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The winter is past!

Spring is a wonderful time of the year! With it we see the world come alive as it were from the dead of winter and the birds return while the leaves and blossoms appear on the trees.

Solomon aptly described this glorious season, saying:

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

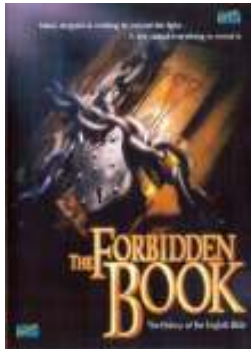
Spring is an excellent reminder

that things do not always continue as they currently are. Just as the cold of winter doesn't last all year, so this world will not continue in its present state for ever. There is a Godly springtime coming when *"the Lord will be king over all the earth"* (Zech 14:9) and *"the dead in Christ shall arise"* (1 Thess 4:16). If we want to be a part of that glorious new age, we had better be preparing for it now. The farmer who doesn't prepare for spring during the winter months will not be able to harvest a crop. So, too, if we do not prepare for the return of Christ, we will not be a part of

the wonderful kingdom of God on earth. Want to know more? Join our classes and courses or just come in to chat. We are normally open Monday to Friday 10am-2pm, as well as Sundays and evenings for courses.



"The Forbidden Book"



We can all easily and safely buy a Bible in English these days. However this has not always been the case. Join us on **September 7** to view *"The Forbidden Book"*.

This documentary tells the history of the Bible, and how God has preserved His Word for thousands of years to countless generations.

It was shot on location throughout Europe, and brings to life many important places of Christian history. You will learn how God's Word was originally scribed in Hebrew and Greek.

Discover how the Word was preserved through the 1,000 year period known as the Dark and Middle Ages, when possession of scripture in any language other

than Latin meant certain death at the hands of the organized church. As you travel back in time, you will feel as if you are actually meeting John Wycliffe, the first person to translate the Bible into English. You will see the door where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses, that started the Protestant Reformation. You will visit Erasmus's illegal printing shop, which is a book store today. You will find that William Tyndale was burned at the stake. His Crime? Printing the Bible in the English language. Learn how the printing of the 1611 King James Bible came to be.

Find out more – come on Sunday September 7 at 11.30am and watch this informative DVD.

Free copy of "Glad Tidings" magazine enclosed!

Enclosed with this newsletter is a free copy of the "Glad Tidings" magazine. If you enjoy reading it, please contact us for a free six-month subscription to this magazine. When you have finished reading it, why not pass it to a friend who can also enjoy the variety of articles about many different subjects in the Bible?

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That old man!

The oldest recorded age of a person in the Bible was the age of Methuselah. He lived in the time before Noah and the great flood. This old man was **very** old – but how old? Find out by adding the numbers below:

- How many books are in the Bible _____
- The number of days Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the 10 commandments (Exodus 34:28) _____
- How many disciples Jesus had (Matthew 10:1) _____
- The number of days it took Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 6:15) _____
- Jesus' age when he stayed in the temple for 3 days (Luke 2:42) _____
- The number of times Peter denied Jesus (Matthew 26:73) _____
- The number of sheep the shepherd cared for before one was lost (Matthew 18:12) _____
- The number of books in the New Testament _____
- How many times Naaman dipped in the Jordan River to be cured of leprosy (2 Kings 5:14) _____
- The number of brothers Miriam had (Numbers 26:59) _____
- How many sons Isaac had (Genesis 25:25-26) _____

Total: _____

Now multiply your answer by the number of days Jonah was in the big fish (Jonah 1:17) and you should have found out Methuselah's age. _____

Check in your Bible to see if you were right! The answer is in Genesis 5:27.

Bibles in foreign languages

We stock Bibles and literature in more than 70 languages other than English. However there are so many languages in the world and we couldn't stock them all. If you want a particular Bible we do our best to order one in for you. However if we can't find a Bible in your language try looking at the following websites:

<http://bibledatabase.net/>

http://bibleresources.bible.com/bible_read.php

<http://www.seekgod.org/bible/links.html>

On these sites parts of the Bible or the entire Bible are available to download in various languages including:

Afrikaans	Albanian	Arabic	Armenian
Awadhi	Belorussian	Bengali	Bosnian
Bolivian	Bulgarian	Catalan	Cebuano
Chinese	Croatian	Cuzco	Czech
Danish	Dutch	Ecuadorian	Esperanto
Estonian	Farsi	Finnish	French
Gaelic	German	Gothic	Greek
Gujarati	Haitian-Creole	Hebrew	Hindi
Hungarian	Icelandic	Indonesian	Italian
Japanese	Kannada	Korean	Kurdish
Latin	Latvian	Lithuanian	Malayalam
Manx	Maori	Marathi	Nepali
Norwegian	Oriya	Portuguese	Polish
Punjabi	Quechua	Russian	Romanian
Serbian	Slovak	Slovenian	Spanish
Swahili	Swedish	Tagalog	Tamil
Telugu	Thai	Turkish	Ukrainian
Urdu	Vietnamese		

New Life Class topics (Sundays 11.30-12.30)

September 7 Video: "The Forbidden Book"
 September 14 Sin and repentance
 September 21 Spotlight on the Bible: Hezekiah
 September 28 A visual tour of Israel

October 5 Spotlight on the Bible: Josiah's stand for truth
 October 12 Mission Sunday
 October 19 How archaeology helps confirm your faith
 October 26 Christian living: pride and humility

Open Day

Saturday October 11, 11am-2pm

Focus on mission work

