

News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke & Richard Connolly.** **Larry Compton** continues to recover from eye surgery. **Linda Terry** continues to recover from a broken hip. **Breanna, Lillian, and Violet Riffle** all have had Covid. **Adam Glass** and his mother, **Ancy**, both have Covid. The granddaughters of **Chris and Mistie Bush** have Covid—**Emma Biggs, Haven** and **Kansas Ballard**, as well as their mother, **Felecia**.

—The new song books are here and we'll begin using them this morning or tonight.

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Genesis 49:17, *“Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.”*

In Genesis 49, Jacob was nearing the end of his life while living in Egypt. He called his sons together. We are told in Genesis 49:1, *“And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you [that] which shall befall you in the last days.”*

When Jacob was telling Dan what would befall him, he said Dan would be a serpent. Certainly even among the ancients, a serpent was not something pleasant. Almost no one cares for a snake or serpent. Why would he say that being a serpent would befall him?

Perhaps this puzzling statement from the first book of the Bible can be answered in the last book of the Bible. In Revelation 12:9 and 20:2 the devil is called that “old serpent.” This is no doubt because he took the form of a serpent in the garden of Eden. Also, a serpent is one of the most repulsive and frightening creatures known to man. Perhaps this was part of the curse placed upon the serpent.

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Sunday, January 16, 2022		
Classes	2	Matthew 12:1-21
Preaching	5	I Peter 2:9-17
Contribution	\$520.00	
Evening	—	Genesis 20:1-18 (Online due to ice)
Wednesday, January 19, 2022		
Classes	5	Psalms 92:1-15

Bible Quiz

The righteous shall flourish like what tree?
Last Week's Answer— Long life (Psalm 91:15-16)

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Why would Dan be a serpent? In Revelation 7, all the tribes of Israel are represented as being in Heaven. Every tribe is listed except the tribe of Dan. Dan, perhaps, was not in this list because of the idolatry in Dan. The tribe of Dan was one of the places the golden calf was placed that the people worshiped.

It's no wonder that Jacob called Dan a serpent. He was not in the list of the tribes in Heaven. We don't want to miss out on Heaven. If we do, we have missed it all. We also will be like the serpent if we miss Heaven. Our abode will be the abode of the devil. Begin now and make sure you are on the list of those in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

—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)