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In Numbers 2:3 we are told regarding the camping of the children of Israel, that the tribe of Judah was to camp toward the east. This certainly was planned and the LORD had a reason for the children of Israel camping where they did, but, have we considered a possible reason why the tribe of Judah was to be toward the east?



We are told in Hebrews 7:14 that Jesus sprang of the tribe of Juda (Judah). Then, in Revelation 22:16 Jesus says he is the bright and morning star. Peter in II Peter 1:19 writes about the day dawning and the day star arising in our hearts.

I feel that the LORD had the tribe of Judah camp toward the east, knowing that Jesus would be born of the tribe of Judah and also be the bright and morning star.

With each day as we see the sun rise in the east, and each day bringing a new dawning and renewed hope, let us be reminded that

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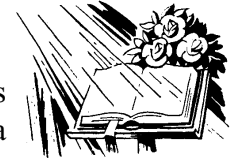
Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

Jesus is the bright and morning star. In Him a new day breaks into eternal life where we will shine as the sun in the kingdom of our Father (Matthew 13:43).

—Marty Edwards❖

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In Nehemiah 8:8 we are told, “*So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*” This was written after the people had returned from exile in Babylon and were rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. It shows how they came to a better understanding of the word of God.



1. They read. The word of God was read. We need to spend time every day reading from the Holy Bible. With today’s modern electronic devices it’s easier than ever to read the Bible. You can have it read to you as you get ready in the mornings, drive to work, or taking a walk. The LORD has given us ample and easy access to the His word.

2. They gave the sense. They discussed and gave meaning to what they were reading. There are passages that are very easy to grasp, and some are more challenging, but, the more time we spend reading, the more we will gain the sense and can share it with others. Often a passage we read will open up the meaning of other passages. Read the same passages over and over. So often, with time and more knowledge of the Bible, you’ll see deeper into the passages and see things the LORD has for us in those passages you might have never seen before.

3. And caused them to understand. Ready and studying will cause us to understand the word of God. The LORD has not given us a Book that is beyond our understanding. With prayer, time and much reading I feel we can come to a very deep understanding of the Bible. We will not in this life know all, but, we’ll know all we need to know to be saved and so much more.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Terry Burd,** and **Shirley Parson. Brad Terry,** the nephew of Linda Terry, has Hodgkin's lymphoma. The father of **Chelsee Wooten** has been quite ill with a stomach issue. His stomach is paralyzed and he is in Jewish Hospital in Louisville. He has improved since last week but are concerned about a spot on his lung.

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Understanding also comes from our studying with one another. It's important to be at Bible classes. There are passages we study, that due to the size of the Bible and the fact we only meet four hours a week, we might not discuss again for quite some time. Don't miss out on a study that will enhance your understanding of God's word and reveal treasures therein that will so greatly bless your life.

The people were quite busy with rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. They worked until the stars appeared, while having to hold spears, we are told in Nehemiah 4:21. But, yet they were not too busy or distracted to spend time reading and coming to an understanding of God's word.

If we let ourselves become too busy to read and study and attend Bible classes, then we have become too busy. There is nothing more important than obeying the LORD and coming to a knowledge of His word. Read, give the sense, and understand the words the LORD has given us. By them we learn how to be saved and live eternally in Heaven with the LORD.

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Sunday, April 17, 2016		
Classes	22	Galatians 1:5-12
Preaching	24	Matthew 13 (Seed)
Contribution	\$582.00	
Evening	17	Psalms 130:1-134:3
Wednesday, April 20, 2016		
Classes	20	Ezekiel 42:1-20

Bible Quiz

Dwelling together in unity is like precious what?

Last Week's Answer— Zion (Psalm 125:1)

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I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. —Revelation 22:16

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)