over the world. Charles was a Christian and his faith slipped into many strips. At one time he had been a Sunday School teacher. Before he died he banned anyone from taking over his characters for new strips..

Puzzle Answers

Underwater Maze



Code Words



Keyword: SONNET

Cryptogram

I WOULD RATHER
P UJDTB MOIQLM

ENTERTAIN AND HOPE
LZILMIO PZ OZB QJHL

THAT PEOPLE LEARNED
IQOI HLJHTL TLOMZLB

SOMETHING THAN
RJALIQPZK IQOZ

EDUCATE PEOPLE AND
LBDFOIL HLJHTL OZB

HOPE THEY WERE
QJHL IQLG ULML

ENTERTAINED
LZILMIO PZLB

The next magazine will be a printed SCans next Sunday, September 22nd.
The next on-line mag will be a Steve's Puzzles on October 6th.

Dingbats

1. Man overboard.
2. I understand.
3. Tricycle.
4. Six feet underground,
5. Life after death.
6. Jack in a box.
7. Crossroads.
8. Big Deal.
9. I'm on top of the world.
10. Lost in Space.
11. Knock on wood.
12. High chair.
13. Too funny for words.
14. Square dance.
15. Ring around a Rosie.
16. Heart broken.

Bible Quiz

1. Isaiah in Isaiah 20:3.
2. Micah in Micah:8.
3. Saul (1 Samuel 19:24).
4. Gethsemane (Mark 14: 1-52)
5. Pharaoh when Joseph was in Egypt (Genesis 40:20)
6. Esther (Esther 2)
7. Noah (Genesis 9:21)
8. Ordered by King Joash, it was placed it beside the altar, on the right side as people entered the temple to save up for temple maintenance (2 Kings 12:9-12)
9. Cain (Genesis 4:17)
10. Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Sudoku R10

2	5	8	1	3	4	9	6	7
4	3	9	6	7	8	2	5	1
7	6	1	9	5	2	4	3	8
6	8	4	3	1	5	7	9	2
5	2	3	8	9	7	6	1	4
1	9	7	4	2	6	5	8	3
3	1	2	7	6	9	8	4	5
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Brain Teasers

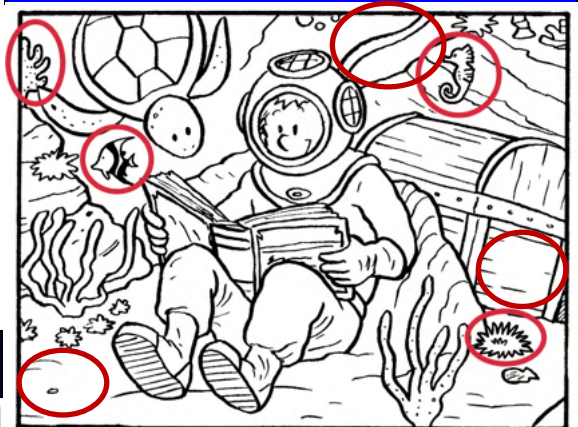
1. **Heroine.** (*He, her, hero, heroine.*)
2. **An hour-glass/egg timer.** (*Hundreds of moving grains of sand.*)



Hidden Objects



Spot 7 Differences



Michael Caine

1. Maurice Joseph Micklewhite.
2. *The Caine Mutiny.*
3. No. Peter Sellers said it in an interview on Parkinson impersonating Michael who loved to quote *The Guinness Book of Records.*
4. Lieutenant.
5. Harry Palmer.
6. *"Gambit".*
7. *"The Italian Job".*
8. Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
9. *"Educating Rita".*
10. Ebenezer Scrooge.
11. Christian Bale.
12. 2000

Matchless

